

The Circle

November 2023



Dear Friends in Christ,

November is a month that's often marked by giving thanks. Some of those sharings of gratitude are obvious: at the end of the month, much of America celebrates Thanksgiving. But especially at St. John's, there are a few other things this month which are centered around giving thanks.

The first of those events is our celebration of All Saints' Day. All Saints' is a festival day in the Church with a lot of different layers and meanings to it, but one of the key parts of All Saints is remembering and giving thanks to God for the saints (both those still living and those who have died) who have shaped our lives of faith. As we gather in worship on All Saints, we'll have the opportunity to give thanks to God for both the saints who have gone before us, and for the new saints whom God has brought in to the Church through the sacrament of Holy Baptism in the last year. I'm looking forward to it!

November begins with All Saints' Day and draws to a close after Thanksgiving Day. In between those two weeks, we'll continue the Stewardship Committee's annual response campaign, as we continue to lift up and give thanks for all the ways that St. John's Lutheran Church and its members share our time, our energy, and our resources with our neighbors. I'd encourage you both to take a look at the gratitude wall and the gratitude chains in the entryway to the church, to see the things that members of the congregation and the community are grateful for, and to add items of your own.



In addition to the public expressions of gratitude, I'm going to be continuing a gratitude practice of my own: Throughout the year, but especially in November, I'm going to be sending thank-you notes to members of the congregation to lift up ways that you serve in the congregation. If you see someone doing something particularly noteworthy, please let me know so that I can share my thanks with them. St. John's is big enough, and our ministries are broad enough, that it's hard for one person to see everything, and I'd hate to miss thanking someone for anything!

Finally, as we go through this month, I'd like to thank you, the members of St. John's Lutheran Church. Thank you for the work that you do in so many different ways, from helping with worship to teaching Sunday school to balancing the church budget to preparing meals for people in the community. Thank you for the generosity you share, as you support the ministries of the church financially, as you donate food to PACS and school supplies to Lutheran World Relief. Thank you for sharing your faith with others, and for your support and prayer for me and for all the things that we do together at St. John's. It's a privilege and a blessing to be a part of this congregation, and I'm looking forward to continuing to find things at St. John's to be thankful about for a long time to come.

In Christ,
Pastor Russ

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on the inside cover of this newsletter*

“God’s Work, Our Hands”

Saturday, November 4, 2023

9 a.m.- 12 p.m. Rain or Shine

“God’s work. Our hands” is an Evangelical Lutheran Church in America initiative—one church, freed in Christ to serve and love our neighbor.

“Service activities offer an opportunity for us to explore one of our most basic convictions as Lutherans: that all of life in Jesus Christ—every act of service, in every daily calling, in every corner of life—flows freely from a living, daring confidence in God’s grace.”

St. John’s Property Committee is embracing this church-wide ministry for service opportunities by having a Property Committee led, all-church, family service day as we prepare our grounds and building for the coming winter. Many hands make light work. Opportunities for families, youth, and adults will include the following:



Family Projects

- Wash toy shelves in Creation and Noah Rooms
- Clean venetian blinds in Sunday school classrooms
- Weed and cut down grasses in our garden beds
- Paint small areas of wooden wall heater covers

Youth / Adult Projects

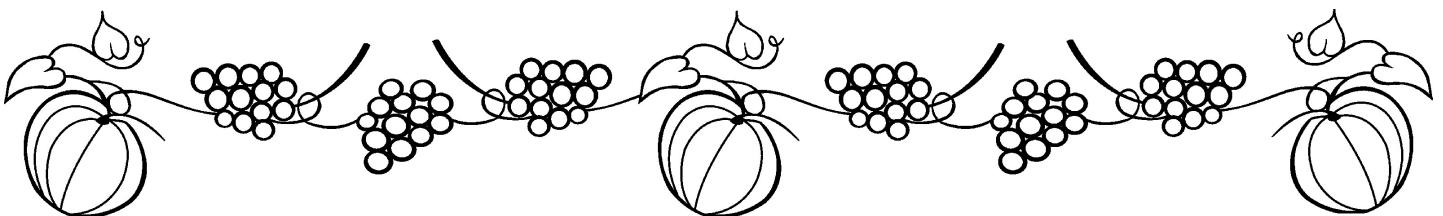
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| Install new ceiling LED lights | Dig a signpost hole |
| Address over-the-door gutters | Move freezer |
| Clean flat roof gutters | Move cement bumpers |
| Repair playground climbing wall | Replace ice maker filter |
| Add several three-way light switches | Tighten choir room stair steps |
| Organize Kley Hall and classroom screens | Install door silencers |

All tools will be provided. Come for any part of the morning that you can.



All Saints'

On November 4th & 5th, we will remember the saints that have gone before us by gathering in the columbarium on Sunday morning to begin the service with a bagpiper, who will then lead the congregation to the sanctuary for the rest of the service. There are two ways to remember saints—for those who have died since last November 6th, contact Sonya Sowards in the church office by October 30th with the name of the person to be listed in the church bulletin. For those saints who have died in previous years, you are invited to write their name(s) on a copper tag which will then be hung in the columbarium trees. Copper tags will be available on a table in the narthex before and after the worship services on both Saturday and Sunday.



October marked the official start of the march to Stewardship Sunday. This year, the Stewardship Committee is focusing on the time and talent portion of our mission first.

There are many things that go into the conducting of the service and the operation of the church. Each of us has been blessed with talents that would really come in handy. Maybe you could provide a warm welcome to people arriving for weekly service and a special greeting for anyone new to the church. Maybe you are amazing on a tractor or a wizard with a screwdriver and can assist with keeping our physical plant in good order. Maybe you know more than the average bear about technology and could help our Stream Team to get services online so homebound and travelling congregation members can worship with us. Maybe

your voice rivals Pavarotti or maybe you're not as melodic as you are enthusiastic. Either way, our choir can always use more voices. Maybe you are a regular at our services, and would be able to help out with ushering, participating in the service or preparing the sanctuary for the service. No matter what your talent is, if you are willing to give your time, the church has a place for you. And, as I know from personal experience, giving time to the church is not a one-sided gift. My involvement has brought me closer to St. John's and the people within.

During November, people will continue to give "temple talks" to tell you what their group or committee is about. We're hoping you find something that interests you and begs you to get involved.



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Donating Stock to St. John's

One of the many ways to financially support St. John's is through the donation of stock. Donating appreciated stock will benefit the church and provide a potential tax benefit to the donor. For stock that has been held for more than a year and has appreciated in value, one can take a charitable deduction based on the stock's fair market value on the day of donation. Additionally, making such a donation will avoid capital gains taxes on the increased value of the stock. If interested in donating stock to St. John's, contact our Church Treasurer, Shirley Platzer, at (484) 938-7763.

Save Your Cans

The St. John's youth are collecting aluminum beverage cans as a fundraiser to help with the costs of mission trips. Please bag your cans and drop them off in Kley Hall. Thank you!!



The thirty-member Providence Chamber Orchestra presents the first concert of its 2023-2024 season, 4:00 p.m., Sunday, November 19th, at St. John's.

The concert opens with Gustav Holst's *Brook Green Suite*, H. 190, which was written in 1933 for St Paul's Girls' School orchestra, for strings and consists of three movements. Holst wrote the suite while in hospital in the year before he died. The concert continues with *Sarabande et Rigaudon*, a brief "concert pair" by Camille Saint-Saëns. The Sarabande is written in heartfelt style for string orchestra and violin soloist and is well-contrasted with the lively rigaudon which follows. Rounding out the first half is the finale from Franz Joseph Haydn's *Symphony No. 45*, "Farewell Symphony." Haydn instructed "each musician to stop playing, snuff out the candle on his music stand, and leave in turn, so that at the end, there are just two muted violins left." Following a brief intermission the program concludes with *Symphony No. 40*, K. 550, by W. A. Mozart. This work has elicited varying interpretations from critics. Robert Schumann regarded it as possessing "Grecian lightness and grace," another saw in it the character of *opera buffa*. Almost certainly, however, the most common perception today is that the symphony is tragic in tone and intensely emotional. The symphony is unquestionably one of Mozart's most greatly admired works.

The ensemble was founded in 1999 to meet the musical needs and aspirations of its members, a group of talented, amateur musicians from the greater Philadelphia area, all of whom share a common passion for playing music. The group of volunteers rehearses twice monthly and presents an annual winter and spring concert in addition to accompanying the "St. John's Choir & Friends" performance of major choral repertoire. Tom Snyder, Director of Music at St. John's, conducts the orchestra.



Providence Chamber Orchestra



Spirit Days and Special Collection for Sunday School

St. John's CYFM is hosting monthly spirit days for Sunday school. During these days, students are invited to wear a themed outfit to church. We will also be doing a special collection of non-perishable food and hygiene items for PACS on these days for the offering. Refer to PACS' hot list on their website for guidance on what to bring.

- October 29TH - Wear Your Halloween Costume Day
- November 19TH - Wear Something Cozy Day
- December 10TH - Wear a Christmas Sweater Day

Women of the ELCA Fundraiser

WELCA is once again raising funds via Rada Cutlery, which sells kitchen knives and tools, cookbooks, various soups and dips. Joan Wilson is the WELCA member handling the fundraising effort. There is a Rada catalog with order forms in the narthex. Order forms and checks payable to "WELCA" should be given to Joan Wilson at church or put them in the WELCA mailbox in Kley Hall. Joan can be reached at (484) 437-4550. **Christmas orders must be submitted by December 1st.** Thank you for your support.



Community Thanksgiving Eve Worship

Plan to attend the Community Thanksgiving Eve Worship service offered by the Phoenixville Area Clergy Association on November 22nd at 7:30 p.m. at First United Methodist Church, at 865 Main Street in Phoenixville.

Guidelines for Submission of Articles for St. John's Communications

Submissions to the Parish Administrator for insertion in St. John's communications may include worship, faith formation, social justice, music and community events, and any items directly related to St. John's mission of "Living, growing & sharing in God's love through Jesus Christ." Submissions received by Monday at 11:00 a.m. will be included in the following Sunday's bulletin. Later submissions will appear in the following week's bulletin. All submissions are also included in all other applicable forms of communication (email, social media, website, slides, etc.) as soon as possible after receipt.

Submissions for *The Circle* newsletter are due on the 18th of every month (except July). Submissions received after this deadline may appear in other applicable St. John's communications and in the following month's newsletter.

When submitting articles, please include complete information such as date, time, location, and how to sign up for events (including links and QR codes to forms). Images are welcome but should be photos taken around St. John's or posters created by the submitter—not stock images or any images downloaded from the Internet which St. John's is not licensed to use.

If you have any questions about St. John's communications, please contact our administrator, Sonya Sowards, at office@stjohnphoenixville.org or (610) 933-3947 ext.



Would you like to be Stephen Leader? Stephen Ministries offers Bridge Leaders Training Courses (BLTC) to fully

equip laypeople to serve as Stephen Leaders. The BLTC provides Stephen Leaders with the knowledge, skills, and resources they need to successfully implement the Stephen Ministry System. BLTC is a live, interactive training experience that fully equips and inspires participants to serve as Stephen Leaders. The BLTC is now delivered over Zoom to cohorts of 20 people from across the United States, Canada and around the world. It consists of 10 sessions of 2½ hours each, held twice weekly over five weeks or once weekly over ten weeks. Options include morning, afternoon, or evening cohorts. In order to grow our leadership team, we are hoping to train several additional people. Please prayerfully consider participating in a Bridge Leaders Training Course. For further information contact Linda Landis.

People of God Involved in God's Work November Worship Staff

Acolyte

- 5 Adeline McCabe, Evan Becker, Ryan DesMarais, Katelyn Blattner
- 12 Evan Becker
- 19 TBD
- 26 TBD

Altar Guild

- 5 Nancy Cressman & Janet Ertell
- 12 Donna Anderson & Cathy Garrett
- 19 TBD
- 26 Betty Hans & Jean Herbranson

Assisting Minister

- 5 Annie Cummins
- 12 TBD
- 19 Cole Cummins
- 26 Ron Stevens

Communion Assistant/Lector

- 5 Lynn Titus
- 12 Bill Starling
- 19 Nancy Cressman
- 26 TBD

Counters

- 5 Jack & Janet Ertell
- 12 Heather Yonosh & Jeanne Schanzenbach
- 19 Mary Heiser, Mike & Cathy Kahl
- 26 Stephen & Jen Drewes

Evening Light Assistant

- 5 Rich Latella
- 12 Shirley Platzter
- 19 Sandy Momyer
- 26 TBD

Fellowship Time Host

- 12 Book Club

Lock-Up

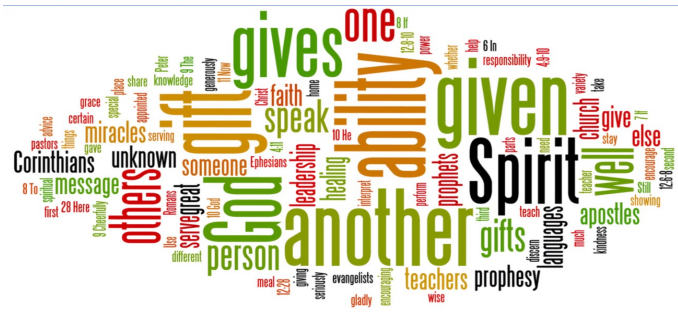
- 5 Sue Starling
- 12 Mitch Reading
- 19 Kelly Gallagher
- 26 Aimee Hillegas

Stream Team

- 5 Josh Romano, Paul Miller
- 12 Aimee Hillegas, Paul Miller
- 19 Dale Herbranson, Paul Miller
- 26 Josh Romano, Dale Herbranson

Ushers

- 5 Don Titus & Cathy Garrett
- 12 Sue Starling & Katelyn Blattner
- 19 Cathy & Mike Kahl



There are so many ways to use the gifts God has given you at St. John's! We always need:

- Communion bread bakers
- ushers
- communion assistants/lectors
- assisting ministers
- live stream staff ("Stream Team")
- Committee members
- Teachers
- choir members
- drivers to bring shut-ins to worship
- Stephen Ministers

Please let Sonya Sowards know how you would like to use your time and talent at St. John's, and she will put you in touch with the appropriate leader. Ministry group leader names and committees can also be found on the last page of this newsletter.

Live Generously

If you are a member of Thrivent, you are eligible to apply for two Action Team Grants each year to benefit your church. Please contact your Thrivent representative if you would like to apply for an Action Team Grant in the coming year. You can learn more about Thrivent at www.thrivent.com.



Sponsor Flowers, Bulletins & Vigil Candle

Members and friends are invited to sponsor the **vigil candle** in memory of or in honor of loved ones. The cost is \$12 per month. You are also invited to offset the cost of the **weekly bulletins**. That cost is \$20 per week. Our florist supplies **flowers** (visible on our live-stream as well as in-person services) at \$25 per vase for a total of \$50 for two. Contact Sonya Sowards for available months and dates and to specify the occasion, or you can use the sign-up sheets on the hallway bulletin board. Thank you!

Give to St. John's Via App

Vanco, our eGiving provider, has launched an updated mobile app called Vanco Mobile (to replace GivePlus Mobile, which has been retired as of September 30th). You can download the Vanco Mobile app for free from the App Store or Google Play. From there, you can make a one-time donation or set up recurring giving right through the app. Just select your fund and amount, enter a payment method and complete the donation. If you have questions or need assistance, email Dale Herbranson at dale.herbranson@outlook.com.

Scan this QR code to give to the many ministries of St. John's from your phone!



Summary Financial Report as of September 30, 2023

	Monthly		Year-to-Date	
	Budget	Actual	Budget	Actual
Income:				
Envelope Giving	\$ 28,182	\$ 22,380	\$ 253,638	\$ 232,172
Other Income	5,675	6,112	51,075	48,183
	\$ 33,857	\$ 28,492	\$ 304,713	\$ 280,355
Expenses	\$ 35,427	\$ 38,400	\$ 318,842	\$ 273,041
Income (Deficit)	\$ (1,570)	\$ (9,908)	\$ (14,129)	\$ 7,314

Did you know? Many employers offer the ability to have your donations deducted from your paycheck and then forward those donations on to us. Some, such as Vanguard, offer a generous match so that your donation has the potential of a nice increase. Contact your Human Resources Department to see if this is a possibility for you.

November 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
29 Reformation Sunday 9am Faith Formation 10:15am Holy Communion 3pm Trunk or Treat 4pm Peter Richard Conte, Grand Court Organist of the Wanamaker Organ in Macy's Center City	30 11am Alanon Family Group	31 6:30pm Parent Grief Group	1 4pm Social Ministry 6pm Girl Scouts #473 7pm Alanon 7:30pm Adult Choir Rehearsal	2 6:30pm Girl Scouts 6:30pm Kiwanis 6:45pm Children's Handbells Rehearsal 7pm Naranon 7:30pm Adult Handbells Rehearsal	3 Confirmation Lock-in 8pm Narcotics Anonymous	4 Confirmation Lock-in 9am God's Work Our Hands Property Workday 5pm Evening Light (w/communion)
5 All Saints Sunday 9am Faith Formation 10:15am Holy Communion 2pm PCO Rehearsal	6 10:15am Staff 11am Alanon Family Group 5:30pm Junior/Cadette Girl Scouts #42024 7pm Property 7pm Stephen Ministry	7 6:30pm Faith Formation Committee 6:30pm Parent Grief Group 7:30pm Worship & Music	8 4pm Daisy Girl Scouts #4863 4:30pm Cadette Girl Scouts #41982 6pm Girl Scouts 7pm Alanon 7:30pm Adult Choir Rehearsal	9 6:30pm Girl Scouts 6:45pm Children's Handbells Rehearsal 7pm Naranon 7:30pm Adult Handbells Rehearsal	10 8pm Narcotics Anonymous	11 5pm Evening Light (w/communion)
12 9am Faith Formation-pageant rehearsal 9:45am Fellowship Time 10:15am Holy Communion w/ASP presentation 11:15am ASP leaders meeting 2pm PCO Rehearsal 2:30pm Girl Scouts #41441	13 10am MAEVE Moms Mingle 11am Alanon Family Group 7pm Church Council	14	15 6pm Girl Scouts #473 7pm Alanon 7:30pm Adult Choir Rehearsal	16 6:30pm Girl Scouts 6:30pm Kiwanis 6:45pm Children's Handbells Rehearsal 7pm Naranon 7:30pm Adult Handbells Rehearsal 8:15pm Naranon Support	17 St. Peter's lunch High School Friendsgiving Fall Retreat 8pm Narcotics Anonymous	18 High School Friendsgiving Fall Retreat Circle deadline 5pm Evening Light (w/communion)
19 Stewardship Sunday High School Friendsgiving Fall Retreat 9am Faith Formation-pageant rehearsal 10:15am Holy Communion 2:30pm Girl Scouts #41441 4pm Providence Chamber Orchestra Concert	20 11am Alanon Family Group 5pm Stewardship Committee 5:30pm Junior/Cadette Girl Scouts #42024 7pm Stephen Ministry	21	22 4pm Daisy Girl Scouts #4863 6pm Girl Scouts 7pm Alanon 7:30pm Adult Choir Rehearsal 7:30pm Thanksgiving Eve Worship	23 6:30pm Girl Scouts 7pm Naranon	24 8pm Narcotics Anonymous	25 5pm Evening Light (w/communion)
26 9am Faith Formation 10:15am Holy Communion	27 10am Covered Bridge Garden Club 11am Alanon Family Group 7pm Finance Committee	28 10:30am WELCA 7:30pm Fellowship Committee	29 6pm Girl Scouts #473 7pm Alanon 7:30pm Adult Choir Rehearsal	30 6:30pm Girl Scouts 6:45pm Children's Handbells Rehearsal 7pm Naranon 7:30pm Adult Handbells Rehearsal	1 8pm Narcotics Anonymous	2 9am DAR 5pm Evening Light (w/communion)

November 2023 Birthdays and Anniversaries

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
29 Beth Snyder's birthday	30 Gracie Themens's birthday Miranda McMahon's birthday Noah Deichmann's birthday	31 Alexandra Perrotto's birthday Edwin Walters's birthday Terri McDonnell's birthday	1 Kim-Eric Williams's birthday Lisa Wimble's birthday	2 Iain and Bridget Riley's anniversary	3	4 Jim Steiner's birthday Tom and Lindsey Snyder's anniversary
5 Rachel Possinger's birthday	6 Katherine Yonosh's birthday Mildred Wilson's birthday Nicholas Castellano and Kelly LeMarbe's anniversary Patrick DesMarais's birthday Richard and Leilani Ash's anniversary Sarah Yonosh's birthday	7 Ford Quaglia's birthday Lincoln Spurlock's birthday	8	9 Will Stotler's birthday	10	11 Katie Henderson's birthday Nils Aho's birthday
12 Andy and Katie Henderson's anniversary Jay Renninger's birthday	13 Rachel Zimmermann's birthday	14 Chris and Shelley Saeger's anniversary	15	16	17 Karen Romano's birthday	18 Tammy Plumley's birthday
19 Danielle Reading's birthday Jill Stevenson's birthday	20 Margit Grejdus's birthday	21 Bradley LaBoon's birthday Brett Gallagher's birthday John Marchegiano's birthday	22 Brandon Jones's birthday Emilio Lozada's birthday	23	24 Maddie Gadzicki's birthday Rick and Leslie Kern's anniversary Tom Johnson's birthday	25 Diane Sitkowski's birthday John and Nancy Perchalski's anniversary Mark Yancheck's birthday
26 Olivia Schumacher's birthday	27	28	29	30 Gabriella Geiger's birthday Gary Carl's birthday Mary Miller's birthday Nancy Renninger's birthday	1 Bill Ahola's birthday	2 Pat Clark's birthday

Copper tree O copper tree
 How gently breezes waft
 Among thy branches
 Gently to touch
 Sorrowing loved ones
 An eternal place of rest
 Where loved ones rest in
 Peace
 Those sorrowing find
 Solace of peace
 Caressed by softest of
 Breezes
 O copper tree caress
 Those that morn
 Birds sing a lullaby
 Of hope leaves join
 In singing of life
 Eternal
 All rest in peace
 Here 'neath the
 Copper tree

Margaret Walker



**St. John's Lutheran Church
Council Meeting Minutes
September 11, 2023**

Attendees:							
Dick Kunsch	A	Mitch Reading	P	Dale Herbranson	P	Stephen Drewes	P
Kelly Gallagher	P	Janet Gerner	P	Sue Starling	P	Sandra Zimmermann	P
Aimee Hillegas	P	Elisa Kahn	PA	Jeanne Schanzenbach	P	Mike Kahl	P
Pastor Crouthamel	P						
Guests:							
Sonya Sowards	P	Tom Snyder	P	Molly Oladunjoye	P		

The meeting was called to order at 7:01 pm by Aimee; Mitch led with an opening prayer.

Prior Meeting Minutes

Motion by Dale, Second by Kelly to accept the minutes as presented; motion passed.

Staff Reports

Motion by Sue, Second by Mitch to accept the August/Sept Staff Reports; motion passed.

Committee Reports

Council reviewed the following Committee Reports:

- Finance Committee from 8/22/23.
 - Council vote needed – motion from committee to approve Walt and Dana Deichmann as counters. Motion carried.
 - Motion made by Kelly to approve the Finance report, second by Dale; motion passed
- Electronics Committee – did not meet.
 - Dale noted new microphones were installed above the choir and above the sanctuary piano; these are designed to improve the livestream sound in those locations.
- Faith Formation - did not meet.
- Property Committee from 8/28/23 - accepted as written.
- Worship and Music Committee from 09/05/23 - accepted as written.
- Social Ministry Committee from 09/06/23 - accepted as written.
- Fellowship Committee – did not meet.
- Columbarium Committee – did not meet.
- Executive Committee – did not meet.
- Stewardship Committee – did not meet.
- Welcome Team Committee - did not meet.

Motion by Mitch, Second by Stephen to accept committee reports; motion passed.

Old Business

- Kitchen Renovation Funding
 - Jack Ertell of the Finance Committee provided a summary of available money from the various funds but agreed with Council that although we could fully fund it with existing funds, we should do some fundraising to cover most/all of the renovations.
 - A snapshot of Finance Committee's analysis:

Here is the approximate value of current investment funds that might be touched in funding the kitchen project:

Capital Improvements (Fund 2)	6,000
Reserve Fund (Part of Fund 3)	126,000 (\$44,000 to partly fund Kley Hall HVAC)
Memorial Wreath (Part of Fund 3)	63,000
Undesignated Bequests (Fund 5)	183,000 (\$12,000 Steeple Repairs, \$66,000 Kley Hall HVAC)
Community Outreach	88,000
Outreach Fund	141,000

Note:

Amounts in parentheses will be paid from these funds upon completion of the projects.

Yearly earnings from the outreach funds are made available for Social Ministry Committee projects.

- Agreed that we need a general announcement to the congregation that we are beginning a kitchen renovation which will involve fundraising and invite members to join the task force.
- Task force to be comprised of Stewardship, Property, and at-large members. Stephen volunteered to help head up the Task Force.
- Sue to write up the renovation announcement for the Circle.
- Church Collaboration Committee – next meeting September 28th at St. Johns. Molly and Pr. Russ will both try to attend this next meeting.

New Business

- Committee Health:
 - Stewardship Committee and Welcoming Committee were addressed.
 - Agreed to focus on Stewardship initially - Pastor Russ's guidance is to focus on a spirit of gratitude and an attitude of generosity – looking for people who are able to articulate that inspiration to others.

Aimee adjourned the meeting at 8:07; meeting ended with the Lord's Prayer. Next regularly scheduled meeting will be October 9, 2023. Mitch Reading will act as Secretary as Sue will not be available.

Respectfully submitted,

Sue Starling
Church Council Secretary

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Parish Administrator:
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Mark Yancheck, Jr.
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Arlene Hudak

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COMMITTEES

Columbarium:
Bill Starling, Chair
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Electronics:
Bill Schoellkopf, Chair
Dale Herbranson, Council Rep.

Executive:
Mitch Reading, Chair

Faith Formation:
Erica Reading, Chair
Elisa Kahn, Council Rep.

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Sue Starling, Council Rep.

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O copper tree
May all that mourn
'Neath thy branches
Walk in the presence
Of the Lord of heaven
And earth
Copper tree
Copper
Tree may all thy
Comfort know
May thy shade ever
Comfort those who
Morn

Margaret Walker

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please call for appointments with staff members

A Caring, Sharing, Growing Congregation of the ELCA
Participating in Stephen Ministry

Worship Schedule

Saturdays

5 p.m. Evening Light with Holy Communion

Sundays

10:15 a.m. Holy Communion

(fall, winter and spring)

9:00 a.m. Holy Communion

(Memorial Day weekend through Labor Day)

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