



St. John's Lutheran

MESSENGER

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President's Chapel

Greetings to our Siblings in Christ,

I wanted to take some time to provide an introduction to St. John's Lutheran Church's 2021 Annual Congregation Report. It has been an extremely unusual year, where we have addressed many problems as we try to continue our mission and support our communities during this sustained pandemic.

At a top view, a lot happened in 2021, so let's review a few important milestones.

- We said an earlier-than-expected "farewell" to our interim Pastor, Joan Armstrong for medical reasons. I wanted to personally thank Pastor Armstrong from my heart for all she did to help us during our bounce-back from being closed throughout most of 2020. We'll miss you!
- Our call committee has completed our pastoral call paperwork with the Southern Ohio Synod, and our search for a permanent part time pastor is on. This could take a while, and while it may be possible we'll get another short term interim, it is most likely we will be using supply pastors for the foreseeable future simply because of availability. As our search widens, we will update the congregation on our progress.
- We returned to in-person worship for Easter 2021, and have held fast even as the pandemic "Omicron variant" surge reared its ugly head. This is a testament to our Congregants, our staff, and our interim Pastors who continue to provide a high quality worship experience for both in person and virtual attendees. Speaking of virtual, we also applied for and executed a \$500 cost sharing grant with the Southern Ohio Synod to upgrade to High Definition Cameras and computers, so our virtual livestream is of excellent quality.
- We allowed additional outside groups to return to St Johns, which includes at least 4 or 5 Girl Scout Troops in addition to our substance abuse group missions.
- We executed a successful "public shred and bread" event in October which generated an additional \$1,000 for helping hands and took many cubic feet of document shreds off of our community hands.

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- We're close to paying off our repaired Fellowship Hall roof, installed in May of 2020. We took out a 10 year loan against our endowment, and expect to retire that debt by this coming Spring at current giving levels, over 7 years early. This is especially important, because if we have another capital need in the future, we can pursue this path again once this roof loan is paid off. (That is, for instance, if we had to replace a major failed system, like our 30+ year old HVAC systems in the fellowship hall).
- Financial support for the Congregation has been outstanding, and we'll finish the year with a small surplus, which our Treasurer will discuss.
- Finally our Christian Education and Sunday School have operated and grown even in the face of the pandemic. This is a direct result of the dedication of our Learning Committee Team members, and I want to especially cite this team for their excellence and dedication. I especially appreciate your "5th youth Sunday" services, a distinct characteristic of St Johns!
- My thanks as well to our lay assistants, musicians, and alter guild that all make our weekly services smooth and meaningful.
- Lastly, we bid farewell to Mr. Don Pabst from Council having termed out in 2021. THANK YOU Don for your service, as well as our one year officers (Judy Kuemmel – Financial Secretary, Linda Kent – Treasurer, and Cathy Zimmer, Council Recording Secretary). I'm optimistic they'll sign up for another term, but we still greatly appreciate their service.

So, that's the year in a nutshell. I certainly didn't expect the twists and turns of 2021, but with your support the Congregation remains strong. That, friends, is a measure of your commitment to the mission of grace, and forgiveness that is our Lutheran Faith. God Bless you all.

Brian Kent, President
St John's Lutheran Church, Miamisburg, Ohio



From letter dated January 10, 2022

Miamisburg Helping Hands appreciates your very generous donation of \$2045.00 that we recently received from you. We really appreciate this kind of support that you have given to our community.

With your donation we will be able to purchase 11,248 lbs. of food from the Foodbank.

Budget Report for December 2021

Income for December 2021:		\$8,216.96
Expenses for December 2021:		
Outreach	\$3,250.00	
Staff	\$2,129.50	
Facility Upkeep/Administration	\$1,066.24	
Roof Loan Payment	\$1,270.75	
Utilities	\$389.18	
Committees	\$170.00	
Transfers for Future Use	\$13,938.00	
		\$22,213.67
December Budget Balance (income - expenses):		(\$13,996.71)
2021 Annual Income:		\$84,557.04
2021 Annual Expenses:		\$83,432.09

Description of categories:

Outreach: Benevolence, special benevolence.
Staff: Pastor's pay and expenses, staff salaries and benefits, FICA, worker's comp.
Facility Upkeep/Administration: Maintenance/repair and office expenses.
Property Insurance: paid once a year in April.
Roof Loan: Monthly payment for fellowship hall roof repair loan from endowment.
Committees: Discipleship, Learning, Worship & Music.
Utilities: Gas, electricity, water and trash services.
Transfers for Future Use: \$7,000 to Pastoral Call Fund, \$6,938 to Capital Improvements

Roof Loan Starting Balance	25,377.00
December 31, 2021 Balance	4,586.92



- February 1
Allen Jackson
- February 3
Priscilla Goldie
Linda Kent
- February 5
Traci Smith
- February 9
Tom Hoffman
- February 11
Molly Brewer
- February 12
Joe Wilson
- February 17
Gary Ball
- February 18
Joyce Petticrew
- February 28
David Page
Diane Naylor

Congregational Contacts

Council Members

Brian Kent	*President
Everett Morris	*Vice President
Linda Kent	*Church Treasurer
Cathy Zimmer	*Secretary
Judy Kuemmel	*Financial Secretary
Garry Andrews	
Ida Geary	

***Executive Committee**

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937-760-1099
937-885-3529/937-572-7815
937-212-9283
937-321-1198
937-848-2090
937-626-7765

Organizations, Boards and Staff

Karen Doyle	Church Secretary/Messenger Editor	937-866-3780
Tom Hoffman	Board of Trustees Chairman	937-859-8871/937-654-1218
Cheryl Page	Discipleship Committee Chairman	937-602-7952
Brook Nauta	Learning Committee Chair	513-217-0564/937-367-1473
Ida Geary	WELCA President	937-626-7765
Doug McCabe	Organist	937-866-8669
Brook Nauta	Children's Choir	513-217-0564/937-367-1473

Christian Education

Barb Hoffman	Pre-k through 1 st Grade	937-859-8871/937-231-6341
Brook Nauta	2 nd Grade through 6 th Grade	513-217-0564/937-367-1473
Robin Skelding	Confirmation	937-748-5405

Ministry Contacts

Nancy McCabe	Prayer Chain	937-866-8669
Beth Knight	Son-Rise Breakfast @ First Lutheran	330-692-2092





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Happening's in February

- February 3 7:00 p.m. Girl Scout Leaders Meeting in Fellowship Hall
- February 6 1:00 p.m. Area 56 in Fellowship Hall
- February 8 6:00 p.m. Girl Scout Troop #35159 in Undercroft
- February 9 7:30 p.m. Girl Scout Troop #30200 in Undercroft
- February 13 6:30 p.m. Girl Scout Troop #32299 in Undercroft
- February 16 6:30 p.m. Learning Committee Meeting in Upper Room
- February 20 6:00 a.m. SonRise Breakfast @ 1st Lutheran Church
- February 21 Office Closed for Presidents Day
- February 22 6:00 p.m. Girl Scout Troop #35159 in Undercroft
- February 26 9:00 a.m. Area 56 in Fellowship Hall (all day meeting)
- February 27 6:30 p.m. Girl Scout Troop #32299 in Undercroft

Every Sunday at 7:30 p.m. AA/Al Anon meets in Fellowship Hall

Every Monday & Friday at noon, there is an AA Group in Fellowship Hall

*Please let the office know of any meetings and/or events that need to be included in the calendar.
This will ensure rooms are not double booked.*