



Evangelical
Lutheran Church
in America

A MESSAGE FROM PRESIDING BISHOP ELIZABETH EATON



Dear friends in Christ,

We have seen many changes throughout the years and throughout the world. Sometimes we've been left yearning for the days when things didn't feel so complicated. Other times, we have seen something new happen and have asked, "Why did this take so long?" The church has been through its own changes as well. Some of these have left us wishing for simpler times while others have us waiting for even more to come about.

But, dear church, God still is unchanging. God's love is still the foundation on which the church was built. While we have seen many changes, both in the world and at the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, the eternal love of God and the good news that dwells with Christ's death and resurrection continue to provide hope for everyone. This is why our mission remains steadfast, whether that is through our traditional mission work in places near and far or from new ventures and visions that encourage us to think of different ways to reach even more people.

The writer of Hebrews reminds us: "Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God" (13:16). That could not be truer in the work we have been doing in each expression of the church. Your gifts continue to benefit the good work of spreading the good news throughout your communities, your synods and the whole church. We are all answering the call to continue to do good work with the help of your support, whether that is through your resources, your time or your talents.

I am grateful for your generous support of each expression of the church. God calls all of us to continue to do the good work, and you continue to answer that call. We also continue to join you in that call and will remain true to looking toward God's unchanging promise. There is still much change and learning that will come before us, but God's steadfast love energizes us for the work God is still doing in the world through this church.

In Christ,

The Rev. Elizabeth A. Eaton
Presiding Bishop
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

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(Hebrews 13:16).

Annual Report of St. John's Lutheran Church: 2022



St. John's Lutheran

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Welcome and Agenda

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6. Election of New Council Members
7. Treasurer's Report
8. Old Business: Approve Minutes from 2022 annual meeting
9. New Business: Approval of 2023 Budget
10. Pass out Paper Ballots and Collect/Count
11. New Business: Board of Trustees Capital Project Requests
12. New Business: Archival Request from Miamisburg Historical Society
13. Adjournment

Annual Report from Pastor Heidi Johns

Greetings in the name of Christ!

Thank you for taking time to read through this annual report which summarizes the ministry of St. John's Lutheran church in 2022. These pages tell the story of our faithful and prayerful response to God's invitation to join the mission of sharing and living the good news of Jesus Christ. Over the past year we invested in God's mission by:

- Gathering weekly for worship to be strengthened and fed as disciples
- Mentoring and teaching our children as they grow in faith
- Opening our facility to various non-profit groups in support of their good work in our community
- Helping those in need through gifts to families at Christmas, support to the food pantry throughout the year and other special projects
- Inviting the community to "unload" stacks and piles of paper through our "Shred and Bread" event
- Showing kids the love of Christ by welcoming them to "Trunk or Treat"
- Supporting each other as a church family through prayer and other expressions of love and kindness
- Faithfully stewarding our financial gifts to keep our ministry running and supporting ministries beyond our walls
- Caring for our facility by keeping up with needed updates and repairs so it continues to be a resource for our mission

Thank you for all the ways you have shared your time, talent and treasure to support our response to God's invitation to be in mission for the sake of the Gospel. We couldn't do it without you! Please pray about how God is inviting you to engage in our mission in the year ahead. In Matthew 4 Jesus came upon some fishermen and he said to them, "Follow me and I will make you fish for people." How will you answer this invitation from Jesus through the ministry of St. John's? This report may give you inspiration and direction!

President's Report to the Congregation

Greetings to our Siblings in Christ,

I wanted to take some time to provide an introduction to St. John's Lutheran Church's 2022 Annual Congregation Report.

At a top view, a lot happened in 2022, so let's review a few important milestones.

- We said hello to Pastor Heidi Johns, a very welcome bridge in our long term search for permanent pastoral leadership.
- Our call committee completed our pastoral call paperwork with the Southern Ohio Synod in 2021, and we continue to work with Synod for potential part time or shared Pastoral opportunities.
- We upgraded our youth protection guidelines and policies to bring them into compliance with new Southern Ohio Synod guidelines. In addition, we assured that every group working with youth that use our church also complies, including our Girl Scout Troops and our Tamil Language School.
- We welcomed back an even larger and stronger Tamil Language school for the 2022-23 academic year! St John's leadership accepted an invitation to the Tamil's annual Diwali celebration as a culture exchange opportunity with our community.
- We continue to support 3 Girl Scout Troops in addition to our substance abuse group missions.
- We again 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.
- We paid off our repaired Fellowship Hall roof nearly 30+ months early.
- Financial support for the Congregation has been outstanding, and we'll finish the year with a small surplus, which our Treasurer will discuss. This will include an additional \$4,000 donated this month to our most important community ministries.
- Finally our Christian Education and Sunday School have excelled, running several joint events with Parkview Church, including Trunk or Treat and Vacation Bible school. 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 offer a heart-felt THANK YOU for the service of our one year officers (Judy Kummel – 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. God Bless you all as we look forward into 2023.

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

TWIG 33

Dear St. John's Lutheran Church,

I would like to share with you how our TWIG 33 Charity Crops fared during 2022. TWIGs (Terrific Women in Giving) the Auxiliary of Dayton Children's Hospital has pledged an additional \$1 million over 4 years for inpatient Behavioral Health Services. We fulfilled our original \$1.2 million Behavioral Health Services pledge in January 2022. Our group is assisting Dayton Children's Hospital's relentless pursuit of optimal health and mental wellness for the children in our community. We are dedicated to helping the area children and their families during these continued difficult times.

In order to assist in this process, TWIG 33 hosted 3 Charity Crops that were held at St. Johns in 2022 – 2 weekends in March, 2 weekends in June and 2 weekends in September/October. These weekends helped our group to raise \$11,446 for the year. In addition, the Diaper Drive in March yielded 1,849 diapers and \$60 which were all donated to the Connor Family Pavilion of Dayton Children's Hospital. In June, 226 items and \$75 were collected for Child Life baskets auctioned off at the Gem City Jam Golf outing (raising \$13,000 for the 4 baskets filled with toys, books, etc. for the children at the hospital). In September, 367 items and \$110 were collected for the Secret Santa Shop held in December for patients and their families to get Christmas gifts (which are wrapped) for those who are in the hospital during the holiday season. In addition, TWIG 33 donated \$10,000 towards the TWIG pledge, make a \$500 sponsorship donation for our November Sugarplum Festival of Trees event and a \$400 golf hole sponsorship for the Gem City Jam Golf outing in August.

This year saw a return to "normalcy" for fundraising efforts by TWIGs, as many events that had either been cancelled or were previously virtual, were now held in person. As a result, at the Terrific Women in Giving's annual dinner in mid January, TWIGs gave \$300,000 to Dayton Children's Hospital towards our pledge. This is truly amazing and St. John's Lutheran Church was a vital part of this effort. We could not have done what we did without the Church and Church Council's support by allowing us to use the church's facilities during these difficult times. We are truly grateful for everything St. John's Lutheran Church Council and the entire membership have done to support us in our endeavors on behalf of the children and their families in this community.

Respectfully submitted,
Debbie Ball
TWIG 33 President and Event Coordinator

January 29, 2023

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Dayton Tamil Academy

Dayton Tamil Academy (DTA) is an educational subsidiary of Dayton Tamil Sangam, a non-for-profit organization in the Centerville-Miamisburg-Springboro area. DTA focuses on spreading and sustaining the south Indian language Tamil among families in the greater Dayton area.

Started in 2010, DTA had about 15 kids who learnt Tamil to be able to converse and be fluent in their mother tongue. The interest soon spread to many other families in the community. At the time DTA rented the Washington township police station to host their classes for an hour on weekends. Due to increased interest, DTA switched to the American Tamil Academy curriculum to inculcate a standard in learning in 2017. It is during this time DTA approached St. John's Lutheran Church for renting their facility for weekend classes. St. John's church was very generous to rent their facility making it very conducive for classes. With an enrollment of 39 kids in 2019, DTA was successful in running the school for the 10th consecutive year. We strived to host online classes in the year 2020 and 2021 due to covid restrictions. With enrollments reaching about 50 for online classes, DTA wanted to continue providing language education to those who wanted to stay online and learn which made us provide hybrid education. With Brian's overwhelming enthusiasm for Tamil school DTA now has a great place to host our in person and online classes.

DTA mainly focuses on teaching the language of tamil to those interested and also to spread and sustain the tamil culture among families and friends. We celebrate all major cultural events teaching the kids the importance of keeping our culture and heritage in a place away from home. DTA now follows the International Tamil Academy curriculum which focuses on reading, writing, conversing, storytelling and team building aspects of learning this ancient language that is being spoken by almost 83 million people around this world.

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Learning Committee

Brook Ñauta, Chair

A special thanks to the learning committee members and volunteers who continue to give so much time and love.

This past year, St. John's has had 10 children and youth active in Sunday school and confirmation classes. Sunday school is taught by Barb Hoffman, Beth Knight and Brook Ñauta, using the Spark curriculum to learn more about one of the lectionary readings for the day and how it relates to them. Robin Skelding is teaching the confirmation class with three students preparing to be confirmed in 2023. Brian Kent led an adult study for Lent. In the fall, Julie Helter led an adult discussion group on the book Painting with Ashes, by Michael Beck. Aiden Ring was confirmed. Karlie Jo Kemper was presented with a Spark Story Bible.

We had a combined VBS with Parkview Methodist church again with the theme of God's Backyard. Around 60 kids participated, along with many volunteers. We explored serving our family, friends, community and the world through Bible stories, music, games, crafts, science experiments, Socks of Love, and food. We put together Youth Day for middle and high schoolers, including a service project for Habitat for Humanity, and also had mini golf at Young's Dairy and a movie night in conjunction with Parkview.

The learning committee also organized Youth Sundays, Pancake Day, the Easter Egg hunt, Easter Breakfast, Miamisburg traveling playground lunches, Trunk or Treat, the Christmas play, along with other special activities on Sunday mornings.

A Child and Youth Abuse Prevention Program was adopted and put into place with the leadership of Brian Kent.

We welcome your ideas and help. Talk to Brook or Beth if you want to get involved. Let's share God's Love!

WELCA Annual Report 2022

JANUARY	No meeting scheduled.
FEBRUARY	No meeting scheduled.
MARCH	We began the year with a balance of \$1328.17. Nancy McCabe hosted the meeting at her home with the traditional "green food". We finalized our calendar for this year.
APRIL	We decided as a group to not have the Chicken Noodle dinner. The meeting was hosted by Debbie Ball, Barb Hoffman and Judy Kuemmel at church.
MAY	We donated \$50.00 to the high school kids that come to clean. We donated \$300.00 toward the defibulator. The meeting was hosted by Pat McGraw, Marilyn Boyd, Nancy McCabe and Ida Geary at church.
JUNE	No meeting scheduled.
JULY	No meeting scheduled.
AUGUST	We discussed the Fall Bazaar for 29 th of Oct. We will have Grandma's Attic and baked goods. Noodle making to sell at the bazaar will be Oct. 11 th . The meeting was hosted by Suzie Page and Cheryl Page at Suzie's home.
SEPTEMBER	We went to Perkins on Sept. 19 th for dinner in lieu of a meeting.
OCTOBER	We made a donation to Twigs for \$200.00. The meeting was hosted by Debbie Ball, Barb Hoffman and Judy Kuemmel at church.
NOVEMBER	We made \$972.10 at the bazaar. The next meeting will be at Cheryl Page's for our Christmas gift exchange. The meeting was hosted by Pat McGraw, Marilyn Boyd, Nancy McCabe and Ida Geary at church.

DECEMBER We made the following donations: \$200.00 each to Miamisburg City Schools, Jeremiah's Letter, YWCA women's shelter and St. Vincent's. We gave Blue Star Mothers \$100.00 and Gift Cards for Christmas Families-\$250.

We nominated and voted on officers for 2022: President - Ida Geary; Co-Vice presidents - Suzie Page and Cheryl Page; secretary -Nancy McCabe; and Co-Treasurers - Judy Kuemmel and Debbie Ball.

We ended the year with a balance of \$685.27 after donations are deducted.

The Sewing Club is continuing to make lap blankets, bibs and walker bags for 4 local nursing homes. 2 quilts and 7 school bags were donated to Lutheran World Relief.

Our attendance has remained steady throughout the year. All ladies of the congregation are automatically WELCA members and are invited to attend the meetings. Watch the bulletin to find out where the meetings are being held each month. Come and join in the fun.

We have received profits from the following: Bazaar and offering donations.

We reported expenses for this year: flowers on 1 bible and gift cards for needy families.

Respectfully submitted,
Nancy McCabe, Secretary

Discipleship Report

The members of the Discipleship committee are: Cheryl Page, chair; Ida Geary; and Sara Bell.

We participated in 4 activities this year.

During lent we collected personal care items and delivered them to Helping Hands.

For Back to School we sponsored 20 kids with back to school supplies.

We set up the Christmas Forest. We sponsored 6 children from the Miamisburg Schools and gave them 5 presents each. We also gave each family a ham or turkey and the makings for a complete Christmas meal. WELCA also gave each family a \$50 gift card. This year we had ornaments for Jeremiah's Letter and Helping Hands.

We also made an artificial Christmas cross. Debbie Humphrey and Karen Settle helped with this. We will make modifications to the cross once the red poinsettias are available.

Board of Trustees Annual Report

1. The board of trustees is responsible for the safe and secure upkeep and maintenance of St John's building and church grounds. The board has a large cadre of active members and volunteers who see to this mission, and we would be remiss in recognizing the contributions of all who support this ministry.
2. In 2022, the board was responsible to oversee:
 - a. Grass cutting and snow removal contract services
 - b. Overall cleaning service contractor
 - c. Periodic State and City required Fire and elevator inspections and remediation of any findings
 - d. Inventory and Clean out of church property and to clean out items through resale, recycling, or disposal that are no longer needed or are unsafe to use
 - e. Periodic repair of plumbing and lighting-heating-and air conditioning as required
 - f. Periodic repainting as required.
 - g. Planning for and executing of congregation approved capital improvement projects and contracts.
3. Examples of Projects that the BOT executed in 2022 include:
 - a. Replacement of "roll down" fire door with a new swing fire door in the upper Narthex
 - b. Removal of old (and unsafe) CRT televisions and replacement flat screen televisions for the undercroft and Sunday school areas
 - c. Cleanout of shed and repair of shed interior and exterior electric feed to the Lord's Glen. Note the shed cleanout required 3 trips to the Montgomery County dump!
 - d. Cleanout of storage room in undercroft – with the help of Cheryl Page and Linda Kent.
 - e. Upgrading the church's WIFI Mesh network, also supported by our Tamil guests.
 - f. Replacing 4 whiteboards throughout the church
 - g. Cleaned out the sewing room and re-set up as a classroom. Also painted this room and the chapel next door. Fabric was donated to charity as was three old sewing machines. A local Miami valley arts group was THRILLED to get the sewing machines.

4. In 2023, the BOT will propose three new capital projects and will manage them after receiving congregational permission.
 - a. Renovation of the meeting house and meeting house narthex ceiling and walls, and install upgraded LED Lighting. This will involve some volunteers to paint, but the repair work will be outsourced.
 - b. Upgrading the lower entrance wall with a stone façade to cover the ugly white foundation.
 - c. A 20+ year termite barrier treatment for the entire grounds.
5. We thank the permanent members of the BOT (Everett Morris, Garry Andrews, Tom Hoffman, Brian Kent, Doug McCabe, Tom Settle) as well as all congregants who have helped inside and out during 2022.

Tom Hoffman, Chair
BOT

Financial Management Committee 2022 Annual Report and 2023 Draft Budget

The Financial Management Committee provides oversight of the congregation's financial matters. The Financial Management Committee interacts with all of the other committees at St. John's with respect to budgets and expenses and keeps the congregation informed of the financial standing with monthly updates printed in the newsletter. The Committee is kept informed through monthly e-mailed reports and meets as needed when there is new business to discuss. Anyone who is interested in the church's finances is welcome to attend the meetings.

The \$80,000 budget for 2022 was approved by the congregation at the January 23, 2022 annual meeting. For the year, total 2022 income received was \$83,776.79 from all sources. The expenses for 2022 totaled \$78,550.05. This amount includes Council-approved set-asides for 2023 of \$3,000 for Outreach and \$3,500 for Capital Improvements. The year-end net balance is \$5,226.74.

For the year, the congregation's mission and outreach support was commendable. In addition to the Christmas Forest Program (see Discipleship Committee report) and WELCA's outreach (See WELCA report), the following programs were supported as follows (and includes Shred and Bread donations for Helping Hands):

Southern Ohio Synod:	\$5,499.34 cash support for benevolence
Helping Hands Food Pantry:	\$3,322.70 cash and 213 pounds of food
SonRise Breakfast meals:	\$ 571.44 in food costs
Playground Lunch Program:	\$ 313.53 in food costs for weekly bagged lunches
Jeremiah's Letter:	\$ 260.00 cash

These amounts reflect what the congregation paid directly to each organization. There have been many more donations of food and goods made by members of the congregation in support of these programs that are not reflected in the above totals.

The roof loan that started with a balance of \$25,377.00 in September 2020 was retired in June 2022, thanks to regular monthly payments and generous donations that enabled us to pay off the 10 year loan in less than two years!

The table on the next page shows the approved 2022 budget and expenses for each category. The right-most column in the table shows the 2023 draft budget that is to be voted upon by the congregation at the January 29, 2022 meeting.

Special thanks to those who served on the Financial Management Committee in 2022: Don Pabst, Brian Kent, Cheryl Page and Tom Settle.

Linda R. Kent
Treasurer and Financial Management
Committee Chair

2022 BUDGET REVIEW AND 2023 DRAFT BUDGET

	2022 Budget	2022 Expenses	2023 Draft Budget
Outreach			
Benevolence	4,000	4,000	4,000
Other Benevolence	0	0	0
Pastor			
Salary & Benefits (1)	25,000	10,092	42,000
Supply Pastor (1)	5,000	7,443	800
Staff			
Salary & Benefits (2)	16,400	15,897	19,000
Operating Expenses			
Conference/Workshop	100	0	100
Administration	2,400	3,147	3,300
Insurance	4,800	4,750	4,900
Maintenance/Repair	14,200	16,651	9,600
Roof Loan Payments (3)	1,000	1,625	0
Utilities	5,500	6,825	8,000
Committees			
Discipleship	300	474	200
Learning	500	818	900
Worship & Music (4)	800	329	400
Year End Transfers			
Outreach		3,000	0
Maintenance		3,500	0
Totals	80,000	78,550	93,200

Notes for 2023 budget:

1. Based on half time pastor and 4 weeks of supply pastor.
2. Increase of \$1/hr for secretary in 2023.
3. Roof loan retired in 2022.
4. Judy Pabst Memorial funds cover part of the Worship & Music budget.

Cash Flow - 2022

1/1/2022 through 12/31/2022

1/14/2023

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Category	1/1/2022- 12/31/2022
INFLOWS	
Uncategorized	0.00
Benevolence	
Synod	15.00
TOTAL Benevolence	15.00
Children & Adult Sunday School	19.42
Christmas	130.00
Current	70,759.00
Facility Use	275.00
AA	2,622.35
Elections	750.00
Lifeline	100.00
Member	100.00
Tamil Academy	667.00
TWIGS	750.00
TOTAL Facility Use	5,264.35
Interest Inc	487.72
Lent&Easter	935.00
Loose	655.00
Misc. Income	
Grants	4,819.01
Kroger Rewards	85.29
Maintenance	75.00
Offering Env.	44.00
Thrivent Choice	488.00
TOTAL Misc. Income	5,511.30
TOTAL INFLOWS	83,776.79
OUTFLOWS	
Administration	
Background Checks	75.80
Bank Fee	8.22
Copier	1,245.07
Internet	805.07
Offering Envelopes	128.70
Office Supplies	65.93
Paper	161.84
Postage	472.00
Telephone service	184.80
TOTAL Administration	3,147.43
Benevolence (Synod)	4,000.00
Committees	
Discipleship	473.94
Learning	817.92
Worship & Music	329.00
TOTAL Committees	1,620.86
Interim Pastor	195.75
Benefits	
Portico	1,926.44
TOTAL Benefits	1,926.44
Compensation	5,499.25
Housing Allowance	2,000.00
Mileage Reimb.	470.60
TOTAL Interim Pastor	10,092.04
Maintenance	
Alarm System	1,876.20
Computer Systems	383.53

Cash Flow - 2022

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Category	1/1/2022- 12/31/2022
Electrical	23.86
Elevator	1,273.77
Fire Extinguisher Service	1,322.16
Furnaces	680.88
Janitorial Service	4,318.31
Janitorial Supplies	174.55
Key Deposit	-25.00
Lighting	425.30
Misc.	3,648.46
Mowing	1,731.76
Parking Lot	595.00
Plumbing	14.68
Property Taxes	47.27
Snow Removal	25.76
Termite Inspection	134.55
TOTAL Maintenance	16,651.04
Property Insurance	4,750.00
Roof Loan Payment	1,624.50
Staff	
Benefits	604.27
City Income Tax Withholding	12.97
Medicare withholding	-86.61
Salary	15,609.00
SSI withholding	-370.29
Supply Pastor	7,442.66
Worker's Comp. Insurance	127.40
TOTAL Staff	23,339.40
Utilities	
Electric	3,135.29
Gas	2,433.14
Trash Removal	230.40
Water&Sewer	1,025.95
TOTAL Utilities	6,824.78
Year End Transfers	
Capital Improvements	3,500.00
Outreach	3,000.00
TOTAL Year End Transfers	6,500.00
TOTAL OUTFLOWS	78,550.05
OVERALL TOTAL	5,226.74

Account Balances - As of 12/31/2022

(Includes unrealized gains)

1/7/2023

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Account	12/31/2022 Balance
Bank Accounts	
Cash Mgmt - River Valley	55,064.99
Checking-River Valley	11,171.57
Savings - River Valley	13.00
TOTAL Bank Accounts	66,249.56
Cash Accounts	
Cap. Improvements-General Use	-18,587.54
Cash (Undesignated)	-7,943.61
Memorial Designated-Judy Pabst (W&M)	-518.87
Memorial Pending-Barb Adams	-200.00
Memorial Pending-Oscar Page	-1,160.00
Memorial-Undesignated	-360.78
Outreach-Helping Hands	-487.73
Outreach-Jeremiah's Letter	-260.00
Outreach-Undesignated	-5,612.89
Pastoral Call Fund	-7,000.00
WELCA Fund	-100.00
Youth Fund	-1,154.86
TOTAL Cash Accounts	-43,386.28
Credit Card Accounts	
River Valley MasterCard	-1,363.31
TOTAL Credit Card Accounts	-1,363.31
OVERALL TOTAL	21,499.97

ST. JOHN'S EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH
CONGREGATIONAL MEETING
JANUARY 23, 2022

1. Devotions: Pastor Rogers Mtui led us in prayer.
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2. Meeting called to order: President Brian Kent called the meeting to order at 10:55.
3. Establish Parliamentarian: The President appointed Tom Hoffman as Parliamentarian for the meeting.
4. Determine Quorum: Tom Hoffman reported that a quorum was established.
5. Approve minutes of last year's annual meeting: Cheryl Page made a motion to approve the minutes of last year's meeting (January 31, 2021). Tom Settle seconded the motion. The motion passed.
6. Recognize the 2021 council. The members of the 2021 council were: Garry Andrews, Ida Geary, Brian Kent-President, Linda Kent-Treasurer, Judy Kuemmel-Financial Secretary, Don Pabst and Cathy Zimmer-Recording Secretary. Don Pabst has completed his terms and is leaving the council. Brian Kent thanked him for his time and valued service.
7. Present the 2022 candidate for 2022 Council: Everett Morris for a two year term. Nominations were opened to the congregation, but none were made. Don Pabst made a motion to close the nominations and approve the new candidate, Garry Andrews seconded the motion. The motion passed. Brian Kent said the Council installation is upcoming.
8. Treasurers report: Linda Kent reviewed the year-end Treasurer's report. Net income for 2021 was \$84,557.04. Disbursement for 2021 was \$83,432.09. Overall total was \$1,124.95. The projected pay off date for the roof loan is April 2023, over six years early, due to regular payments and generous donations.
9. President's Remarks: A big thank you to our interim Pastor, Joan Armstrong, for all her work and we wish her well with her health concerns. The pastoral call committee has submitted the paperwork to begin our search for a permanent part time pastor. We have returned to in person services while continuing our use of Zoom. We received a \$500 cost sharing grant with the Southern Ohio Synod and used it to upgrade to high definition cameras and computers, so our virtual livestream is of excellent quality. We have allowed more outside groups to return to using St. John's. Our Shred and Bread event in October was well attended and generated \$1000 for Helping Hands. The 10 year loan for roof repair is well ahead of schedule. We ended the year with a small surplus. Our Christian Education and Sunday School have operated and grown during the pandemic. Brook Nauta gave a special thank you to Robin Skelding for 20 years and Barb Hoffman for 50 years of service in Sunday School. Thank you also to our lay assistants, musicians, and the altar guild for making our services smooth and meaningful. Thank you to Don Pabst for serving on our council and to our one year officers (Judy Kuemmel-Financial Secretary, Linda Kent-Treasurer, and Cathy Zimmer-Recording Secretary).
10. New Business-Vote on 2022 Budget: Linda Kent presented the draft budget for 2022 and noted that the 2022 proposed budget allows for six months of half time pastor and six months of supply pastors. We are budgeting a \$1/hour increase for our secretary, Karen Doyle. The budget includes \$5,876 to replace the roll-down fire door with a hinged fire door, half has been paid with balance set aside for 2022. Budget includes \$2200 for parking lot repairs. The Judy Pabst memorial funds were designated for Worship and Music in 2021 and will partially cover the 2022 expenses. Linda pointed out that the proposed budget is very similar to 2021

expenses. Cheryl Page made a motion to accept the budget for 2022. Tom Settle seconded the motion. The motion passed.

11. Tom Hoffman moved to adjourn. Cheryl Page seconded the motion. The motion passed and Brian Kent adjourned the congregational meeting at 11:15.

12. Closing Prayer: We said the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,
Cathy Zimmer
Recording Secretary, St. John's Church Council

ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

OPENING LITURGY

Spirit of God, Descend upon My Heart

Recognizing that our faith is a living, busy, active and mighty thing, may the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with each of you.

And also with you.

Teach us to love you with all our heart, soul, mind and strength.

Receive our prayer, O God.

Descend on our hearts, that we may love others in the ways Jesus loves us.

Receive our prayer, O God.

Empower us to be enthusiastic in pursuing your vision for our congregation.

Receive our prayer, O God.

Move us to engage issues in our community in Christlike ways, and to pursue deep and authentic relationships with those with whom we serve and partner.

Receive our prayer, O God.

Strengthen us to face the barriers we encounter in doing your work, learning to work with others amid disagreement.

Receive our prayer, O God.

Give us the ability to adapt to the cultural, economic and social changes that occur in the neighborhoods we serve.

Receive our prayer, O God.

Guide us to be a healthy congregation that learns from its failures as well as its successes and offers wisdom to others.

Receive our prayer, O God.

As we strive to become the church that we proclaim to be, raise up leaders who focus on the gospel of freedom, forgiveness and reconciliation as given to us through God's indescribable act of love in the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. Renew us daily in our baptism, that we may discover vitality in our relationships with you, each other and those we serve in the world.

Amen.

1 Spir - it of God, de - scend up - on my heart;
 2 I ask no dream, no proph - et ec - sta - sies;
 3 Have you not bid me love you, God and King;
 4 Teach me to love you as your an - gels love,

wean it from earth, through all its puls - es move;
 no sud - den rend - ing of the veil of clay;
 all your own, and soul, heart, and strength, mind?
 one ho - ly pas - sion fill - ing all my frame;

stoop to my weak - ness, strength to me im - part,
 no an - gel vis - i - tant, no op - 'ning skies;
 I see your cross; there teach my heart to cling,
 the bap - tism of the heav'n - de - scend - ed dove,

and make me love you as I ought to love.
 but take the dim - ness of my soul a - way,
 Oh, let me seek you and, oh, let me find!
 my heart an al - tar, and your love the flame.

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