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Stewardship News

A snapshot of the current financial position

Each month financial data is shared, providing insight into our current financial position and updates on ministry opportunities. It is mailed to those who use envelopes for their giving and e-mailed to those who use electronic giving.

FINANCIAL INFORMATION AS OF OCTOBER 31, 2023

FUND	Receipts and Investment Value Changes	Disbursements	Net Surplus (Deficit)	Cash and Investments	Loan Balance
Operations	\$ 1,150,782.93	\$ 1,169,797.26	\$(19,014.33)	\$ 588,329.55	
Building	306,207.57	172,657.95	133,549.62	320,400.02	\$ 5,286,484.13
Memorial	7,464.20	18,369.14	(10,904.94)	33,358.51	
Endowment Fund	42,523.78	7,703.38	34,820.40	1,211,618.76	

PLEDGES AND GIVING

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	Number of Pledges	Total Pledged	2023 Pledges Paid	2023 Unpledged Giving	2023 Total Giving
Annual Operating 2023	215	\$ 951,275.00	\$ 782,316.42	\$ 248,581.51	\$ 1,030,897.93

If you haven't turned in your Pledge Card yet, please bring it to any worship service and leave it in the offering plate or bring it to the church office during business hours. You may also pledge online at www.bit.ly/SJ_Pledge24.

OPERATIONS FINANCIAL ACTIVITY OF INTEREST

Lutheran World Relief Ingathering

We welcomed 82 different churches to St. John's and packed 1,723 boxes containing 5,548 quilts; 580 baby care kits; 3,933 school kits; and 3,161 personal care kits. A grand total of \$15,379 was given to help with shipping costs. St. John's totals: 273 quilts; 630 school kits; 627 personal care kits; \$2,000 donated; and more than 50 people volunteered at the Ingathering.

FINAL VISION 2020 BUILDING PROJECT

COSTS		Original Budget	Total Paid	Expensed	Capitalized
Total Project Cost		\$ 8,198,268.00	\$ 8,079,908.74	\$ 42,768.70	\$ 8,037,140.54
	Number of Pledges	Total Pledged	Total Given since start of project—12/1/2019 Pledges Paid	Unpledged Giving	Total Giving
Vision 2020 Giving	269	\$ 2,789,500.00	\$2,490,619.54	\$ 169,820.53	\$ 2,660,440.07



Want more results of your generous giving? Visit www.stjblm.org/intouch to read the inspirational stories of missions and ministries made possible by you!

Many ministries, as well as the community, use the building. This month we were excited to host the Lutheran World Relief Ingathering, Pastor Lyn Ahearn's Ordination and Installation, and to see Noah's Ark children and families celebrate Halloween. The following community organizations used the facility this past month:

- Heartland Community College—
cooking classes
- Michelle Brown—CPR courses
- Flute choir, flute quartet, private flute lessons
- Childcare Resource and Referral
Network training
- Golden K Kiwanis
- Moms Demand Action
- Education in Music Conference
- Compassionate Friends
- Holiday Spectacular—auditions
and rehearsals



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Revealed ADVENT 2023

Midweek Advent Worship and Meal Wednesdays, December 6, 13, and 20

Enjoy a casual, simple meal and fellowship in the Gathering Area followed by worship in the Worship Center.

Two options are available:

- 12 PM—light lunch of soup, bread, and dessert followed by worship at 12:30 PM.
Freewill offering will be collected.
- 5:15 PM—changing dinner menu followed by worship at 6:30 PM.
Cost per meal is \$5. Children two and under eat free.

Please register for the meal option you plan to attend at www.bit.ly/SJ_AdventMeals_2023.