



Saint John's Lutheran Church



Annual Report of the Congregation 2020

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SAINT JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

2020 ANNUAL REPORT

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JANUARY 2021

ORDER OF BUSINESS – Part II

Conducted by mail-in Ballots due to Covid

New Council Members

- **Frank Drake**
- **Mark Haley**
- **Pat Muran**

The Nominating Committee slate was approved.

The NALC ratification passed.

There were 111 tallied ballots. 5 ballots were invalid.

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SAINT JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

CHURCH COUNCIL 2020

OFFICERS:

President Steve Kapka

Vice President Sandy Lebens

Treasurer Brian King

Secretary Mark Ravera

Liaisons:

Property Mark Heidepriem

Worship & Music Wes Drysdale

Good News Team Cheryl Price

Social Ministry Sandy Lebens

Christian Education

Stewardship Kevin Colton

Children's Ministry Mark Ravera

Youth Steve Kapka

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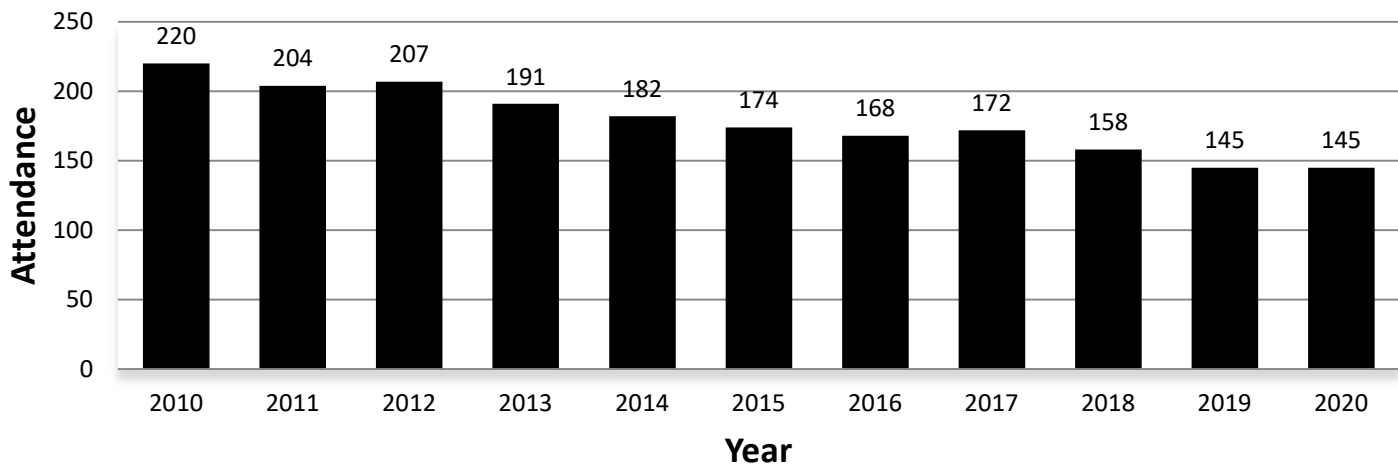
PAROCHIAL REPORT
SAINT JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH
December 31, 2020

BAPTIZED

CONFIRMED

Membership as of end of 2019	<u>260</u>	<u>235</u>
Membership received during 2020		
Affirmed Faith		
Baptism 0-15 yrs.		
Baptism Adult		
Other Lutheran		
Transfer		
Total New Members Received		
Baptized youth who were confirmed in 2019		
Total Baptism/Confirmation Gains		
Members Removed During 2019		
Death	8	8
Other/inactivity/moved	7	7
Transfer	1	1
Total Baptism/Confirmed Removed	<u>16</u>	<u>16</u>
Membership as of December 31, 2019	244	219
Associate Membership	5	5

Average Worship Attendance



**SAINT JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH
MEMBERS REMOVED 2020**

SUSAN EPP

DONNA GILLETTE

GARY GILLETTE

BEVERLY KOVALL

DOUGLAS MALCOLM

ARMAND SCHWIND

DIANE YOPS

GERALD YOPS

Members Removed By Death 2020

ROSE GODDARD

ERIC LUND

DOROTHY MEYER

THOMAS MURAN

CAROLYN SCHIRMER

BOB SHARPS

SHIRLEY UHRAN

MARY ZOLL

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THE 2020 NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT

The present nominating committee members:

Pastor Greg Wallace
Steve Kapka
Sandy Lebens
Jeanne Heidepriem
Julie Lebens
Scott Taylor

After prayerful consideration, we present the following nominees:

Frank Drake
Mark Haley
Jeff Metcalfe
Pat Muran
Jim Stegal
Write-in #1
Write-in #2

NOMINATING COMMITTEE FOR 2020:

At Large - Four members to be elected for a one-year term:

Karen Correll
David Immel
Louise Frye
Ron Werner

Council – (Two of the incumbents in their final year of term)

Roseann Carroll
Cheryl Price
Greg Wallace (Pastor)

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MINUTES OF ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING – PART II

Saint John's Congregational Meeting, Part II

January 27, 2020

Members Present: 95 current members were signed in.

Meeting was called to order at 11:33 A.M. by President Dave Goodwin

* Congregation was given ballots to elect new incoming council members. Congregation expressed some concerns about the nominating committee as related to outgoing council members serving on nominating committee. Members were instructed to refer to page 9 of the 2019 Annual Report to observe candidate names for Nominating and Council teams. Candidates were introduced. Motion was made by Frank Drake and seconded by Jeff Metcalf to close discussion and concerns related to the Nominating Committee. Motion was approved. 95 members voted to approve all candidates.

* Procedural aspects and process as related to Roberts Rules of approving the 2020 Budget were discussed and reviewed by Rick Terborch

* Congregational Concerns: 1. A general concern for the urgency of a detailed plan as a necessity for passing the proposed budget was stressed by many members. 2. The proposed Budget does not meet the needs of the congregation particularly related to a balanced Budget.

* A motion was made by Frank Drake and seconded by Jeff Metcalf to close Budget discussion. Motion was passed.

* A priority motion was made by Peggy Droste and seconded by Lynn Kaloian in regards to voting of the proposed Budget be done in the form of a written ballot. Motion was passed. A written ballot was used.

* A motion was made by Jeff Metcalf and seconded by Janice Goodwin to approve to vote on the proposed 2020 Budget. Motion was passed.

* The 2020 Saint John's Budget was approved by a majority vote as follows:

YES 44 NO 40 * 84 members were present to vote.

Meeting adjourned at 12:55 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Mark Ravera...Council Secretary

**SAINT JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH
MINUTES OF ANNUAL CONGREGATION MEETING PART 1
December 2020**

For 2021 Budget Approval

Due to the Covid-19 Crisis, Council decided to send out Mail in Ballots to the entire congregation to vote on the final 2021 Budget. Ballots were counted and the results were as follows: 84 YES; 10 NO.

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PASTOR GREG'S ANNUAL REPORT 2020

Could this year have been any stranger? What a crazy ride we've all been on. This pandemic has been one for the record books in so many ways.

I'm so thankful for the way all of you have stepped up to this unprecedented challenge and weathered the storm. When we had to stop meeting, you adapted to our online only approach. We all became more "techy" this year! When we could meet outside, you brought your camp chair and a blanket. When the grind of it kept going, you reached out to each other with phone calls and Zoom meetings.

And you kept giving! Our finances have been steady thanks to your generous stewardship in 2020. We didn't need to lay anyone off or furlough any staff. We met all of our benevolence commitments locally and around the world.

It's been a hard year for sure. The loneliness and lack of contact have been brutal. Lutherans not being allowed to hug each other! What a nightmare! In some ways, we don't know the true state of the church because the church has not been together. How many have drifted away? How can you track attendance when we worship together online?

As we get back together in 2021, we'll have to assess where we are and where God is leading us. We've lost so much momentum in so many areas, but he has pulled us through. I'm hopeful God will kick-start our kingdom efforts again and we'll soon be back in business. He has not forgotten us and he has great plans for the future.

God's Peace

Greg

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CONGREGATION COUNCIL PRESIDENT'S REPORT FOR 2020

To say that the 2020 was a good year would be hard for some of us. The church council, with help from office staff, our pastor and family, Songfest, and many others, I would say St. Johns came thru with flying colors! We should all be proud of our accomplishments, such as a good budget, zoom meetings, and all the phone calls made by you, the congregation.

Your council did meet every month via zoom to carry out business as needed. We are near completion of a new employee handbook for staff to follow, our property committee has come up with a fantastic budget savings and the grounds look great! A special team within the congregation has been working on sanctuary upgrades like the new TV monitors which I hope we can all enjoy soon. More changes are still to come.

Has anyone noticed the new logo for our church? It a new modern look but very easy to see. Greg and Kevin worked to get this together, thank you. Also, our new web site Greg has up and running and is very proud, as are we.

What is to come for tomorrow, more changes or updates, maybe a new sign out front, more new interesting members will look us up. We are the church on the corner and everyone can see us! Once we all have been vaccinated we can come together and get and give those "hugs" we all miss and need.

Have you seen the cars in our parking lot at night? That's part of the "safe park" program Saint Johns is participating. This is just another way we open our doors to help our community.

I think zoom meetings will continue for a while, I know I enjoy and appreciate them as a way to keep in touch. I pray your new council will continue to lead and listen to your needs. All in all, I think St. Johns is in great shape to begin a new year. We all look forward to what's going to change or be new. More people are coming up with great ideas. When you read this it will be next year, how will you help make it better?

Respectfully,
Steve Kapka, council president, 2020



CHILDREN'S MINISTRY REPORT 2020

2020 - What a year!

Youth and Children's annual Report

Confirmation & Youth Group

From January to early March, the youth gathered weekly on Sunday evenings for games, snacks, discussion and diving into the scriptures. We ended the year with 7 regular confirmation students and 3 in the virtual high school zoom group. After taking a month off in the beginning of the pandemic, we restructured confirmation to a monthly gathering with doing most activities outdoors or spread out indoors in the commons. High school students shifted to a weekly zoom group. While this changed the dynamic and we lost some traditional elements, we were still able to maintain and build strong relationships with the students. They asked many great questions and continued to dig in to understanding their faith, the world around them, and relationship with Jesus.

Summer outdoor events

Over the summer we planned several outdoor events that were well attended and much needed relationally. A few highlights were a drive through water balloon fight (it got really wet!!), beach days, lunch on the pier, volleyball and Frisbee at Saint John's, outdoor movie nights, fire pit worship and s'mores, and drive by birthday and graduation parades.

Trips & Fundraisers

The first weekend in March 14 of us (11 students and 3 chaperones) attended Hume Lake Winter Camp was another amazing opportunity where we grew in our faith and were challenged to live out our Christian faith more boldly. Due to the Covid pandemic and therefore restrictions, we were unable to do any additional trips or fundraisers in 2020.

KidsChurch

Beginning in March we were no longer able to hold KidsChurch. Kids were encouraged to join in virtually for a weekly KidsTalk during the Sunday Service. We also had a weekly zoom group for KidsChurch age kids in the Spring. We set up a Saint John's family page for engagement during the week through videos, parenting posts, and ideas to build spiritual and family connections.

Homework help

As kids continued with distance learning in the fall we put together a 6 weeks' opportunity for kids to connect with one another and mentors at Saint John's. We met once a week and spent an hour playing socially distant safe outdoor games and learning a new sport skill. This was followed by an hour of 1:1 or 1:2 academic mentoring, homework helps and crafts. Thank you to the families to who participated and the mentors who served: Louise Frye, Pam Glenn, Marcia Thornton, Greg & Lydia Wallace.

Prayer Partners

With all things 2020, we made an adjustment to our prayer partners and asked the women of Saint John's to faithfully continue to pray for their student throughout the calendar year. We had 31 youth and children receiving prayer at the year's end. New partnerships were made in January of 2021. We have great and continued gratitude for Louise Frye's coordination and the women's ministry for partnering with us on this.

Porch Drops, mailings, and Monthly Family Devotional Boxes

Throughout the year we tried to come up with creative ways to help families stay connected with Saint John's, grow spiritually and have fun as a family. We did this through dropping things off at their homes, and periodically through the mail (kids love to get mail!). Some simple highlights were bags of microwave popcorn with a note saying "we just popped by to let you know you we miss you", supplies for online/virtual games we'd play via zoom, and sometimes just silly snacks! Beginning in September I began putting together monthly boxes with a theme for the month. Boxes included ideas for family devotions, scriptures, activities for kids, coloring, snacks, books, puzzles, and often a challenge to share/give something away or serve a neighbor in some way. Themes included: joy, loved, thankfulness, peace, prayer, and kindness. I so enjoy dropping the boxes off and it truly brought me so much joy to see a kid smile and a wave across the street, even for a few short minutes. This time of connection, I believe, helped us all stay encouraged and feel a little less distant.

First Communion, Easter Fun Day, VBS, Trunk or Treat, Advent Night, annual Christmas Play and other large congregational or community outreach events were canceled in 2020 due to the Covid pandemic.

Submitted by Cindi Wallace

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EVANGELISM GOOD NEWS TEAM 2020

Mission Statement: *To do outreach to past, present and future worshippers.*

This year members were Susan Epp, Earline and Axel Leijonhufvud, Jeff Metcalfe, Cheryl Price (Council Liaison), Nancy Duty and Pastor Greg Wallace.
Thanks to each of these members for their dedication and service.

We met on March 1, 2020. This was our only meeting in 2020 due to COVID-19.

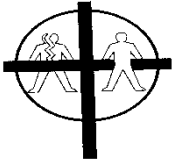
Care cards were sent to the congregational members as needed throughout the year.

In His Service, Nancy Duty, Chairperson

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GLOBAL MISSIONS MINISTRY – 2020 (NO REPORT SUBMITTED)

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STEPHEN MINISTRY 2020

What a year it's been! We are so thankful that Gordon Eiland and Pastor Greg were able to attend Stephen Leader training in Anaheim in February before all the shut downs started. They had a great time of fellowship with other Stephen Ministry congregations, training on how to lead our own Stephen Ministry program and a time together to bond. The energy and focus they brought back has reinvigorated the rest of us.

What did 2020 care giving look like? Our Stephen Ministers continued their commitments to their care receivers, at first touching base and talking mostly via texts and phone calls. As time progressed, they found ways to safely meet in person with masks and social distancing. Thanks and praise to God for His active participation in these relationships and through our care givers. One more big blessing – we welcomed back Shar TerBorch as a trained Stephen Minister and Leader.

What's ahead for 2021? Continued caring relationships and bimonthly (Zoom) supervision meetings. Reaching out and publicizing what our Stephen Ministry program is all about. (One-to-one, Christian care, where we are the care givers and God is the Cure Giver!) Continued education to hone our skills. Fall training of congregation members to become Stephen Ministers. (Contact us if you're interested in the details!)

Our active Stephen Ministry roster includes: Gordon Eiland, Robin Eiland, Shar TerBorch, Greg Wallace and Kerry Wood

Thank you congregation members and friends for your continued prayers, support and encouragement and for stepping forward as care receivers. May God continue to richly bless one and all.

In His love and service, Kerry Wood

“My command is this: Love one other as I have loved you.” John 15: 12

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PROPERTY COMMITTEE 2020

No Report Submitted

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SOCIAL OUTREACH SERVICE 2020 (S.O.S.)

Mission Statement:

To serve the Lord by encouraging the congregation to be disciples on meeting the needs of people in hunger and social justice.

Members: Lynn Kaloian, Betty Knudson, Emanda Miller, Sandy Lebens, Naomi Klinkenberg, and Greg Wallace.

On-going planning and involvement in:

1. Food of the Month donations for the Five Cities Christian Women's Food Pantry (many thanks to Kerry and Cal Wood for their faithfulness in delivering food to the Pantry).
2. Sponsorship of Collins and Consulate, two of the children at Solid Rock Christian School.
3. Continued planning of the Fellowship Folks Multicultural Fair and Silent Auction benefitting Iglesia Luterana Santa Cruz in Santa Maria and the ZOZU Project. This event is being co-sponsored by the Social Outreach Services and the Global Mission Ministry Teams and will be held as soon as it is safe to do so.
4. Empty bowls ticket sales to benefit the Homeless Coalition.
5. Warming Center clothing and food drive to provide for the homeless in our community.
6. Safe Parking for homeless families (special thanks to Jeff Metcalf and Pastor Greg for coordinating this effort).
7. Christmas Angel Tree providing gifts for children of Iglesia Luterana Santa Cruz (thanks to Chrissy Rivera, Kerry Wood and Julie Lebens for organizing, collecting and delivering the gifts).

Social Outreach Services Ministry normally meets monthly at 10 a.m. on the first Wednesday of the month. Meetings are currently on pause due to the pandemic. Anyone interested in becoming a part of this ministry should contact Sandy Lebens at (805)459-2238.

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DRESS A GIRL AROUND THE WORLD 2020

Even though we were unable to meet after March 14th, our last workshop in 2020, we continued the production of dresses by making dress kits and putting them in a bin for our sewers to pick up and do their magic with the dresses. As dresses were completed they found their way into another bin for me to gather the dresses and organize them by size, getting them ready for their new home. We partnered up with Operation Christmas Child, both here on the Central Coast and also in the Simi Valley, Van Nuys and south areas. Between all the seamstresses here at Saint John's, as well as House of God in Redlands, a church group in Camarillo, and a couple of others, we were able to provide over 1200 dresses to be distributed somewhere in the world where they were needed most. What a blessing God gave us!

Be Blessed - Make a Dress!

Pamela Glenn

Dress A Girl Coordinator for Saint John's Lutheran Church

Dress A Girl Ambassador for the Central Coast of California

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ALTAR GUILD 2020

Mission statement:

To Glorify God through preparation of Sacraments for the congregation.

This year members were Julia Colton, Peggy Droste, Mona Hart, Ethel Lenz, Trudy Linnan, Kathy Lindstaedt, Joyce McGhie, Marcy Richardson, Patti Roberts, Irene Rodin, Sharline Tuggey, Rena Weiger, Kay Werner and Alice Witt. Thanks to each of them for their dedication and service!

Irene Rodin will be moving to Atascadero at the end of 2020 to be closer to family. We will miss her greatly!!

Probably the only time you see members of the Altar Guild doing their job is on Maundy Thursday when we come out of the pews to silently strip the Altar. The rest of the year we work behind the scenes to purchase all the supplies and set up communion, baptism, and the advent wreath; to place the poinsettias, Easter flowers, and the Easter shrouds; also to replace the altar candles as necessary, change the paraments (the color banners on the pulpit), and move the banners as appropriate. We keep all the altar linens and pastor's alb (robe) fresh and pressed.

This is a great ministry for those who like to work behind the scenes. We work in teams of 3 or 4, and each team is responsible for approximately 3 communion Sundays a year. If you would be interested in joining this very important ministry, please contact one of the people listed above.

It is a very important and rewarding ministry!

Kay Werner, chairman

Kay Werner, chairman

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WORSHIP & MUSIC STAFF 2020

CONTEMPORARY MUSIC

Every year we are blessed with songs of worship to lead our families in singing, and this year was no different. Music remains God's dear connection to our souls.

On Sunday, March 22, 2020, we experienced our most challenging Sunday worship hurdle by having to close the sanctuary doors and live stream our services via Facebook and YouTube. We worshipped outdoors on the grass for Father's Day, Galen Rule's baptism, Ukulele Sunday, and for most of September. For parts of June, October, and November, we were also able to worship together in person which is so life-giving when sharing our family stories, blessings, hardships, and praising God's presence in our lives.

Saint John's will continue to "sing and make music from [our] heart to the Lord, always giving thanks to God the Father for everything, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ." (Ephesians 5:20)

I am most grateful for our music staff and team - Adrienne Rule, Dawn and Wes Drysdale, Janice Goodwin, Dave Immel, Mark Ravera, Tim Myer, Thomas Lindstaedt, Mike Apfel, Kevin Colton, Greg, Cindi, Lydia, and Micah Wallace, and Shari Bowman – for their talents, flexibility, and leadership during this year's unpredictability.

God is good. Cal Wood

HANDBELL MINISTRIES 2020

Shari Bowman continued as Director for both Heavenly Handbells and Cross & Clef as they shared the third and fourth Sundays in January respectively, then HH the third Sundays in February and March. And then there was Covid and the shutdown! With everything on lockdown, all rehearsals were cancelled and church was online only for the remainder of March, April and May. Rehearsals were resumed the beginning of June, and we played June 14, continued rehearsing through June, then another shutdown order the beginning of July. This continued until October, when we resumed Bell rehearsals the last Thursday, then played a pre-recorded piece in early November. One more rehearsal, and we were shut down again. It was the strangest year for all of us, with limited musical offerings (although MUCH thanks to Songfest for being able to continue to lead our worship, as well as Janice leading Choir in both in-person and virtual rehearsals, and putting together a virtual Choir to enhance our worship!!).

I would like to thank my amazing team of ringers, who were so flexible and willing to do whatever necessary to add musical uplift to our worship: Karen Correll, Mona Hart, Carlyn Hinds, Sandy Lebens, Kathy Lindstaedt, Thomas Lindstaedt, Sandy Varley, Pam Webster, and JoAnn Wing. I pray for an end soon to this global pandemic, that the vaccinations are rolled out quickly, and that we are once again able to worship as a family and resume our music ministries in full!

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Dawn Russ served as our Organist for the year, with Shari Bowman substituting when needed. We so appreciate Dawn's talents and her willingness to play for us, as she also serves as Organist for Grace Bible Church.

CHANCEL CHOIR

“Hey, I’ve got an idea! Why don’t we do a virtual choir?!”

The Songbirds of Saint John's Choir were actually able to accomplish a couple of amazing feats in 2020, thanks to God's goodness (and Tyler Drysdale's willingness to hold my hand and help me figure it out)! We actually did not sing in person in the sanctuary at all last year - what a sad thought for a singer! We were on calendar to sing twice in February, however more than half of the choir became ill in late January/early February with what many believe might have been the first wave of COVID-19, because it sure did behave like this virus. Once the first Shelter-At-Home order went into place and we started seeing "Virtual Choirs" all over the internet *I got the bright idea that we could do one* (note sarcasm in *italics...*). "How hard could it be?!?!" Well, friends, let me tell you - it's the hardest thing I have ever done in my life, and I believe my choir-mates will second that opinion. Here's a little glimpse into how it was done:

First, we selected a song that would not be too difficult but would carry a meaningful message, and distributed the music to the choir members at home. Then Shari and I met in the sanctuary and made a recording of her playing the accompaniment track while simultaneously making a video of me directing the piece as if I was in front of the choir. This way the choir could watch me direct as they sang their individual parts. Next, Shari put some headphones on and, while listening to her own accompaniment track, played each vocal part which I recorded. So, there was a soprano track, an alto track, a tenor track, and a bass track. Those video/audio recordings were made available to the choir members on my YouTube channel so they could have access at any time. They listened to their part along with the accompaniment and learned their individual parts. Once they got comfortable with it, or as comfortable as it was ever going to get, each singer used their phone or computer to record themselves singing their part - alone. Yep, that was truly the hardest part for everyone. We already know that NO ONE likes the sound of their own voice, but that experience is magnified when there's no music to blend with and no choir around you in which you can hide any "plinkers." I give a lot of credit to these faithful singers who pushed through the discomfort of listening to their own solo voices and sending them to me anyway, because the ultimate blending of all of those voices was amazing! As I received their videos I had to synchronize them with the accompaniment track and edit out any "plinkers" or unwanted noises. This was the most time consuming part of the project. Once all of the tracks were synched and edited, then I edited the video to try to make some kind of visual order out of 14 different videos!

If a professional were to give me a grade I don't think it would have helped my GPA much... but for a first try it was pretty amazing to see how God made some amazing lemonade out of the lemons that the world handed us! Here's a link to that first one if you want to revisit, now that you know the story: https://youtu.be/uoJ9_hybVD4 The title of the tune is "One Song" and the message is still as poignant today as it was the day we sang it. I encourage you to give it a listen and be blessed by the message.

We endeavored to produce a second virtual choir in honor of Galen Rule's baptism, titled "The Lord Came Down To The River," recounting the story of Jesus' own baptism. We were able to play this one on a TV screen during one of our outdoor worship services with little Galen's entire family there to watch it. Again, another glass of God's lemonade! Thank you, Jesus, for filling our cup over and over this past year, even when all we could see was an empty glass and a pile of lemons!

The choir anxiously awaits our chance to sing in person again, sooner rather than later, in 2021. God's blessings to you all, Janice Goodwin and everyone from the Choir.

Janice Goodwin 🎵
Director of Music, Saint John's Lutheran Church

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WOMEN'S MINISTRY OF SAINT JOHN'S

This has been a very quiet year as far as activities go. Also we've missed seeing our many members. In February we gave a total of \$1,700 in donations to local charities. In November we sent a letter and a \$50 Christmas gift to Mourine Eyokia, our sponsored girl in Urua, Uganda.

We hope that in 2021 we will be able to get together and look forward to seeing and talking to all of you. We wish our nation and all of you a very happy 2021.

Women's Ministry



WOMEN'S MINISTRY OF SAINT JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH		
Saint John's Women's Ministry Annual Financial Report - 2020		
<i>income</i>		
regular meeting offering	\$67.00	
coffee money	\$54.06	
endowment grant-LWR kits	<u>\$300.00</u>	
<i>total income</i>	\$423.06	
<i>expenses</i>		
kitchen supplies	\$304.20	
paper cups & coffee filters	\$420.18	
purchase sun shade	\$250.00	
good samaritan	\$240.00	
speaker fee	\$100.00	
gift (thank you + card)	<u>\$54.97</u>	
<i>total expenses</i>	\$1,371.35	
<i>donations</i>		
Coastal Christian School	\$300.00	
Zozu - Maurine Eyokia	\$500.00	
Arroyo Grande Com Hospital	\$300.00	
5 Cities Homeless Coalition	\$300.00	
Peoples Kitchen	\$300.00	
Zozu - Maurine-Christmas	\$50.00	
Good Smaritan	<u>\$360.00</u>	
<i>total donations</i>	\$2,110.00	
<i>total disbursements</i>		
(expenses + donations)	\$3,481.35	
checking account balance-December 31, 2020	\$6,032.85	

SCRIP PROGRAM 2020

THE FOLLOWING SCRIP IS CARRIED IN STOCK

<u>VENDER</u>	<u>\$ VALUE</u>	<u>VENDER</u>	<u>\$ VALUE</u>
Ace Hardware	25/100	Olive Garden/Red Lobster	25
Arco	50/100/250	Office Max	25
Amazon	25/100		
Bath & Body	10/25	Panera Bread	5/25
Bed Bath & Beyond	25	Regal Entertainment	25
Big 5	25	Rite Aid	25
Burger King	10	Blaze Pizza	25
Chili's	25	Ross Dress 4 Less	25
CVS Pharmacy	25	Smart & Final	25/50/100
Home Depot	25/100	Starbucks	10/25
I-Tunes	25	Shell	25/50/100
Denny's	10	Target	25
K-Mart/Sears	25/50	Vons	25/100
Kohl's	25	Wal-Mart	25/100

For a complete list of venders available for special order see your Scrip Coordinator or the church office.

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**RESURRECTION GARDEN COLUMBARIUM FUND
REPORT 2020**

**Jan -
Dec 2020**

Other Income/Expense

Other Income

8300 · Columbarium Income

8301 · Columbarium Sales -1,750*

8303 · Columbarium

Donations

8300 · Columbarium Income 0.00

- Other

Total 8300 · Columbarium

Income

Total Other Income -1,750*

(*Return of Niche Sale)

Other Expense

9300 · Columbarium Expenses

9302 · Col - Cast Bronze

Plaques

9307 · Col - Gardener 943.72

9310 · Col - Misc Expense

9300 · Columbarium

Expenses - Other

Total 9300 · Columbarium

Expenses

Total Other Expense -2,693.72

Net Other Income 0

Net Income -2693.72

In His Service
Cheryl Apfel, Bookkeeper

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ENDOWMENT FUND 2020

The Endowment Committee continued their stewardship of the following Endowment Funds:

• The Saint John's General Endowment Fund	1/1/2021 Balance - \$63,499.65
• The Edwin Medley Global Mission Fund	1/1/2021 Balance - \$51,923.80
• The Marty Hanson Memorial Fund	1/1/2021 Balance - <u>\$36,582.35</u>
TOTAL	\$152,005.80

These funds are managed by InFaith Community Foundation and are invested in the InFaith Growth Portfolio, designed to meet long term growth objectives. The goal of these Endowment Funds is to use earnings to support ministries within Saint John's. Distribution of investment profits is limited to 5% of each fund's year end value, as long as the distribution does not take the fund below its principal investment.

When these funds were originated, the following distribution protocols were established:

General Fund – 15% Youth, 20% Mission, 15% Worship & 50% Any Area

Medley Fund – 100% Global Missions

Hanson Fund – 100% Youth

During the first quarter of each year the committee assesses fund performances, in accordance with the By-Laws, to determine if earnings allow for a distribution. If so, ministries are encouraged to complete a funds request to be considered by the committee. Distributions are made in May of that year.

Fund performances during 2019 resulted in a net distributable gain of \$5,118. Due to Covid there was a delay, however, based on the rules and ministry requests, the following distributions were made in August.

- Youth - \$1,551
- Global Missions - \$1,753
- Local Missions - \$427
- Worship - \$320
- Social Ministry - \$767
- Women's Ministry - \$300

A preliminary review of 2020 fund performances indicates enough growth that we should be able to make some distributions this coming May.

The 2020 Endowment Committee Members were Bob Weiger – President/Treasurer, Frank Lebens – Secretary, Terry Fibich, Julie Lebens, Brian King and Pastor Greg Wallace.

Respectfully submitted by Bob Weiger, on behalf of the Endowment Committee.

FINANCIAL SECRETARY'S REPORT 2020

The past year certainly has had its ups and downs. It started out with our counters coming to church weekly to tally and record Sunday contributions. As the shutdown order was put into place, we complied and our counting procedure changed – our counters stayed off campus, we counted less frequently and we followed all safety precautions. We made it work. It will be such a blessing when we can return to normal and our counters (Ruth Kapka, Linda McNair, Mel Gomez, Peggy Droste and Sharline Tuggy) can safely return.

Giving changed as well. Members and friends found many ways to make their contributions – drop offs, the postal service, utilizing your banks' bill pay tools, our Simply Giving automatic tithing, Vanco texting donations, etc. Although we did not have income from outside organizations for use of Saint John's site for almost ten months, activities and fund raisers were put on hold and most of our Sunday services were online, general fund offerings and benevolence giving increased. Thank God for His providence and to all of you for your generous offerings.

In His service, Kerry Wood, Financial Secretary

“So then, just as you received Christ Jesus as Lord, continue to live your lives in him, rooted and built up in him, strengthened in the faith as you were taught, and overflowing with thankfulness.” Colossians 2: 6,7

If you have any questions regarding contributions or tools for giving, please send an email to financialsecretary@saintjohnsag.com or contact the church office.

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FINANCIAL SECRETARY'S REPORT 2020

Saint John's Lutheran Church Financial Secretary Annual Income Report January - December 2020

General Fund Offerings

1-4105	Envelopes	366,516.42
3-4107	Loose	5,035.05
7-4113	Initial	49.00
20-4125	Ash Wednesday	492.00
22-4122	Maundy Thursday	180.00
23-4124	Good Friday	190.00
24-4126	Easter	895.00
26-4128	Thanksgiving	250.00
27-4129	Christmas	1,815.00
		\$375,422.47

General Fund Special Income

11-4242	Outside Donations	1,280.00
124-4256	Staff Gifts	925.00
		\$2,205.00

General Fund Designated Benevolences

6-4445	World Hunger Appeal - WHAM	2,147.93
29-4420	Five Cities Food Ministry	500.00
31-4425	Misc. Benevolence- Iglesia Luterana	1,000.00
33-4425	Misc. Benevolence - Home4Hope	250.00
37-4425	Misc. Benevolence - Zozu	1,900.00
83-4425	Disaster Relief - Fires	500.00
		\$6,297.93

General Fund & Endowment Fund Sub Total \$383,925.40

Dedicated Funds

28-2801	Family Crisis	3,672.00
32-2861	Good Samaritan	100.00
36-2852	Global Mission	50.00
42-2803	Youth Ministry	2,045.00
47-2858	Dress A Girl	1,859.00
54-2809	Scrip Donations	0.00
60-2860	Endowment Grants	5,118.00
72-2817	Social Outreach	11.00
120-2865	Pastoral Discretionary	3,589.00
192-2859	KidsChurch - Zozu	364.00
194-2815	Council Discretionary	3,325.20
202-2803	Youth - Hume Lake	340.00
		\$20,473.20

Memorial Funds

8-2900	Memorial Funds	2505.00
		\$2,505.00

Dedicated & Memorial Sub Total \$22,978.20

Grand Total \$406,903.60

Respectfully submitted by Kerry Wood, January 7, 2021

YEAR END FINANCIAL Treasurer's Report

Treasurer's Report 2020					
		Account Code	2020 Budget	2020 Actuals	% of Budget
Line	<u>Operating Income</u>				
1	Envelopes	4105	\$349,435	\$366,516	105
2	Loose Offerings	4107	\$13,917	\$5,035	36
3	Sunday School	4109	\$0	\$0	100
4	Initial Offerings	4113	\$55	\$49	89
5	Other GF Codes (All other 4100 codes)	4100's	<u>\$5,512</u>	<u>\$3,822</u>	69
6	Total General Fund Offerings (All 4100's)	4100	\$368,919	\$375,422	102
7	General Fund Other Income	4200's (less 4273)	<u>\$6,954</u>	<u>\$2,250</u>	32
8	TOTAL OPERATING INCOME		\$375,873	\$377,672	100.5
9	<u>Operating Expenses</u>				
10	Office Expense	5500	\$31,750	\$24,684	78
11	Staff Payroll & Expenses	5600, 5800, 6600	\$315,707	\$301,654	96
12	Benevolence (10% of 4105, 4107, 4109)	6700	\$36,335	\$37,946	104
13	COMMITTEES				
14	Worship and Music	5900	\$2,275	\$1,044	46
15	Evangelism/Good News	6000	\$1,600	\$198	12
16	Stewardship	6100	\$600	\$550	92
17	Christian Education	6200	\$6,400	\$5,223	82
18	Youth Programs	6300	\$3,600	\$2,815	78
19	Social Ministry	6400	\$1,400	\$1,653	118
20	Property R&M	6500	\$35,800	\$26,443	74
21	Utilities	6580	\$13,350	\$11,876	89
22	TOTAL EXPENSES		\$448,817	\$414,088	92
23	Thrivent Earned Income	4273	\$72,944	\$6,623	9
24	Paycheck Protection Program Forgivable Loan (PPP)		\$0	\$29,792	
25	INCOME-EXPENSES+THRIVENT+PPP		\$0	\$0	

BUDGET 2021

Saint John's Lutheran Church 2021 Budget Summary					
		Account Code	2020 Budget	2020 Estimated Actuals	2021 Budget
Line	Operating Income				
1	Envelopes	4105	\$349,435	\$365,539	\$372,850
2	Loose Offerings	4107	\$13,917	\$5,000	\$5,100
3	Misc - Services	4109-4129	\$5,567	\$3,899	\$3,899
4	General Fund Other	4200-4272	\$6,954	\$1,540	\$1,500
5	Total GF Offerings (All 4100's)	4105-4202	\$375,873	\$375,978	\$383,349
6	TOTAL INCOME		\$375,873	\$375,978	\$383,349
7	Operating Expenses				
8	Office Expense	5500	\$31,750	\$23,628	\$26,450
9	Staff Payroll & Expenses	5600, 5800,6600	\$315,707	\$299,651	\$317,663
10	Benevolence (10% of 4105,4107,4109)	6700	\$36,335	\$37,279	\$37,795
11	COMMITTEES				
12	Worship and Music	5900	\$2,275	\$730	\$2,275
13	Evangelism/Good News	6000	\$1,600	\$0	\$1,600
14	Stewardship	6100	\$600	\$509	\$600
15	Christian Education	6200	\$6,400	\$4,843	\$6,400
16	Youth Programs	6300	\$3,600	\$2,528	\$3,600
17	Social Ministry	6400	\$1,400	\$1,019	\$1,400
18	Property R&M	6500	\$35,800	\$27,122	\$29,709
19	Utilities (6581, 6582, 6583, 6584)	6580	\$13,350	\$11,715	\$14,085
20	TOTAL EXPENSES		\$448,817	\$409,024	\$441,577
21	Thrivent Earned Income	4273	\$72,944	\$33,046	\$58,229
22	SURPLUS / CHALLENGE FACTOR		\$0	\$0	\$0

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2	2021 Saint John's Budget							
3			2018	2019	2020	Jan-Oct 2020	2020	2021
4			Actual	Actuals	Budget	Actuals	Estimated Actuals	Budget
5	INCOME							
6	Acct #	Name						
7	4100	General Fund Offerings						
8	4105	Envelopes (Pledged + Est.Unpledged)	361,507	342,584	349,435	307,594	365,539	372,850
9	4107	Loose Offerings	19,272	13,644	13,917	4,935	5,000	5,100
10	4109	Sunday School					-	-
11	4113	Initial Offerings Envelopes)	50	54	55	45	45	45
12	4120	Lenten Services	130				-	-
13	4122	Maundy Thursday	110	180	184	180	180	180
14	4124	Good Friday	140	175	179	190	190	190
15	4125	Ash Wednesday	211	442	451	492	492	492
16	4126	Easter	1,760	2,552	2,603	895	895	895
17	4128	Thanksgiving	420	175	179	-	179	179
18	4129	Christmas	2,067	1,880	1,918	50	1,918	1,918
19	4100	GF Offerings Other	4,000				-	-
20		Total GF Offerings	389,667	361,686	368,920	314,381	374,438	381,849
21								
24	4200	General Fund Other Offerings						
25	4202	Adult Education		50	51			-
28	4209	Annual Global Needs Appeal						-
29	4220	Endowment Fund						-
33	4232	Lilies/Poinsettias/Flowers	249					-
34	4234	Misc. Special Income						-
35	4238	Music Ministries	25	20	20			-
36	4240	Office Donations	640	652	665			-
37	4242	Outside Donations	5,415	6,045	6,166	1,080	1,500	1,500
40	4252	Special Events	300					-
41	4256	Staff Gifts	915	1,183				-
44	4264	Vacation Bible School	400	50	51			-
48		Total GF Other Income	7,944	8,000	6,954	1,080	1,500	1,500
49		Interest Income	45			40	40	
50	4201	Other Income/Tfr from D&M	8,625					
51		Interest & Other Income Totals	8,669	-	-	40	40	-
52								
53		TOTAL INCOME	406,280	369,686	375,873	315,501	375,978	383,349
54		Est'd Surplus from Previous Yr	-	-	-			-
55		Gas Company Money (Acct. 2830)	-	-	-			-
56		INCOME GRAND TOTAL	406,280	369,686	375,873	315,501	375,978	383,349
57								
60	EXPENDITURES							
68	Acct #	Name						
69	5500	Office Expense						
70	5504	Bank Charges	430	843	900	871	1,045	1,000
71	5508	Bank Supplies	327	452	250	-	-	250
72	5512	Bulletins/Office Supplies	1,876	1,582	1,500	1,002	1,202	1,500
73	5520	Computer Expense	3,589	3,810	3,800	2,633	3,159	3,800
74	5528	Council Discretionary Fund		1,150		-	-	
75	5532	Devotions/New Publication	518	508	500	550	660	500
76	5536	Office Equipment R&M	17,683	15,509	16,700	9,763	11,715	11,500
78	5544	Paper	3,052	2,352	2,500	483	579	2,300
79	5552	Phone	7,770	4,525	3,000	2,365	2,838	3,000
80	5556	Postage	2,554	2,294	2,600	2,025	2,430	2,600
82	5572	Staff Christmas	525	1,180		-	-	
83		Total Office Expense	38,324	34,205	31,750	19,690	23,628	26,450
84								

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3			2018	2019	2020	Jan-Oct 2020	2020	2021
4			Actual	Actuals	Budget	Actuals	Estimated Actuals	Budget
87	Acct #	Name						
88	5600	Pastor Expense						
89	5605	Pastor Salary	38,750	38,750	43,488	36,240	43,488	43,488
90	5610	Pastor Housing	50,000	50,000	50,000	41,667	50,000	50,000
91	5615	Pastor Auto Allowance	6,000	6,000	6,000	5,000	6,000	6,000
92	5620	Pastor Pension/Disability	9,812	10,042	9,949	8,177	9,812	9,949
95	5635	Health Insurance	32,467	30,448	34,188	24,973	27,135	35,628
96	5640	Senior Pastor Sabbatical			600	-	-	600
97	5655	Coastal Christian School	6,000	6,000	6,000	5,000	6,000	6,000
99		Total Pastor	143,029	141,240	150,225	121,056	142,435	151,665
100								
103	Acct #	Name						
104	5800	Director of Youth Ministries						
105	5805	Salary / Part Time for 2018 and 2019	17,287	14,200	15,600	12,000	14,400	15,600
109		Total Dir. Youth Ministries	20,380	14,200	15,600	12,000	14,400	15,600
110								
113	Acct #	Name						
114	5900	Worship & Music						
115	5904	Acolyte Supplies			50	-	-	50
116	5906	Advent Night	194	149	150	-	-	150
117	5908	Altar Guild	432	335	400	56	68	400
118	5912	Chancel Choir Supplies	26	267	200	-	-	200
119	5920	Copyright Fee	294	371	400	379	455	400
120	5928	Handbell Supplies	414	177	150		-	150
121	5936	Lilies & Poinsettias	641	108			-	
122	5944	Nursery Supplies	31		75		-	75
123	5948	Organist Supplies			25		-	25
124	5952	Seasonal Decorations		137	150		-	150
125	5960	Songfest Supplies	75		50		-	50
126	5964	Sound System/Media Center	20	20	100	65	77	100
127	5968	Special Worship Supplies	527	376	500	108	130	500
128	5976	Tuning and Repair		160			-	
129	5980	Ushers			25		-	25
132		Total Worship & Music	2,204	2,100	2,275	608	730	2,275
133								
136	Acct #	Name						
137	6000	Evangelism-Good News Team						
138	6010	Care Card Ministry	50		75		-	75
139	6015	Global Mission	569	500	500		-	500
140	6020	Misc/Publicity Expense	54	87	100		-	100
141	6030	Promotional Materials	229	503	200		-	200
142	6035	Postage	50	55	75		-	75
143	6040	Programs	235	336	250		-	250
144	6045	AG COC Dues			200		-	200
145	6050	Stephen Ministry	201	185	200		-	200
147		Total Evangelism	1,139	1,665	1,600	-	-	1,600
148								
151	Acct #	Name						
152	6100	Stewardship						
153	6105	Envelopes/Offering	673	568	500	425	509	500
154	6110	Fall/Spring Emphasis	(48)	136	100		-	100
156		Total Stewardship	625	703	600	425	509	600
157								
158								
161	Acct #	Name						
162	6200	Christian Education						
164	6208	Adult Sunday School			100		-	100
165	6212	Adult/Home/Small Groups/misc	231		150	88	106	150
166	6224	Bible Bucks	97	102			-	
167	6224	Bibles	221		100		-	100
168	6232	Confirmation		163	200	50	59	200

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3			2018	2019	2020	Jan-Oct 2020	2020	2021
4			Actual	Actuals	Budget	Actuals	Estimated Actuals	Budget
169	6236	Crossways Bible Study			100		-	100
171	6251	Teacher Appreciation	1,948	210	200	148	178	200
172	6260	Special Events	1,407	2,707	3,500	2,257	2,708	3,500
173	6268	SS Curriculum & Supplies	255	1,260	1,200	1,138	1,365	1,200
174	6272	Teacher/Staff Training	65	248	250	194	232	250
175	6279	SS Music - Christmas Program	157	43	100		-	100
176	6288	VBS Supplies	1,107	1,056	500	162	194	500
177		Total Christian Education	5,702	5,790	6,400	4,036	4,843	6,400
178								
181	Acct #	Name						
182	6300	Youth Programs						
183	6310	All Youth	658	739	600	493	592	600
184	6315	Middle School	62	98	500	126	151	500
185	6320	Family Outreach	363	755	1,300	514	617	1,300
186	6335	High School	798	456	500	413	496	500
187	6345	Sunday Youth Group	1,041	549	700	561	673	700
189		Total Youth Programs	2,922	2,697	3,600	2,107	2,528	3,600
190								
193	Acct #	Name						
194	6400	Social Ministry						
197	6425	Programs	300	300	300	287	344	300
199	6445	Peoples' Kitchen	872	1,061	1,100	562	675	1,100
200		Total Social Ministry	1,172	1,361	1,400	849	1,019	1,400
201								
204	Acct #	Name						
205	6500	Property Repairs & Maint						
206	6505	Custodian Supplies	2,023	1,580	1,700	1,170	1,404	1,700
207	6510	Fire Extinguishers	63	235	250	-	-	250
208	6515	Flood Assessments	8,382	8,629	8,700	8,883	8,883	9,149
209	6520	Fumigation	380	380	500	285	342	500
210	6525	General Maintenance	1,901	3,667	3,700	1,448	1,738	3,700
211	6530	Insurance (Liability & Umbrella)	8,379	9,022	8,950	7,595	8,950	8,950
212	6535	Landscape Gardening	9,395	10,680	10,000	3,415	4,200	3,500
213	6540	Landscape Materials	546	172	500	38	45	500
214	6553	Property Improvement Reserve					-	-
215	6555	Property Refurbishment Reserve				231	231	-
216	6565	Security Monitoring	774	1,250	1,200	890	1,068	1,200
217	6590	Water System Testing	255	260	300	260	260	260
218		Sub-total of property above	32,097	35,874	35,800	24,216	27,122	29,709
219	6580	Utilities						
220	6581	Pacific Gas & Electric	7,980	8,325	8,750	5,739	6,887	8,750
221	6582	The Gas Company	993	1,177	1,300	925	1,110	1,300
222	6583	South County Sanitary	1,488	1,709	1,500	2,112	2,534	2,535
223	6584	Water and Sewer	1,420	1,365	1,500	987	1,184	1,500
224	8580	Utilities -Other			300	-	-	-
225		Sub-total Utilities	11,882	12,577	13,350	9,763	11,715	14,085
226		Total Property & Utilities	43,979	48,451	49,150	33,978	38,837	43,794
227								
230	Acct #	Name						
231	6600	Staff Payroll & Expenses						
232	6600	Staff Payroll	99,566	95,899	96,833	78,334	94,000	96,833
233	6602	Assembly/Conference	740	1,138	2,000	25	25	2,000
234	6604	Bookkeeper	6,050	5,425	6,600	4,890	6,000	6,600
235	6615	Guest Pastor	400	600	400	200	200	400
236	6632	Off Adm Health/Pension/Ins/Dis	31,940	28,894	32,448	25,000	32,448	33,684
237	6650	Payroll Expenses (Administrative)	1,737	377	500	230	276	280
238	6652	Payroll taxes/FICA	8,887	7,874	8,601	6,623	7,948	8,601
239	6662	Workman's Compensation	2,786	1,886	2,500	1,599	1,919	2,000
241		Total Staff Payroll & Expenses	152,106	142,094	149,882	116,901	142,816	150,398

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3			2018	2019	2020	Jan-Oct 2020	2020	2021
4			Actual	Actuals	Budget	Actuals	Estimated Actuals	Budget
242								
245	6700	Benevolence-Planned						
246	Acct #	Name						
247	6700	Benevolence - Planned (2020 %s)	38,078	34,727	36,335	31,253	37,054	37,795
248	6705	5 Cities Food Pantry 10	3,070	3,525	3,634	3,228	3,705.39	3,779
249	6711	House of God 6	1,860	2,115	2,180	1,936	2,223.23	2,268
250	6712	LCMC-National 6	1,842	2,115	2,180	1,936	2,223.23	2,268
251	6714	NALC-National 6	3,626	2,115	2,180	1,721	2,223.23	2,268
252	6717	NALC-Ethiopia Church Fund 2	505	929	727	821	741.08	756
253	6722	Coastal Christian Scholarship 4	1,129	1,410	1,453	1,290	1,482.16	1,512
254	6736	China Venture Services 9	2,555	3,172	3,270	2,904	3,334.85	3,402
255	6740	Lutheran Bangladesh Lamb 0	756	1,146		135	135.00	
256	6745	Good Samaritan Non-Member 2	921	741	727	646	741.08	756
257	6765	Lutheran Camping 0	614	705		90	90.00	
258	6775	Iglesias Lutherana SC 25	6,543	7,402	9,084	7,890	9,263.47	9,449
259	6776	Zozu 9	2,690	3,172	3,270	2,904	3,334.85	3,402
260	6783	Family Crisis-Member 1	719	404	363	323	370.54	378
261	6785	People's Kitchen 14	3,070	3,525	5,087	4,339	5,187.54	5,291
262	6795	World Mission Prayer League 0	656	453			-	
263	6796	Slovakia Bible School 3	48	940	1,090	967	1,111.62	1,134
264	6798	Ministry Needs for 2020 3	990	860	1,090	968	1,111.62	1,134
265		Total Benevolence Planned 100%	31,593	34,727	36,335	32,099	37,279	37,795
266								
267		TOTAL EXPENSES	443,302	429,234	448,817	343,749	409,024	441,577
268	4273	Earned Income/Thrivent Investment	23,439	59,547	72,944		33,046	58,229
269		SURPLUS / CHALLENGE FACTOR	(13,582)	0	0	(28,248)	0	0
270								