



January 2022



Worship Schedule



...Pr. Matthew V. Moss

9141 County Road
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55340



Sundays:

8:00 am Divine Service
(live-streamed on our web-
site: stjlutheran.org)

9:30 am Sunday School
9:30 am Adult Bible Study
10:30 am Divine Service

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Special points of interest:

- January Birthdays
- Monthly Calendar
- Pastoral Inspiration
- Minutes of the Deacon Council Meeting
- Financial Updates

Is Epiphany More Important than Christmas?

I ask this question already knowing there is not a *true* or right answer. No season of the Church Year is truly more important than another as surely as we gather all the same to receive from our loving God His means of grace. I ask the question merely to get us thinking about the different emphases that these two seasons have.

At Christmas we celebrate the Incarnation – that God became Man. The eternal Son of God took on human flesh, was conceived by the Holy Spirit, and born of the Virgin Mary. These twelve days of Christmas from December 25 through January 6 are a great feast. God became Man!

Throughout His life and ministry that *Man*, Jesus, proved He was God. This is the emphasis of the season of Epiphany. To prove that Jesus was a Man needed little effort and very few false teachers throughout the Church’s history have ever tried to assert that Jesus wasn’t really human. BUT, to prove that this man – the son of Mary – was also true God, come to suffer and save us, that took much convincing and has many detractors. The greatest of these would be Judaism and Islam, who have no problem acknowledging a historical figure, a *man* – Jesus of Nazareth – but to call him God is blasphemous to them.

The season of Epiphany is very necessary for us on this account. The Star and Prophecies guided the Wise Men to the child and they worshiped Him as God-with-Us (Epiphany Day). At Jesus’ baptism the Father proclaimed who this Jesus is – His only-begotten Son (First Sunday after Epiphany). Following that this season reveals to us Jesus’ first miracle, his healing of the sick, and his stilling of the storm. WHO, other than God, could do any of this?

Finally the season of Epiphany draws to a close with the Transfiguration of our Lord. His inner sanctum of disciples, Peter, James, and John, receive a glimpse of the Glory he will have at his Father’s right hand and when he returns on the Last Day. Here on the mountaintop the words of the Father echo those of Jesus’ baptism. Jesus is the beloved Son of the Father. God has come in the flesh so that that human being might reveal God to us.

So, obviously, there is no competition between Christmas and Epiphany. Each is equally necessary and worthy of our observance. They rely upon each other. If God became man (Christmas) and kept it a secret that would do us no good. And without His coming in the flesh there would be no way for us to learn what the God



Please remember...
If you are unable to serve on
your scheduled day, it is up

Pastor Moss' article continued:



-Man would reveal (Epiphany).

This January let us come to the Divine Service with great excitement, joy, celebration, and willingness to learn and grow in what our Lord Jesus has to reveal to us about himself.

Happy New Year to you and yours,

Pastor Moss

Feast Days Schedule

Saturday, January 1: The Circumcision of Our Lord
Thursday, January 6: The Epiphany of Our Lord - Divine Service with Lord's Supper 7:00 P.M.

Fellowship:

WINE & CHEESE RECEPTION: On January 6th after the evening Epiphany service, the fellowship committee will be hosting a wine & cheese reception.

The Feast of the Epiphany of Our Lord is the feast day that celebrates the revelation of God incarnate as Jesus Christ; it completes the Christmas season and welcomes the season of Epiphany. Please join us as we ring in the New Year, celebrate the Festival of Epiphany, and say "Thank You" to our altar guild for all they do throughout the church year! (A special door offering will be taken to help support our altar guild.)

BUSINESS MANAGER POSITION HIRED: We give thanks to God that Sam Kuphal joined St. John's beginning December 6th in the new Business Manager position approved at the July Congregational Assembly meeting. Sam and his family reside locally in Corcoran. Welcome Sam!

Youth Group:

WHIRLY BALL MAPLE GROVE: Saturday, January 8th 12:00 pm – 1:00 pm, parents responsible for transportation. \$9 per person; signed waiver required.

OFFERING ENVELOPES: The boxes of offering envelopes for 2022 have been distributed in the church mailboxes. The envelope renumbering is year-specific, so kindly please do not use the new ones until January 1st, and please discard your 2021 year supply after December 26th. Contact church secretary Ruth if you need assistance.



St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church
Council of Deacons Meeting Minutes-November 11th, 2021

Deacon meeting was called to order by Phil Schutte at 7:06 P.M.

In attendance: Pr. Moss, Erik Preus, Phil Koehler, Leif Briel, Scott Gehl, Phil Schutte, Dennis Schwecke, Todd Haag, Rob Borcharding, Ted Schmidt, Gretchen Dolan

Pr. Moss opened the meeting with a prayer.

Theological Study: Handling the Word of Truth. We discussed the introduction to the book. **Deacons are to read chapters 1 & 2 for the next Deacon meeting.**

Deacon Minutes:

- Corrections: Chris Kruse is the Appt chair for the Endowment committee
Leif Briel is the representative for the BOE on the Endowment committee
Mike Gaffer will not be on the Compensation committee
- Phil K. motioned, Rob seconded to approve 10/14/2021 Deacon minutes as amended. Motion passed.

Church Secretary: Written report submitted.

New Members: None

Transfer Out: Grant and Alicia Oldre and family to St Peter's in St. Paul. Deacons approved 10/14/21

Released: None.

Removed from Membership: None.

Death: 10/6/2021 Elwyn Manthei; funeral and burial (Greenwood Methodist Cemetery) 10/30/2021; Pr. Johnson presided

Marriage: None.

Baptisms: 10/30/2021 Brooke Rochelle Kaiser, infant daughter of Eric and Lauren Kaiser; private; Pr. Johnson presided

Pastors Report: Written report submitted

- Special festival dates and times have been updated from Thanksgiving Eve through Sunday Dec. 26th
- Two baptisms have occurred in the last month
- Maintain unity within the Ev. Lutheran Church. MN-S District Convention is in June 2022. The nomination period is open Oct. 15-Feb 5. Circuit forum will be Jan. 2022. Need to check with Mark Ellinger to see if he is still willing to be the delegate. Pr. Moss will follow up with him.

Board of Administration: Written report submitted..

- Financials are still strong
- A new money counting process has been implemented. And the new worksheets are being used.

Board of Education: Written report submitted.

- Looking into tuition assistance. BOA & BOE will get together and discuss.
- Request from a homeschool parent for student to participate in sports. Conference rules do not allow this for sports. Request for non-sport extra-curricular and also a couple classes. At this time, St. John's does not have individual classes, extra-curricular activities or extended school program available for non-school families.

Principal's report: Written report submitted.

- Erica Rossow has been formally hired as our new Preschool aide. Gretchen and Erica have discussed her pursuing a education degree to possibly becoming a teacher on staff.
- The tech committee has been looking into purchasing additional radios so each staff member has one to have proper communication.

Rob made the motion to purchase 12 radios for the school with the cost to not exceed \$6000. Scott seconded the motion. Discussion occurred. Vote was taken. Motion passed.

Board of Spiritual Life Report: Written report submitted.

- A church member has some questions and concerns about having better communication on what is going on in the church. This will be discussed at the next BSL meeting.
- Katie Moss has signed her temporary contract. BSL is looking into extending a call to Katie as director of parish music. This will need congregational approval.

To-Do List Review:

- SharePoint site for Storing Important Docs- Rob showed the Deacons the SharePoint site.
- Review and update the Constitution- Phil S. will coordinate meetings. It was last updated in 2015. The committee will spend time making revisions and updating the constitution. James Beck and Jeremy Costello are new committee members.

Congregational President Report:

- There is a 2019 Synod Resolution 10-04A which was not acted upon by that Convention, now edited to specifically include a recent abuse-“online communion” and update the deadlines for reporting.
Motion was made accept resolution as printed in the Deacon packet. Motion was seconded. Motion passed.
This resolution will go to the circuit forum.
- Went over dates and deadlines leading up to the Convention.

Motion-Rob/Second-Dennis/Passed to accept the board reports as presented.

Old business:

- Business Manager- A offer will be made to someone for the business manager position. This person does not have a financial background but does manage money at current position. This persons moral compass is in lines with St. John's. If the person accepts, the start date would be in Dec. or Jan.

New business:

- Board member assignees & years of service approve at Dec. Deacon meeting. BOA & BOE will need to submit years of service of members.
- Start assembling initial budgetary numbers.

Motion-Leif/Second-Dennis/Passed to adjourn the meeting.

Meeting was closed with the Lord's Prayer and Benediction at 9:07 p.m.

St. John's Ev. Lutheran Church & School
Balance Sheets
As of November 30, 2021

	Nov 30, 2020	Mar 2021	Jun 2021	Sep 2021	Oct 2021	Nov 2021
ASSETS						
Current Assets						
Bank Accounts						
1001 General Fund Cash-FSBOH	221,782.48	335,843.13	313,394.65	493,021.63	372,127.11	321,808.97
1002 Gifting Fund-LCEF Steward Account	420,834.05	385,900.95	423,478.75	413,334.12	420,679.57	418,605.94
1003 Gifting Fund-LCEF Investments	75,000.00	75,000.00	75,000.00	75,000.00	50,000.00	50,000.00
Total 1002 Gifting Fund-LCEF Steward Account	\$ 495,834.05	\$ 460,900.95	\$ 498,478.75	\$ 488,334.12	\$ 470,679.57	\$ 468,605.94
1004 School Bank Account-FSBOH	131,301.65	200,477.28	191,195.35	3,733.00	22,658.78	52,120.76
1005 School Endowment Fund-Vanguard	0.00	0.00	273,634.68	351,553.77	347,969.97	350,566.51
Total Bank Accounts	\$ 848,918.18	\$ 997,221.36	\$ 1,276,703.43	\$ 1,336,642.52	\$ 1,213,435.43	\$ 1,193,102.18
Other Current Assets						
1008 Edward Jones Investment Account	0.00	0.00	9,200.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
1400 Due From School	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,739.35	5,218.60	3,852.94
Total Other Current Assets	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 9,200.00	\$ 1,739.35	\$ 5,218.60	\$ 3,852.94
Total Current Assets	\$ 848,918.18	\$ 997,221.36	\$ 1,285,903.43	\$ 1,338,381.87	\$ 1,218,654.03	\$ 1,196,955.12
Fixed Assets						
1950 Bldngs/Contents-Insured Value						
1951 Church & School Bldg	8,050,858.00	8,363,715.00	8,363,715.00	8,363,715.00	8,363,715.00	8,363,715.00
1952 Equip/Furnishings-Church/School	2,251,181.00	2,341,228.00	2,341,228.00	2,341,228.00	2,341,228.00	2,341,228.00
1953 Outside Structures/Equipment	110,286.00	114,572.00	114,572.00	114,572.00	114,572.00	114,572.00
1954 Parsonage-Bldg & Contents	256,612.00	266,590.00	266,590.00	266,590.00	266,590.00	266,590.00
Total 1950 Bldngs/Contents-Insured Value	\$ 10,668,937.00	\$ 11,086,105.00	\$ 11,086,105.00	\$ 11,086,105.00	\$ 11,086,105.00	\$ 11,086,105.00
Total Fixed Assets	\$ 10,668,937.00	\$ 11,086,105.00	\$ 11,086,105.00	\$ 11,086,105.00	\$ 11,086,105.00	\$ 11,086,105.00
TOTAL ASSETS	\$ 11,517,855.18	\$ 12,083,326.36	\$ 12,372,008.43	\$ 12,424,486.87	\$ 12,304,759.03	\$ 12,283,060.12
LIABILITIES AND EQUITY						
Liabilities						
Current Liabilities						
Other Current Liabilities						
2010 Contributions Due Cemetery Fund	0.00	0.00	100.00	100.00	0.00	0.00
2015 Contribs Due Ch Worker Sch Fund	0.00	50.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
2050 Contribs Due Gifting & Endowment Funds	0.00	0.00	0.00	425.00	0.00	0.00
2210 Chapel Offerings Payable	5,000.10	3,793.52	3,488.79	3,488.79	3,569.13	3,769.88
2230 Washington DC Trip Funds Undistributed	1,839.72	1,839.72	621.22	621.22	621.22	621.22
2240 Due To Genl Fund-Tuition-Current Year	3,357.10	4,799.88	0.00	14,018.50	11,243.29	16,230.79
2245 Due To Genl Fund-Tuition-Next Year	0.00	14,677.00	16,774.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total Other Current Liabilities	\$ 10,196.92	\$ 25,160.12	\$ 20,984.01	\$ 18,653.51	\$ 15,433.64	\$ 20,621.88
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Long-Term Liabilities						
5900 Mortgage Payable-LCEF	228,057.00	188,974.14	161,246.59	135,463.98	102,309.00	94,070.50
Total Long-Term Liabilities	\$ 228,057.00	\$ 188,974.14	\$ 161,246.59	\$ 135,463.98	\$ 102,309.00	\$ 94,070.50
Total Liabilities	\$ 238,253.92	\$ 214,134.26	\$ 182,230.60	\$ 154,117.49	\$ 117,742.64	\$ 114,692.38
Equity						
31300 Perm. Restricted Net Assets						
25000 Gifting Funds						
Total 25000 Gifting Funds	\$ 495,834.05	\$ 460,900.95	\$ 498,478.75	\$ 488,334.12	\$ 470,679.57	\$ 468,605.94
26000 School L-T Future Use Funds						
26100 Athletics	2,061.01	2,061.01	2,061.01	0.00	0.00	0.00
26200 Bus (Future)	3,417.92	3,417.92	3,417.92	0.00	0.00	0.00
26300 Donations	46,504.78	62,376.03	65,014.87	0.00	7,523.19	7,678.90
26400 Gala-General	23,844.91	44,685.97	44,171.12	0.00	0.00	38,185.74
26450 Tuition Assistance	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
26500 Golf Tournament	15,897.97	15,897.97	15,897.97	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total 26000 School L-T Future Use Funds	\$ 91,726.59	\$ 128,438.90	\$ 130,562.89	\$ 0.00	\$ 7,523.19	\$ 45,864.64
27000 School Endowment Fund						
27990 School Endowment Fund-Mark-to-Market	0.00	0.00	273,634.68	351,553.77	352,003.77	352,003.77
Total 27000 School Endowment Fund	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 273,634.68	\$ 351,553.77	\$ 347,969.97	\$ 350,566.51
Total 31300 Perm. Restricted Net Assets	\$ 587,560.64	\$ 589,339.85	\$ 902,676.32	\$ 839,887.89	\$ 826,172.73	\$ 865,037.09
32000 Unrestricted Net Assets						
Net Revenue	241,991.50	373,552.27	358,728.98	126,797.37	24,004.56	-41,746.95
Total Equity	\$ 11,279,601.26	\$ 11,869,192.10	\$ 12,189,777.83	\$ 12,270,369.38	\$ 12,187,016.39	\$ 12,168,367.74
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND EQUITY	\$ 11,517,855.18	\$ 12,083,326.36	\$ 12,372,008.43	\$ 12,424,486.87	\$ 12,304,759.03	\$ 12,283,060.12

**St. John's Ev. Lutheran Church & School
Budget vs. Actuals-FY 2021-22 P&L**

	November 2021				Year-to-Date (July 2021 - November 2021)			
	Actual	Budget	over Budget	% of Budget	Actual	Budget	over Budget	% of Budget
Revenue								
4010 General Fund Offerings								
4011 General Fund Offerings	28,611.94	33,677.21	-5,065.27	84.96%	195,458.00	205,965.95	-10,507.95	94.90%
4012 E-Giving	16,766.92	13,755.48	3,011.44	121.89%	88,904.93	84,126.95	4,777.98	105.68%
Total 4010 General Fund Offerings	\$ 45,378.86	\$ 47,432.69	-\$ 2,053.83	95.67%	\$ 284,362.93	\$ 290,092.90	-\$ 5,729.97	98.02%
4020 Tuition								
4021 TADS-Smart Tuition	41,391.25	0.00	41,391.25		225,076.85	0.00	225,076.85	
Total 4020 Tuition	\$ 41,391.25	\$ 64,018.56	-\$ 22,627.31	64.66%	\$ 390,025.82	\$ 426,413.61	-\$ 36,387.79	91.47%
4300 Registration Fees-School	0.00	0.00	0.00		2,590.00	1,500.00	1,090.00	172.67%
4310 ESP Fees	3,477.38	12,000.00	-8,522.62	28.98%	29,590.35	49,400.00	-19,809.65	59.90%
4320 Bus Service Fees (Incl District Reimbs)	345.00	400.00	-55.00	86.25%	3,120.74	10,200.00	-7,079.26	30.60%
4400 Other Income (Incl 3rd Source)	0.00	200.00	-200.00	0.00%	27,591.87	800.00	26,791.87	3448.98%
4013 Thrivent Funds	0.00	0.00	0.00		225.00	0.00	225.00	
4022 Tuition Assistance	0.00	0.00	0.00		29,000.00	20,000.00	9,000.00	145.00%
Total 4400 Other Income (Incl 3rd Source)	\$ 0.00	\$ 200.00	-\$ 200.00	0.00%	\$ 56,816.87	\$ 20,800.00	\$ 36,016.87	273.16%
4500 Interest	0.39	0.00	0.39		4.63	0.00	4.63	
Total Revenue	\$ 90,592.88	\$ 124,051.25	-\$ 33,458.37	73.03%	\$ 766,511.34	\$ 798,406.51	-\$ 31,895.17	96.01%
Expenditures								
6060 Mortgage Payment								
6060 Mortgage Payment	8,151.08	8,151.08	0.00	100.00%	40,755.40	40,755.40	0.00	100.00%
6200 Salaries & Wages								
6201 Pastors Salaries	11,795.84	11,885.08	-89.24	99.25%	64,877.13	65,367.94	-490.81	99.25%
6211 Guest Pastor	0.00	83.33	-83.33	0.00%	0.00	416.65	-416.65	0.00%
Total 6201 Pastors Salaries	\$ 11,795.84	\$ 11,968.41	-\$ 172.57	98.56%	\$ 64,877.13	\$ 65,784.59	-\$ 907.46	98.62%
6202 Teacher Salaries	46,011.37	48,300.69	-2,289.32	95.26%	250,445.39	265,653.80	-15,208.41	94.28%
6203 Sub Teacher	885.00	625.00	260.00	141.60%	1,593.00	1,875.00	-282.00	84.96%
6204 Teachers Aide	6,671.11	5,720.40	950.71	116.62%	16,749.54	20,021.40	-3,271.86	83.66%
6206 Secretary	6,193.03	5,692.38	500.65	108.80%	28,770.73	31,308.10	-2,537.37	91.90%
6207 Custodial	5,653.23	4,347.92	1,305.31	130.02%	29,553.69	23,913.56	5,640.13	123.59%
6208 Director of Music	2,340.00	2,703.77	-363.77	86.55%	11,830.65	14,870.73	-3,040.08	79.56%
6209 Sub Organist	200.00	395.83	-195.83	50.53%	3,200.00	1,979.15	1,220.85	161.69%
6210 Bookkeeper	231.24	231.23	0.01	100.00%	1,271.82	1,271.77	0.05	100.00%
6235 ESP Salaries/Wages & Benefits	9,622.17	7,008.77	2,613.40	137.29%	46,290.77	38,548.23	7,742.54	120.09%
Total 6200 Salaries & Wages	\$ 89,602.99	\$ 86,994.40	\$ 2,608.59	103.00%	\$ 454,582.72	\$ 465,226.33	-\$ 10,643.61	97.71%
6400 Benefits								
6401 Benefits - Insurance	10,192.17	9,899.52	292.65	102.96%	48,459.25	49,497.60	-1,038.35	97.90%
6402 Disability & Retirement	7,086.75	8,181.47	-1,094.72	86.62%	35,787.80	40,907.35	-5,119.55	87.49%
6403 Payroll Taxes	2,415.20	2,554.77	-139.57	94.54%	11,065.49	11,101.23	-35.74	99.68%
6405 HSA Match	0.00	0.00	0.00		6,000.00	6,500.00	-500.00	92.31%
Total 6400 Benefits	\$ 19,694.12	\$ 20,635.76	-\$ 941.64	95.44%	\$ 101,312.54	\$ 108,006.18	-\$ 6,693.64	93.80%
6501 Staff Travel	0.00	333.33	-333.33	0.00%	1,637.92	1,666.65	-28.73	98.28%
6503 Continuing Education	0.00	315.42	-315.42	0.00%	0.00	1,577.10	-1,577.10	0.00%
6504 Parish Education	0.00	166.67	-166.67	0.00%	828.21	833.35	-5.14	99.14%
6505 Pastors Cont Ed	0.00	144.33	-144.33	0.00%	801.61	721.65	79.96	111.08%
6507 Board of Spiritual Life (Incl. SEWAC) Exp.	0.00	970.83	-970.83	0.00%	4,812.81	4,854.15	-41.34	99.15%
6508 Technology	-535.05	0.00	-535.05		178.35	0.00	178.35	
6509 Special Education Services	12,210.00	6,241.80	5,968.20	195.62%	30,660.00	24,967.20	5,692.80	122.80%
6550 Insurance	2,447.24	3,432.75	-985.51	71.29%	11,617.20	13,124.75	-1,507.55	88.51%
6560 Supplies Mats & Fees	1,306.50	1,678.33	-371.83	77.85%	5,629.16	8,391.65	-2,762.49	67.08%
6561 Church	1,307.84	1,282.50	25.34	101.98%	4,110.56	6,412.50	-2,301.94	64.10%
6563 Payroll fees	671.50	190.00	481.50	353.42%	2,735.25	950.00	1,785.25	287.92%
6564 Select Account fees		15.83	-15.83	0.00%	13.00	79.15	-66.15	16.42%
Total 6560 Supplies Mats & Fees	\$ 3,285.84	\$ 3,166.66	\$ 119.18	103.76%	\$ 12,487.97	\$ 15,833.30	-\$ 3,345.33	78.87%
6570 Utilities and Maintenance								
6571 Maintenance	7,488.54	5,166.67	2,321.87	144.94%	33,184.35	25,833.35	7,351.00	128.46%
6572 Utilities	5,731.31	4,433.33	1,297.98	129.28%	28,502.20	22,166.65	6,335.55	128.58%
Total 6570 Utilities and Maintenance	\$ 13,219.85	\$ 9,600.00	\$ 3,619.85	137.71%	\$ 61,686.55	\$ 48,000.00	\$ 13,686.55	128.51%

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	November 2021				Year-to-Date (July 2021 - November 2021)			
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School Direct Expenses								
7100 Registration-Funded School Expenses	0.00	0.00	0.00		5,920.11	0.00	5,920.11	
7105 Athletics	-1,505.00	0.00	-1,505.00		-4,322.74	0.00	-4,322.74	
7110 Curriculum (Books, etc)	129.09	0.00	129.09		4,254.91	5,000.00	-745.09	85.10%
7115 Computers/IT	0.00	0.00	0.00		41,141.43	750.00	40,391.43	5485.52%
7120 Field Trips-All Grades	1,852.00	250.00	1,602.00	740.80%	3,132.00	500.00	2,632.00	626.40%
7125 Library	0.00	50.00	-50.00	0.00%	146.87	650.00	-503.13	22.60%
7130 Marketing-School	0.00	250.00	-250.00	0.00%	0.00	1,250.00	-1,250.00	0.00%
7135 Online Subscriptions (Incl. TADS)	1,557.46	1,000.00	557.46	155.75%	17,648.78	16,000.00	1,648.78	110.30%
7150 Other Regis.-Funded Expenses	17.89	250.00	-232.11	7.16%	65.72	1,250.00	-1,184.28	5.26%
Total 7100 Registration-Funded School Expenses	\$ 2,051.44	\$ 1,800.00	\$ 251.44	113.97%	\$ 67,987.08	\$ 25,400.00	\$ 42,587.08	267.67%
7300 Bus Service Expenses			0.00		0.00	0.00	0.00	
7310 Gas-Bus	0.00	500.00	-500.00	0.00%	1,716.35	1,700.00	16.35	100.96%
7320 Repairs & Maintenance-Bus	475.32	0.00	475.32		3,336.49	1,000.00	2,336.49	333.65%
Total 7300 Bus Service Expenses	\$ 475.32	\$ 500.00	-\$ 24.68	95.06%	\$ 5,052.84	\$ 2,700.00	\$ 2,352.84	187.14%
7900 Other School Expenses								
7910 ESP Supplies, Materials & Fees	177.50	1,000.00	-822.50	17.75%	3,817.90	5,452.00	-1,634.10	70.03%
7920 K-8 Supplies, Materials & Fees	0.00	300.00	-300.00	0.00%	2,537.38	5,100.00	-2,562.62	49.75%
7925 Credit Card Fees	11.11	150.00	-138.89	7.41%	392.27	650.00	-257.73	60.35%
7930 Professional Development	0.00	200.00	-200.00	0.00%	2,217.50	1,100.00	1,117.50	201.59%
7935 Concessions/Spirit Wear (net of receipts)	0.00	100.00	-100.00	0.00%	-3,423.00	300.00	-3,723.00	-1141.00%
7940 Music/Musical (net of receipts)	0.00	0.00	0.00		370.60	0.00	370.60	
7955 Yearbook (net of receipts)	0.00	0.00	0.00		525.35	0.00	525.35	
7960 Nurse Costs (net of District reimbs)	2,475.12	905.50	1,569.62	273.34%	4,154.01	3,169.25	984.76	131.07%
7990 Miscellaneous School Expenses	3,077.83	200.00	2,877.83	1538.92%	3,267.08	1,000.00	2,267.08	326.71%
Total 7900 Other School Expenses	\$ 5,741.56	\$ 2,855.50	\$ 2,886.06	201.07%	\$ 13,859.09	\$ 16,771.25	-\$ 2,912.16	82.64%
Total Expenditures	\$ 156,344.39	\$ 145,308.53	\$ 11,035.86	107.59%	\$ 808,258.29	\$ 770,437.31	\$ 37,820.98	104.91%
Net Operating Revenue	-\$ 65,751.51	-\$ 21,257.28	-\$ 44,494.23	309.31%	-\$ 41,746.95	\$ 27,969.20	-\$ 69,716.15	-149.26%
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St. John's Lutheran Church & School
Gifting Fund (LCEF Steward Account)
(formerly Endowment Fund)
Year-to-Date November 2021

Gifting Fund Activity:

Gifting Fund Balance July 1, 2021		\$ 498,478.75
Income / Receipts:		
Missions Offerings	14,112.50	
Principal / Debt Paydown	3,670.00	
Improvement Fund	23,436.00	
Receipt of School Long-Term Future Use Funds under Deacon-approved Fund Restructuring Plan (See Note 1 Below)	59,678.55	
All Other Offerings / Receipts	1,714.00	
Interest	927.77	103,538.82
Disbursements:		
Principal / Debt Paydown-2018 Barrett Gift	(25,000.00)	
Principal / Debt Paydown-All Other Contributions	(3,670.00)	
Improvement Fund Expenditures:		
Concrete Front Entrance	(5,150.00)	
HVAC Repairs	(13,920.00)	
Classroom Sprinkler System	(24,990.00)	
Purchase of Pianos	(14,785.00)	
Stony Creek Landscaping	(5,900.00)	
Cemetery Tree Removal	(6,300.00)	
Transfer to General Fund under Deacon-approved Fund Restructuring Plan (See Note 1 Below)	(27,566.13)	
Missions Programs	(5,432.50)	
Other Disbursements	(698.00)	(108,411.63)
Gifting Fund Balance November 30, 2021		<u>\$ 468,605.94</u>

Gifting Fund Balances:

	Fund Balance	Fund Purpose / Notes
Improvement Fund (See Note 1 Below)	420,922.35	Administered and approved by Property & Grounds Committee and the Board of Deacons, and used for capital improvements, large equipment and furniture purchases and major repairs of property and grounds (above \$500). Costs above \$2,500 also require Board of Deacons approval. Not to be used for smaller, normal operating repairs and maintenance expenses (i.e. those less than \$500), which should be paid for out of the General Fund.
Mercy (fka Kindness) Fund	14,003.59	Fund under the Board of Spiritual Life. Fund used for need-based emergency crisis assistance to St. John's members and their families.
Principal / Debt Paydown	25,000.00	Funds given for and to be used to pay down principal balance on building mortgage or other outstanding external debt. Currently invested in LCEF Congregational Term Notes.
Mission Programs-Undistributed Offerings:		
-Synod	1,696.75	Current Board of Spiritual Life-authorized mission programs for 2021 include Synod Missions, Wokoma (Nigeria), Dr. Jastram (Asia) and Dr. Naumann (South Asia). Wokoma and Naumann undistributed offerings are on hold pending resolution of Synod decision to terminate support for these mission programs.
-Rev. P.A. Richard Wokoma (Nigeria)	3,908.25	
-Rev. Dr. Daniel Jastram (Asia)	1,096.75	
-Rev. Dr. Edward Naumann (South Asia)	1,978.25	
Gifting Fund Balance November 30, 2021	<u>\$ 468,605.94</u>	

Note 1: Various fund balances moved to either the Improvement Fund or the General Fund in September 2021 under a Deacon-approved Fund Restructuring Plan.

**St. John's Lutheran School
School Endowment Fund (Vanguard Investments)
Year-to-Date November 2021**

School Endowment Fund Balance July 1, 2021	\$ 273,634.68
Individual Contributions-Fiscal Year-to-Date (Includes \$35,000 from single donor)	36,300.00
2020 Gala and Golf Tournament Net Proceeds From School	27,069.09
Additional Gala and Golf Tournament Proceeds from School	15,000.00
Mark-to-Market Adjustments: Increase (Decrease) in Value of Investments	<u>(1,437.26)</u>
School Endowment Fund Balance November 30, 2021	<u><u>\$ 350,566.51</u></u>



Christmas Memories

The school kids would start practicing before Thanksgiving for the Christmas Eve program. The Sunday School kids would practice on Saturdays. Christmas Eve service was held at 8:00 p.m. because everyone farmed and the milking needed to get done.

The four older grades sat on one side of the church and the four younger grades sat on the other side. The service would be done between 9:00 and 9:30 p.m. On the way out the kids would all receive a paper bag of goodies that would include such things as peanuts, an apple or orange, pencils, and candy canes.

*~ Harold Schmidt,
Great Grandson of Ludwig Schmidt*

Marlys has beautiful memories of St. John's Christmas programs. "I walked down the choir balcony steps singing 'From Heaven Above to Earth I Come.'" She was in eighth grade at the time. Her mom made her angel costume and Marlys fondly remembers being photographed in it. "Imagine, a professional photographer!" Preparations for the program were special as moms were busy sewing costumes and baking treats. It was all very special as families worked together getting ready for this celebration of our Savior's birth. Truly elaborate.

*~ Marlys Kothrade,
Granddaughter of Fredrick & Louise Tiemann*

My best Christmas memory is of my grandmother, Anna Stieg, singing Stille Nacht in German. I grew up in a very German farm family- it was very traditional. Today our family would be considered an extended family, led by my Grandma Anna, my mom and dad, sister and an unmarried uncle.

Grandma was born in Germany in 1872,

emigrated in 1885 at the age of 13 with her mother and two other siblings landing in Boston. While here she met and married Gottfried Stieg in 1890. They raised 9 children – attending St. John's church and school. Jan and I live on the same farm. The original house and farm buildings are still here. We have the original deed dated 1861.

We had a very traditional German Christmas day, getting up at 6 am, going to the barn to milk a herd of 30 cows and to feed and water the cows and horses. Going to church - the first service was in German. There were many German Pastor names, like Fackler, Pfothenauer, etc. We also attended the Christmas Eve program. After which each child was given a gift bag of goodies.

Back at home, the Christmas tree was lit with wax candles attached to the tree with clips, as we did not have electricity.

Today, the thing I miss the most about Christmas is my Grandma Anna singing Silent Night (Stille Nacht) in German. I still get that "hollow" feeling at Christmas, missing my German Grandma sitting there in her rocking chair and quietly singing Stille Nacht.

*~ Dennis Stieg,
Grandson of Gottfried and Anna Stieg*

The Altar Guild was established on September 15, 1976. One of the things the Altar Guild undertook in 1979 was the creation of the Chrismons, which are gold and white beaded ornaments done in twenty one different designs. The ornaments were constructed by members of the Altar Guild and the congregation. The project was started in August, 1979 and was completed by Christmas and the cost was approximately \$200. The group met twice a month in the evening to assemble the ornaments. Even the school children and Vacation Bible School attendees crafted some of the easier ones. The Chrismons adorned the two Christmas trees in the sanctuary for many years.

*~ Caroline Schaefer,
Great Granddaughter of George Rudolph Schaefer*

These articles are part of the preservation of St. John's history. We will be printing some of these memories in future newsletters. If you have a special memory, please submit it to the History Committee.

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~LIFE NOTES~

"Friend of Jesus, no matter what painful or wonderful endings you marked in the past year, please watch for the early signs of new beginnings. Seize them as opportunities for you and God to develop together. Think about what the Bible teaches about life, appreciate God's love for you, gather up bits and pieces of experience, and put them in a file named 'lessons learned.' Then keep it handy." Jason Nelson, Time of Grace - A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life www.lutheransforlife.org



JANUARY BIRTHDAYS AT ST. JOHN'S

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 JoAnn Manthel Marissa Radintz Danny Schilling
2 Larry Dalchow Tyler Gehl Kayla Graving	3 Erika Beck Hannah Costello	4 Isaiah Beck Cathy Besel Sawyer Dolan Karen MacMillan	5	6 Lorinda Ims Micah Sumstad	7	8 Joel Johnson Lauren Swiggum
9 Emmy Haag	10 Jade Nelson Louis Thomford Andrew Windsperger Stacie Windsperger	11	12 Rocky Johnson Bob Radintz	13 David Day Tristan Provo Scott Say	14	15 David Undblad Thomas Schutte
16 Jack Ashland Nate Herman Joseph Radintz Megan Stewart	17 Cory Olson	18 Reece Fish Thomas Wood	19	20 James Gapen Oliver Hoffer Reinhold Meyer Cilla Nadeau Brian Pruhs Peggy Purdes	21 Madelyn Schmidt	22 Cindy Cook Anita Cornelius
23 Katja Kroll	24	25 Mason Brastad	26 Amy Christophersen Jadyn Essig	27 Ryan Fish	28 Dana Christophersen Thomas Cook Maddy Gangelhoff Suzanne Haag Amy Peterson Derek Rosso Stephanie Thompson	29 Tanya Brown Megan Brynjulfsen Tom Cook Emily Giefer
30 Al Berge Randy Goerke Elaine Zarradna	31 Jake Bredenberg					





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*Monthly events are subject to change

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
2 8:00 am Divine Service [individual glasses] 9:30 am Adult Bible Study 9:30 am Sunday School 10:30 am Divine Service [cc]	3 School Resumes 5:00 pm Fellowship Committee Meeting Pr. Johnson Day Off	4 9:00 am Adult Bible Study 6:00 pm Adult Volleyball Open Gym	5 6:00 pm Catechism (Public School Students)	6 Deacons Reports Due 7:00 pm Epiphany Div Svc 8:00 pm Epiphany Wine & Cheese Reception	7 8:10 am Chapel Pr. Moss Day Off	8 10:00 am Usher Training 12:00 pm Youth Group Whirly Ball Maple Grove
9 8:00 am Divine Service [cc] 9:30 am Adult Bible Study 9:30 am Sunday School 10:30 am Divine Service [individual glasses]	10 Pr. Johnson Day Off	11 9:00 am Adult Bible Study 6:00 pm Adult Volleyball Open Gym	12 6:00 pm Catechism (Public School Students)	13 9:30 am Pastors Circuit Winkel 7:00 pm Deacons Council Meeting	14 8:10 am Chapel Pr. Moss Day Off	15 10:00 am History Committee Meeting
16 8:00 am Divine Service [individual glasses] 9:30 am Adult Bible Study 9:30 am Sunday School 10:30 am Divine Service [cc]	17 No School - MLK Day Pr. Johnson Day Off	18 9:00 am Adult Bible Study 6:00 pm Adult Volleyball Open Gym 7:00 pm Board Meetings	19 6:00 pm Catechism (Public School Students)	20 FEB NWSLTR DEADLINE	21 8:10 am Chapel Pr. Moss Day Off	22 9:30 am Circuit Meeting
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Divine Services Live-Streamed on Sundays at 8:00 am
Sunday Divine Service 10:30 am



THE SERVICE OF INDIVIDUAL CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION
is available this month by appointment only. Take advantage of this opportunity to hear
God's Word of forgiveness spoken to you individually in Jesus' Name.

"If we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive us our sins and cleanse us
from all unrighteousness." (1 John 1:9)

LAST ONE OUT, PLEASE REMEMBER TO LOCK THE DOORS, PICK UP AFTER YOURSELVES.

THANKS FOR YOUR HELP!