

2022 Annual Report

St. John's Lutheran Church
Fogelsville, PA



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).

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ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING PRAYERS

We look ahead to the road we will travel together this year. We anticipate and receive with joy the new gifts God's love has planned. We pray for the grace to let go of what has served its holy purpose. When we are trailblazers or followers, when we are seekers or visionaries, when we must walk by faith and not by sight, we remember:

God has called us for such a time as this.

And so we pray: Grace our meeting, O God, with the gift of your Holy Spirit: the Spirit who has guided the church from the beginning, the Spirit of our risen Lord Jesus, the Spirit who sends us as healers and restorers of your beloved world. You are the source of our life together. You are the rock and cornerstone.

You have called us for such a time as this.

**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.**



PASTOR'S REPORT

Dear St. John's Members,

From March 2020 to December 2022, worship services have been streamed through Facebook Live due to the pandemic. We've returned, slowly and safely, to in-person worship in the church's sanctuary and continued streaming the worship services.

The return of members to in-house worship services in the sanctuary has been, in the words of the Psalmist, "*I was glad when they said to me, 'Let us go to the house of the LORD.'*" Below is my annual pastor's report.

Worship

Sanctuary & Facebook Live Worship Services & Midweek Morning Prayers - 109

Hospital & Home Visitations & Pastoral Care

Hospital & Home Visitation & Pastoral Care & Support - 98

The following homebound members have been visited throughout the year. In addition to sharing Holy Communion and the impositions of ashes, they've received the Sunday School Children's Thanksgiving goodie bags and the Ladies Aid Christmas goodie bags.

Linnie Person	Jean George	James Hersh	Marjorie Rossi
Rosa Ortiz	Debra Knudson	Barry Heintzelman	Mary Ann Spengler

Catechetical Students Confirmed

Isaac Jackovitz	Pentecost Sunday, June 5, 2022
Abbie Luipersbeck	Pentecost Sunday, June 5, 2022
Cassidy Snyder	Pentecost Sunday, June 5, 2022

Funeral Services (*Non-members)

Tara L. Martinez*	February 19, 2022 (d. February 12, 2022)
Kelvin M. Sori Fung*	March 19, 2022 (d. March 8, 2022)
Wanda M. Rutman*	March 19, 2022 (d. March 11, 2022)
Linnie M. Person	March 21, 2022 (d. March 16, 2022)
Beatrice V. Bartha*	April 10, 2022 (d. April 4, 2022)
Alice M. Menarde	July 15, 2022 (d. July 9, 2022)
Helga B. Howard	July 19, 2022 (d. June 7, 2022)
Shirley M. Rohrbach*	July 20, 2022 (d. July 14, 2022)
Alice Lutterschmidt*	July 22, 2022 (d. July 16, 2022)
Roy R. Grube*	July 30, 2022 (d. July 24, 2022)
Theresa Riemer	August 5, 2022 (d. July 4, 2022)
Corato "Rocky" DePinto	August 22, 2022 (d. August 16, 2022)
Kathryn "Kitty" M. Stauffer*	December 2, 2022 (d. November 27, 2022)

Baptisms

Savannah Lebeduik	April 3, 2022
Matthew James Tosh, Jr.	August 21, 2022
Chance Daniel Mensch	August 28, 2022

Weddings

Daphne Moyer & Eric Feinour	July 16, 2022
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First Holy Communion

Kyler Schmidt	Maundy Thursday, April 14, 2022
Anna Seyler	Maundy Thursday, April 14, 2022
Avery Seyler	Maundy Thursday, April 14, 2022

Meetings & Events - 148

Lehigh Mission District Dean Meetings - 47

See you in church,
The Rev. Nelson Quiñones, Pastor

CONGREGATION COUNCIL – PRESIDENT’S REPORT

Greetings, let’s review some highlights from 2022:

We completed 54+ in-house and virtual church services throughout 2022. We completed ‘Ashes to Go’ on Ash Wednesday with Holy Week services. On Easter we held 2 services. We’ve had consistent Midweek prayer virtual services since May 2020. We hosted the Memorial Day service at our cemetery. We completed a confirmation service, new member services, weddings, funerals, first communion, baptisms, Thanksgiving Eve, Christmas Eve services x2, Christmas Day and New Year’s Day services. Together, we celebrated new lives and mourned the loss of many family members and friends that have gone on to heaven before us.

The Cinnamon Bun Bake Sale returned in April. We hosted our first post pandemic coffee hour on June 5th. We assisted with organizing and completing Joint (UCC) outdoor services.

We hosted and served 6 Community Free Dinners: 1/21 (chili), 3/18 (pot pie), 5/21 (meatball sandwiches), 7/15 (sausage sandwiches), 9/16 (ham dinner) and 11/11 (turkey BBQ).

We hosted the Halloween Hot Dog and treat stand. Craft Night returned and was a blast. St. Nick visited our annual Christmas Party, and we co-hosted the Community Christmas Tree Lighting. The Basket Social and Bake Sale continue. Boscov’s Day! The Thanksgiving sides!

We tithed 10% to ‘in-need families’ from church funding events. 5% of our 2021 Endowment Fund interest was donated to the Fogelsville Fire Co. We donate regularly to the Food Banks at Christ Church at Lowhill, Parkland CARES, Second Harvest and St. Paul’s. We have given almost 200 lbs of food to St. Paul’s Food Pantry and Parkland CARES. At our annual Christmas Ingathering and Angel Tree we donated items and money to the Rescue Mission, Turning Point, Good Shepherd in Bethlehem, the Topton Home. In addition, we donate to the Northeast PA Synod, Lutheran Congregational Services, Lehigh County Conference of Churches, and Our Daily Bread Ministries.

We remain strong as a church family and have continued to carry on God’s mission in the community. We gather weekly and pray and sing together. We are blessed with many traditions and life gifts, the ability to share our gifts, and spread the Gospel. We invite you to make it your New Year’s resolution and come to church weekly. Join in on as many events as you can. We need your continued presence, support, help and prayers in 2023.

I’ve had a great 3 years being your Council President and want to thank you all for your support and prayers throughout my tenure. Best wishes to Mike Divers as he moves into the Council President’s role.

Respectfully Submitted,
Carla Malantonio
Council President, 2020-2022

Congregational Meeting Minutes – January 30, 2022 (following worship)

Carla Malantonio established a quorum and called the meeting to order.
Pastor Nelson led us in prayer.

A motion was made by Richard Dicus and seconded by Diane Heintzelman to approve the agenda. The motion carried.

A motion was made by Jane White and seconded by Cindy Graf to approve the minutes from the January 31, 2021 congregational meeting. The motion carried.

A motion was made by Neola Geschel and seconded by Jane White to approve the 2021 Financial Report and the Committee Reports/Statements. The motion carried.

A motion was made by Dave Neimeyer and seconded by Donna Kressin to appoint Stanley Tantsits as the Endowment Fund Trustee. The motion carried.

A motion was made by Bob Neumoyer and seconded by Dave Neimeyer for 5% of the Endowment Fund interest to go to a charity (determined by Council) and the balance to go the General fund. The motion carried.

A motion was made by Peggy Kriebel and seconded by Diane Heintzelman for Council to proceed with the drafting of a Sexual Offender Policy. The motion carried.

A motion was made by Richard Dicus and seconded by Diane Heintzelman to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,
Bonnie Kline



Congregational Meeting Minutes – November 13, 2022 (following worship)

The meeting was called to order by Vice President, Mike Divers.

Budget Highlights:

- Budget increase was largely due to increase in oil price
- Lowering temperature in sanctuary to decrease oil use
- Discussion concerning benevolence- what comes in designated on envelopes goes out
- Our church has many other ways to give to the community such as 10% of all fund raisers, community free dinners, hot dog stand, ingathering, etc.

- Lisa Herman brought up the need to transfer \$25,000 from the Laudenslager and Sheppard funds so far this year. At this rate they will be gone in the near future. She brought up Web bill pay from your bank. Funds are taken automatically from your account and a check is sent to the church at no cost to you. This would allow your contribution to be sent if you were there in person or not.

A motion was made by Diane Heintzelman, seconded by Ken Divers, to adopt the 2023 budget. The motion passed.

Addendum- November 20:

Mike Divers continued the meeting with nominations for Church Council. Matthew Kressin and Brad Sell were nominated by Beth Kressin and Curtis White, seconded by Stacey Divers. The motion carried and both were added to the Church Council.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Diane Heintzelman, seconded by Carol Moyer.

Respectfully submitted,
Donna Kressin, Council Secretary

SEXUAL OFFENDER POLICY

St. John's is committed to being a religious community open to those who are in need of worshipping with us, especially in times of distress and serious personal troubles.

The safety of our children (all ages) and adults who attend St. John's is our first priority. This policy will help ensure that everyone attending our church will feel safe when or if a sexual offender is worshipping with us. Secrecy about certain situations with the church may encourage abuse while transparency makes everyone safer. The identity of any person convicted of being a sexual offender will not be kept secret.

Our policy will include such items as: Background checks (who needs to have them), procedures to be in place when sexual offenders are attending services (what they can or cannot participate in, how often can they attend, how they must report in and who will be their escort)

BACKGROUND CHECKS: (background checks must be completed by the following 18 years of age and older but not limited to):

- All paid employees
- Sunday School teachers and helpers
- Vacation Bible School teachers and helpers
- Youth Group volunteers
- Miscellaneous activity volunteers such as egg hunt, Christmas party, Community Free Dinner, Christmas craft night, etc. (any activity where youth under the age of 18 will be attending/helping)

St. John's Lutheran Church has decided that it will allow sexual offenders to only attend worship services with certain restrictions:

- First, the offender's Probation/Parole Officer needs to be contacted to see if there are any restrictions regarding attending services.
- If a victim of the sexual offender attends church services at our church, is a member of the congregation, or is an employee of the congregation, the sexual offender shall not be permitted to attend worship services at St. John's.
- The offender must review our Limited Access Agreement. Sign the agreement that they have read our policy and will abide by it. If the offender refuses to sign our Limited Access Agreement, the offender will not be permitted to attend worship services.

If above restrictions do not prohibit offender participation, the following additional requirements will be implemented and will remain in force in perpetuity:

- The Congregation needs to be made aware that a convicted offender may be attending worship.
- The convicted offender cannot participate in any child or youth program(s).
- The convicted offender can only attend one predetermined service each week and must contact the escort team lead no later than Wednesday before the Sunday they want to attend.
- The convicted offender must report to their assigned escort and will always be accompanied while on church property.

St. John's will develop an escort team {also known as Team} with the current Council President being appointed as Team Lead and several Council members and or congregational members. They will volunteer to be escorts {also known attendant} as needed. The Team Lead will assign an attendant to be with the offender while worshipping on the date the offender requested. The attendant assigned cannot be related in any fashion to the offender. Attendant training will be determined by Council.

St. John's attendant expectations include:

- The offender is never to be left alone.
- The offender should be escorted to the restroom as needed (suggested the bathroom by the sanctuary to be used).
- The attendant is always to arrive before the offender.
- The attendant should sit in the pew behind the offender.
- If attendant cannot attend, they must contact the team lead before the service (if a replacement attendant cannot be assigned, the offender cannot attend worship)
- When offender arrives, they should be greeted with dignity and respect.

The Pastor and President of Council will periodically meet personally with the offender to make sure that they are being treated with dignity and respect while attending worship and to discuss matters of mutual interest and concern. These meetings will also serve as an ongoing review of the offender's compliance with our Limited Access Agreement.

CONGREGATIONAL MEMBERSHIP REPORT

Baptized Membership at the end of 2021:		261
Baptized Members received during 2022:		
a) By Baptism: children (15 yrs. and younger)	3	
b) By Baptism: adults (16 yrs. and older)	0	
c) By Affirmation of Faith	2	
d) By Transfer	6	
e) For other reasons and statistical adjustment	4	
f) Total members received this year	+	15
Baptized Members removed during 2022:		
a) By Death	6	
b) By Transfer	0	
c) For other reasons and statistical adjustment	1	
d) Total members removed this year	-	7
Baptized Membership at the end of 2022:	=	269

Total Confirmed Membership at the end of 2022	205
a) Number of people confirmed in 2022	3

Voting Members	105
(Confirmed members who have <u>record</u> of communion AND contribution within the last 2 years)	

Membership:	Beginning 2022	Beginning 2023
Baptized	261	269
Active/Confirmed	203	205
Associates	6	11
Giving Units	159	163

Your giving statements for 2022 have been mailed out. The last Sunday of the year was December 25th. If you mailed an envelope/check and it was not received by December 31, 2022, it was recorded in January 2023. If you have any questions, please contact the office.

An inactive member is anyone who has not communed and has not contributed within 2 years. It is important that each confirmed member fill out at least 1 communion card a year and submit recordable income to remain in active, voting status. We typically reach out to inactive members on a yearly basis and then adjust our membership list. We hope that in the future they will contact us when they are again ready to become involved in their church through worship, communing, contributing, and hopefully volunteering. As always, the door is open for them, and we pray that they will come and worship with us again.

Due to COVID-19 we began recording communion based on in-house attendance.
PLEASE MAKE SURE YOU SIGN-IN WHEN YOU ATTEND CHURCH.

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Expenses					
Benevolence					
5.01.00.00	<i>Benevolence Expense</i>				
5.01.01.00	NEPA Synod	6,204.06	6,415.92	5,850.00	565.92
5.01.02.00	Lutheran Congregational Services	1,981.85	2,049.54	1,800.00	249.54
5.01.02.02	Christmas _Ingathering	50.00	150.00		
5.01.03.03	St. Paul's UCC Trexlertown Food Bank	506.00	837.37		
5.01.04.00	Lehigh County Conference of Churches	389.04	445.54	360.00	85.54
5.01.05.00	World _Hunger	345.00	340.00		
5.01.09.00	Our Daily Bread Ministries (firmly RBC)	100.00	100.00	100.00	0.00
5.01.13.00	Second _Harvest Food Bank	543.00	242.25		
5.01.13.01	Christ's Church at Lowhill _Food Pantry	740.00	951.43		
5.01.13.02	Parkland CARES Food Pantry	392.00	649.43		
5.01.15.04	Lutheran _Disaster Response	340.00	235.00		
	<i>Total Benevolence Expense</i>	<i>\$11,590.95</i>	<i>\$12,416.48</i>	<i>8,110.00</i>	<i>901.00</i>
	Total Benevolence	\$11,590.95	\$12,416.48	\$8,110.00	\$901.00
Worship					
5.02.01.01	Altar Supplies	378.10	835.70	300.00	535.70
5.02.01.04	Giving Envelopes	427.27	461.66	450.00	11.66
5.02.01.05	Bulletins _	33.96	108.10	150.00	(41.90)
5.02.01.06	Advertising	0.00	0.00	100.00	(100.00)
5.02.01.07	Flowers _	211.50	1,244.77		
	Total Worship	\$1,050.83	\$2,650.23	\$1,000.00	\$405.46
Pastoral					
5.02.02.01	Pastor's Salary	45,428.88	46,791.84	46,792.00	(0.16)
5.02.02.02	Pastor's Housing	22,000.08	22,000.08	22,000.00	0.08
5.02.02.03	Pastor's Social Security	5,585.04	5,698.32	5,698.00	0.32
5.02.02.04	Pastor's Pension, Death & Disability Benefits	10,368.00	10,577.64	10,577.00	0.64
5.02.02.05	Pastor's Health and Dental Benefits	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
5.02.02.09	Pastor's Automobile Expense	99.68	571.55	1,250.00	(678.45)
5.02.02.10	Pastor's Continuing Education	750.00	0.00	750.00	(750.00)
5.02.02.11	Pastor's Professional Expense	125.75	0.00	250.00	(250.00)
5.02.02.16	Supply Pastor	790.88	479.84	1,150.00	(670.16)
	Total Pastoral	\$85,148.31	\$86,119.27	\$88,467.00	(\$2,347.73)
Other Staff					
5.02.03.01	Organist - Director of Music	21,306.00	22,371.36	22,371.00	0.36
5.02.03.02	Supply Organist	250.00	300.00	400.00	(100.00)
5.02.03.13	Sexton	4,304.37	3,673.30	4,689.00	(1,015.70)
5.02.03.14	Administrative Assistant	26,954.74	29,937.97	28,119.00	1,818.97
5.02.03.15	Staff Social Security Expense	4,021.21	4,282.65	4,221.00	61.65
	Total Other Staff	\$56,836.32	\$60,565.28	\$59,800.00	\$765.28
Administrative					
5.02.04.01	Office Supplies	989.40	999.30	1,500.00	(500.70)
5.02.04.02	Subscriptions & Licenses	1,279.95	1,287.95	1,200.00	87.95
5.02.04.03	Miscellaneous Admin. Expense	233.12	412.88	300.00	112.88
5.02.04.04	Postage	715.50	786.80	750.00	36.80
5.02.04.05	Telephone	1,859.72	1,834.22	2,000.00	(165.78)

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5.02.04.06	Internet & Webhosting	623.76	1,291.10	500.00	791.10
5.02.04.07	Synod Assembly & Meetings	443.06	383.00	500.00	(117.00)
5.02.04.08	Payroll & Payroll Tax Preparation	500.00	1,022.94	500.00	522.94
5.02.04.09	Vanco	174.83	178.78	240.00	(61.22)
	Total Administrative	\$6,819.34	\$8,196.97	\$7,490.00	\$706.97
Utilities					
5.02.05.01	Electricity	7,733.18	9,304.44	10,000.00	(695.56)
5.02.05.02	Heating Oil	3,205.13	10,200.69	4,700.00	5,500.69
5.02.05.03	Water	117.44	174.36	150.00	24.36
5.02.05.04	Sewerage	347.78	347.78	400.00	(52.22)
	Total Utilities	\$11,403.53	\$20,027.27	\$15,250.00	\$4,777.27
Maintenance & Repair					
5.02.06.01	Church Building	2,558.86	1,852.31	2,000.00	(147.69)
5.02.06.02	Church Property (Snow removal, etc.)	0.00	0.00	2,000.00	(2,000.00)
5.02.06.03	Cemetery Association	527.50	594.74	600.00	(5.26)
5.02.06.04	Trash Hauling	280.25	289.75	300.00	(10.25)
5.02.06.05	Copier Lease & Maintenance	3,280.16	3,220.96	3,000.00	220.96
5.02.06.06	Other Office Equipment	98.58	837.97	1,000.00	(162.03)
5.02.06.07	Music Services	870.00	1,030.00	1,400.00	(370.00)
5.02.06.08	Paper & Cleaning Supplies	222.15	560.45	750.00	(189.55)
	Total Maintenance & Repair	\$7,837.50	\$8,386.18	\$11,050.00	(\$2,663.82)
Teaching Ministry					
5.02.07.01	Sunday School	837.62	915.44	1,200.00	(284.56)
5.02.07.02	Vacation Bible School	0.00	0.00	400.00	(400.00)
5.02.07.04	Confirmation	272.09	53.10	300.00	(246.90)
	Total Teaching Ministry	\$1,109.71	\$968.54	\$1,900.00	(\$931.46)
Other Ministries					
5.02.08.01	Evangelism & Social Ministry	18.21	(428.99)	550.00	(978.99)
5.02.08.02	Stewardship	0.00	0.00	300.00	(300.00)
5.02.08.03	Worship & Music	410.28	435.71	700.00	(264.29)
	Total Other Ministries	\$428.49	\$6.72	\$1,550.00	(\$1,543.28)
Insurance					
5.02.09.01	Property Insurance	4,521.03	4,441.97	4,380.00	61.97
5.02.09.02	Worker's Compensation Insurance	718.50	644.50	635.00	9.50
	Total Insurance	\$5,239.53	\$5,086.47	\$5,015.00	\$71.47
Food Cards					
5.02.10.01	Food Cards SOLD	0.00	(5,450.00)		
5.02.10.02	Food Cards Purchased from Vendors	0.00	2,660.00		
	Total Food Cards	\$0.00	(\$2,790.00)		
Miscellaneous					
5.02.99.99	Food Card Profit Transfers	85.00	136.25		
	Total Miscellaneous	\$85.00	\$136.25		
	Total Expenses	\$187,549.51	\$201,769.66	\$199,632.00	\$141.16

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Income					
<i>4.01.00.00</i>	<i>Benevolence</i>				
4.01.01.00	Envelope Benevolence	8,626.75	8,098.00	8,110.00	(12.00)
4.01.02.00	World Hunger	345.00	340.00		
4.01.04.00	Souper Bowl Offering	0.00	149.94		
4.01.05.02	Food Bank Collections & Designations	2,091.00	711.00		
4.01.06.01	Harvest Home Display Items	175.00	150.00		
4.01.06.02	Adult SS Collections for Food Banks	0.00	533.00		
4.01.07.04	Lutheran Disaster Response	340.00	167.50		
4.01.07.12	Ukraine	0.00	67.50		
4.01.11.00	Christmas Ingathering	50.00	150.00		
4.01.18.00	Joint services loose plate collection	0.00	225.00		
4.01.26.00	CFD donations to be distributed to Food Banks	0.00	991.29		
	<i>Total Benevolence</i>	<i>\$11,627.75</i>	<i>\$11,583.23</i>	<i>8,110.00</i>	<i>(12.00)</i>
<i>4.02.00.00</i>	<i>Current</i>				
4.02.01.00	Envelope Current	128,873.41	132,800.05	191,522.00	(58,721.95)
4.02.02.00	Plate	5,707.00	4,396.10		
4.02.03.00	Special Envelopes	3,641.00	4,106.00		
4.02.04.00	Initial Envelopes	140.00	190.00		
	<i>Total Current</i>	<i>\$138,361.41</i>	<i>\$141,492.15</i>	<i>191,522.00</i>	<i>(58,721.95)</i>
<i>4.03.00.00</i>	<i>Other Contributions</i>				
4.00.13.20	Theresa Riemer Memorials	0.00	570.00		
4.00.14.20	Alice Menarde Memorials	0.00	2,295.00		
4.03.01.00	Facility Income	180.00	660.00		
4.03.02.00	Flowers	338.50	1,140.04		
4.03.03.00	Bulletins	0.00	60.00		
4.03.05.00	Thrivent CHOICE receipts	34.00	467.00		
4.03.10.00	Interest Income	4.52	2.72		
4.03.15.01	Donation from Ladies Aid (Fellowship Hall Door)	0.00	5,500.00		
4.03.16.00	Endowment Earnings Received (% to tithe)	4,537.74	4,578.42		
4.03.18.00	AmazonSmile Donations	87.57	107.93		
	<i>Total Other Contributions</i>	<i>\$5,182.33</i>	<i>\$15,381.11</i>		
		\$155,171.49	\$168,456.49	\$199,632.00	(\$58,733.95)
4.04.50.00	Sheppard Bequest Fund transfer (general expenses)	10,000.00	15,000.00		
4.04.60.00	Laudenslager Bquest Fd transfer (general expenses)	10,000.00	15,000.00		
4.05.00.00	Capital Gains or (Losses) General	0.00	0.07		
4.07.00.00	Miscellaneous General Fund	0.00	1,000.00		
	Total Income	\$175,171.49	\$199,456.56	\$199,632.00	(\$58,733.95)
	Difference	<u>(\$12,378.02)</u>	<u>(\$2,313.10)</u>	<u>\$0.00</u>	

St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church - Fogelsville PA
Consolidated Fund Activity Report as of 12/31/2022

Account #	Account Name	Beg Balance	Receipts	Disbursements	Transfers/JE's	End Balance
3.00.00.00	General Fund Balance	5,986.77	199,456.56	201,769.66	(300.00)	3,373.67
3.10.00.00	Contingency Fund Balance (Current Expense Reserve)	74.35	8.46	0.00	0.00	82.81
3.20.00.00	Building Fund Balance	32,670.44	5,263.00	16,104.00	0.00	21,829.44
3.30.00.00	Youth Group Balance	1,255.18	500.00	0.00	0.00	1,755.18
3.41.00.00	Restoration Fund Balance (formerly Bell Tower)	6,922.28	3,996.25	1,000.00	0.00	9,918.53
3.50.00.00	Sheppard Fund Balance (Current Expense Reserve)	68,501.65	1,380.21	15,120.00	0.00	54,761.86
3.60.00.00	Laudenslager Fnd Balance (Current Expense Reserve)	66,520.85	1,383.47	15,120.00	0.00	52,784.32
3.70.00.00	Grace Perry Scholarship Balance	3,815.00	150.00	0.00	0.00	3,965.00
3.80.00.00	Emergency Shelter Relief Fund Balance	516.70	0.00	0.00	0.00	516.70
Total		<u>\$186,263.22</u>	<u>\$212,137.95</u>	<u>\$249,113.66</u>	<u>(\$300.00)</u>	<u>\$148,987.51</u>

St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church - Fogelsville PA
Balance Sheet as of December 31, 2022

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Account #	Account Name	YTD Balance	Previous Year Balance	Amount Diff YTD Balance
Assets				
Wells Fargo Accounts				
	Total Wells Fargo Accounts	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
1.01.01.00	General Checking-Embassy	3,202.18	11,159.57	(7,957.39)
1.10.01.00	Savings Acct-Embassy (Cntgcy/Bldg/Bell/Yth/Perry)	37,830.41	44,505.95	(6,675.54)
	Total Embassy Accounts	\$41,032.59	\$55,665.52	(\$14,632.93)
1.11.00.00	Investment in Food Card Program	1,400.00	1,700.00	(300.00)
Sheppard Bequest Fund Accounts				
1.50.01.00	Western Asset Govt Money Market Fund Class A	14,438.59	26,624.97	(12,186.38)
1.50.02.00	GNMA PL#003067MDTD 04/01/2001 6% MATY 04/20/2031	322.36	417.38	(95.02)
1.50.03.00	GNMA PL#003187MDTD 01/01/2002 6% MATY 01/20/2032	135.67	169.48	(33.81)
1.50.04.00	GINNIE MAE SER 2003-81 CLASS B 5.5% MATY 09/2033	3,968.19	4,972.62	(1,004.43)
1.50.10.00	GNMA REMIC TRUST 2013-06 BE 3% MATY 1/20/2043	33,342.15	33,342.15	0.00
1.50.12.00	GNMA POOL MA1149 DTD 12/19/14 3% MATY 07/20/2043	2,554.90	2,975.05	(420.15)
	Total Sheppard Bequest Fund Accounts	\$54,761.86	68,501.65	(13,739.79)
Laudenslager Bequest Fund Accounts				
1.60.01.00	Western Asset Government Money Mkt Fund Class A	7,743.15	21,007.00	(13,263.85)
1.60.12.00	GNMA_REMIC TRUST 2013-06 BE 3% MATY 1/20/2043	42,166.93	42,166.93	0.00
1.60.14.00	GNMA PL MA1149 DTD 12/19/14 3% MATY 07/20/2043	2,874.24	3,346.92	(472.68)
	Total Laudenslager Bequest Fund Accounts	\$52,784.32	66,520.85	(13,736.53)
	Total Assets	<u>\$149,978.77</u>	<u>\$192,388.02</u>	<u>(\$42,409.25)</u>

St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church - Fogelsville PA
Balance Sheet as of December 31, 2022

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Account #	Account Name	YTD Balance	Previous Year Balance	Amount Diff YTD
Liabilities				
2.00.00.00	Accounts Payable/Vendors	0.00	85.00	(85.00)
2.02.00.00	Payroll Taxes Payable			
2.02.01.00	Federal Taxes Payable	0.00	2,080.82	(2,080.82)
2.02.02.00	State Taxes Payable	0.00	320.39	(320.39)
2.02.03.00	Local Taxes Payable EIT	0.00	284.08	(284.08)
2.02.03.01	Local Taxes Payable LST	0.00	26.12	(26.12)
	<i>Total Payroll Taxes Payable</i>	<i>\$0.00</i>	<i>2,711.41</i>	<i>(2,711.41)</i>
2.03.00.00	Other Liabilities			
2.03.03.00	Due to Food Card Program-Sales	0.00	3,400.00	(3,400.00)
2.03.04.00	Due from Food Card Program-Purchases from Vendors	0.00	(1,235.00)	1,235.00
2.03.05.00	Contributions to Community Free Dinners	991.26	1,163.39	(172.13)
	<i>Total Other Liabilities</i>	<i>\$991.26</i>	<i>3,328.39</i>	<i>(2,337.13)</i>
	Total Liabilities	\$991.26	\$6,124.80	(\$5,133.54)
Fund Balances				
3.00.00.00	General Fund Balance	3,373.67	5,986.77	(2,613.10)
3.10.00.00	Contingency Fund Balance (Current Expense Reserve)	82.81	74.35	8.46
3.20.00.00	Building Fund Balance	21,829.44	32,670.44	(10,841.00)
3.30.00.00	Youth Group Balance	1,755.18	1,255.18	500.00
3.41.00.00	Restoration Fund Balance (formerly Bell Tower)	9,918.53	6,922.28	2,996.25
3.50.00.00	Sheppard Fund Balance (Current Expense Reserve)	54,761.86	68,501.65	(13,739.79)
3.60.00.00	Laudenslager Fnd Balance (Current Expense Reserve)	52,784.32	66,520.85	(13,736.53)
3.70.00.00	Grace Perry Scholarship Balance	3,965.00	3,815.00	150.00
3.80.00.00	Emergency Shelter Relief Fund Balance	516.70	516.70	0.00
	Total Fund Balances	\$148,987.51	\$186,263.22	(\$37,275.71)
	Total Liabilities and Fund Balances	<u>\$149,978.77</u>	<u>\$192,388.02</u>	<u>(\$42,409.25)</u>



St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church

Fogelsville, PA

Approved 2023 Budget

		ADPOTED 2022 BUDGET	ADPOTED 2023 BUDGET
BENEVOLENCE			
	Northeast PA Synod	5,850.00	5,119.00
	Lutheran Congregational Services	1,800.00	1,635.00
	Lehigh County Conference of Churches	360.00	356.00
	Our Daily Bread Ministries	100.00	100.00
TOTAL BENEVOLENCE		\$8,110.00	\$7,210.00
CONGREGATIONAL MINISTRY			
WORSHIP			
	Altar Supplies	300.00	300.00
	Envelopes	450.00	450.00
	Bulletins	150.00	150.00
	Advertising	100.00	0.00
TOTAL WORSHIP SUPPLIES		\$1,000.00	\$900.00
PASTORAL			
	Pastor's Salary	68,791.72	70,195.47
	Pastor's Housing (included in Salary)		
	Social Security	5,698.28	5,814.53
	Pension, Disability and Death Benefit	10,577.00	10,413.00
	Health and Dental Benefit	Waived	Waived
	Pastor's Continuing Education	750.00	750.00
	Pastor's Professional Expense	250.00	250.00
	Pastor's Automobile Expense		
	Reimbursement	1,250.00	1,250.00
	Supply Pastor	1,150.00	1,150.00
TOTAL PASTORAL MINISTRY		\$88,467.00	\$89,823.00
OTHER STAFF			
	Organist - Director of Music	22,371.30	23,490.00
	Supply Organist	400.00	400.00
	Sexton	4,689.00	4,476.00
	Administrative Assistant	28,119.00	29,380.00
	Social Security	4,221.00	4,387.00
TOTAL OTHER STAFF		\$59,800.30	\$62,133.00
ADMINISTRATIVE			
	Office Supplies	1,500.00	1,000.00
	Subscriptions and Licenses	1,200.00	1,200.00
	Miscellaneous	300.00	100.00
	Postage	750.00	750.00
	Telephone	2,000.00	2,000.00
	Internet Access	500.00	750.00
	Synod Convention/Meetings	500.00	1,650.00
	Payroll Tax Preparation	500.00	1,000.00
	Vanco/Simply Giving	240.00	240.00
	Church Staff Gifts	----	\$400.00
	Web Hosting	----	\$300.00
TOTAL ADMINISTRATIVE		\$7,490.00	\$9,390.00

St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church
Fogelsville, PA

Approved 2023 Budget

			ADPOTED 2022 BUDGET	ADPOTED 2023 BUDGET
		UTILITIES		
		Electricity	10,000.00	10,000.00
		Oil	4,700.00	7,480.00
		Water	150.00	200.00
		Sewerage	400.00	400.00
		TOTAL UTILITIES	\$15,250.00	\$18,080.00
		MAINTENANCE & REPAIR		
		Church Building	2,000.00	1,500.00
		Church Property	2,000.00	500.00
		Cemetery Association	600.00	600.00
		Trash	300.00	300.00
		Copier Lease and Maintenance	3,000.00	2,700.00
		Other Church Equipment	1,000.00	100.00
		Music Services	1,400.00	1,000.00
		Paper & Cleaning Supplies	750.00	500.00
		TOTAL MAINTENANCE & REPAIR	\$11,050.00	\$7,200.00
		TEACHING MINISTRY		
		Sunday School	1,200.00	1,200.00
		Vacation Bible School	400.00	400.00
		Confirmation	300.00	200.00
		TOTAL TEACHING MINISTRY	\$1,900.00	\$1,800.00
		OTHER MINISTRIES		
		Evangelism & Social Ministry	550.00	550.00
		Stewardship and Council Retreats	300.00	100.00
		Worship & Music	700.00	600.00
		TOTAL OTHER MINISTRY EXPENDITURES	\$1,550.00	\$1,250.00
		INSURANCE		
		Property Insurance	4,380.00	4,484.00
		Worker's Compensation	635.00	650.00
		TOTAL INSURANCE EXPENSE	\$5,015.00	\$5,134.00
		Total Congregational Ministry Expenditures	\$191,522.30	\$195,710.00
		Total Expenditures (includes Benevolence)	\$199,632.30	\$202,920.00

FINANCIAL STATEMENT
St. John's Lutheran Church Choir
Fogelsville, PA

Balance on Hand	December 31, 2021	\$3,980.83
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RECEIPTS:

Holiday Party	\$345.00
Thanksgiving Sides	1,697.00
Interest	<u>0.12</u>

Total Receipts	<u>\$2,042.12</u>
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Sub-Total	\$6,022.95
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EXPENSES:

Picnic	\$54.00
Holiday Party	861.84
Thanksgiving Sides	445.90
Donations	300.00
Christmas Decorating & Gifts	221.34
Misc. – Deluxe Checks	<u>37.04</u>

Total Expenses	<u>\$1,920.12</u>
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Balance on Hand	December 31, 2022	<u>\$4,102.83</u>
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Balance on Hand Held as Follows:

Truist Bank	
Checking Account	\$2,780.50
Savings Account	<u>1,322.33</u>
	<u>\$4,102.83</u>



ENDOWMENT FUND
ST. JOHN'S EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH
FOGELSVILLE, PA

FINANCIAL STATEMENT		December 31, 2022		
ASSETS		Total	604-203154 Non-Managed	604-090413 Managed
Current Assets:				
CASH		\$0.00	\$0.00	-
MORGAN STANLEY BANK, N.A. M/MKT FUNDS	0.01% M/MKT RATE	2,504.04	2,504.04	-
MORGAN STANLEY PREFERRED SAVINGS	0.05% PRFD RATE	-	-	-
US TREASURY NOTE 1.75% Matures 5/15/2023	1.75% NOTE	14,327.97	14,327.97	-
GNMA 414770X, 6.50%, Matures 10/15/2025	6.50% BOND	245.60	245.60	-
GNMA 421749X, 6.50%, Matures 8/15/2026	6.50% BOND	162.19	162.19	-
GNMA POOL MA0981, 2.50%, Matures 5/20/2028	2.50% BOND	1,337.38	1,337.38	-
GNMA POOL MA3912, 2.50%, Matures 9/20/2031	2.50% BOND	2,333.49	2,333.49	-
GNMA 003160M, 6.00%, Matures 11/20/2031	6.00% BOND	133.90	133.90	-
GNMA POOL 597767, 5.00%, Matures 3/15/2033	5.00% BOND	3,287.96	3,287.96	-
GNMA SERIES 2009-47 CLASS LT, 5.00%, Matures 06/20/2039	5.00% BOND	14,842.35	14,842.35	-
GNMA POOL MA0311, 3.00%, Matures 8/20/2042	3.00% BOND	2,054.66	2,054.66	-
GNMA REMIC TRUST 2020-062, 2.00%, Matures 5/20/2050	2.00% BOND	-	-	-
MORGAN STANLEY SALT LAKE CITY UT 3.10% CD Matures 08/4/2023	3.10% CD	17,000.00	17,000.00	-
MORGAN STANLEY ADVISORY ACCT 604-090413	Current Market Value	141,779.30	-	141,779.30
(Endowment Fund Principal of \$159,091.35 Invested in Managed Acct.)				
TOTAL ASSETS		\$200,008.84	\$58,229.54	\$141,779.30
LIABILITIES & EQUITY				
Liabilities:		\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Equity:				
Beginning Endowment Fund Principal from 12/31/2021		\$219,990.97	\$61,450.67	\$158,540.30
Less: Prior Year Net Earnings Transferred to Church Account		(4,819.39)	(4,819.39)	-
Morgan Stanley Equity Transfers (From Non-Managed to Managed)		0.00	(3,543.11)	3,543.11
Morgan Stanley Equity Transfers (From Managed to Non-Managed)		0.00	2,992.06	(2,992.06)
Plus: Current Year Memorial Fund Contributions (Person, Riemer, Howard & Menarde)		625.00	625.00	-
Net Endowment Fund Principal		215,796.58	56,705.23	159,091.35
MS ADVISORY ACCT 604-090413 Change in Value		(21,656.43)	-	(21,656.43)
Current Year Net Earnings		5,868.69	1,524.31	4,344.38
TOTAL EQUITY		\$200,008.84	\$58,229.54	\$141,779.30
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY		\$200,008.84	\$58,229.54	\$141,779.30
INCOME STATEMENT		December 31, 2022		
Endowment Fund Earnings:				
Money Market Interest		\$0.34	\$0.34	-
Preferred Savings Interest		0.00	0.00	-
United States Treasury Note Interest		262.50	262.50	-
Certificate of Deposit Interest		168.54	168.54	-
GNMA Bond Interest		1,213.54	1,213.54	-
MORGAN STANLEY ADVISORY ACCT 604-090413 Earnings		6,072.06	-	6,072.06
Total Endowment Fund Earnings		\$7,716.98	\$1,644.92	\$6,072.06
Less: GNMA Current Face Value Adjustments		(0.61)	(0.61)	-
Less: MS Account Fees		(120.00)	(120.00)	-
MORGAN STANLEY ADVISORY ACCT 604-090413 Fees		(1,727.68)	-	(1,727.68)
Net Endowment Fund Earnings		\$5,868.69	\$1,524.31	\$4,344.38

St. John Endowment Fund
Managed Fund Account Analysis

		Managed Account	
	2021	Invested Principal	
6/24/21	Transfer of Principal from Existing Non-Managed Account	\$ 110,489.27	
6/27/21	Memorial Deposit	\$ 150.00	
7/22/21	Transfer of Principal from Existing Non-Managed Account	\$ 2,530.78	
8/24/21	Transfer of Principal from Existing Non-Managed Account	\$ 4,473.31	
8/27/21	Memorial Deposit	\$ 100.00	
9/24/21	Transfer of Principal from Existing Non-Managed Account	\$ 8,279.40	
10/24/21	Transfer of Principal from Existing Non-Managed Account	\$ 3,510.34	
11/22/21	Memorial Deposit	\$ 50.00	
12/24/21	Transfer of Principal from Existing Non-Managed Account	\$ 27,328.96	
(A)	Total Managed Fund Principal Invested in 2021	\$ 156,912.06	
	2022		
1/19/22	Transfer of Principal from Existing Non-Managed Account	\$ 2,411.23	
4/18/22	Transfer of Principal from Existing Non-Managed Account	\$ 1,131.88	
2/3/22	Transfer of Principal Back To Existing Non-Managed Account	\$ (1,363.82)	
	(Total Transfer of \$2,992.06 less earnings of \$1,628.24 = \$1,363.82 principal)		
(B)	Total Managed Fund Principal Invested in 2022	\$ 2,179.29	
(A + B)	Total Managed Fund Principal Invested @ 12/31/22	\$ 159,091.35	
	Current Market Value of Managed Fund Account @ 12/31/22	\$ 141,779.30	
	Net Change in Value of Managed Account (Gain/(Loss))	\$ (17,312.05)	
ACCOUNT BALANCES VERIFIED (Signature and date):			
Stan Tanski 01/05/2023			

The mission of the St. John Endowment Fund Committee is to preserve and protect the donations made to the St. John's Endowment Fund and to prudently invest those funds in order to generate income to help support the mission of the church.

Financial Statement
St. John's Lutheran Church Ladies Aid
Fogelsville, PA

Balance as of January 1, 2022			\$9,881.59
RECEIPTS:			
Bake sale	\$3337.00		
Pines Dinner Theater	\$1450.00		
Pines Dinner Theater	\$1480.00		
Basket Social	\$420.00		
Basket Social	\$6380.00		
Pines dinner Theater	\$1140.00		
Interest income	<u>\$2.03</u>		
		Total Receipts	\$24,090.62
EXPENSES:			
Donation- needy family	\$250.00		
Shut-ins	\$113.00		
Bake Sale expenses	\$1103.85		
Endowment donation	\$200.00		
Pines Dinner Theater	\$3480.00		
Stove Repair	\$524.70		
Donation to St. Johns	\$5500.00		
Master Supply	\$105.48		
Zilca	\$652.85		
Conformation coffee hour	\$65.64		
Basket Social BBQ	\$56.54		
Fair Linens for altar	\$700.00		
Basket Social cash	\$420.00		
Food card	\$100.00		
Donation to needy family	\$471.25		
Christmas party supplies	<u>\$149.35</u>		
		Total expenses	\$13,892.66
Balance on hand as of December 31, 2022			\$10,197.96
Certificate of Deposit Embassy Bank			\$2,073.00
Total			\$12,271.49

STEWARDSHIP – COMMUNITY FREE DINNERS

Community Free Dinner Coordinators Dave Neimeyer and Bob Neumoyer along with St. John sponsors and volunteers continued to host the 2022 Community Free Dinner program here at St. John's. The dinners were offered on the third Friday of January, March, May, July, and September, with the final dinner for 2023 in November being offered on the second Friday of the month! All dinners were held as drive-through take out meals. Thank you to Fogelsville Fire Police volunteer Jeff Eisenhard for safely assisting guest vehicles into our parking lot for food pick-up. We will continue to serve our guests from 5:00 – 7:00 PM or until all dinners have been distributed.

The January dinner was held on Friday, Jan 21st and sponsored by Dave Neimeyer. We handed out about 130 drive-through meals, each receiving take-out bags containing a pint containers of home-made chili, fresh dinner rolls, carrots and celery sticks, bags of chips, applesauce, and a brownie. Most helpers took home some meals for themselves or neighbors. By Sunday morning only a handful of meals were left in the refrigerator for parishioners at our 10:30 Am service.

Our Second Community Free Dinner was sponsored and hosted by the St. John's Ladies Aid on Friday March 18th. The table fare included Chicken Pot Pie, Cole Slaw, apple sauce, roll and dessert. We served 150 guests.

In May, the dinner was sponsored by the St. John's Adult Sunday School Class. We served 196 dinners of meat balls, a sub roll from Sam's bakery, macaroni salad, chips, and lemon squares to our visitors and volunteers. May dinner guests donated \$193.00 that was returned to our Community Free Dinner fund for future dinners. Thank you to Christine Snyder for expediting the supply donations from U-Line. These supplies will serve our dinners for months to come!

St. John's Church Council sponsored our July take-out dinner. The meal included sausage sandwiches, steak roll, chips, applesauce and dessert, served until 6:00 PM when all food given out. We served 182 guests. After expenses \$217.00 from guest donations was given back to the church and the Community Free Dinner fund.

September's dinner was hosted by Becky & Bob Neumoyer. 93 large ham slices were purchased from Thompsons Meat market. Since these slicers were huge, we cut them in half for this dinner. The remaining slices were packed and frozen to be used in the beginning of 2023 for a future ham & string bean Community Free Dinner. We started the evening delivery early as cars started to line up at 4:00 PM. By 5:00 PM we had already given out over 40 dinners! Clean-up started a little after 6:00 PM. Another successful dinner, having served 183 guests. We received \$185.00 from visitor donations that was donated back to our Community Free Dinner fund.

Our November Turkey BBQ take-out dinner was sponsored by Sharon and Bob Snyder. Volunteers arrived around 1:00 PM and throughout the day to mix and prepare the mashed potatoes, cut & box the pumpkin pie, bag rolls, heat the BBQ and corn in electric cookers and prepare the take-out boxes & bags. Driving rain & wind could not slow

down our outside volunteers that were donned in rain gear, armed with umbrellas to transport our dinners to 191 guests. After expenses \$110.00 was donated back to our C.F. dinner fund.

As November was our final Community Free Dinner of 2022, the volunteers held a short information meeting. It was suggested we donate ½ of all donations collected from the 2022 season year evenly among our 3 local food pantries. The balance of donations will be retained in our church fund for 2023 supplies. The 2023 take-out /drive through community dinner will begin in January and continue every other month through November 2022. All dates will be the 3rd Friday of the month with the expectation of November which will be the 2nd Friday of that month. Time will remain the same: 5:00 – 7:00 PM until all meals have been distributed.

2022 CFD balance in December was \$1,982.55:

\$991.26 was left to begin 2023

\$330.43 was donated to St. Paul's UCC Food Pantry

\$330.43 was donated to Christ Church at Lowhill Food Pantry

\$330.43 was donated to Parkland CARES



Respectfully submitted,
Bob & Becky Neumoyer, Dave Neimeyer

LADIES AID

Our ladies had another busy year. We had a planning meeting Tuesday, Feb. 15th and planned activities for the year.

We hosted one Community Free Dinner in March and assisted at all the other CFD for the year.

March was a busy month since we also house cleaned the church and decluttered. Things accumulated during the Pandemic!

In April we held our Cinnamon Bun bake sale and June hosted a coffee hour for our confirmands. We managed to gather groups for 3 Pines Dinner shows in June, Oct. & Dec. It was great to be able to gather for an evening of good food, fun and fellowship!

In August we started assembling baskets for the basket social and continued through most of Sept. Our basket social was organized with the help of all Ladies Aid members and support from the congregation. This was our most successful fundraiser of the year! Thank you to everyone who sponsored baskets, donated, solicited businesses, helped assemble and set up! We could not do it without your support! We are looking for new helpers and a new coordinator for 2023! Please consider volunteering!

In September, Jeanette Holtzhafer & Carol Moyer set up the Harvest Home display and sold the produce, by donation. Those donations were distributed to the local food banks. In October the ladies participated in Boscov's Friends Helping Friends sale.

In November we assisted the Choir with their Thanksgiving Sides sale. We sold 342 lbs of filling, 32 quarts bacon dressing & 77 quarts applesauce.

In December we participated in the Lehigh Mission District Christmas Ingathering and provided Angel Tree gifts for 40 residents of Good Shepherd Home Bethlehem & 5 gifts for children at Topton Home. Special thanks to Karen Smith for preparing the angels and to Jeannette Fuhrman & Carol Moyer for packing and delivering the Angel Tree gifts to St. John's Lutheran Emmaus on Ingathering day. Also special thanks to Pastor Nelson for delivering items to Turning Point & Allentown Rescue Mission.

Also in December we were able to resume our congregational Christmas Party & Christmas tree lighting outside the church with Pastor dedicating the tree with prayers and Beth Stottmeister leading the Christmas Carols. We gathered in the Fellowship Hall for a covered dish social and a visit from Santa. Children were given a goodie bag and Pastor delivered goodie bags to our shut-ins as well. The shut-ins enjoy the goodie bags as much as the children and reminds them that they are missed and not forgotten.

All in all, a very fulfilling year. Through your support we have raised funds to benefit St. John's, LMD Ingathering, families in need and various local charities including food banks and Lily's Hope. Thank you for your support.

On a sad note, we lost 4 very active Ladies Aid members: Helga Howard, Alice Menarde, Nancy Neely and Theresa Reimer. We miss them but have fond memories. Rest well my true and faithful servants.

Please consider joining us as our group needs to grow to continue these ministries.

God's blessings!
Carol Moyer, President



MUSIC NOTES

Let Your Light Shine!

“This little light of mine, I’m gonna let it Shine”... sung year-round by Sunday schoolers, is especially appropriate in the season of Epiphany. As the hymn suggests, St. John’s children in grades pre-K-grade 6 have been enthusiastically shining their little lights learning new songs each Sunday morning (Sunday School Music Class) and performing in church each month since September! Playing bells, rhythm-reading and singing songs of God’s creation, while preparing for the annual Christmas musical, “Share the Good News”, was their musical learning experience. For the first time, our very youngest voices, youth, confirmands, and one very gifted young adult singer prepared various vocal solos as part of the annual Christmas program on 12/11. I may add, and no assistance from the senior choir!!!

In October, confirmands of St. John’s Lutheran and St. John’s UCC churches gathered for a special music class which Dave Roth and I lead: “The Importance of Music in Worship”. Musical liturgy, hymns, and instrumental solo pieces were studied, along with why and how the music leader’s work is vital to the service of worship.

During the autumn, the UCC parish joined us and sang with our senior choir for the anthem and worship on Thanksgiving Eve, at St. John’s Lutheran. Again, an annual outdoor worship also combined our choirs for singing outdoor church followed by annual picnic in September.

During summer months, we had two special guest musicians - soloist Rebeka Schleifer, and oboe player Rachel Holton, adding their delightful musical contribution at that time.

Ladies Aid hosted the tree-lighting/Christmas party and meal, complete with Santa’s visit, at which I personally performed jazzy holiday piano tunes and conducted the carol-sing-a-long.

The senior choir, our St. John’s choir, provided weekly anthems and will continue singing, inviting singers of any adult age to join rehearsals on Thursday evenings at 7:00 pm.

The choir and Sunday Schoolers will next sing together on 2/5, for a special worship service which will also include a “contemporary hymn sing” for the congregation. Modern Christian songs as well as a few older favorites will be sung in addition to regular hymns of the day.

Let your light continue to shine!

Thank you all and God’s blessings for a joyous, musical 2023!

Beth C. Stottmeister
Director of Music, St. John’s

SENIOR CHOIR

Our choral director Beth Stottmeister, a true blessing, has led us to provide a spiritual experience to the congregation and to instill fellowship, community, and the love of a church family.

We again were joined by St. Jon's UCC for a picnic, Thanksgiving Eve service, and a tree lighting on the community park. Helga Howard and Alice Menarde have joined the heavenly choir; their presence and wit is missed by all. David Crooker and Jane White are on sabbatical; hopefully they will return shortly. We welcome Carla Malantonio back from her extended leave.

An invitation is extended to all who wish to join us either on a regular basis or to help for special music. Our rehearsals are held on Thursday evening at 7:00 p.m. and, if needed, Sunday morning at 10:00 a.m.

Neola C. Geschel, President

PROPERTY & FACILITIES

Listed below are items I worked on throughout the year:

I tested the smoke detectors and installed 2 ten-year smoke detectors.

I installed a smoke detector monitor from Church Mutual.

I tested the emergency lighting system monthly.

Did a walk through with the township fire inspector.

I did some repairs to the women restroom downstairs.

We also had air conditioning repairs in the church sanctuary completed by M.A. Yeakel Sons and a new door in the Fellowship Hall installed by A.B.E. Doors & Windows.

I want to thank David Neimeyer and David Newhard for their assistance this year.

I want to thank the entire congregation for their trust and support.

Submitted by Curtis White

ALTAR GUILD

Members: Neola Geschel & Peggy Kriebel

God is with us 24/7. Looking for people willing to give back to him a few minutes preparing His house for worship. Most can be done Sunday morning before the service. If interested, please speak to me now or at any time throughout the year.

Because of the pandemic we had to make some changes to our regular worship and communion practices. When church re-opened for in-house services, we began using prepackaged communion cups with wafer and grape juice. We returned to bread and wine in September of this year. A gluten-free option is also always available.

Altar flower and seasonal flower order sign-up continues. We thank all who still sponsored flowers and made arrangements for pick-up, or donation to shut-in members.

Peggy Kriebel

SUNDAY SCHOOL/CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Hard to believe another Sunday school year passed so quickly. We continued our joint class with all age groups from nursery through sixth grade. We used SPARK rotational which the children really seemed to enjoy. They love being fully engaged and having fun while learning about God. We did our traditional two homebound projects in Spring and Fall with Pastor blessing them before making his deliveries. Our Music Director, Beth continues teaching the children Sunday morning, too. She prepared another wonderful Christmas program and the children sing about once a month during worship. We invite any children ages 3-12 to join us Sunday morning at 9 am in Fellowship Hall. We also have confirmation and adult classes available.

Your teachers in Christ,
Cindy Graf
Jess Jackovitz
Beth Furman
Beth Kressin



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Cindy Graf
Matt Kressin

Carla Malantonio
Carol Moyer
Brad Sell
Curtis White
Jane White

MINISTRY TEAMS/COMMITTEES

(Meet as Announced)

Christian Education/Sunday School –

Council Contacts: Carla Malantonio
& Cindy Graf

Team Ministry/Staff Support –

Council Contacts: Donna Kressin & Ken Divers
Contact: Christine Snyder

Ladies Aid –

Council Contact: Carol Moyer

Worship & Music –

Council Contacts: Pastor Nelson, Neola Geschel
& Carol Moyer
Contacts: Beth Stottmeister & Peggy Kriebel

Youth Ministries –

Council Contact: Pastor Nelson

Stewardship –

Council Contact: Ken Divers

Finance –

Council Contact: Lisa Herman

Property –

Council Contacts: Mike Herman
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Contact: Dave Newhard

Endowment –

Council Contact:

Evangelism –

Council Contact: Mike Divers

Wellness –

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OUTSIDE ORGANIZATIONS:

Cub Scouts - *none currently meeting*

Girl Scouts - *none currently meeting*

AA Big Book - Andrea Smith

(610-366-7766)

meets Wednesday at 7:30 PM

ACTIVITIES:

Acolyte/Crucifer Training – Pr. Nelson

Altar Guild – Peggy Kriebel

Food Card Sales – Dave Neimeyer

Lehigh Mission District Representative – Carol Moyer

Maintenance of Hymn Boards – Peggy Kriebel

Maintenance of Outside Sign – Cindy Graf, Rich Ludwig-Dicus

Nursery Roll – Nancy Hoffman

Publicity – Cindy Graf

Food Bank/Pantry Delivery – Dave Neimeyer

Sr. Choir – Beth Stottmeister

Sr. Citizen Birthday Cards – Linda Gery

Thrivent Representatives – Carol Moyer, Sarah Romig, Jen Rosko

Vacation Bible School – Sharon Snyder, Bob Neumoyer

Worship Volunteer Scheduling – Linda Gery

EVENTS:

Attic Treasure Sale (May, every other year) – Carla Malantonio, coordinator

Bake Sale (April) – sponsored by Ladies Aid

Basket Social (September/October) – sponsored by Ladies Aid

Christmas Craft Night (November) – Rich & Jeff Ludwig-Dicus, coordinators

Christmas Pageant/Cantata/Program (December) – Beth Stottmeister

Christmas Party (December) – sponsored by Ladies Aid

Christmas Caroling (December) – sponsored by Choir

Community Christmas Tree Lighting (December) – sponsored by Worship & Music

Community Free Dinners (every other month) – Bob & Becky Neumoyer, Dave Neimeyer

Congregational Picnic (September) – sponsored by Congregation Council

Easter Egg Hunt (March/April) – sponsored by Sunday School

Father's Day Brunch (June) – sponsored by Ladies Aid

Halloween Hot Dog Stand (October) – sponsored by Evangelism

Homemade Thanksgiving Sides Sale (November) – sponsored by Choir

LMD Ingathering (November) – sponsored by Ladies Aid

Mother's/Father's Day Gifts – sponsored by Sunday School

Mother/Daughter Banquet (May) – sponsored by Ladies Aid

Rally Day (September) – sponsored by Sunday School

Souper Bowl Sunday (February) – sponsored by Youth Group

Vacation Bible School (Summer, usually July) – sponsored by Christian Education

Youth Group (as announced)