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THE EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH IN AMERICA

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A CONGREGATION OF
THE EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH IN NAMIBIA

2011 ANNUAL REPORT

FEBRUARY 5, 2012

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2011 CONGREGATION COUNCIL AND OFFICERS OF THE CONGREGATION

President				Glen Stewart
Vice President				Marcus Dobberfuhl
Secretary				Sandy Lilley
Treasurer				Daniel Mulloy
Financial Secretary				Rick Adamson and Ric Waechter
Church Council Members				
Rick Adamson	Mary Bullock	Marcus Dobberfuhl	Dave Grant	
Sandy Lilley	Gail Malone	Dave Muller	Justin Odell	
Sue Richards	Barbara Ross	Glen Stewart	Karl Yunghans	

CHURCH STAFF

Pastor	The Rev. Mark P. Bruesehoff
Minister of Music	Julia L. Henrich
Church Secretary	Donna J. Yerger
Custodian	Robert Gannon

STANDING COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS AND OTHER LEADERS

Christian Education	Sue Richards
Evangelism	Rick Adamson
Finance	Justin Odell
Property	Marcus Dobberfuhl, Dave Muller, and Karl Yunghans
Social Ministry	Ellen Muller and Barbara Piston
Staff Support	Rick Adamson
Stewardship	Dave Grant
Worship	Judith Bailey
Scheduler	Kelly Mulloy
Synod Assembly Lay Voting Members	Rick Adamson and Karl Yunghans
Ecumenical Council Delegates	Sue Baker, Barbara Deaney, and Elaine Wilson

OFFICERS OF THE WOMEN OF THE ELCA (WELCA)

President	Mary Grant
Vice President	Wendy Kern
Secretary/Treasurer	Susy Wilkins

ST. JOHN LUTHERAN CHURCH
OCEAN CITY, NEW JERSEY
ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING
SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 5, 2012

SCHEDULE

8:00 AM Spoken Service of Communion

9:00 AM Christian Education for all ages

9:05 AM St. John 101

10:30 AM Sung Service of Communion

Noon Lunch

12:45 PM Congregational Meeting

2:00 PM Adjournment

AGENDA

1. Meeting called to order by Glen Stewart, Council President
2. Opening Prayer
3. Report of the Teller (quorum present)
4. Adoption of the Agenda
5. Remarks by Congregation Council President, Glen Stewart
6. Approval of the Minutes, January 30, 2011
7. Report of the Nominating Committee (Page 6)
8. Balloting
9. Report of The Reverend Mark P. Bruesehoff
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MINUTES OF THE 2011 ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

January 30, 2011

Council Members Present: Harold Ford, Glen Stewart, Gail Malone, Dan Mulloy, Sue Richards, Justin Odell, Lisa Lopez, Sandy Lilley, David Muller and Marcus Dobberfuhl

Council President Harold Ford called the meeting to order at 12:55 with opening devotions by Pastor Mark. Teller, Ric Waechter reported that a quorum was present. A motion was made by Marcus Dobberfuhl and second by Harold Ford to adopt the agenda, it was approved.

Remarks by the President Harold Ford commented on the commitment, hard work and dedication of all the Council members during the last year and thanked the continued support of the congregation members. A motion was made by Charles Dutch and seconded by Ron Gifford to approve the Minutes of the 2010 Annual Congregational Meeting. The report of the Nominating Committee was given. The congregation was advised of the names and the ballots. Ballots were distributed and a vote was taken. A request was made by Harold Ford to hold all motions to approve until the conclusion of all reports had been made.

Report of the Treasurer

2011 Proposed Spending Plan

Report of the Pastor

Report of the Minister of Music

Report of the Church Secretary

Report of the Council President

Report of the Voting Members to 2010 Synod Assembly

Report of the Standing Committees

Reports of Organizations and other Reports



A motion was made by Bob Ellis and seconded by Barbara Ross to accept all of the reports. Approved unanimously.

Report of Election

Ric Waechter reported on the results of the balloting. Dave Grant was elected to a two-year term. Justin Odell was re-elected to a three-year term. Rick Adamson, Mary Bullock and Barbara Ross were elected as new members of the Congregation Council, each to serve a three-year term. Elected to serve on the nominating committee for a term of one year was Harold Ford, Lisa Lopez, Rich Deaney, Kelly Mulloy, Leigh Batastini, and Burt Wilkins

Old Business

Several members commented on issues brought before the Council regarding the use of the church for outside groups, estate giving, fundraising, and increasing the attendance for both services and to have periodic open meetings for the congregation to attend. The issues were commented on by several Congregation members and Council advised that they will be discussed in length at future council meetings.

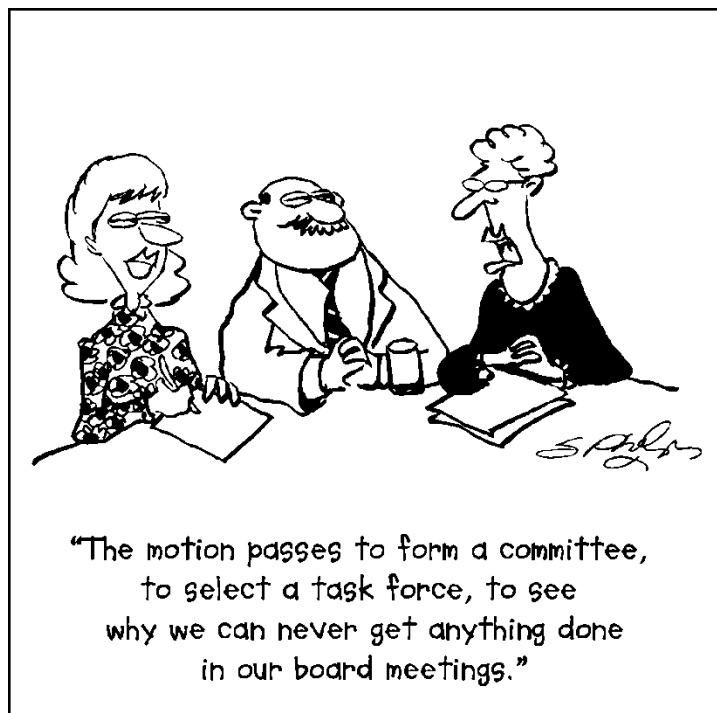
New Business

It was suggested that we create a call list for members that have not been to church in the last 12 months and have a committee or group call to make contact with these members. Also, to keep in touch better with our active members and be more caring like a family should be. Harold Ford thanked everyone again for all of their efforts and especially Pastor Mark for his leadership, time and guidance. A motion was made by Bob Ellis and second by Ron Gifford to adjourn the meeting. It was approved. Pastor Mark led the Closing Devotions and the meeting was adjourned at 1:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Gail Malone

Congregational Council Secretary



REPORT OF THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE

This committee's task is to seek out individuals to serve on Council to replace those persons leaving council and to replace the current members of the Nominating Committee. Care is taken to try to have a balance of males and females on Council and the Committee, as well as a fairly even balance of early and late service-goers.

Completing terms in February 2012, not eligible for re-election
None

Completing terms in February 2012, eligible for re-election
Marcus Dobberfuhr, Sandy Lilley, and Dave Muller

Completing terms in February 2013, not eligible for re-election
Sue Richards, Glen Stewart, Dave Grant

Completing terms in February 2013, eligible for re-election
Karl Yunghans

Completing terms in February 2014, not eligible for re-election
Justin Odell

Completing terms in February 2014, eligible for re-election
Rick Adamson and Mary Bullock

Marcus Dobberfuhr, Sandy Lilley, and Dave Muller have completed three-year terms, are eligible for, and have agreed to run for re-election.

Barbara Ross has completed one year of a three-year term and is stepping down.

Gail Malone resigned in 2011. Her term is up February 2012.

The following people have agreed to serve on Council if elected.

Marcus Dobberfuhr for a three-year term (to 2015)

Sandy Lilley for a three-year term (to 2015)

Dave Muller for a three-year term (to 2015)

Julia Henrich for a three-year term (to 2015)

Katrina Caine for a two-year term (to 2014)

Nominations for the 2012 Nominating Committee are:

Bruce Rahn
Jen Pfander
Fred Prange
Ivan Bailey
Daniel Mulloy



NOMINATIONS

Submitted by:

The 2011 Nominating Committee

Harold Ford, Lisa Lopez, Rich Deaney, Kelly Mulloy, Leigh Batastini, Burt Wilkins

PASTOR'S REPORT

SAY AMEN, SOMEBODY!

Psalm 1 begins: BLESSED ARE THOSE...

C. S. Lewis wrote in an essay on the Psalms: "Readers [praising] their favorite poet, walkers praising the countryside, players praising their favorite games, praise of weather, wines, colleges, children, flowers, rare beetles, even politicians or scholars." Cranky, unhappy people don't praise much of anything. "Praise almost seems to be inner health made audible" C. S. Lewis, Reflections on the Psalms.

For the psalmist, faith originates in praise and affirmation. If our walk with God doesn't start with praise, it doesn't end with praise. And "Amen" means "affirmation."

Psalm 1 begins with such an Amen with the affirmation, "Blessed are those...." Most people are desperate for affirmation in their lives. This Church needs to reclaim its own affirmative tradition, its "Amen" heritage. Whatever happened to the practice of proclaiming "Amen" at the sound of some good news? It's NOT: a couple of "AMENS" and a "THANKS BE TO GOD" and worship is over, we are out the door!

In order to shout an Amen, we've got to start offering up on a regular basis some positive statements worthy of earning an "Amen." It's time to get critical of criticism! Don't tell me what's wrong, make it right! Instead of dropping a not-so-subtle hint on the back of your unsigned attendance card, why not say "YES" to WHAT God has made you and WHERE God has put you and HOW God has intended to put you to good use! Can YOU do that?

Say "Yes" to God! Say "Amen!"

What do you say if I tell you God is good?

SAY YES! SAY AMEN!

What do you say if I tell you God is hope?

SAY YES! SAY AMEN!

What do you say if I tell you God is joy?

SAY YES! SAY AMEN!

What do you say if I tell you God is grace?

SAY YES! SAY AMEN!

What do you say if I tell you Jesus is love?

SAY YES! SAY AMEN!



Amen!

What do you say if I tell you the Spirit is power?

SAY YES! SAY AMEN!

What do you say if I tell you YOU are the Church?

SAY YES! SAY AMEN!

Say **YES** to... Worship, Christian Education, Daily Devotion, Prayer, Financial Support, Social Ministry, Property Concerns, The Music Program, Vacation Bible School, WELCA, Stewardship, Evangelism...

Say **YES** to the Mission and Ministry of YOUR Church!

And all God's children say...

AMEN!



THE WORK OF THE CHURCH

Services conducted (Other than funerals and weddings)	123
Sermons prepared, preached and printed	59
Baptisms (conducted at St. John or participated in elsewhere)	10
Confirmation	2
First Communion	1
Wedding/Renewal of wedding vows (conducted or participated in)	3
Funerals/Committals/Memorial Services	16
Hospital Visits (when the Church office is informed)	4
Nursing Home and Shut-in visits with communion	87
Classes Taught	78
Counseling Sessions (general, marital, grief, etc.)	109
Days involving Cluster, Synod or National Church activities	16
Meetings, marriage and baptism preparations, drop-in visits, other church related activities	134

REPORT OF CHURCH STATISTICS (As of December 2011)

Baptized Members	564
Confirmed Members	380
Associate Members (VIPs)	41

Average weekly attendance **137**

Vacation days (4 weeks/4 Sundays = 28 days)

Used in 2011: 27 days, including 5 Sundays (5th Sunday with Council approval)

Medical Leave Days

Used in 2011: 0 days

Continuing Education Days (7 days per year, accumulative up to three years)

Used in 2011: 0 days

Family Leave Days (as designated by the New Jersey Synod and the ELCA)

Used in 2011: 0 days

2011 IN THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

IN BAPTISM...

"I Was There to Hear Your Borning Cry"



ALEXANDER MARK JOHNSON – January 2

NATALIE JANE JACKSON – March 3

JACKSON THOMAS HUNTER – April 13

LONDON DAVID DUFFY – April 13

WALLACE ROLLAND LONGO III – May 8

LESLIE ANN LONGO – May 8

LILLIAN MARIE BARTOK – May 29

MCKAYLA MARIE MELLNICK – July 17

JACKSON ROGER DAVISH/DARE – July 24

CULLEN WYATT REESE – October 2

"We welcome you into the body of Christ and into the mission we share: join us in giving thanks and praise to God and bearing God's creative and redeeming word to all the world."

IN COMMUNION...

...to hear His Word and share in His supper...

JESSICA CREAMER – December 4

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen us and keep us in His grace.

IN MARRIAGE...

Building a foundation of family and home and seeking the Lord's blessing.

RENE GORE AND VERNON CRUSE – June 18

DEBORAH CHAMBERS AND BART DIGUGLIELMO – June 9

KRISTIN JOHANSSON AND STEVEN DOUGHERTY – July 17

MEGAN WILSON AND JONATHAN MRUZ – October 15



"The Lord God, who created our first parents and established them in marriage, establish and sustain you, that you may find delight in each other and grow in holy love until your life's end."

IN CONFIRMATION, THE AFFIRMATION OF BAPTISM...

"We rejoice that you desire to make public profession of your faith and assume greater responsibility in the life of our Christian community."

June 6

ERIN MCMURRAY

DEVIN MULLOY

"Stir up in them the gift of Your Holy Spirit; confirm their faith, guide their life, empower them in serving, give them patience in suffering, and bring them to everlasting life."

IN THE RESURRECTION CELEBRATION...

"He comforts us in all our sorrows so that we can comfort others in their sorrows with the consolation we ourselves have received from God."

HELEN BUNNELL – February 5

EDWARD ADAMSON – February 7

EMMA CLARK – March 19

FLORENCE JONES – April 13

ARDELL REBHORN – April 23

JOAN MERLINO – May 7

COLEMAN HARRE – May 9

ROBERT BECHER – May 17

EVELYN FARRELL – May 19

ELIZABETH DOWALL – June 7

WILLIAM D'ALESSIO – July 27

FLORENCE ROOT – August 1

KRISTIE CLARKSON – August 26

WENDY CAYLIE – September 15

JOHN LOBHERR – September 30

CRAIG BRADLEY – November 10



"Rest eternal grant them, O Lord; and let light perpetual shine upon them."

GOALS FOR THE CHURCH

From the ELCA's "Strategic Directions for the Churchwide Organization"

Claimed, gathered, and sent by God's grace for the sake of the world,
the members of St. John Lutheran Church will:

Be faithful, welcoming and generous;

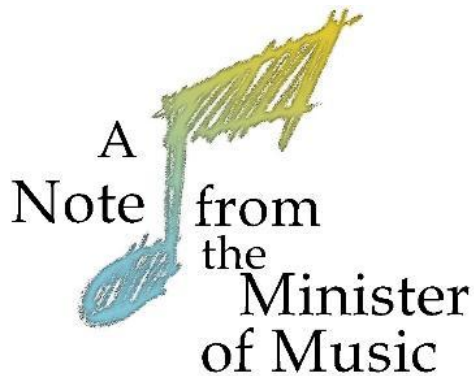
Grow in our evangelical outreach;

Witness boldly to God's love;

Reach out for the sake of God's mission;

Be faithful, wise and courageous in our vocation to serve God's mission in the world.

REPORT OF THE MINISTER OF MUSIC



We have different gifts, according to the grace given us. If a man's gift is prophesying, let him use it in proportion to his faith. If it is serving, let him serve; if it is teaching, let him teach; if it is encouraging, let him encourage; if it is contributing to the needs of others, let him give generously; if it is leadership, let him govern diligently; if it is showing mercy, let him do it cheerfully.

Romans 12:6-8

God wants us to use our talents to their fullest. Talents are a gift from God! Use them, don't bury them. So I extend an invitation to all, to join our choir or bell choir, help with Sunday school or youth group, serve as a lay assistant or on altar guild, attend hymn sings or praise and worship services, join WELCA or Men's prayer group... and yes the list goes on. St. John needs you, and yes I am talking to you, the one reading this right now. You don't need to know how to read music to join choir and you don't need to be a teacher to help lead youth group. You just need to ask the Lord for help and he will guide you. 2011 has been a terrific year. As always, it is a joy to be a part of the St. John family. I believe that 2012 will be even greater. Who knows what surprises await... only God.

Your sister in Christ,

Julia Henrich

REPORT OF THE CHURCH SECRETARY

Over the years, I have tried to make the Church office a warm and welcoming place, but often feel that people don't know what I do or even when I am in the office.

DID YOU KNOW?

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS.

Winter hours (mid-September to mid-June) 9 AM – 3 PM. I can sometimes be found in the office after 3 PM, but my scheduled hours are 9 – 3.

Summer hours (mid-June to mid-September) 9 AM- 1 PM. Since I am a beach lover, I try to leave the office on time. I work Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. I am off on Tuesday.

WEEKLY TASKS INCLUDE (but are not limited to):

- Sending postcards to first-time visitors thanking them for worshipping at St. John and inviting them to return again. Postcards are also sent to the home congregation of any visitor that communed and requested that their home church be notified. Lessons for the following Sunday are sent to the lay assistants; crucifers, ushers, greeters, flower deliverers, counters, and people doing fellowship receive reminders.

- Pastor's printed sermon is posted to the website.
- Both of the Sunday bulletins (early service and late service are two different bulletins) are laid out on Wednesday and printed on Thursday. There is a large-print bulletin printed for every worship service. Children's bulletins, Pastor's sermon, and *HomeTouch* (a devotional page with thought for the week, a prayer and short inspirational message, and an activity page based on the Bible or church life, sent to our homebound and college students) are also printed each week.

PARTIAL LIST OF OTHER TASKS

- Publicity (including press releases and posters) for rummage sales, pancake breakfasts, and Oyster, Ham, Chicken Dinner and other events; print tickets for same
- Registration forms for Sunday School and Vacation Bible School
- Envelopes of all kinds: pew envelopes, additional giving, Mother's Day/Fathers' Day, Advent, Lent, flowers, candle, bulletin,
- Memorial acknowledgements
- *Sea Scrolls* and monthly calendar
- Preparing the Annual Report and parochial report for submission to the Churchwide organization
- Ordering Lenten and Advent materials, ordering office and other supplies (coffee!) flowers
- Congregation communication including email, information about seasonal worship opportunities and devotionals
- Marriage, baptismal, and sponsor certificates
- Take reservations for the Community Thanksgiving Dinner
- Updating the Parish Register
- Adding material to the digital bulletin board
- Provide support to Council and committees



I have complained many times to the Pastor about attendance cards, pew envelopes, and additional giving envelopes being used as scrap paper. It's wasteful. I am pleased to see that someone has done something about this; small memo books are turning up in a lot of the pews. Thank you!

As always, I thank God that *I get to serve* and I thank the congregation and the Council for their support and the opportunity to continue serving.

Respectfully submitted,

Donna Yerger

REPORT OF THE CONGREGATION COUNCIL PRESIDENT



This is my first annual report as president, and I must start by saying how proud I am of our congregation, and how privileged I am to serve as Congregation Council President. Although we are in the midst of some troubling financial times, I am continually impressed at how we have come together and contributed to the work of the church. I am honored to work with a Council that is as committed and thoughtful as ours, and I am grateful to each and every Council member for the gifts of time, energy, and experience they have shared.

Thanks to all the volunteers, including Ushers, Lay Assistants, Crucifers, Altar Guild, flower deliverers, Sunday School teachers, Choir and Bell Choir members, painters, landscapers, carpenters, anyone who has given of their time to help our church. Thanks also to our tireless office secretary Donna Yerger, our gifted Minister of Music Julia Henrich, and our shepherd, Pastor Mark. We are blessed to have a dedicated and talented staff, and such wonderful volunteers.

From the Stations of the Cross walk down the boardwalk, to the beautiful Vespers services during Lent, to the Church Picnic, our Rally Day, the 53rd annual Oyster, Ham or Chicken Dinner, and to the family fun of the Children's Christmas service, 2011 has indeed been a rich and busy year in the life of St. John.

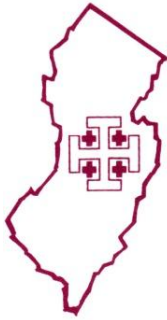
As I reflect back on the past year's activities, I believe it is important to remember our mission statement: *"Rooted in the gospel of Jesus Christ and connected to each other, the congregation of St. John Lutheran Church seeks to equip believers to serve as messengers of the good news."* If we believe in our mission, then we believe our church is a family, connected through the gospel, and sent out with a message. We are all disciples in Christ, called to our own personal and collective church mission. What message do you have for the world? What message do we have as a Church?

As we move ahead to 2012, I believe that through prayer and faith, together we will find the answers to those questions, and we will act on them. May the Lord continue to bless and guide us in the coming year.

Yours in Christ,

Glen Stewart

REPORT OF THE 2011 NEW JERSEY SYNOD ASSEMBLY VOTING MEMBERS



This past May, St. John had the opportunity to provide three voting members to the 2011 NJ Synod Assembly. There were several socio-political issues discussed including a deep care and concern over the health and well being of illegal immigrants (and the question of the possible ordination of same). The discussion continues but the Synod recognizes that the Church cannot breach federal or state laws without being prepared to “stand” at the consequence. This topic and the present and future care of illegal immigrants is an ongoing discussion.

Two other chief discussions were the current world economic difficulties and the impact on the Church and the poor and the Church’s environmental stewardship and responsibility to the planet and all things living. These topics become very personal for all participants for we cannot but help acknowledge our own hand in the waste of resources and even more our own obligation to care for what God has entrusted to us...LIFE!

As always, Judy and Ivan Bailey are to be commended for their ministry at the Synod Assembly and their unswerving dedication to the spirit-filled success of the three-day event! Also our very own Pastor Mark Bruesehoff played a major role in sharing ongoing information concerning our Namibian Companion Ministries during a Ministries Celebration on the final day of the Synod Event! We have been blessed to be able to share and participate in the Mission and Ministry of the Church at large. Let us continue to be the voice of our Congregation in these very important Ministries! Thanks be to God!

Respectfully submitted,

Rick Adamson and Karl Yunghans



STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

REPORT OF THE CHRISTIAN EDUCATION COMMITTEE

Rally Day was Sunday, September 11...

Lots of Food, Fellowship and Fun!!

Special thanks to the "casserole cooks"

Sunday Christian Education began September 25

Sunday school - ages 3-6th grade

Sue Richards 3-4 year olds

Wanda Adamson Kindergarten, Grades 1, 2, and 3

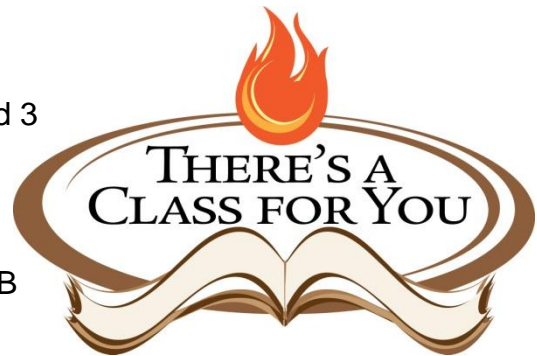
Sonya McElwee Grades 4, 5 and 6

Julia Henrich Music

Confirmation Class 7th and 8th grade with Mrs. B

High School Discussion Class with Pastor Mark

St. John 101 in the lounge



Substitutes

Judith Bailey, Leigh Batastini, Katrina Caine, Heather Lin, Ellen Muller, Kelly Mulloy, Barb Piston, Shona Rutter, April Stafford and John Willcox.

***The Sunday school staff and children missed a very special person in September...Janice Mruz retired after 25+ years of teaching the Good News to SO many children at St. John and chairperson of the Christian Education committee. We have been blessed by her devotedness and cannot thank her enough for being such a faithful, caring, and loving teacher and committee member!

Don't forget...

Wednesday noon Bible study

Thursday morning men's group at 6:30 AM

Leah/Ruth Circle...meets the 4th Tuesday at Noon

If you have any questions about any of our Christian Education opportunities; joining a discussion group, prayer group, study group, Circle, Sunday school, becoming a Committee member, teacher or substitute, please contact Sue Richards, Wanda Adamson, Sonya McElwee, Julia Henrich, Pastor Mark, Mrs. B., or the church office.

Respectfully submitted,

Sue Richards, Liaison to Council

High School Discussion Group

The High School Discussion Group, under the leadership of Pastor Mark, is available to meet every Sunday from 9:00 AM to 10:00 AM. High School age youth interested in conversation on any level are welcome. Since September we have been meeting in the newly decorated Youth Lounge on some occasions and on others we have joined together with St. John 101 to discuss the topic at hand. While the group is small we have exciting conversation on the issues of the world while looking through the eyes of the Biblical context of that particular Sunday's lessons. We will continue to meet either as the High School Discussion Group, or we will join in the discussion of St. John 101.

Vacation Bible School

During the week of June 23 forty-five young people and adults visited **Home Town Nazareth – Where Jesus Was a Kid**. To hear about Jesus' childhood adventures, St. John was transformed into the small village where he grew up. We learned that Jesus had a family and we do too; Jesus had a name and we do too; Jesus had a home and we do too; Jesus went to church and we do too; Jesus served others and we do too. All week, kids and adults were on the look-out for God Sightings, places and situations where God could be seen in action. Each day we added sheep to the pasture and were amazed to see all the ways God is active in our everyday lives. We sang new songs, made new friends, and shared God's love. Faith, fun, and feasting were enjoyed by all. A special thank you goes out to all who helped to make this week possible.

Watch for Vacation Bible School 2012!

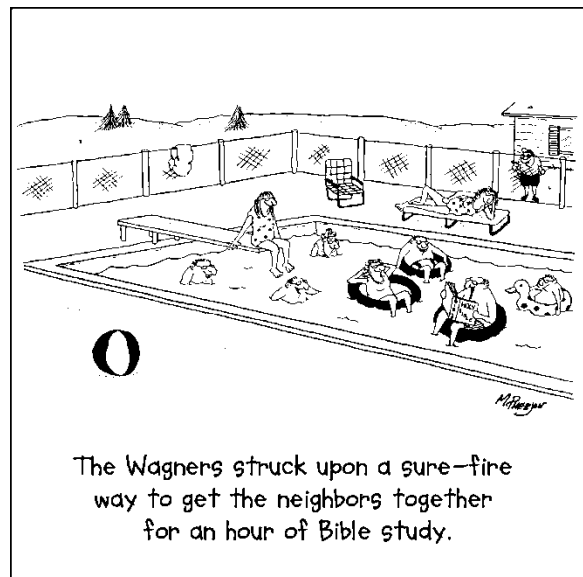
Respectively submitted,

Judith Bailey

St. John 101 (Report, Statement, Question....)

Well that kind of sums it up, doesn't it? We've spent the last year digging into our heritage, pulling bones out of our theological closets and fleshing out what it means to be a Lutheran (past, present and future)! It has become evident that we are "one" but in a very "diverse" way! Conversations centering on cultural history, family traditions, external influences and just good old basic Bible exploration have taken us around the world, through time and back again to discover that we are still the children of God, even though we may all approach it from a slightly different angle (or need...)! The study continues Sunday mornings at 9:05 and we are hoping to expand our "offsite" meetings through the rest of 2012 in the homes of willing "host" families! So join us; ask the question - give the answer! Everyone learns, everyone shares and (hopefully most of all) everyone grows!

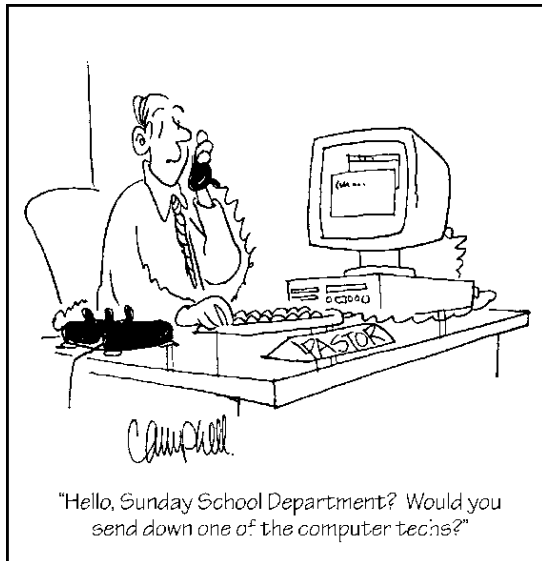
In Christ, *Rick Adamson*



REPORT OF THE EVANGELISM COMMITTEE

To say that we are the children of God here in this place called St. John Lutheran Church, Ocean City New Jersey, and to profess that we desire to share the Gospel with all people as the Body of Christ - is the truth, is our joy and blessing – and it is not enough! That is why the Evangelism and Communication Committees have been focusing our energies on stepping out, opening up, extending our reach into our family and out into our community.

We, as a family, are blessed to include and add new members, newly baptized into the mission and ministries of St. John on an annual (if not regular) basis – this is indeed a joy and part of what Evangelism is all about. But there is more...much more! And that is what our Committees in 2011 have been striving to discover and act upon and exactly what our 2012 emphasis will insist on! Our mission must be “demonstrating” the grace of God, the love of Jesus and the power of the Spirit “to” and “in” our community. With Christ, we must and will live the Gospel to our loved ones, our neighbors, our community and our world! (Let it be so....)!



As part of the Evangelism Committee, our brothers and sisters working on “communications” have been quite active this year! In addition to spreading the word about St. John through various Church publications like Church bulletins, “Sea Scrolls,” and articles in local newspapers, we have been working diligently to improve our online and electronic means of communications.

This year, we have continued to utilize our web site (www.stjohnlutheranoc.org) to promote the activities of the church, post podcasts of Pastor's sermons and choir anthems, and sent

group emails to keep our congregation informed. We believe making all of these online resources available is more than just convenient; it takes advantage of the instant nature of online communication, while saving money in postage, paper and advertising costs. We have increased our outreach through social media; our church Facebook page is popular with the Youth Group and their parents. We hope to continue the online conversation in 2012 as we roll out interactive blogs for St. John 101 and our Men's Prayer Group. All of this to keep the St. John community informed, to promote our church, and spread the good news of the gospel of Christ!

As with all times of great challenge (socio-economic issues including civil unrest, joblessness, political upheaval and world hunger to name a few) there come great opportunities! There is so much that we, as the Body of Christ, can offer this present age. Let us bless and be the blessing to this needy world in 2012! For we know, with God, all things are possible!

Submitted by the Evangelism and Communications Committee

Fellowship Time

One of us alone cannot feed thousands with a few fish and loaves of bread! But with your help we can "feed" our congregation.

Many thanks to the committee members, families, and individuals who have been generous with their time; who come early on Sunday to set up and stay late to clean up. Fellowship time between services has been wonderful! However, we still need volunteers.

- ❖ Preparing coffee and setting up before the 8:00 service.
- ❖ Bringing "goodies" to share.
- ❖ Checking the table to see if anything needs to be filled.
- ❖ Cleaning up after the 10/10:30 service.

A great way to help would be to pair up with someone. If you go to 8:00 service, pair up with a person who goes to 10:30. Please sign up and help "feed" the congregation! Contact Kelly Mulloy or call the church office to get on the schedule.

REPORT OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

Saint John's investment portfolio ending market value as of 12-31-2011 was \$138,719, down 7.06% for the year, up 2.28% since inception. There were net withdrawals for the year of \$15,000.

Much of what was reported in the December issue of Sea Scrolls remains unchanged. 2011 was an extremely volatile year in the markets, things started off on a positive note along with optimism about the US economy. The markets peaked at the end of April and were followed by 5 months of bear market, 20% decline, due to the turmoil with European debt and uncertainty about the US recovery. The market decline became serious, climaxing in early August and establishing a final low in early October. Since then the market has recovered robustly. The S&P 500 ended the year up 2.11%.

The US Market was about the only one to fair well for the year. Ex US Markets were down 11% - 20% for the year. Saint John's has a diversified portfolio with international exposure. This exposure is the main reason for the lagging performance for 2011. The portfolio continues to be on a systematic monthly liquidation of \$3,100 in order to reduce equity exposure and raise cash for expense.

I expected moderate growth to continue in 2012 with continued uncertainty surrounding the European debit crisis; however, I believe they will come to a solution. The US economy appears on better, although unsteady ground. The case for bear (down) market appears to be weak but this could of course change.

God Bless, *Justin Odell*

ATTN: ALL THRIVENT MEMBERS

We have an option to donate some free money to our church. St. John Lutheran Church is listed as an eligible recipient for the "Choice Dollars" program.

Dan Mulloy and Marcus Dobberfuhl signed the church up for this program last year. Please sign on to Thrivent.com or ask Marcus or Pastor about this process.



REPORT OF THE PROPERTY COMMITTEE

The Property Committee has worked diligently over the past year to maintain the building and grounds while keeping in mind our current financial situation. We have focused on implementing cost savings while keeping the standard of good maintenance in place. There are fixed costs which must be maintained for services and repairs but the variable costs have been cut to a minimum thanks to the many volunteers who have stepped up to fill the void.



Karl Yunghans has stepped up to take over the landscaping, free of charge, which had been contracted out, thus saving us \$1,400.00 per year. The prior contractor did bill us \$700.00 for mulch that had already been ordered but that was the only fee paid for landscaping and ground maintenance this year. Thank you Karl, and by the way the grounds look great.

We also incurred a bill for \$1,350.00 from ERCO for installing a new drop ceiling in the Central Avenue hallway. The insulation and new lighting fixture were donated and installed free of charge.

Recently an elderly woman tripped and fell on the 10th Street side of our building. St. John was cited by the town to repair an uneven area of pavement which had been elevated slightly due to tree roots. Jeff Yerger contracted with Smith Brothers to do the repair work in that area and two other smaller sections in need of repair. Jeff oversaw the work which cost \$800.00. The victim's claim is being handled by our insurance carrier.

A toilet on the third floor ladies room malfunctioned and in August we received a large water bill as a result. A new, more efficient, unit was installed free of charge.

We have made arrangements for snow removal on a will-call basis with Mike's Landscaping who also does O.C. Home Bank's parking lot for less than last year's cost.

There are many people who have stepped up and volunteered their time and talents in helping us keep everything in good working order. There are too many names to name but your generosity is truly appreciated by all of us at St John. Also, a quick thanks to Marcus Dobberfuhr for his monthly inspections of building regulations for lighting and fire equipment.

The Property Committee recently met to plan upcoming projects. On the agenda for upcoming projects are: lots of painting, installing a new grab rail on the handrail leading from the fellowship area to the narthex, and improving our lighting system in the garden area outside. Anyone wishing to volunteer is always welcome.

Thanks to John Sheeler for the podium and manger.

Respectfully submitted,

Dave Muller, Karl Yunghans, Marcus Dobberfuhr

REPORT OF THE SOCIAL MINISTRY COMMITTEE

CO-CHAIRS: Ellen Muller and Barbara Piston.

LIAISON: Marcus Dobberfuhl

MEMBERS: Barb and Jim Piston, Ellen Muller, Carol Piechoski, Katharine Giel, Susy Wilkins, Barbara Ross, Mary Bullock, Diane Bethas, Carol Shimer-Young, Bill and Vivian Schroeder.



FUNCTION/MISSION STATEMENT: The Social Ministry Committee helps with the ongoing outreach within the community and the world. This outreach may include educating the congregation on important social issues. We also help by reaching out to other's with our abundance of resources.

EVENTS: Community Thanksgiving Dinner, Angel/Mitten Tree, Mission to Mississippi, *On Eagles Wings*, Mother/Father Days Projects, World Hunger education and projects, purchasing and delivering baskets to some recovering members of our congregation.

CONCERNS: With the re-organization that we accomplished last year, this committee has grown in size and scope. We have a large group of dedicated volunteers and small groups who organize regular yearly projects. They have shown their blessings by a seemingly endless supply of energy.

GOALS FOR 2012: Continue to strengthen our involvement in current projects and ask for new suggestions. We ask that anyone interested in this committee contact Barb, Ellen or I for meeting times. We have some new ideas for continuing the work we started this year, helping to feed all God's children, both in our community and the world.

OTHER COMMENTS: I look forward to working on more projects with this group and additional members as we continue to expand. We offer heartfelt thanks to all the members of this committee and the numerous volunteers of the St. John Church body and the O.C. community for all the support given to our projects for God's family. My special thanks this year to all who helped on the Thanksgiving Day community dinner, which was one of the largest and most diverse I can remember.



SUBMITTED BY: *Marcus Dobberfuhl*

REPORT OF THE STAFF SUPPORT COMMITTEE

Staff Support was developed to faithfully protect the interests of the Church's called, appointed or hired employees. It is also to faithfully ensure that the duties and actions of the called, appointed or hired employees are in keeping with the Congregation's Mission Statement and core beliefs. There have not been any formal interviews or reviews in 2011.

Submitted, Staff Support Committee

REPORT OF THE STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE

NAME: Stewardship

CHAIRPERSON: Rick Adamson

COMMITTEE MEMBERS: Rick Adamson, Dave Grant

COMMITTEE FUNCTION – MISSION STATEMENT: Encourage the congregation to embrace Stewardship both financially and by contributing their time and talents.

SPECIAL EVENTS OR MAJOR ACHIEVEMENTS IN 2011: Introduction of the *Dessert First* Stewardship program.

CONCERNS AS YEAR CLOSES: Ongoing financial situation of St. John.

DIRECTIONS OR GOALS FOR 2012: Continuing the *Dessert First* Stewardship program to include a time and talent program.

OTHER COMMENTS: St. John continues to be a vibrant congregation. Our choir and bell choir continue to flourish under the direction of our Minister of Music, Julia Henrich. Christian Education also continues to flourish. Proceeds from the Rummage sales and the Oyster, Ham, and Chicken Dinner assist local worthwhile agencies. The church once again donated use of the gymnasium to *Waves of Caring* for their Christmas toy drive. WELCA and The Men's Prayer Breakfast Group continue to contribute to the mission of St. John.



SUBMITTED BY: *Dave Grant*

REPORT OF THE WORSHIP COMMITTEE

“Praise the Lord. Praise God in his sanctuary...”



Worship is at the very center of our faith. This is the time when we offer our prayers of adoration and thanksgiving. We repent of our sins and receive God’s free and undeserved Grace. Together we joyfully sing praises to our Savior and Lord, Jesus Christ. We hear God’s word read and preached. At St. John, many people work very hard to make worship meaningful and faith-filled. Planning worship is a team effort led by Pastor Mark. The Worship Committee, Julia Henrich, Sonya McElwee, Lisa Lopez, Mary Bullock, and Judith Bailey, meet regularly to plan services that are uplifting and spirit-filled. Our Sunday services offer two different styles of worship: a spoken service at 8 AM and a sung service at 10:30 AM. The hymnal, *Evangelical Lutheran Worship*, offers many musical settings for our worship. We are truly blessed to appreciate and use the many options given to us by the church.

Advent is always a special time for the choir and congregation. Julia shares her God-given talents with us by writing a cantata to help give extra meaning to the season of waiting and expectation. February was a time to sing a different song to the Lord. With the help of the choir and our musicians, we celebrated with a Praise service. All who worshipped that day were uplifted with enthusiasm and joy!

Many servants are involved each week to bring the celebration of Holy Communion to all. From the church secretary, to the altar guild, ushers, crucifers, choirs, and worship assistants, preparation for worship is a team effort led and encouraged by Pastor Mark. The Word of the Lord preached by Pastor Mark is always uplifting and challenging. Thanks be to God for Pastor Mark! We continue to pray that our faith community will be drawn to worship regularly so that all may be fed to feed others. “Let everything that breathes praise the Lord!”

Respectively submitted,

Judith Bailey

**Ushers, Lay Assistants, Torch Bearers,
Crucifers, Greeters, Flower Delivery**

SCHEDULER: Kelly Mulloy

FUNCTION – MISSION STATEMENT: To make worship services as meaningful as possible; to involve as many people as possible in worship services.



WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

CONCERNS AS YEAR CLOSES: We need ushers, greeters, people to deliver flowers, lay assistants, and crucifers. Ushers are needed for both services, but especially for the 8:00 service. The duties include handing out bulletins, collecting the offering, presenting the gifts and tidying up the pews following worship.

Lay assistants are needed for both services, but again, especially for the 8:00 service. Duties include reading lessons and prayers, and assisting with the distribution of communion. The lay assistant does not have to sing the Kyrie!

Crucifers are needed at both services. Children strong enough to carry the crucifix should sign up.

Greeter and flower delivery has been done by the same person or people in the past. Now you can volunteer to do either one or both. Greeting has become very easy since many of us are having fellowship time before the 10:30 service. Anyone at the 8:00 service could enjoy St. John 101, then greet before the 10:30 service. Flowers need to be delivered after the 10:30 service.

Please contact Kelly Mulloy or the church office to volunteer.

Altar Guild

All who gather for worship at St. John each week are truly blessed to be offered God's abundant grace and forgiveness through the sacrament of Holy Communion. This happens, in part, through the ministry of the folks of the Altar Guild. These servants perform the "behind the scenes" ministry for each worship service. It is important that the paraments are changed according to the liturgical season, the font is made ready for each Baptism, and the altar is set for worship. In summer's heat or winter's cold, the services of Holy Communion require a trip up the street to Katina's which graciously supplies the bread for the Eucharist. On occasion, a ride across the 9th Street Bridge is necessary to pick up the wine that Circle Liquor donates to St. John. We are deeply grateful for their ministry among us.



The members of the Altar Guild commit to serve for one month with one person setting the altar and another cleaning up after worship. There are those who help to change and reset between services. After all is finished on a Sunday morning, another servant takes the linens home to wash and iron. Thanks be to God for this most important service to God and St. John. This offering of the Eucharist each week cannot happen unless there are volunteers to serve. When a call goes out for help, please prayerfully consider becoming part of this very important ministry.

Respectively submitted,

Judith Bailey

ORGANIZATIONS AND OTHER REPORTS

MEMORIAL COMMITTEE

CHAIRPERSON: Sandy Lilley

COMMITTEE FUNCTION – MISSION STATEMENT: The members of St. John Lutheran Church, Ocean City, NJ have an opportunity to provide lasting and memorable recognition, through the establishment and use of designated memorials, perpetually designated memorials or undesignated memorials. These funds will be designated to one of the categories to continue God's work through the various ministries of St. John Lutheran Church.

DIRECTIONS OR GOALS FOR 2012: To have a Memorial Seminar which will explain the memorial options to the congregation of St. John.

OTHER COMMENTS: We need a few volunteers to help format the above seminar.

Submitted by: *Sandy Lilley*

WOMEN OF THE EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH IN AMERICA (WELCA)



Women
of the
**EVANGELICAL
LUTHERAN
CHURCH
IN AMERICA**

COMMITTEE MEMBERS: All women of the church.

COMMITTEE FUNCTION – MISSION STATEMENT: To mobilize women to act boldly on their faith in Jesus Christ.

SPECIAL EVENTS OR MAJOR ACHIEVEMENTS IN 2011: The women's group meets the third Thursday of each month from September through May. Highlights include the annual rummage sales, and the Christmas Bazaar which were again very successful. In November the women brought forth their Thankoffering jars which go to support the Churchwide ELCA Women. Over \$600 was gathered. Also new this year was the cookie walk held in December. Over \$500 was raised to support Waves of Caring and the 1000 Day Initiative. I attended the 24th NJ Women of the ELCA Convention in September and presented the various resolutions at our October meeting. In March we will have the labyrinth which will be available to the congregation.

DIRECTIONS OR GOALS FOR 2012: We would like to see an increase in the number of women attending meetings and participating in various activities. We will host a South Jersey Thankoffering service in May for the NJ Women of the ELCA.

SUBMITTED BY: *Mary Grant*

ST. JOHN LUTHERAN YOUTH ORGANIZATION (LYO) AND NEW JERSEY SYNOD EVENTS

While the larger, more age-diverse group of youth meets at the Church and away for various events and activities, the age-appropriate groups are involved in New Jersey Synod and ELCA youth events. We encourage the youth of the congregation to be involved in Synod-wide and Church-wide youth activities to participate more fully in the life of the Church. We are the Church!

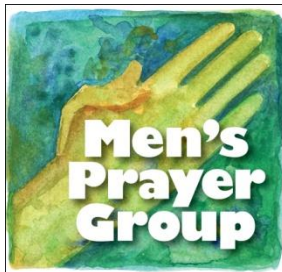
NEW JERSEY SYNOD JUNIOR HIGH RETREAT (Grades 6, 7 & 8) in the fall.

NEW JERSEY SYNOD WINTER YOUTH ASSEMBLY (Grades 9, 10, 11 & 12) in the winter.

CONFERENCE ON CONGREGATIONAL MINISTRIES (Youth Workshops) in the spring.

ELCA NATIONAL YOUTH GATHERING (New Orleans) summer of 2012

MEN'S PRAYER BREAKFAST GROUP



The Men's Prayer Breakfast Group meets each Thursday in the church lounge at 6:30 AM sharing conversation, coffee and "goodies." The morning leads off with prayer, a faith related presentation and ends with the Lord's Prayer. The topic facilitator changes each week along with the focus for discussion.

Our service project, as it has been in the past, was to adopt a local family in need as identified by Waves of Caring. Due to the generous financial help for this project from the congregation we were able to provide a family with financial help! Thanks to all who contributed toward this endeavor!

We went back to our old standby restaurant (Tuckahoe Inn) for the annual group get-together. We relaxed and shared the "Roast Beast" while sharing the Christmas spirit with one another. Come join us, and share in the Lord's Spirit.

Respectfully submitted: *Ivan Bailey*

STITCHES AND SCRIPTURE

Stitches & Scripture is a newly formed group at St John. Stitches & Scriptures combines needle crafting with Bible study. We started in September pairing seasoned knitters with beginners. Our first project was to make a scarf and wash cloth. We started with the basic knitting stitches and are moving on from there. We meet the second Thursday and fourth Monday of each month. Our meeting begins with dinner at 5 PM, followed by a half hour of Bible study, led by Pastor Mark, and then dessert and time to work on our project. In 2012 we will be knitting for a local community charity. We welcome all needle crafters, not just knitters, of all experience levels, to join our group for prayer and fellowship and fun.



Respectfully submitted, *Barbara Ross*

REPORT OF THE AUDIT COMMITTEE

No report submitted

REPORT OF THE DESIGNATED FUNDS OF ST. JOHN

PASTORAL ASSISTANCE FUND

This fund was established in 1992 with a \$40,000 gift. It is to be used for Pastoral Assistance only, as approved by Church Council.

PAYNE MEDICAL EMERGENCY FUND

This fund was also established in 1992 for terminally ill patients, for their care and medication. It is to be given in the form of an interest free loan, to be paid back with insurance proceeds.

KYLE-BRENEISER MUSIC MEMORIAL

This fund was established in 1988 upon the death of Jane Kyle and Clove Breneiser. The purpose of the fund is to provide scholarships to the young people of St John who may wish to pursue a career in music and for the enrichment of the music program at St John. There is a scholarship committee that reviews applications. Financial information relating to candidates submitted for consideration must be kept confidential. Enrichment programs and expenses are to be approved by the Minister of Music, the Church Council and the Pastor. Interest only may be used – the principal remains untouched. The interest generated during the prior year, may be used the following year for scholarships and/or enrichment. The interest may be utilized in one of four ways:

1. 100% may be used for scholarships.
2. 50% may be used for scholarships and 50% for enrichment.
3. If no scholarships are awarded, only 50% of the interest of the prior year may be used for enrichment purposes and the balance must be reinvested as principal.
4. If no interest is used during the year, it is to be reinvested as principal.

Scholarships cannot exceed \$1000 per individual. They are awarded on a term basis, payable August 1 and December 1. The funds cannot be borrowed from or used for any other activity. It may be used as collateral for a loan.

FUNDS DONATED TO THIS MEMORIAL ACCOUNT GO INTO PRINCIPAL AND ARE NOT AVAILABLE FOR EXPENDITURE.

MUSIC ACCOUNT

This account was established in 1999 in response to requests from individuals that wanted their gifts used for the needs of the music program, not put into principal that cannot be touched (as in donations to the Kyle-Breneiser Music Memorial noted above). These donations are given with the intent that the funds, either in whole or part, be available for use at any time. Expenditures must be approved by the Minister of Music and the Treasurer.

ORGAN FUND

This fund was established in 1992 to expand and improve the organ.

SEMINARIAN FUND

This fund was established to assist members of the congregation who choose to enter the ministry, with costs associated with being a Seminarian.

PARSONAGE FUND

The intent of this fund is to have the interest earned each year, on the principal, pay for the Pastor's Housing Allowance. It is not to be used for building improvements.

LYNN ANN BAKER FUND

This fund was established in 1990 from the proceeds of the Oyster, Ham, Chicken Dinner. It was given a double match from *Lutheran Brotherhood*. Its purpose is to assist with the medical expenses of children in the congregation whose parents may be having difficulty in meeting emergency medical expenses. It is handled as a Pastoral discretionary fund and confidentiality is to be maintained.

KITCHEN FUND

This fund was established in 1992 for kitchen renovations.

MCFAUL MEMORIAL

This fund was established upon the death of Marie McFaul. Its purpose is to provide a yearly pledge to St John. The principal is to be invested and never touched. The interest is to be transferred to the general fund each year to cover Current Expenses.

DEANEY MEMORIAL

This fund was established in 1999 in the name of Carol M. Deaney, for the provision of services for disabled individuals, both children and adults, with special emphasis on the developmentally disabled.

UNDESIGNATED MEMORIALS

Amounts contributed to the Church in memory of an individual, without a specific designation, are placed into this category. This money may be used with the approval of Council.

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND

St. John Church Council introduced a Capital Improvement Fund (CIF) in January of 1997. This fund has become a very successful means of funding needed capital projects in the church. These projects are accomplished without the need to request additional funds from the congregation.



SUMMARY OF DESIGNATED FUND BALANCES

DESIGNATED FUND	BALANCE 12/31/11
Deaney Memorial	\$ 5,983.34
Kitchen Fund	7,245.71
Lynn Ann Baker Fund	2,082.15
McFaul Memorial	16,523.03
Music Account	-
Kyle-Bern Music Memorial Fund	49,075.38
Organ Fund	3,202.87
Parsonage Investment Fund	31,922.79
Pastoral Assistance Fund	11,782.20
Payne Medical Emergency Fund	2,153.63
Seminarian Fund	6,647.73
Undesignated Memorials	11,369.76
TOTAL DESIGNATED FUNDS	\$ 147,988.59
INVESTMENT BALANCES AS OF 12/31/11	
Cash:	
Wachovia Money Market	16,534.59
Thrivent Money Market	10,157.05
Mutual Funds:	
Federated Kaufmann	13,139.06
Goldman Sachs	7,306.16
Henderson European	5,299.98
Henderson International Opportunity	10,316.90
Investco Charter Fund	9,508.14
Ivy FDS Inc	11,810.63
Lord Abbet Value	17,838.49
MFS Securities TR	-
MFS Value Fund Class A	23,785.43
Putman International Equity	-
Putman Voyager	12,694.87
Vittus Opportunities	9,597.29
TOTAL OF SECURITIES & CASH EQUIVALENTS	\$ 147,988.59

DESIGNATED FUND TRANSACTIONS

DESIGNATED FUNDS	12/31/10		RECEIPTS 2011	DISBURSED 2011	INCOME 2011	UNREALIZED GROWTH (LOSS)	BALANCE 12/31/11
ENDOWMENT FUNDS							
Kyle-Bern Music Memorial Fund	\$ 52,791.34	30.13%	\$ 0.00	\$ (297.00)	\$ 594.31	\$ (4,013.27)	\$ 49,075.38
McFaul Memorial	17,882.59	10.21%		(201.00)	201.39	(1,359.95)	16,523.03
Payne Medical Emergency Fund	2,302.28	1.31%		-	25.84	(174.49)	2,153.63
Parsonage Investment Fund	34,549.48	19.72%		(389.00)	388.98	(2,626.67)	31,922.79
Deaney Memorial	6,397.51	3.65%		-	72.00	(486.17)	5,983.34
		0.00%					
UNRESTRICTED FUNDS							
Pastoral Assistance Fund	12,598.08	7.19%		-	141.82	(957.70)	11,782.20
Music Account	-	0.00%	-	-	-	-	-
Organ Fund	3,424.15	1.95%	-	-	38.46	(259.74)	3,202.87
Seminarian Fund	7,108.43	4.06%	-	-	80.08	(540.78)	6,647.73
Lynn Ann Baker Fund	2,226.26	1.27%	-	-	25.05	(169.16)	2,082.15
Kitchen Fund	7,747.26	4.42%	-	-	87.19	(588.74)	7,245.71
Undesignated Memorial Funds	28,195.51	16.09%	-	(15,000.00)	317.40	(2,143.15)	\$ 11,369.76
	\$ 175,222.89	100.00%	\$ 0.00	\$ (15,887.00)	\$ 1,972.52	\$ (13,319.82)	\$ 147,988.59

2011 Shortfall equalled \$41,757.65. \$15,000 of Shortfall has been deducted from Undesignated Memorial Balance. \$26,757.65 still needed to be funded

**2011 ACTUAL & BUDGET EXPENDITURES
& 2012 PROPOSED BUDGET**

CATEGORY DESCRIPTION	2011 EXPEND	2011 BUDGET	% SPENT	2012 BUDGET
MISSION SUPPORT	\$ 18,083.01	\$ 17,864.00	101%	\$ 20,565.00
ADMINISTRATION:				
Conv & Mtgs	\$ 140.00	\$ 800.00	18%	\$ 350.00
Video Board	\$ 239.76	\$ 0.00		\$ 120.00
Video Board (Income)	\$ (90.00)	\$ 0.00		\$ (120.00)
Postage	452.28	920.00	49%	460.00
Secretary	11,920.00	11,920.00	100%	12,156.00
Secretary Health Insurance	11,508.64	11,736.00	98%	11,952.00
Secretary Pension	1,191.96	1,192.00	100%	1,188.00
Secretary FICA	911.66	912.00	100%	936.00
Supplies	1,322.34	1,500.00	88%	1,260.00
Telephone	3,971.46	4,500.00	88%	4,180.00
Total Administration	\$ 31,568.10	\$ 33,480.00	94%	\$ 32,482.00
COLLEGE MINISTRY	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00		\$ 0.00
EVANGELISM	\$ 459.69	\$ 600.00	77%	\$ 600.00
FINANCE	\$ 1,839.68	\$ 800.00	230%	\$ 920.00
MINISTRY:				
Auto	\$ 4,400.00	\$ 4,400.00	100%	\$ 4,400.00
Books	79.95	80.00		80.00
Education	-	-		-
Housing	37,061.08	37,452.00	99%	38,196.00
Pastor Salary	31,314.96	31,315.00	100%	31,956.00
Pastor FICA	7,000.00	7,000.00	100%	7,000.00
Pension	9,091.80	9,090.00	100%	9,588.00
Medical	22,741.46	25,008.00	91%	18,264.00
Supply	1,810.00	900.00	201%	900.00
Total Ministry	\$ 113,499.25	\$ 115,245.00	98%	\$ 110,384.00
PARISH EDUCATION:				
Adult Education	\$ (120.05)	\$ 200.00		\$ 200.00
Confirm-Comm	119.18	120.00		120.00
Lutheran Mag	(85.00)	20.00		20.00
Sunday School	587.57	500.00		500.00
Vacation Bible School	351.72	260.00		260.00
Vacation Bible School Fees	(175.00)	(160.00)		(160.00)
Total Parish Education	\$ 678.42	\$ 940.00	72%	\$ 940.00

PROPERTY:				
Capital Fund Contribution	\$ (3,900.00)	\$ 0.00		\$ (4,200.00)
Maintenance & Repair (Building)	5,353.95	1,440.00	372%	4,800.00
Maintenance & Repair (Equipment)	2,267.10	1,800.00	126%	1,800.00
Fire & Security	1,073.70	760.00	141%	900.00
Instrument Maintenance	475.00	475.00	100%	475.00
Insurance (Workmen's Comp)	1,177.55	1,200.00	98%	1,069.00
Insurance (Property)	6,320.12	5,900.00	107%	6,423.00
Insurance (Flood)	-	-		-
Sexton	7,299.76	7,304.00	100%	7,591.00
Snow Removal	1,020.00	240.00	425%	240.00
Supplies	2,483.77	1,800.00	138%	1,800.00
UTILITIES;				
Electric	6,491.80	6,800.00	95%	6,800.00
Gas	6,053.90	6,772.00	89%	6,120.00
Water	1,198.51	1,140.00	105%	1,200.00
Total Utilities	13,744.21	14,712.00	93%	14,120.00
Total Property	\$ 37,315.16	\$ 35,631.00	105%	\$ 35,018.00
SOCIAL MINISTRY	\$ 194.97	\$ 300.00	65%	\$ 200.00
STEWARDSHIP	\$ 25.00	\$ 50.00	50%	\$ 50.00
WORSHIP & MUSIC:				
Altar Supplies	\$ 562.08	\$ 455.00	124%	\$ 600.00
(Candle Income)	(165.00)	(260.00)		(260.00)
Bell Choir	168.35	120.00		180.00
Bulletins	1,829.46	1,590.00	115%	1,680.00
(Bulletin Income)	(171.00)	(380.00)		(380.00)
Choir & Music Supplies	504.77	800.00	63%	800.00
Director Salary	15,660.00	15,658.00	100%	15,972.00
Director FICA	1,197.85	1,200.00	100%	1,224.00
Flowers	911.06	920.00		920.00
(Flower Income)	(797.50)	(980.00)		(980.00)
Devotional Materials	153.68	156.00		176.00
Total Worship & Music	\$ 19,853.75	\$ 19,279.00	103%	\$ 19,932.00
YOUTH	\$ 0.00	\$ 100.00	0%	\$ 100.00
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$ 223,517.03	\$ 224,289.00	100%	\$ 221,191.00

CLOSING DEVOTIONS

"AFFIRMATION OF CHRISTIAN VOCATION"
From Renewing Worship

PASTOR: Dear Christian friends: Baptized into the priesthood of Christ, we are all called by the Holy Spirit to offer ourselves to the Lord of all creation in thanksgiving for all that God has done and continues to do for us. It is our privilege to affirm our vocation as Christians in the world.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT: Through holy baptism God has set us free from sin and made us members of the priesthood we share in Christ Jesus. Through word and sacrament we have been nurtured in faith, that we may give praise to God and bear God's creative and redeeming word to all the world.

PEOPLE: **MAY THE GOD OF ALL GRACE WHO HAS CALLED US TO GLORY SUPPORT US AND MAKE US STRONG.**

PASTOR: Members of St. John Lutheran Church, both your work and your rest are in God. Will you endeavor to pattern your life on the Lord Jesus Christ, in gratitude to God and in service to others, at morning and evening, at work and at play, all the days of your life?

PEOPLE: **I WILL, AND I ASK GOD TO HELP ME.**

PASTOR: Let us pray. Almighty God, by the power of the Spirit You have knit these Your servants into the one body of Your Son, Jesus Christ. Look with favor upon them in their commitment to serve in Christ's name. Give them courage, patience, and vision; and strengthen us all in our Christian vocation of witness to the world and of service to others; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

PEOPLE: **AMEN.**

PASTOR: Go out into the world in peace; be of good courage; hold to what is good; return no one evil for evil; strengthen the faint-hearted; support the weak; help the suffering; honor all people; love and serve our God, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit.

The almighty and merciful God, Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

PEOPLE: **AMEN.**

COUNCIL PRESIDENT: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

PEOPLE: **THANKS BE TO GOD.**



Amen!