



# THE INFORMER



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### Special points of interest:

Letters from the Pastor, Vicar, and the Music Director.

February Birthdays.

All the latest news from inside the church walls about the groups of your interest.

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## From Pastor's Pen:

***"Food will not commend us to God. We are no worse off if we do not eat, and no better off if we do. But take care that this right of yours does not somehow become a stumbling block to the weak." (1 Cor. 8:8-9)***

To mask or not to mask; that is the question! Some "Christians" consider the requirement of mask wearing a violation of their Christian liberty, and perhaps view those who wear them as lacking proper trust in God. Then there are those "Christians" who believe that wearing a mask is an act of loving their neighbor who may then accuse those who do not wear one as lacking such love and of even being guilty of potentially killing through negligence.

I could have never imagined that in my life-time the donning of a face covering during a pandemic would become so divisive and lead to such hostile expressions of self-righteousness among God's people.

First of all let me assure you that the Bible says nothing about wearing a face mask during a plague. We do have some examples of quarantining and social distancing of the diseased. Among them were symptomatic lepers who were set apart from the rest of the community and were required to keep their distance by identifying themselves as unclean.

Given that people, citing competing studies, have different understandings as to the appropriateness of mask-wearing, how do we deal with this issue?

While the Bible offers no outright references to this pandemic-specific issue, the Apostle Paul does offer teaching that may be applicable to this situation. In his first letter to the Corinthians, Paul tackles the issue of eating food sacrificed to idols. This may not be the same as hanging something across your face from your ears, but there are similar dynamics. The Corinthian church faced a situation never experienced before. Some contended that their freedom in Christ meant that eating food sacrificed to idols was okay. And, as we see in our current face mask debate; others objected. Faced with no clear-cut scriptural mandate, Paul offers wise counsel that may be applied to our contemporary situation.

In 1 Corinthians 8:4, Paul begins his discussion on food sacrificed to idols by reminding the Corinthian people of the basic truths surrounding idols. ***"We know that an idol is nothing...there is no God but one."*** So first, he centers everything where it belongs – on God. Then he reminds them in verse 8 that ***"food does not bring us nearer to God."*** The issue of food sacrificed to an idol does not actually affect one's relationship with the Lord.

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*Pastor's Pen, continued...*

We can apply these same basic truths to the wearing of face masks. Neither wearing, nor not wearing face masks determines or indicates holiness. Neither does it indicate the strength of one's trust in God's power to protect or heal. Together we affirm His power and sovereignty as we confess with Paul **"there is but one Lord, Jesus Christ, through whom all things came and through whom we live."**

Next, the apostle speaks about protecting the weak whose spiritual life might be harmed by eating food sacrificed to idols. These were those who, according to verse 7, were **"still so accustomed to idols, that when they eat such food they think of it as having been sacrificed."**

When it comes to wearing face masks today, we simply cannot deny that there are those who become fearful if surrounded by people who are not wearing a mask. Whether you disagree or even believe their fear is unwarranted, it has a tremendous impact on them. When they see people not wearing a face mask they feel endangered.

Paul does not tell those who are comfortable eating the meat to change the minds of the others, but encourages them to put the welfare of others first. He asks them an important question: Are your actions a stumbling block for another?

While he affirms believers' freedom to eat food sacrificed to idols, Paul advises the believers in verse 9 to ensure **"that the exercise of your freedom does not become a stumbling block to the weak."** Instead of merely appealing to right knowledge, Paul calls for consideration of another's experience as a way of showing Christian love.

It is this move that I would encourage all of us to make in considering the issue of face masks. The question to consider is: does exercising the right not to wear a mask become a stumbling block to someone? Could someone be unduly harmed by my refusal to wear a mask? I am not talking about physical harm here (as in the transfer of droplets) but about spiritual harm. Could the lack of a face mask prevent someone from receiving the good news of God in Christ? Could one's experience of the life-giving community of faith be adversely affected by someone not wearing a mask, just as someone in Corinth was adversely affected by the eating of previously idol-sacrificed food?

For Paul, the answer was clearly, yes, it was harming others spiritually. Paul, therefore, concludes that the way forward is not found in merely promoting "correct" knowledge about the issue, but in letting love prevail. He concludes by going back to what he said in verse 1: **"...knowledge puffs up while love builds up."** Right knowledge can only get you so far. It puffs up the individual because it is only concerned with the individual. It divides and harms by creating a dynamic of right versus wrong, this way versus that, me versus you. In puffing up the individual, it destroys the community of faith. Love, on the other hand, builds up. Love supports. Love encourages. Love concerns itself with how it is received by another. Love is completely and utterly sacrificial. The word that Paul uses is [agape] love. The same divine, sacrificial love of God expressed in the cross of Christ. Our experience and expression of agape is rooted in our experience of Christ's love in our lives. The love we are to express as a people of faith is to be concerned for the other, and constantly giving and sacrificing for the sake of the other. In this spirit of this love Paul declares in verse 13: **"If what I eat causes my brother to fall into sin, I will never eat meat again."** In the same way we must be willing, out of love, to limit our own freedom for the sake of others.

So let us stop puffing ourselves up in knowledge by arguing over our preferred scientific studies. Let us cease claiming a superior holiness, strength of faith, or love for neighbor based upon whether we wear a mask or not. Instead, let us confess our faith in the One Lord, Jesus Christ, avoid putting stumbling blocks before others, and build one another up in love.



*Pastor Umberger*

## Vicar's View



Howdy Johnnies, it's time for another edition of *The Vicar's Voice* and this one is gonna be a doozie. So, buckle up and let's get to getting.

I've spent a decent amount of time thinking on the question of whether or not to get the COVID vaccine since I saw a question about it pop up on my Facebook feed. As any aspiring theologian should, I spent some time digging into this question have found a position I believe to be theologically defensible and in line with the Christian life.

Long story short, I believe that generally speaking, if the version of the vaccine that you are receiving is ethically sourced, out of a concern for the safety and wellbeing of your neighbor it would be wrong not to receive it. I know this isn't always popular, but here is why I have come to believe that.

In his explanation to the 5<sup>th</sup> commandment, Luther says that we are to "help and support him [our neighbor] in every physical need." This would include his health and safety. Now, I understand there are those for whom getting the vaccine is probably not the best answer. Those who are pregnant or trying to become pregnant or those with an history of reactions to vaccines should certainly make sure they first check with physician before getting or not getting the vaccine. Aside from those few medical situations, the ideas that "well, I just don't do shots" or "it is the mark of the beast" aren't really defensible positions for a Christian to take. If you are able to receive it safely, you should. It is for the health of those around you not only for yourself. This is your calling as a follower of Christ.

In addition to being a 5<sup>th</sup> commandment question, I also feel this has something to do with the 7<sup>th</sup> commandment. Again, from the Small Catechism, Luther says that we should "help him [our neighbor] to protect and improve his possessions and income." Once again, our willingness and ability to get the vaccine plays right into this. Further explaining how do we fear and love God in this commandment, the Synodical supplement to the Catechism explains that, "we fear and love God by looking after our neighbor's wellbeing by helping to protect his income and livelihood." It also sites Philippians 2:4, which states that "each of you should look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others."

No matter where you fall on the question of opening or remaining locked down, it is impossible to overlook the financial, emotional, and physical impacts that this lockdown has had on small businesses and on the community as a whole. The only way that we can get to a safe and rapid reopening is by building up an immunity, natural or manufactured. Since it would not be safe for those who have not yet had the virus to go and start taking risks to become infected and gain a natural immunity, the vaccine which offers the manufactured immunity is the next best option. Doing this will allow us to reopen safely and to protect the livelihoods of many small business owners in the community.

I was reading the writings of another pastor on this subject the other day and I feel he put it in a very helpful and understandable way. "If we are medically able to receive a vaccine it not only benefits us, it also serves a positive public purpose. A person who is in good health and at low risk of complication from the virus and nevertheless receives a vaccination is eliminating the possibility of being an asymptomatic transmitter, and thus is helping a neighbor who might be at high risk of infection and a greater likelihood of death." This sums it all up well, and I think that the focus of care for our neighbor is the reason we should be willing to receive this vaccine. I pray that you give this a great deal of thought and strongly consider being vaccinated to help care for your neighbor both physically and financially.

In Christ,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mark W."

# Serving the Lord This Month:

## Ushers

**Feb 7**  
8:00am– Dennis Boarts  
10:30am–

**Feb 14:**  
8:00am– Dennis Boarts  
10:30am–

**Feb 17 Ash Wednesday:**

**Feb 21:**  
8:00am– Dennis Boarts  
10:30am–

**Feb 28:**  
8:00am– Dennis Boarts  
10:30am–

## Acolytes

**Feb 7:**  
8:00am Payton Braddy  
10:30am Brooke Medinger

**Feb 14:**  
8:00am Easton Antolik  
10:30am Aubree Medinger

**Feb 17 Ash Wednesday:**  
**Feb 21:**

8:00am Kinzlee Antolik  
10:30am Grace Schmidt

**Feb 28:**  
8:00am Demetrius Williams  
10:30am Dawson McDonald

## Fellowship Callers

Fellowship callers are not making calls at this time, due to COVID-19.



## Altar Guild

Kathy Ahrens  
Rebecca Hinman

## Eternal Candle

**Feb 7:** Dennis & Marsha Boarts  
**Feb 14:** Dennis & Marsha Boarts  
**Feb 21:** Dennis & Marsha Boarts  
**Feb 28:** Dennis & Marsha Boarts, in memory of family



## Flower Chart

**Feb 7:** Flo & Danny Moore in honor of their Wedding Anniversary  
**Feb 14:** Lucille Perley is Thankful for God's Blessings  
**Feb 21:** LENT  
**Feb 28:** LENT

## Church News

### Birthdays

**February 1:** Leah Weber

**February 4:** Chad Gosa, Aaron Homann, Devon Hurley & Carole Krouth

**February 5:** Lois Deal, Samantha Hansen & Steven VanRycke

**February 7:** Diana Caldwell, & Cynthia Christopher

**February 8:** Ralph Grotelueschen, Larry Ripka & Tyler Rusk

**February 9:** Loretta Nielsen

**February 10:** Jeremy Kern & Cora Whipple

**February 12:** Lucille Perley

**February 14:** Alyssa McAnally & Stephanie McKay

**February 15:** Alena Rossmiller & Nile Pena

**February 16:** Ethan Sountris

**February 17:** Barbara Veskauf

**February 22:** Zachery Chellew, Stephanie Gray, Brian Nielsen & Isaac Stone

**February 23:** Dustin Fischer

**February 24:** Ryan Dosch

**February 26:** Caleb Engebrecht

**February 27:** Fred Krack & Rex Newman

**February 28:** Dennis Schaefer



### Weekly Attendance & Offerings

Date	This year	Last Year
12/24/20	176	257
12/25/20	42	54
12/27/20	80	152
12/31/20	23	42
01/03/21	89	199
01/10/21	117	117
01/17/21	113	123
01/24/21	117	284

Simply Giving: \$ 5,075 Average monthly attendance for St. John's: 16%

### Membership Report

Change of Address:

Sharon Kays  
310 20th Ave W Apt 103  
Milan, IL 61264  
(309)558-1748

Alice Heller  
Amber Ridge Memory Care  
221 11<sup>th</sup> Ave  
Moline, IL 61265



## Church News

### Ladies Aid

St. John's Ladies Aid met November 5th with 8 members and Vicar Wilke present. Vicar gave the program telling about his life experiences before he came to St. John's. Devotions were given by Margie Schaefer and Norma Grotelueschen. Minutes from the February meeting were approved. The treasurer's report showed a balance of \$809.91. Lap robes were given to Hope Creek Nursing Home. More lap robes will be made in February. Cards will be sent to the people on the shut-in visitation list. Christmas gifts will be given to Pastor and Vicar. The World fund will be divided between both our Seminary food banks and Bethesda. Ann Engebrecht asked that a new person would come forward to take her place as treasurer. The meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer, Ladies Aid Pledge and the Birthday Song.

### Food Pantry

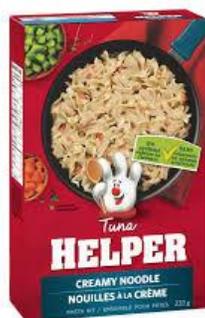
St. John's Food Pantry has had an interesting year to say the least! From low attendance due to COVID 19, to surges in attendance due to COVID 19, to the boom over the holidays, its been a roller coaster of a year. We are happy to report that we have some new volunteers who have been a wonderful addition to our team— thank you! But now we have a new obstacle to work around— the prices of canned goods and boxed meals that we purchase from Riverbend has skyrocketed in the past year. So we are asking the members of the congregation to think of us when grocery shopping. One other thing to keep in mind- many of the typical products we think of for food pantry shelves require extra ingredients, such as boxed macaroni and cheese (requires milk and butter). Refrigerated products are not typically given out by food pantry's, and therefore might not be readily available in the homes of those we are helping. Ready to serve items such as soups and stews, and cup o' noodles are great options.

We are in need of :

- \*canned vegetables such as corn and green beans
- \*tuna helper and hamburger helper type boxed dinners
- \*pancake batter and syrup
- \*canned soups
- \*canned beans
- \*peanut butter
- \*jelly



Thank you in advance for your support of our work! We couldn't do it without help.



## Church News

Thank you Karen Schmidt, for your wonderful and generous donation of a bell tree for the church balcony!  
If anybody is interested in collaborating a piece with Karen and the handbells, please reach out to her. She would be very excited to make music with you!



### Year-end Statements



2020 year-end statements are now available to be picked up in the Concourse. Please take yours, along with your 2021 offering envelopes.

Please throw away your 2020 envelopes. Your envelope numbers can change yearly, so if you use old ones, you may not get credit for your offering.

We *love*  
because He first loved us!  
1 John 4:19



## Kids Corner

### Explaining Lent to children...

Lent is all about preparation. We prepare our hearts and minds for Good Friday and Easter, those days that mark Christ's passion and then his victory over death. We experience the significance of holy week more when we're prepared for it by retracing Christ's journey to the cross. The season of Lent starts on Ash Wednesday and ends on Easter, lasting for 40 days (not counting Sundays). Each day of Lent symbolizes one of the 40 days Jesus fasted in the wilderness before Satan tempted him. During Lent, Christians fast from something that can pull our minds way from Christ (TV, social media, chocolate, etc.). The goal is to fill the void with an invigorated prayer life and increased reflection on God's holiness, our sin, and Christ's perfect obedience even unto death.

On Ash Wednesday, we acknowledge that no one gets out of this world alive. Those who gather around the world for Ash Wednesday services receive a sign of the cross on their foreheads from ashes (usually made from the palms used on Palm Sunday the previous year). This mark is a reminder of our mortality--we are all going to die--and a call for repentance. The person who gives the signs says over you, "*Dust you are, and to dust you will return*" (Genesis 3:19b)

Lent gives your family an entire forty day season to remember Jesus is best. We fill our busy lives with candy, toys, sports, extra curricular activities, video games, television--you name it. During Lent, we remember the happiness we find in those things is temporary. Jesus says, "*Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moths and rust destroy, and where thieves break in and steal. But store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where moths and rust do not destroy, and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also*" (Matthew 6:19-21). Every toy your child has will one day lie in a junk yard. The treasure of this earth makes us happy, but that happiness is temporary. During Lent we stop filling our lives with temporary happiness and make more room for Jesus.



### Tubing at Snowstar

We are planning a Family Fun event at SNOWSTAR on February 21 from 2-4pm, on the tubing hill! Tubes are provided. The cost is \$15 per tuber. At this time, due to high demand, it is limited to a 2 hour time period. Spots are first come, first serve. As we need to pre-pay and pre-register, we ask that you contact Ann Cobb or the office, and mail a check or drop off a check or cash to the office ASAP. If you have not paid for your spot(s) by February 14th, we will offer it to the next person on the wait list.

## Notes From the Balcony

Lent will begin just a few days after Valentine's Day this year. Lent reflects the forty days Jesus spent alone fasting in the wilderness, culminating with a temptation trial orchestrated by Satan himself. Last year, Lent began on Caleb's birthday, February 26, and ended during Covid quarantine. If Lent is a time for personal repentant reflection and prayer, Covid quarantine Lent offered an even more intense version. In many ways, for me, Lent 2020 has continued for an entire year. Many of us have endured a yearlong wilderness experience, fasting from celebrations and social events, leaving extra opportunity for repentant reflection and prayer. Thankfully, God has blessings for those who spend time with Him.

Claudia Hernaman (1838-1898) published the following hymn in one of her collections of hymns for children. It conveys the nature of the Lenten season clearly and simply.

Stanza 1 invites us to forty days of Lenten reflection:

1. Lord, who throughout these forty days  
For us did fast and pray,  
Teach us to overcome our sins,  
And close by you to stay.

The second stanza speaks of Christ's victory over temptation and requests His strength to conquer sin in our lives:

2. As you with Satan did contend  
And did the vict'ry win,  
O give us strength in you to fight,  
In you to conquer sin.

As Christ denied worldly comforts during this time, we pray that we also may deny ourselves and live for God:

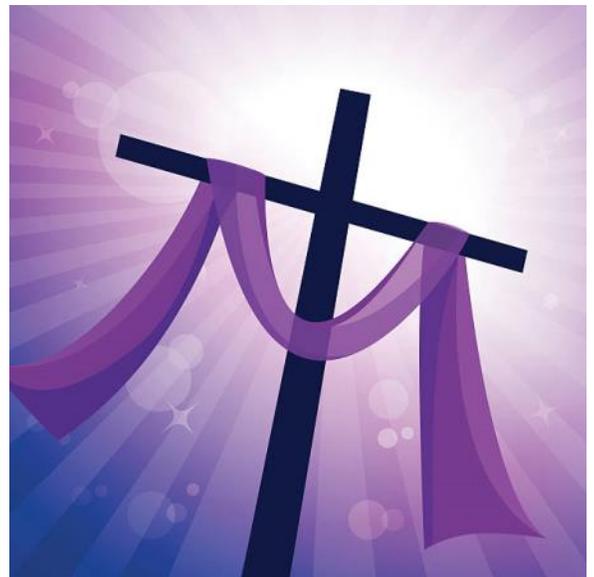
3. As you did hunger and did thirst,  
So teach us, gracious Lord,  
To die to self, and only live  
By your most holy word.

The final two stanzas likens our Lenten time to our whole earthly life, asking for Christ's presence throughout our life and death until at last we reach our final Easter in Heaven.

4. And through these days of penitence,  
And through your Passiontide,  
For evermore, in life and death,  
O Lord, with us abide.

5. Abide with us that, when this life  
Of suffering is past,  
An Easter of unending joy  
We may attain at last!  
May God bless your Lenten time, in both senses.

His servant,  
Christine Engebrecht



## Financial Secretary's Report

### Financial Secretary's Report FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR December 2020

BUDGET RECEIPTS	MONTH	YEAR TO DATE
Envelopes	\$33,572.15	\$298,536.15
Plate	535.00	5260.83
Rent		409.00
Ash Wednesday		720.00
Lent		2182.00
Maunday Thursday		84.00
C.E.L. Tuition		2961.79
New Year Eve	238.00	238.00
Good Friday		390.00
Advent	294.00	381.00
Christmas/Christmas Eve	2625.00	2685.00
Simply Giving	5075.00	58585.00
Thanksgiving		455.00
Interest	11.08	170.02
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TOTAL BUDGET RECEIPTS	\$42,350.23	\$372,819.79
NON-BUDGET RECEIPTS		
Sunday School		\$24.00
Trustee		25.00
VBS		
Memorial Fund	515.00	10627.72
Vicar Support Program		
Building Fund	50.00	7306.00
Food Pantry	1450.00	9187.00
Parish Donuts		301.83
Non-Cash Donations		69.18
Advent/Lenten Suppers		989.00
Ministry to Armed Forces		20.00
L.C.M.S.		
Youth Programs		200.00
Van		
Miscellaneous		7984.60
C.E.L. Gifts		749.26
C.E.L. Tuition Assistance		35.00
It's A Child's World Rent		12620.00
Music Programs		200.00
Member Assistance	30.00	430.00
Capital Improvements	38.00	1919.00
Expense Credits	1700.00	67150.38
Thrivent Choice-Church	163.00	7754.00
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TOTAL NON-BUDGET RECEIPTS	\$3,946.00	\$127,591.97
TOTAL RECEIPTS	\$46,296.23	\$500,411.76

Respectably Submitted:  
Financial Secretary, Brenda Roggendorf

## Treasurer's Report

### St. John's Lutheran Church -December 2020 Financial Statement

	Current Month			Current Year-to-Date			2020 Annual Budget	% YTD Actual to Annual Budget
	Actual	Budget	% Act/Bud	Actual	Budget	% Act/Bud		
<b>Income:</b>								
Offerings	\$ 42,339	\$ 31,250	135.5%	\$ 369,204	\$ 375,000	98.5%	\$ 375,000	98.5%
Other Income	22	109	20.4%	869	1,308	66.5%	1,308	66.5%
CEL Funding	7,248	2,925	247.8%	10,429	35,100	29.7%	35,100	29.7%
<b>Total Income:</b>	<b>\$ 49,609</b>	<b>\$ 34,284</b>	<b>144.7%</b>	<b>\$ 380,503</b>	<b>\$ 411,408</b>	<b>92.5%</b>	<b>\$ 411,408</b>	<b>92.5%</b>
<b>Expenses:</b>								
<b>Executive Board:</b>								
Missions	\$ 9,350	\$ 2,200	425.0%	\$ 26,400	\$ 26,400	100.0%	\$ 26,400	100.0%
Mortgage-Renovation	1,360	1,800	75.6%	9,459	21,600	43.8%	21,600	43.8%
Mortgage-Vicar Condo	273	248	110.1%	3,199	2,976	107.5%	2,976	107.5%
Capital Fund	0	330	0.0%	0	3,960	0.0%	3,960	0.0%
Office Staff	1,193	1,346	88.6%	14,210	16,152	88.0%	16,152	88.0%
Office Expenses	764	1,050	72.7%	10,402	12,600	82.6%	12,600	82.6%
Other	(0)	102	0.0%	1,503	1,224	122.8%	1,224	122.8%
<b>Exec. Bd Total:</b>	<b>12,940</b>	<b>7,076</b>	<b>182.9%</b>	<b>65,173</b>	<b>84,912</b>	<b>76.8%</b>	<b>84,912</b>	<b>76.8%</b>
<b>Board of Education:</b>								
Bible Study & Sun Sch	0	279	0.0%	1,191	3,348	35.6%	3,348	35.6%
Youth	0	185	0.0%	137	2,220	6.2%	2,220	6.2%
Fellowship & Family	140	101	138.9%	348	1,212	28.7%	1,212	28.7%
CEL Expenses	1,450	4,285	33.8%	32,625	51,420	63.4%	51,420	63.4%
<b>Bd of Ed. Total:</b>	<b>1,590</b>	<b>4,850</b>	<b>32.8%</b>	<b>34,301</b>	<b>58,200</b>	<b>58.9%</b>	<b>58,200</b>	<b>58.9%</b>
<b>Board of Elders:</b>								
Pastor	10,804	9,963	108.4%	116,131	119,556	97.1%	119,556	97.1%
Vicarage	3,100	3,380	91.7%	19,554	40,560	48.2%	40,560	48.2%
Music	1,751	2,433	72.0%	23,136	29,196	79.2%	29,196	79.2%
Worship	(1,149)	297	-386.7%	3,585	3,564	100.6%	3,564	100.6%
Other	0	98	0.0%	0	1,176	0.0%	1,176	0.0%
<b>Bd of Elders Total:</b>	<b>14,507</b>	<b>16,171</b>	<b>89.7%</b>	<b>162,405</b>	<b>194,052</b>	<b>83.7%</b>	<b>194,052</b>	<b>83.7%</b>
<b>Outreach Ministry</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>125</b>	<b>0.0%</b>	<b>65</b>	<b>1,500</b>	<b>4.3%</b>	<b>1,500</b>	<b>4.3%</b>
<b>Human Care Ministry</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>0.0%</b>	<b>526</b>	<b>1,200</b>	<b>43.9%</b>	<b>1,200</b>	<b>43.9%</b>
<b>Board of Trustees:</b>								
Labor	947	1,026	92.3%	12,316	12,312	100.0%	12,312	100.0%
Insurance	0	940	0.0%	11,721	11,280	103.9%	11,280	103.9%
Maintenance	3,225	2,127	151.6%	39,882	25,524	156.3%	25,524	156.3%
Utilities	2,203	2,848	77.4%	28,764	34,176	84.2%	34,176	84.2%
Fixed Assets	0	100	0.0%	417	1,200	34.7%	1,200	34.7%
<b>Bd of Trustees Total:</b>	<b>6,375</b>	<b>7,041</b>	<b>90.5%</b>	<b>93,100</b>	<b>84,492</b>	<b>110.2%</b>	<b>84,492</b>	<b>110.2%</b>
<b>Total Expense:</b>	<b>\$ 35,412</b>	<b>\$ 35,363</b>	<b>100.1%</b>	<b>\$ 355,571</b>	<b>\$ 424,356</b>	<b>83.8%</b>	<b>\$ 424,356</b>	<b>83.8%</b>
<b>Operating Gain/Loss:</b>	<b>\$ 14,197</b>	<b>\$ (1,079)</b>	<b>N/A</b>	<b>\$ 24,932</b>	<b>\$ (12,948)</b>	<b>N/A</b>	<b>\$ (12,948)</b>	<b>N/A</b>

#### Fund Summaries:

Reconciled Bank Balance	12/31/2020	\$ 224,017
Less: Dedicated Funds		103,880
Available Operating Funds		\$ 120,137

#### Dedicated Funds:

Beg Bal ( 1/1/2020):		108,740
Activity:	Month	Year-to-Date
Receipts	\$ 12,143	\$ 229,629
Disbursements	\$ 11,412	\$ 234,489

#### Mortgage Summary:

Church Extension Loan	Bal 12/31/2020	\$ 123,462
Vicar Condo Purchase	Bal 12/23/2020	\$ 30,122

Blessings to the members who continue to support our ministry during this time.

If you are not attending indoor services, why not join us at the outdoor drive-in service. Remember, on communion weeks you need to call the office if you have not already said you are a recurring attendee to the outdoor service.

Thank You

Respectfully Submitted,  
N. G. Antolik - Treasurer

## LENTEN SCHEDULE



Feb 17– Ash Wednesday  
Worship with Communion at 6:30pm

Feb 24–Worship at 6:30pm

Mar 3– Worship at 6:30pm

Mar 10– Worship at 6:30pm

Mar 17– Worship at 6:30pm

Mar 24- Worship at 6:30pm

Mar 28– Palm Sunday and the  
Rite of Confirmation

Apr 1– Maundy Thursday  
Worship at 6:30pm

Apr 2– Good Friday  
Worship at 6:30pm

Apr 3– Saturday Night Vigil  
Worship at 6:30pm

Apr 4– Easter Sunrise worship at 6:30am  
Easter Breakfast at 7:30am  
Easter Festival worship at 9am

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	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	
06	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>8:00AM - 9:00AM Worship w/ Communion</li> <li>9:15AM - 10:15AM Bible Study</li> <li>10:30AM - 11:30AM Worship w/ Communion</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>6:30PM - 7:30PM Altar Guild (Janssen)</li> <li>6:30PM - 7:30PM Men's Reunion-outdoors/cry room</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>10:00AM - 12:00PM Food Pantry</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>8:30AM - 9:30AM Staff Meeting</li> <li>10:00AM - 11:00AM Bible Study</li> <li>6:30PM - 7:30PM Confirmation (Online)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1:00PM - 2:30PM Ladies Aid (Jan Rms)</li> <li>6:30PM - 7:30PM Elders Meeting (Choir Room)</li> <li>6:30PM - 7:30PM Trustee Meeting (virtual)</li> </ul>			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>8:00AM - 9:00AM Mens Bible Study</li> </ul>
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\*\*\*The Calendar is under the assumption that COVID numbers will remain low. Please check the website or the bulletin as it updates weekly\*\*\*



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## Worship Times

Sunday- 8am & 10:30am  
Bible Study- 9:15am

## Office Hours

Monday-Thursday 8:30am -12 noon



*St. John's in Winter Snow*

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