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St. John's Lutheran Church Newsletter
October 2019 Edition

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



Serendipity. That's one of those great words we need to lift up more often. Common definitions often speak of it in terms of fortunate accidents or the unplanned discovery of valuable things. Whenever I stumble across a serendipitous occasion, however, I tend to credit the Holy Spirit at work. Perhaps you do, too.

A bit of serendipity happened around here recently. At least, that's my interpretation of it. A conversation arose at the close of a committee meeting which gave voice to a handful of items totally unrelated to that committee's work, yet identical to the same ideas that have been stirring within my own heart and mind for some time now. God's Spirit spoke through the mouths of a few others, naming the very items that have been on my own "wishlist" for St. John's.

Allow me this opportunity to share that "wishlist" with the rest of you and, making deliberate room for the Spirit to further speak and act through us, I invite you, too, to participate in the conversation. Here, then, are just some of the things I am hoping for St. John's that we might be able to work toward together...

- Two Sunday morning Worship Gatherings with a Learning Hour in-between. I am envisioning a smaller, simplified 8:00am Chapel Liturgy designed to neither exceed 40 minutes in length nor add any extra burden to our choir, usher team, etc. This will be followed by a 9:00am Sunday School and a Pastor-led Adult Class. 10:00am would be the new starting time for our larger Worship in the Sanctuary. And, of course, our gathering for refreshment and fellowship in Memorial Hall would still be enjoyed afterwards.
- Monthly Forums during our Sunday morning refreshment time, allowing for a Q & A dialogue with alternating councilpersons and committee leaders.
- A "Shepherd Program" enlisting the assistance of a team of caring people to make telephone calls to anyone absent from worship for 3-4 Sundays in a row.
- A "Care Board", that is, a continually-updated marker board somewhere near the 3rd Floor Offices listing names and locations of St. John's members currently hospitalized, in a care facility, or on our prayer list.
- A small onsite Pantry which can provide persons who come to us for assistance with a simple bag containing a few non-perishable food items, a bottle of water, a couple of travel-size hygiene products, and a card printed with addresses, contact information, and brief explanations of services offered by CAM and Haven for Hope. These two agencies, funded by our congregation, are able to provide assistance in ways so much greater than what we could possibly do on our own. Still, as it was our firm belief and practice in my former parish, I feel that "no one leaves empty-handed" should be our motto here, as well.

Again, I invite your conversation about any or all of these ideas. God-willing, our words can become new realities.

Pastor Jim Dew

"Word, Silence, and Prayer"

Every Wednesday at 12:15pm, beginning November 6th. (*Bring a sack lunch if you wish.*)
Plus every First Wednesday, 7:00pm, beginning October 2nd (*Following the LCM Supper*)

Come Meet the Neighbors at National Night Out!

On Tuesday, October 1st from 6:00 – 9:00 pm St. John's will be hosting a National Night Out event for the surrounding downtown community. All members are also invited to attend this event to get to know our downtown neighbors.

Plans are still underway, but include visits by the police and fire department mascots. There will also be other activities, sanctuary tours of our historic church, safety information, and of course food! Come join us for hot dogs and root beer floats. If anyone is interested in helping during the event, please contact Susan Dickson at 210-404-9610 or sdwd4162satx.rr.com.

Hope to see you there.

The Evangelism Ministry Team



MARK YOUR CALENDARS



October 13 – St. John's Queso Meltdown



Bring a batch of your favorite Queso recipe to St. Johns Queso Meltdown after worship on October 13. The winner will be St Johns entry at CAMs Meltdown November 2. This is a fun way to support CAMs mission of serving the neediest in our community.

For information contact Ron or Ann Olson, or Bea Imken.

November 2 – Third annual CAM Queso Meltdown

110 McCullough Ave 1:00 – 4:00 pm

For ticket information, call: 210 223-4099

Temple Talk by Fred Pfeiffer

September 8, 2019

Last week Pastor Jim talked about serving ourselves and serving outside to those in need. I submit that as Christians, it is our calling and our duty to serve the less fortunate. About forty years ago, St. John's, along with other downtown churches, formed Christian Assistance Ministry (CAM) to provide emergency food, clothing, utility bill help and counseling. About the same time, St. John's and Grace Lutheran joined to establish Christian Senior Services (CSS) to provide Meals on Wheels, prepared from St. John's Kitchen, and Grace Place to provide Alzheimer's day care at Grace Lutheran.

Some thirty years ago, with the purchase of a former Wyatt's Cafeteria near Babcock and 410, Meals on Wheels moved from St. John's, greatly increasing the ability in a building and warehouse provided by Grace Lutheran.

But, being efficient has resulted in some complacency. Over the years, St. John's has supported both CAM and CSS. As individual Christians, we can help feed, clothe and minister to those in need by giving either time and/or treasure. Cash donations are always beneficial, but CSS needs volunteers to deliver meals and CAM needs volunteers to prepare sack lunches, distribute food and clothing and administer counseling. And of course, there is governance. We can provide other services, perhaps on the board. There are also other organizations which we as Christians can support – Haven for Hope, the Food Bank and Habitat for Humanity, just to name three.

In the past, I have served both CAM and CSS as a board member and worked in the CAM warehouse. But today, I think I get more satisfaction and feel more connected when I purchase cans of Spam, rice, beans or peanut butter at the grocery store and bring them to St. John's for CAM. Others bring clothes, towels, sheets and blankets which are delivered to CAM weekly. When you purchase and donate a can of beans, you know it will go into a hungry stomach and this can bring a smile to your face.

In closing, remember what Christ said, "Truly I tell you, just as you did it for one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it for me."



IN MEMORIAM

In Memory of Ernest Chavana, Sr. by Betty Chavana



OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

Adam Urrabaz	Jarnell Kimble	Nancy Wolff
Amy McSpadden	Jo Ferguson	Raymond Becerril
Arlene Rushing	Joyce Stervinou	Richard Becker
Bea Imken	Karen McIntyre	Ron Schmidt
Bernie Petry	Kathlyn Hutchinson	Rose Ann Gonzales
Carole Cauble	Kiley Buchnowski	Scott Southwell, Jr.
Charles Stervinou	Kyle Thompson	Tanya Anderson
Danny Clay	Laurie Haiduk	Trey Grun
Daphne Johanningmeier	Lee Iredale	Vance Kowalik
Darryl Schultz	Leroy Schulmeier	Walter Wilson
Denise Kopecky	Lucienne Traeger	Will Brewer
Dennis Kolmeier	Martina Bohmann	
Dennis Thomson	Michael Bailey	
Diana Schulze	Michael Helms	
James Bourland	Michele Deaver	
Janice Williams	Mike Arnold	

Happening in October at St. John's

Sept 30 – Property Team @ 6 pm
Oct 1 – National Night Out @ 6-9 pm
Oct 4 – First Friday Concert @ 12:05 pm
San Antonio Wind Symphony

Oct 6 – San Antonio Wind Symphony @ 6 pm
Oct 8 – Fiesta Team Meeting @ 6:30 pm
Oct 14 – Church office closed for Columbus Day
Oct 14 – 20 Pastor Jim on vacation

Please see the church's online calendar for a complete listing of meetings and events.

STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN

Your Stewardship Ministry Team is at work planning Stewardship activities for 2020.

We are focused this year on our discipleship in Christ as we each prayerfully consider what God would have us do. Our theme this year is grounded in the Word as we **“Ask, Thank, and Tell.”**

There are opportunities for all of us to be of service.

We are asking for your financial support of local and global ministries supported by St. John's and our broader ELCA ministries. We ask that you give as God would have you give, from what he has entrusted to you.



Stewardship Sunday is scheduled for 11/24/2019. This is the Sunday prior to Thanksgiving. Please plan on joining us.

Brunch will be served immediately following the Worship Service. Please mark your calendars.

Thank you to each of you for your gifts of money, time and talent in support of our ministries.

Stewardship Ministry Team

WELCA GATHERING

Registration opens September 30 for the 11th Triennial Gathering in Phoenix, AZ, July 16-19, 2020. Learn more and register at welcatg.org. Early bird price of \$ 325 is through January 6, 2020. After that, registration is \$ 375. Day registration is \$200.



Join us and 15 other Lutheran congregations in the San Antonio area as we come together this fall to build an affordable home for the Anderson family.

Construction volunteers needed (ages 14 and up). No tools or experience needed.

Lunch providers needed (all ages). Provide and serve 30 on site.

Saturday, November 16 has been designated Lutheran Cluster Day. Let's build up a family, build up a community and build up HOPE!

Contact Bea Imken at beafit@gmail.com or (210) 878-7874 if you have any questions.



Luther: The Rock Opera is a fun, upbeat retelling of the start of the Reformation written and performed by Michael Bridges and George Baum, and accompanied by the backdrop of about 300 illustrations from “Luther” a graphic novel by Rich Melheim.

When: Tuesday, October 22nd, 2019 – 7pm

Where: Grace Lutheran Church

Cost: \$10 per ticket or \$20 family max (for family members living in the same household)– Tickets are available in the church office, or by purchasing on GraceSA.org by clicking on Online Giving – Fundraiser.

Food: Grace will be hosting a sausage supper beginning at 6pm to help offset the costs of the show. RSVP to Office@GraceSA.org by Oct. 20 if you would like to join us for dinner. Tickets for the dinner are \$6 each

St. John’s Lutheran Church of San Antonio, TX
Fall Congregational Meeting
November 10, 2019
Agenda

1. Opening Worship
2. President’s Report
3. Presentation and Adoption of the Audit Report
4. Adoption of the 2020 Budget
5. Elections
 - a. Officers
 - b. Council Members
 - c. Synod Assembly Delegates
 - d. Nominating Committee Members
6. Closing Benediction





Christian Assistance Ministry

GIVE OF YOURSELF

Non-perishable food items
Personal hygiene products

Drop your items in the basket located in Memorial Hall and our St. John's volunteers will deliver them weekly to CAM.

SHOWER THE PEOPLE WITH LOVE is St. John's most recent extension of serving Our Lord and the homeless community of San Antonio. This program is Monday's, Wednesday's and Saturday's from 9:00 a.m. to 12 noon. About 20-35 clients come each day to use the shower.

St. John's has promised to assist on the 2nd Saturday of each month. The next date will be October 12. A minimum of 4 volunteers would be amazing to represent our support of CAM and the Shower Program.

There will be a sign-up sheet in Memorial Hall on the CAM table. Contact JANET GRUN, the volunteer coordinator for more information. (210) 834-8052 (talk or text)

One Year to Live Men's Retreat

An Experience that meets men where they are.



October 25 – 27

Camp Chrysalis

Kerrville, TX

**For more information: David Umlang
(210) 645-5036 talk/text
or contact the church office**

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

	Aug 31, 2019 Actual	Aug 31, 2019 Budget	Jan 1 -Aug 31, 2019 Actual	2019 Annual Budget	Actual vs. Annual Budget Over(Under)
GENERAL OPERATING					
Revenues					
INCOME					
GENERAL INCOME	\$ 13,715	22,075	\$ 149,354	\$ 264,900	\$ (115,546)
IN-KIND CONTRIBUTION	-	-	-	-	-
EXTRA OFFERINGS	10	-	4,577	-	4,577
BEQUEST & ESTATES	-	-	-	-	-
PARKING LOT INCOME	35,822	45,833	265,560	550,000	(284,440)
CEMETERY OPERATING INCOME	175	100	700	1,200	(500)
CHURCH GROUP/PROGRAM INCOME	595	208	6,909	2,500	4,409
FUNDRAISING, NET	-	-	23	-	23
MISC - INCOME	600	-	4,578	-	4,578
Total Revenues	50,917	68,217	431,700	818,600	(386,900)
TRANSFER OF FUNDS					
Investment income - Transferred	-	7,500	90,000	90,000	-
Transfer from Endowment Fund	-	-	-	-	-
Total TRANSFER OF FUNDS	-	7,500	90,000	90,000	-
Total Revenues	\$ 50,917	75,717	\$ 521,700	\$ 908,600	\$ (386,900)
Expenses					
SALARIES & EXPENSES					
PASTORAL SALARIES & EXPEN	14,019	11,124	92,393	133,490	(41,097)
LAY STAFF SALARIES & EXPE	25,905	20,632	177,015	247,580	(70,565)
CEMETERY SALARIES & EXPEN	-	-	-	-	-
Total SALARIES & EXPENSES	\$ 39,924	\$ 31,756	\$ 269,409	\$ 381,070	\$ (111,661)
EXPENSES - GENERAL					
GENERAL EXPENSES	6,324	8,280	51,800	99,355	(47,555)
ARCHIVES	-	333	-	4,000	(4,000)
PARKING LOT EXPENSES	2,333	2,554	26,611	30,650	(4,039)
CEMETERY OPERATING EXPENS	4,689	2,958	24,027	35,500	(11,473)
Total EXPENSES - GENERAL	\$ 13,346	14,125	\$ 102,438	169,505	(67,067)
COMMITTEES EXPENSES					
FAMILY MINISTRIES	1,705	583	8,327	7,000	1,327
CONGREGATIONAL COUNCIL & COMMITTEES	-	900	5,015	10,800	(5,785)
EVANGELISM	-	667	561	8,000	(7,439)
HOSPITALITY	121	833	2,899	10,000	(7,101)
PROPERTY & GROUNDS	32,215	17,792	149,393	213,500	(64,107)
STEWARDSHIP	450	250	1,030	3,000	(1,970)
WORSHIP/MUSIC/ARTS	1,770	2,602	19,027	31,225	(12,198)
MISSION MINISTRIES	-	250	2,028	3,000	(972)
VISITATION	-	500	-	6,000	(6,000)
MEMBERS SUPPORT	-	417	-	5,000	(5,000)
SOCIAL MEDIA MINISTRY TEAM	710	1,667	6,157	20,000	(13,843)
Total COMMITTEES EXPENSES	\$ 36,970	\$ 26,460	\$ 194,438	\$ 317,525	\$ (123,087)
BENEVOLENCE					
GENERAL FUND BENEVOLENCE	-	2,958	19,250	40,500	(21,250)
Total BENEVOLENCE	\$ -	2,958	\$ 19,250	40,500	\$ (21,250)
Total Expenses	\$ 90,240	75,300	\$ 585,534	\$ 908,600	\$ (323,066)
Change in unrestricted net assets	\$ (39,323)	\$ 417	\$ (63,834)	\$ -	\$ (63,834)

Statement of Activities - Special Purpose, Restricted & Endowment Funds
August 31, 2019

	Aug 31, 2019 Actual	Aug 31, 2019 Budget	Jan 1 - Aug 31, 2019 Actual	Annual Budget	Actual vs. Annual Budget Over(Under)
ENDOWMENT FUND					
Revenues					
INCOME					
DONOR RESTRICTED INCOME	520	-	72,969	-	72,969
Total INCOME	520	-	72,969	-	72,969
ENDOWMENT - INCOME					
Interest-Dividends	2,822	-	32,298	-	32,298
REALIZED GAINS (LOSSES)	3,890	-	40,087	-	40,087
UNREALIZED GAINS (LOSSES)	(41,743)	-	206,470	-	206,470
MEMORIALS & OTHER INCOME	-	-	-	-	-
Total ENDOWMENT - INCOME	(35,031)	-	278,855	-	278,855
Total Revenues	(34,511)	-	351,823	-	351,823
TRANSFER OF FUNDS					
Transfer to/from General Fund	-	-	-	-	-
Transfer to/from Endowment Fund	-	-	(90,000)	(90,000)	-
Total TRANSFER OF FUNDS	-	-	(90,000)	(90,000)	-
Total Revenues	\$ (34,511)	\$ -	\$ 261,823	\$ (90,000)	\$ 351,823
Expenses					
RESTRICTED EXPENSES					
MANAGEMENT FEES-ENDOWMENT	1,665	-	13,343	-	13,343
RESTRICTED EXPENSES-OTHER	13,415	-	142,568	-	142,568
Total RESTRICTED EXPENSES	15,080	-	155,911	-	155,911
Change in restricted net assets	\$ (49,591)	\$ -	\$ 105,912	\$ (90,000)	\$ 195,912

Reminder Message from the Finance Office

The Finance Office requests:

- 1) That all reimbursement requests be submitted to the Finance Office by the 5th of the following month of the purchase date. The Church closes its books each month and no reimbursement can be made for any month that has been closed.
- 2) That if you use a Church credit card, all receipts be turned in the week of the purchase. You can place these receipts in the box outside of the Accounting office. These receipts must be entered into accounts payable before the Church receives the credit card statement at the end of each month.

Thank you for your assistance. God's blessings.

Carolyn Myers, Bookkeeper

St. John's Lutheran Church
Special Purpose Funds
8/31/2019

	12/31/2018	2019 Total Deposits	2019 Disburse- ments	Bal
<u>Church - Unrestricted and Board Designated</u>				
Rilling Estate	34,775.00	-	-	34,775.00
	34,775.00	-	-	34,775.00
<u>Church - Board Designated</u>				
Bus Sales/Transportation	8,131.64	-	(340.77)	7,790.87
Capital Reserve	60,957.53	24,000.00	(64,823.26)	20,134.27
Loan Repayment	-	12,000.00	-	12,000.00
Cemetery Trust Earnings Distributions	13,000.00	-	(13,000.00)	-
Insurance Reimbursement	19,584.98	-	(13,982.00)	5,602.98
	101,674.15	36,000.00	(92,146.03)	45,528.12
<u>Church -Temporarily Restricted</u>				
Archives	110.13	-	-	110.13
Bricks for courtyard	3,809.77	-	-	3,809.77
Building/Restoration Fund.	15,313.02	5,550.00	(150.00)	20,713.02
CAM & Easter Sunrise Service	500.00	1,213.07	(722.43)	990.64
Campus Ministries	-	1,290.27	-	1,290.27
Candlebras	3,099.34	-	-	3,099.34
Choir & Choir Music	2,660.47	70.00	(160.00)	2,570.47
Columbarium	12,499.78	-	(5.30)	12,494.48
ELCA World Hunger	10.00	410.00	-	420.00
E.Minasian Scholarship	2,126.06	-	-	2,126.06
Family Retreat	360.00	-	-	360.00
Fiesta Nueva	821.83	10,487.50	(7,160.47)	4,148.86
Finance Peace	4,014.23	-	-	4,014.23
Habitat for Humanity	-	30.00	-	30.00
History Wall Fund	9,254.86	-	-	9,254.86
Meals on Wheels	120.00	60.00	-	180.00
Mem-Marian Brewer	2,432.37	-	-	2,432.37
Mission Trip-Guatemala 2018	2,279.93	16,885.74	(16,965.77)	2,199.90
Organ Fund	4,532.53	170.00	(649.25)	4,053.28
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
Total ChurchTemporarily Restricted	93,818.12	36,868.80	(36,487.11)	94,199.81
Total Special Funds	230,267.27	72,868.80	(128,633.14)	174,502.93

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The heart of Christ...
In the heart of City
St. John's Lutheran Church



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A Stephen Ministry Congregation

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and reaching for the future by living in faith
and growing through worship, study and
service*

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