

# ST. JOHN'S EPISTLE

## ST. JOHN'S EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

BERRYSBURG, PA DECEMBER/JANUARY 2020



### Letter from the Pastor

Dear Friends in Jesus,

As I write these lines in mid-November, it looks like all of the pieces are coming together to allow us to return to our more familiar Sunday morning schedule of **9:00 A.M. Faith Formation Time** (Sunday School) and **10:15 A.M. Worship**, beginning on **November 29**, the **First Sunday of Advent**. For Faith Formation Time, this really just represents a change of time, from our current 9:45 to our “tried and true” 9:00. But for Worship, this will mean several substantive changes in how we have recently been doing things. First of all, we will be discontinuing our 8:30 Zoom-only worship because, second of all, we will all be able to come together to our 10:15 worship, either by being at the church in-person or by logging in/calling in via the Zoom platform:

For those attending 10:15 worship in-person, our ushers will still be guiding everyone to safely spaced, designated seating, and masks, covering both nose and mouth at all times, will still be required of everyone, with no exceptions of any kind. Since our safe seating plan can accommodate approximately 65-70 people, and since thus far our in-person attendance has been averaging only in the upper-20's, there should continue to be adequate seating for all at 10:15.

For those attending 10:15 worship via Zoom, the call in/log in process will still work exactly the same but when Zoom opens up, instead of showing Miss Laurie and Judy and me in our living rooms, your screen will include rectangles showing two views of worship at the church – one a close-up of the lectern area from where I am currently leading worship and the other which will alternate between showing Judy and our other keyboardists at the organ and showing an overall view of worship from the balcony area. To avoid possible interference with the flow of worship coming from the church, all Zoom participants will find that their mikes will need to be muted at all times, but the chat function will continue just like before, allowing Zoomers to continue to directly connect.

Whether you are present at 10:15 in-person or via Zoom, Council's and my goal is to have worship be a seamless experience for you, allowing you to continue to have a blessed worship experience in the way that seems safest and best for you as we go forward together. We will in no way be back to “normal” on November 29, but it represents one more hopeful and prayerful step along the winding road leading in that direction. A big “Thank You” is due to our overall Zoom coordinators, Roy & Rachel Henry, as well as the folks who have stepped up to help Rachel and Roy with Zoom hosting, as a part of our new Video Ministry Team!

Speaking of worship as December begins of course brings up thoughts of Christmas Eve worship. As I write these lines, Miss Laurie, Worship & Music Committee, Congregational Council, and I are still figuring out how we might best worship both safely and meaningfully on this important day. I feel confident that Christmas Eve will continue to include more than one time of worship to suit different schedules and that there will be both in-

person/candle lighting and Zoom opportunities, subject of course, to developments with regard to the virus. Please stay tuned for those details – and please feel free to share your ideas with me.

I am anticipating that our Winter Midweek Bible Study will get underway on Wednesday, January 6 (the festival day of Epiphany), from 6:30 to 8:00 P.M. again via Zoom, but I am still working out the details, including what the coming of the Season of Lent will mean for Wednesdays in general and Bible Study in particular in 2021. Here again, please stay tuned for details as we get closer to time, but feel free to sign up with me at any time.

As the past almost nine months have held tumult and change such as most of us have never before experienced, I have been finding deep hope and assurance in the steady turning of the Church Year, reminding me and you that the followers of Jesus have experienced challenges like ours and many, many much more trying times over the past almost-2,000 years. But, led by the Holy Spirit, the worship calendar has continued to turn and our ancestors in the faith have endured, as shall we. As we again enter into this holy time of the Church Year, reminded once again of just how very much God loves you and me and all that God has made, I want to thank you, my sisters and brothers in this wonderful congregational family, for another year of productive and faithful – even if much changed and adapted – ministry together. Ann and I wish and pray for each of you a most blessed Advent and Christmas celebration and many joyous new beginnings in the year 2021 to come!

***Pastor Tom***

## **News from Miss Laurie, Young Christians Minister**

It's beginning to look (and feel – brrrrr) a lot like Christmas!! This year, with the uncertainty brought on by COVID, Christmas is SURELY going to be different. But that just means we need to be creative when we're looking for ways to bring out the "merry"!

One event we're planning to get you in the Christmas spirit, is an Advent "Zoom-ebrration"!! On Sunday, December 13<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm, join us on Zoom for an evening of music, fellowship, and fun! Pastor Tom and I will send out a link to join the meeting in our weekly emails! Come and celebrate the season with us – and do it safely and comfortably from your own homes!

In addition to the Advent "Zoom-ebrration", we're going to do our 4:00 Christmas Eve "Celebration" Service on Zoom as well. Pastor Tom and I will send out the link to join. Plan to tune in to this contemporary Christmas service and prepare your hearts for the coming of Jesus!

And mark your calendars for these additional Christmas activities:

- Wednesday, December 2nd at 6:30 – It's our Celebration Club "Jingle for Jesus" Party!
- Sunday, December 20th at 9:00 am – We're having a SONday Celebration Christmas Party!
- Sunday, December 27th at 9:00 am – It's our congregational "Happy Birthday Jesus" party! EVERYONE is invited!!

And looking ahead to NEXT year:

- Wednesday, January 6, 2021 – It's the first Celebration Club of the New Year! Join us at 6:30 as we "deny thy selfie"!

(All of the above are scheduled as "in-person" activities. If things change and we are unable to meet at church, these events will take place on Zoom!! I'll keep you posted on the status of all our activities in my weekly emails!)

Even though this may be a very different holiday for us, if we set our hearts and minds on the "reason for the season", this Christmas will still be filled with joy. Let's celebrate the season and focus on JESUS – the light of the world who will lead us out of the darkness!! And let's look toward a safe and COVID-free 2021!!!

Wishing you all a very MERRY and BLESSED Christmas and a HAPPY and HEALTHY New Year!!

Miss Laurie

## Book Club

You are invited to our Book Discussion on Zoom!

We continue our monthly times of reading and sharing via Zoom. Next up:

<b>Monday, December 7, 7pm</b>	<b>The Boston Girl by Anita Diamant</b>
<b>Monday, January 11, 7pm</b>	<b>God Never Blinks by Regina Brett</b>
<b>Monday, February 8, 7pm</b>	<b>Sarah's Key by Tatiana De Rosnay</b>

Everyone is welcome, so if you would like to participate and haven't joined in before, you can borrow a physical or e-copy of the current book at your local library or pick up a copy at church - on the bench under the bulletin board in the foyer, just inside the main doors. Please let Ann know if we run out of books, and she will locate more.

Coming soon: Our very own tab on the church website, where we'll list books we've read, give a preview of upcoming titles, and post guest reviews. Watch for it!

Other questions? Give Ann a call or send her an email at 717-362-7895 or [rahbruner@gmail.com](mailto:rahbruner@gmail.com).

## Annual Congregational Meeting to Be Held

As specified in our congregational constitution, our Annual Congregational Meeting will be held in two parts. On **Sunday, December 13**, we will meet following worship to take action on the election of four members to our Congregational Council and to adopt a spending plan for 2021. On **Sunday, January 17**, we will again meet following worship to receive and act on reports of the ministry of our congregation conducted during 2020 and take care of such other business as may come before the gathered body. For both parts of the meeting, it is **very important** that we have a good turnout of voting members! Voting members are confirmed members of the congregation who have communed and made a contribution of record during 2019 and/or 2020.

Since our plan is that folks will be attending 10:15 A.M. worship on December 13 and January 17 both in-person and via Zoom, we will also plan that everyone will be able to simply attend the two parts of our Congregational Meeting in those same ways. For those attending either or both parts via Zoom, the Zoom host of the morning will make sure to keep a close eye on all Zoom participants for any questions that need forwarding to the floor of the meeting and when hands need to be raised for any voting. ***But there is one potential Zoom participation issue of which all those calling in with a telephone need to be aware. Because telephone participants can neither be seen by the Zoom host nor unmute themselves, there doesn't seem to be any way for telephone participants to give input to the meeting by way of their Zoom connection, so we are hoping that perhaps all those who normally Zoom via their telephone will be able, just for December 13 and/or January 17, to find a way to Zoom by way of an internet-connected device, maybe shared with a family member. If this will not be possible, please contact Pastor Tom or Roy or Rachel Henry, who will try to work out a way by which telephone Zoomers could call the telephone of someone on the floor of the meeting.***

To aid you in preparing for the December 13 meeting, the proposed 2021 combined budget for the Current, Children and Youth (C&Y), Flower, and Improvement Funds, along with the budget for the Benevolence Fund, are included in this **Epistle**. To focus on that combined budget for a moment, covering the funds which handle far and away most of the day to day work of congregational ministry, you will notice that total anticipated 2021 expenditures show a decrease of just over \$8,000 or 4.2% from 2020. This decrease is the combined effect of 1. a \$9,300 decrease in Pastor Tom's area of the budget with greatly reduced health insurance costs and mileage, partially offset by a proposed 2.2% increase in his salary/housing allowance; 2. similar proposed 2.2%

increases in compensation for Miss Laurie and our other paid staff; and 3. a \$2,000 budgeted increase in insurance costs.

With regard to Congregational Council elections, our Nominating Committee is bringing the following four names for congregational action on December 13: **Ira Antes, Sheila Bader, Michael Henninger and Dana Klouser.**

Please don't miss this opportunity to help in the faithful strengthening of our ministry together – plan to join in these brief but important gatherings on December 13 and January 17!

## St. John's Youth Group

St. John's Facebook: [facebook.com/stjohnhillchurch](https://facebook.com/stjohnhillchurch)

St. John's Children and Youth Ministry:  
[facebook.com/childrenandyouthministry](https://facebook.com/childrenandyouthministry)

ELCA Gathering Website: [www.elca.org/youthgathering](https://www.elca.org/youthgathering)



## 2022 ELCA Youth Gathering Theme (July 24-28, 2022)

The ELCA Youth Gathering team announces the theme of the 2022 Gathering, "boundless: God beyond measure," based on Ephesians 3:19 CEV.



"I want you to know all about Christ's love, although it is too wonderful to be measured. Then your lives will be filled with all that God is."

## Looking Ahead, Prayerfully and Hopefully, to Annual Festival

A date has been set for our Annual Strawberry Festival in 2021, planned for Wednesday, June 9, in our grove and pavilion. A first gathering for planning has also been set for Tuesday, March 2, at 7:00 P.M. at the church.

Please save these dates in your family's calendar, and please spread the news to your friends and neighbors, while keeping in mind that these dates, like so many things in this time of global pandemic, unfortunately remain tentative.

## Building Usage

While we are following COVID guidelines established by Congregational Council, please note that spaces within the church building, such as the Sunday School Room, will not be available for non-congregational-ministry functions as they would be in "normal" times.

## Communion Cards

Please be sure that, if you are a communing member of St. John, you turn in **at least one communion record card (or, in these COVID times, if you have already communed this year but aren't sure if you did already turn in a record card, and can't comfortably stop by in person to do so now, feel free to contact Pastor Tom, who can make the notation)** this year. **And please bear in mind that Holy Communion is currently being offered each week during in-person worship.** Also, if you are a contributing member of the congregation, please be sure that you use your offering envelopes at least once this year, so that you are on record as having made a contribution. Please help to make sure that our parish records are as accurate as possible!

## 2021 Sponsorship Opportunities

A new altar flower sponsor chart is posted in the foyer. Please sign up to sponsor flowers in honor or in memory of a loved one or event and direct any questions to Coordinator Yalonda Rabenold (717-362-2454). ***Please note that, for as long as we are under COVID precautions and restrictions, we are asking that all altar flower sponsors please arrange to stop by and take their flowers directly from the vases at the altar, which can be done as soon as immediately after the end of in-person worship. Bags for wrapping the flowers are being kept on the front pew by the lectern.***

Also, three new 2021 sponsor sheets have also been posted on the foyer bulletin board – for continuing ministry support for our ***Celebrate*** bulletin inserts (\$22/month); for ***Tree 4 Hope***, an innovative anti-poverty ministry begun by our neighbors at Tree of Life Evangelical Lutheran Church, Linglestown Road, Harrisburg, and serving those in need in Guatemala, involving an orphanage, mission trips from our area, and, now, a new girls' school called “Hope Academy” - a world mission with a local connection (\$50/month) – and for providing one month of a ***Konde Diocese (in Tanzania, Africa) Pastors Salary*** (\$50/month) . Please sign up on the foyer bulletin board to sponsor any of these three ministries in honor or in memory of loved ones or events.

***(Two requests from Pastor Tom: First, please be sure to print all sign-up information, especially names, clearly and legibly. Second, please consider, if possible, a sponsorship for the month of January, which has historically been a difficult month to fill. Thank you!!)***

## Lector Schedule for 2021

The following is the schedule of folks scheduled to serve as lectors during 2021, in some combination of in-person and via Zoom to be determined:

Month	Lector
January	Reyann Cheatham
February	Barry Williard
March	Judith Cheatham
April	Donald Deibler
May	Amy Gehring
June	Joshua Paul
July	Carl Baumgardner
August	Gary & Terri Daniels
September	Vincent Lamenza
October	Jamie Doyle
November	Henry Family
December	Matt Williard

We thank them for serving in this important ministry of worship, and we will of course be very flexible in light of any COVID-related needs or concerns. ***(And on Sunday, January 17, we will join – in person and via Zoom – in praying God's blessing on them as they share God's Word throughout the coming year!)***

## Pastoral Acts

### At Graveside

Pastor Tom presided at outdoor memorial worship at our church pavilion and at graveside in our cemetery on October 24 for **Frank Titus, Sr.**, who died at Polk Assisted Living in Millersburg on April 20.

And on November 5, Pastor Tom again presided at outdoor memorial worship for **Sue Lebo**, who died at Stonebridge Nursing and Rehabilitation Center on October 20. This worship also took place at our church pavilion and at graveside in our cemetery and in Sweitzer's Cemetery in Berrysburg.

We pray God's comfort in the promise of the Resurrection of Jesus for our congregational family sister and brother, **Tam Spicher** and **Doug Schreffler**, and for the rest of the family and friends of Frank and Sue!

### New Birth

Congratulations to **Eli Hassinger & Elena Werth** (and to Bob & Kim and Kali and the rest of their families) on the safe and healthy birth of **Elliot Robert Hassinger** on Monday, November 9. Elliot weighed in at a hefty 8.8 pounds and we give thanks that everyone is doing well!

## Congregational Directory Updates

Please make the following first set of changes and additions in order to keep your congregational directory, received with your Annual Report last January, up to date:

### Changes/Corrections:

- Updated address for Taylor & Eileen Denlinger: 130 North Chestnut Street, Elizabethtown, PA 17022
- Updated best telephone number for Marc & Lynnette Gessner: 717-875-7119
- Remove Margaret Enders from directory following her death
- Remove Janet Knarr from directory following her death
- Updated address for Natalie & Dr. Brett Bellis: 6228 State Rt. 209, Lykens, PA 17048
- With his move with his physical therapy practice, please remove Timothy Bruner from Pastor Tom and Ann's listing in the directory and create a new listing:
  - **BRUNER**, Dr. Timothy  
822 Center Street  
Forked River, NJ 08731  
717-599-9033
- Updated best telephone number for Jodi Thompson: 717-215-9078
- Updated best telephone numbers for Gary & Terri Daniels: (G) 717-579-5912, (T) 717-579-5832
- Remove Ronald Hoover from directory following his death

- With her marriage, please remove Whitney Rudisill from Robert & Naomi's listing in the directory and create a new listing:
  - **NEY**, Whitney & (Mackenzie)  
1037 Powells Valley Road  
Halifax, PA 17032  
717-315-8546
- Updated address for Dr. Daniel Bruner & Dr. Richelle Demers: 825 Old Forge Road, New Cumberland, PA 17070
- Updated address for Nichols Motter: 1236 Red Fox Lane, West Chester, PA 19380
- Updated address for Lori Motter (Matt & Tim): 148 Belle Drive, Elizabethville, PA 17023
- With her move to her own home, remove Shannon Motter from Timothy & Lori's listing in the directory, and create a new listing:
  - **MOTTER**, Shannon  
44 Hill Drive  
Halifax, PA 17032
- Updated address and telephone number for Ray & Joyce Matter: Rm. #328, Polk Personal Care, 301 North Street, Millersburg, PA 17061, 717-692-4422
- Remove Sue Lebo from directory following her death
- Updated address for Rebecca & Michael Conte: 351 E. Derry Road, Hershey, PA 17033
- Updated address for Roy & Rachel Henry: 321 Green Acres Avenue, Elizabethville, PA 17023

## **New Member Households Received on August 23 to Add to Directory:**

**FOREMAN**, Robert & Courtney  
Grayson  
215 West Broad St.  
Elizabethville, PA 17023  
(C) 717-805-0556 (R) 717-736-3844

**GLACE**, Paul & Rita  
2784 St. Route 147  
Dalmatia, PA 17017  
570-758-9270

**KAHLER**, Christie & (Tad)  
219 Pleasant View Road  
Halifax, PA 17032  
717-579-8919

**RESSLER**, LuAnn  
60 Mayfield St.  
Elizabethville, PA 17023  
717-905-2473

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# **St John Evangelical Lutheran Church**

## **Congregational Council Minutes**

### **September 13, 2020**

The council meeting was called to order by President, Roy Henry. Pastor Tom opened the meeting with devotions and a prayer.

**Present:** Roy Henry, Carol Hassinger, Sandra Lamenza, Matt Williard, Barbara Bullock, Dan Maurer, Ken Koller, Ron Erb, Heidi Lehman, Lori Motter, and Pastor Tom Bruner

**Excused Absence:** Darrell Denlinger, Arlene Doyle

**Minutes:** Motion by Ron Erb and seconded by Barb Bullock to accept the August minutes. Motion approved unanimously.

#### **Reception of Petitions and Communications:**

The monthly water inspections for July and August were completed and passed.

A thank you note was received from Bethesda Mission for our contribution to the Women's and Children's Ministry.

**Pastor's Report:** Motion made by Dan Maurer and seconded by Matt Williard to accept the pastor's report. Motion approved unanimously.

**Children and Youth Ministry Report:** Motion was made by Matt Williard and seconded by Dan Maurer to accept Miss Laurie's report. Motion approved unanimously.

**Treasurer's Report:** Motion made by Ron Erb and seconded by Dan Maurer to accept the treasurer's report. Motion approved unanimously.

#### **Reports of Standing Committees:**

*Many of the committees have not been meeting due to the COVID 19 pandemic. Any business that needed attention has been handled through phone calls.*

**Church Property:** There are several window issues in the sexton's house and the church as well as several other repair projects that will require a professional. The committee will get estimates for the work. They are also getting estimates for replacing the gutters on the pavilion. The baseball field backstop fencing and the seesaw need repair. The committee voted to eliminate both items rather than repair. The baseball field is not being used, and the seesaw does not meet necessary safety requirements.

**Finance:** There will be a budget meeting on October 28.

**Worship and Music:** The committee will meet in November. A motion was made by the committee and seconded by Dan Maurer to cancel the Thanksgiving Eve service. Motion approved unanimously. A decision was made to delay confirmation until Pentecost on May 23, 2021.

**Faith Formation Team:** No report

**Youth Ministry:** The group has scheduled a LYO school kit assembly day. They will be meeting once a month on Zoom. All fundraisers have been cancelled through the end of the year.

**Mutual Ministry:** No report.

**Executive:** No report

*Nominating:* No report

*History:* No report

*Women of ELCA:* No report

**COVID 19:** Miss Laurie will resume in-person activities on September 20.

Roy Henry reported on the options for installing an improved WIFI service to operate Zoom in the church. He presented proposals from Comcast and ATT. It was decided to pursue the ATT option. The goal is to have the in-person service and the Zoom service at the same time in the church.

The plan is to continue the outdoor services through October 18. Indoor services will start on October 25 with the current time schedule of 11am.

**New Business:** The issue of Christmas decorations for the church was discussed. It was recommended that we keep the decorations simple this year because of the uncertainty regarding the impact of COVID 19.

**Next Council Meeting:** Scheduled for November 1st at 4pm via Zoom.

**Adjournment:** Motion by Ron Erb and seconded by Dan Maurer to adjourn the meeting. Motion approved unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Sandra Lamenza". The signature is written in dark ink on a white background.

Sandra Lamenza, Assistant Secretary

## 2021 Budget

	<u>2015</u>	<u>2016</u>	<u>2017</u>	<u>2018</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>2020</u>	<u>2020</u>	<u>2021</u>
	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>2020 YTD</u>	<u>Budget</u>
<b>Current Fund</b>								
<b>Beginning Balance 12/31</b>							5,654	
<b>Revenues</b>					-			
Plate	6,699	5,808	5,637	7,139	8,226	6,000	1,969	3,000
Current Envelopes	131,243	130,260	128,830	135,754	134,821	150,061	109,775	147,751
Children & Youth Giving			10,372	14,741	20,967	23,973	15,361	24,332
Improvement Giving	6,556	4,542	5,183	5,677	70,409	4,900	13,305	4,900
Flower Giving	1,860	2,327	2,345	2,659	3,035	3,095	515	3,095
Miscellaneous	7,453	8,807	11,665	8,559	6,905	4,640	6,690	4,640
Budget Transfers from Other Funds	4,000	-	5,400	10,000	17,500	-	-	-
<b>Total Revenues</b>	<b>157,811</b>	<b>151,743</b>	<b>169,432</b>	<b>184,529</b>	<b>261,863</b>	<b>192,669</b>	<b>147,615</b>	<b>187,718</b>
<b>Expenditures</b>								
<b>Pastoral Ministry</b>								
Pastor's Salary & Housing	58,294	59,061	63,696	64,411	65,415	71,881	47,611	73,452
Social Security	4,837	4,903	5,277	5,362	5,449	5,954	3,984	6,085
Pension & Healthcare Costs	35,298	39,387	34,919	38,075	40,641	35,302	33,796	25,082
Travel Reimbursement	5,018	4,758	3,843	4,945	4,754	5,000	1,427	4,200
2 Weeks Continuing Education	-	477	414	432	-	700	-	700
Book, Periodical & Personal Office Expenses	426	413	122	600	387	400	-	400
<b>Total Pastoral Ministry</b>	<b>103,873</b>	<b>108,999</b>	<b>108,272</b>	<b>113,825</b>	<b>116,647</b>	<b>119,237</b>	<b>86,819</b>	<b>109,919</b>
<b>Worship</b>								
Organist Salary & Taxes	3,519	3,585	3,503	3,973	3,986	4,322	3,041	4,417
Choir Music & Supplies	215	233	664	502	406	500	-	500
Worship Aids & Supplies	2,961	1,882	1,842	884	1,301	1,550	425	1,550
Offering Envelopes	863	867	873	934	858	900	-	900
Secretary Salary & Taxes	2,685	2,826	2,839	3,037	3,119	3,185	2,386	3,256
Supply Pastor	-	-	-	-	-	200	-	200
Youth Group	-	-	-	379	-	500	-	500
Children & Youth Ministry	-	-	1,842	-	-	-	-	-
Delegate & Convention Expenses	510	480	-	380	720	400	-	400
Miscellaneous	-	2,397	79	84	-	-	-	-
<b>Total Worship</b>	<b>10,753</b>	<b>12,270</b>	<b>11,641</b>	<b>10,171</b>	<b>10,390</b>	<b>11,557</b>	<b>5,852</b>	<b>11,722</b>

	<u>2015</u> <u>Actual</u>	<u>2016</u> <u>Actual</u>	<u>2017</u> <u>Actual</u>	<u>2018</u> <u>Actual</u>	<u>2019</u> <u>Actual</u>	<u>2020</u> <u>Budget</u>	<u>2020</u> <u>2020 YTD</u>	<u>2021</u> <u>Budget</u>
<b>Current Fund</b>								
<b>Office</b>								
Payroll and Tax Preparation	-	-	164	622	650	771	498	771
Paper, Supplies & Archival Supplies	506	346	528	302	654	650	50	650
Postage & Box Rent	516	408	223	102	138	300	274	300
Copier Maintenance & Supplies	1,510	1,608	651	868	933	1,500	736	1,500
Telephone & Internet	1,806	1,939	1,979	2,023	2,094	2,040	1,587	2,136
<b>Total Office</b>	<b>4,338</b>	<b>4,301</b>	<b>3,544</b>	<b>3,917</b>	<b>4,469</b>	<b>5,261</b>	<b>3,145</b>	<b>5,357</b>
<b>Maintenance</b>								
Fuel	5,504	2,073	4,562	5,560	4,220	6,000	3,166	6,000
Electricity	1,669	2,314	2,608	2,594	2,478	2,520	1,486	2,520
Insurance Church Property	4,786	4,903	1,161	5,654	9,555	5,000	-	6,000
Workmen's Compensation	718	823	44	639	2,416	800	1,760	1,800
Organ & Public Address System	80	-	80	-	-	200	-	200
Janitor's Salary, Taxes + Electric Reimb.	1,576	1,679	1,772	1,987	2,079	2,000	1,608	2,164
Janitor's Supplies	281	-	64	-	252	200	154	200
Property & Maintenance	1,844	3,388	4,321	2,425	1,754	3,500	1,146	3,500
<b>Total Maintenance</b>	<b>16,458</b>	<b>15,180</b>	<b>14,612</b>	<b>18,858</b>	<b>22,754</b>	<b>20,220</b>	<b>9,320</b>	<b>22,384</b>
<b>Miscellaneous</b>								
Interfund Transfers	1,749	1,784	2,487	180	475	1,800	-	-
Miscellaneous	1,132	1,339	1,572	1,371	1,200	1,200	-	1,200
<b>Total Miscellaneous</b>	<b>2,881</b>	<b>3,123</b>	<b>4,059</b>	<b>1,551</b>	<b>1,675</b>	<b>3,000</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>1,200</b>
<b>Total C&amp;Y</b>								
C&Y Salary			19,914	23,285	23,759	23,973	18,665	24,500
Children & Youth Fundraiser			853	232	168	-	-	-
C&Y Miscellaneous			565	217	-	-	-	-
<b>Total C&amp;Y</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>21,332</b>	<b>23,734</b>	<b>23,927</b>	<b>23,973</b>	<b>18,665</b>	<b>24,500</b>
<b>Flower Expenditures</b>								
Flower Expenditures	2,019	2,478	2,373	2,272	3,278	3,095	833	3,095
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>2,019</b>	<b>2,478</b>	<b>2,373</b>	<b>2,272</b>	<b>3,278</b>	<b>3,095</b>	<b>833</b>	<b>3,095</b>
<b>Improvement Expenses</b>								
Taxes	2,934	3,002	3,045	3,071	3,071	-	892	-
Elevator	1,166	912	943	2,048	675	-	3,299	-
Myers Pipe Organ	825	550	675	1,315	1,040	-	825	-
J Carl Zimmerman	118	3,261	1,377	1,424	75	-	-	-
Water Service	288	50	-	-	-	-	-	-
Klinger Lumber Company	337	4,013	125	-	-	-	-	-
Pavilion Maintenance				1,212	589	-	-	-
Kitchen Project				1,650	42,304	-	-	-
Fire Protection	167	136		200	152	-	-	-
Transfer to Memorial Fund A					24,381	-	-	-
Special Improvement Expenses								
General Maintenance	5,605	1,422	2,317	588	7,470		3,308	
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>11,440</b>	<b>13,345</b>	<b>8,481</b>	<b>11,509</b>	<b>79,757</b>	<b>9,540</b>	<b>8,323</b>	<b>9,540</b>
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>151,763</b>	<b>159,696</b>	<b>174,314</b>	<b>185,836</b>	<b>262,897</b>	<b>195,883</b>	<b>144,022</b>	<b>187,718</b>
<b>Current Fund Surplus/(Deficit)</b>	<b>6,048</b>	<b>(7,953)</b>	<b>(4,882)</b>	<b>(1,307)</b>	<b>(1,034)</b>	<b>(3,214)</b>	<b>3,593</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Ending Fund Balance</b>								<b>0</b>

	<u>2015</u> <u>Actual</u>	<u>2016</u> <u>Actual</u>	<u>2017</u> <u>Actual</u>	<u>2018</u> <u>Actual</u>	<u>2019</u> <u>Actual</u>	<u>2020</u> <u>Budget</u>	<u>2020</u> <u>2020 YTD</u>	<u>2021</u> <u>Budget</u>
<b>Benevolence Fund</b>								
<b>Revenues</b>				<b>107</b>				
Regular Benevolence	13,967	11,055	11,832	13,256	9,172	12,000	10,396	12,000
World Hunger	1,061	836	636	4,170	1,991	1,000	400	1,000
Konde Pastor's Salary	500		600	550	650	600	550	600
Domestic Disaster Response	1,234	1,341	3,690	2,568	1,825	1,300	-	1,300
WELCA Project Comfort	625	706	508	-	-	700	-	700
Community Thanksgiving Offering	-	558		-	-	500	-	500
Interest	1	1	1	-	-	-	-	-
Donations	-	11		-	-	-	-	-
Always Being Made New	-	350		-	-	-	-	-
Tree 4 Hope	50	550	650	550	600	550	450	550
Lutheran Camping Corp	500	500		-	-	500	-	500
Weekend Snack Pack Program	430	505		-	1,127	500	-	500
WVA Flood Relief	-	130		-	-	-	-	-
Global Barnyard	2,495	1,624	1,400	-	-	2,000	-	2,000
Sunday School Program for UDHS	-	427		-	-	-	-	-
Malaria	600	-		-	-	-	-	-
International Disaster Response	460	-		500	300	-	-	-
Lutheran Immigration & Refugee Services			50	100	250	-	50	-
Nepal Earthquake	200	-		-	-	-	-	-
Hunger Initiative			400	-	-	-	-	-
Blanket Shipping				500	822	-	-	-
Lutheran World Relief					200	-	-	-
HHS Donations					675		864	
Erik Erdman Foundation					243	-	-	-
Miscellaneous							125	
Interfund Transfer			945	0	-	-	-	-
<b>Total Revenues</b>	<b>22,122</b>	<b>18,594</b>	<b>20,711</b>	<b>22,195</b>	<b>17,854</b>	<b>19,650</b>	<b>12,835</b>	<b>19,650</b>

Note: \$2,830 of revenues for the 2019 Regular Benevolence effort were received in January 2020

	<u>2015</u> <u>Actual</u>	<u>2016</u> <u>Actual</u>	<u>2017</u> <u>Actual</u>	<u>2018</u> <u>Actual</u>	<u>2019</u> <u>Actual</u>	<u>2020</u> <u>Budget</u>	<u>2020</u> <u>2020 YTD</u>	<u>2021</u> <u>Budget</u>
<b>Benevolence Fund</b>								
<b>Expenditures</b>								
Regular Benevolence	13,967	11,055	11,832	11,753	12,000	12,000	7,566	12,000
World Hunger	1,001	920	636	3,670	1,991	1,000	400	1,000
Konde Pastor's Salary	500		600	550	600	500	450	600
Domestic Disaster Response	1,234	1,341	3,690	2,568	1,825	1,300	-	1,300
WELCA Project Comfort	625	706	508	-	-	700	-	700
Community Thanksgiving Offering		558		-	-	500	-	500
Haiti		1		-	-	-	-	-
New Checks		11		-	-	-	-	-
Always Being Made New		350		-	-	-	-	-
Tree 4 Hope		600	600	600	600	550	450	550
Lutheran Camping Corp	500	500		-	-	500	-	500
Weekend Snack Pack Program	430	505		-	1,127	500	-	500
WVA Flood Relief		130		-	-	-	-	-
Global Barnyard	2,495	1,600	1,400	-	-	2,000	-	2,000
Sunday School Program for UDHS		427		-	-	-	-	-
Malaria	600			-	-	-	-	-
Nepal Earthquake	200			-	-	-	-	-
Interfund Transfer			945	-	-	-	-	-
Lutheran Immigration & Refugee Services			50	100	300	-	50	-
Hunger Initiative			400	500	-	-	-	-
International Disaster Response	460			-	300	-	-	-
Lutheran World Relief				500	200	-	-	-
Blanket Shipping				500	772	-	-	-
Erik Erdman Foundation					243	-	-	-
Upper Dauphin Human Services Center				1,133	338	-	864	-
Northern Dauphin Human Services Center				370	338	-	-	-
Miscellaneous						-	125	-
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>22,011</b>	<b>18,703</b>	<b>20,661</b>	<b>22,245</b>	<b>20,632</b>	<b>19,550</b>	<b>9,905</b>	<b>19,650</b>
<b>Benevolence Fund Surplus/(Deficit)</b>	<b>111</b>	<b>(110)</b>	<b>51</b>	<b>(50)</b>	<b>(2,778)</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>2,930</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Ending Fund Balance</b>				<b>57</b>	<b>(2,721)</b>	<b>100</b>		<b>-</b>

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2	3	4	5
			6:30pm-8pm – Monthly Celebration Club with Miss Laurie (In-Person at Church) 6:30-8pm – Midweek Bible Study via Zoom 7pm – Weekly Congregational Family Time of Prayer for Medical Professionals, Educators, Students & Their Families			Pastor Tom's Weekly Day Off
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent 9am - Faith Formation Time* 10:15am - Worship Including Holy Communion** 4pm - Congregational Council Meeting (Via Zoom)	7pm – Monthly Gathering of Book Discussion Group (Via Zoom)		Day of Prayer for Peace with Justice, Beginning in the Middle East 6:30-8pm – Midweek Bible Study via Zoom 7pm – Weekly Congregational Family Time of Prayer for Medical Professionals, Educators, Students & Their Families			Pastor Tom's Weekly Day Off
				Hanukkah Begins at Sundown		
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent 9am - Faith Formation Time* 10:15am - Worship Including Holy Communion** 11:15am - Annual Congregational Meeting - Part 1 (Both In-Person at the Church and via Zoom) 6-7pm – Advent “Zoom-ebration”			6:30-8pm – Midweek Bible Study via Zoom 7pm – Weekly Congregational Family Time of Prayer for Medical Professionals, Educators, Students & Their Families			Pastor Tom's Weekly Day Off
				Hanukkah Ends at Sundown		
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent 9am - Faith Formation Time* 10:15am - Worship Including Holy Communion**			7pm – Weekly Congregational Family Time of Prayer for Medical Professionals, Educators, Students & Their Families	Nativity of Our Lord, Christmas Eve Christmas Eve Worship Schedule to be Announced	Nativity of Our Lord, Christmas Day Pastor Tom Taking Monthly Extra Day Off	Stephen, Deacon & Martyr  Pastor Tom's Weekly Day Off
	Winter Begins					
27	28	29	30	31		
1 <sup>st</sup> Sunday of Christmas/John, Apostle & Evangelist 9am - Faith Formation Time* 10:15 Worship Including Holy Communion**	Pastor Tom Off – Returning to the Office on January 6th					
	Holy Innocents, Martyrs		7pm – Weekly Congregational Family Time of Prayer for Medical Professionals, Educators, Students & Their Families			
				New Year's Eve		
* (Adult Bible Study via Zoom; Younger Groups In-Person at the Church)  **(Both In-Person at the Church and via Zoom)						

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
* (Adult Bible Study via Zoom; Younger Groups In-Person at the Church)  **( <u>Both</u> In-Person at the Church <u>and</u> via Zoom)					1	2
					Pastor Tom Off – Returning to the Office on January 6th	
					Name of Jesus	
					New Year's Day	
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
Pastor Tom Off – Returning to the Office on January 6th			6:30-8pm – Monthly Celebration Club with Miss Laurie (In-Person at the Church) 6:30-8pm – Midweek Bible Study via Zoom 7pm – Weekly Congregational Family Time of Prayer for Medical Professionals, Educators, Students & Their Families			<i>Day of Prayer for Peace with Justice, Beginning in the Middle East</i>  Pastor Tom's Weekly Day Off
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
<b>2nd Sunday of Christmas</b> 9am- Faith Formation Time* 10:15am - Worship – Liturgy of Lessons and Carols ( <u>Both</u> In-Person at the Church <u>and</u> via Zoom), with Guest Worship Leader Mr. James Watson			6:30-8pm – Midweek Bible Study via Zoom 7pm – Weekly Congregational Family Time of Prayer for Medical Professionals, Educators, Students & Their Families		<i>Deadline to Submit Items for February "St. John's Epistle"</i>	Pastor Tom's Weekly Day Off
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
<b>2nd Sunday after Epiphany</b> 9am - Faith Formation Time 10:15am - Worship Including Holy Communion & Annual Blessing of the Lectors** 11:15am - Annual Congregational Meeting – Part 2 ( <u>Both</u> In-Person at the Church <u>and</u> via Zoom)	<b>Confession of Peter</b>  Pastor Tom Taking Monthly Extra Day Off        <b>Martin Luther King, Jr. Day</b>	6:15pm – Worship & Music Meeting on Zoom 7pm – Faith Formation Team Gathering on Zoom	6:30-8pm – Midweek Bible Study via Zoom 7pm – Weekly Congregational Family Time of Prayer for Medical Professionals, Educators, Students & Their Families			Pastor Tom's Weekly Day Off
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
<b>3rd Sunday after Epiphany</b> 9am - Faith Formation Time* 10:15am - Worship Including Holy Communion**	<b>Conversion of Paul</b>	6:15 Property Committee Meeting (Tentatively In-Person at the Church)	6:30-8pm – Midweek Bible Study via Zoom 7pm – Weekly Congregational Family Time of Prayer for Medical Professionals, Educators, Students & Their Families			Pastor Tom's Weekly Day Off
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<b>4th Sunday after Epiphany</b> 9am - Faith Formation Time* 10:15am - Worship Including Holy Communion**						



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