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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 AUGUST 31, 2023

FUND	Receipts and Investment Value Changes	Disbursements	Net Surplus (Deficit)	Cash and Investments	Loan Balance
Operations	\$ 964,786.66	\$ 932,328.68	\$ 32,457.98	\$ 666,413.76	
Building	269,552.59	138,308.91	131,243.68	347,965.04	\$5,309,555.09
Memorial	6,905.59	18,003.18	(11,097.59)	33,735.86	
Endowment Fund	114,843.14	4,318.26	110,524.88	1,255,261.48	

## PLEDGES AND GIVING

PLEDGES					
	Number of Pledges	Total Pledged	2023 Pledges Paid	2023 Unpledged Giving	2023 Total Giving
Annual Operating 2023	214	\$ 942,275.00	\$ 662,376.67	\$ 219,628.91	\$ 882,005.58
OPERATIONS FINANCIAL ACTIVITY OF INTEREST					
Mission partner support year-to-date				Community Emergency Care (rent, car repairs, hotel rooms, utility assistance, etc.)	\$5,766.02
Zambia . . . . .		\$12,000.00			
Hopedale . . . . .		8,630.00			
Safe Harbor . . . . .		1,591.33		2023 St. John's Utilities year-to-date	\$50,032.37
Township . . . . .		1,000.00		2022 St. John's Utilities year-to-date	\$62,914.64

## 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	\$2,455,724.54	\$ 165,346.53	\$ 2,621,071.07



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St. John's is excited that the recent expansion and renovation has allowed us to host many community organizations in our building, in addition to Noah's Ark Preschool and the many St. John's ministry activities. Outside organizations that used the building in August and September include:

- Heartland Community College—cooking classes
- Michelle Brown—CPR courses
- Flute choir, flute quartet, private flute lessons
- Pray for the Cure
- Gentive Hospice Memorial Service
- Faith in Action Mum Sale
- Golden K Kiwanis
- Moms Demand Action
- Indoor Bags
- Compassionate Friends
- Holiday Spectacular—auditions and rehearsals
- Bloomington High School—evacuation drill
- Hallmark Club



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## Mission Outreach Fall Opportunities

### **Hopedale Harvest 20th Anniversary Celebration** *Sunday, September 24*

**12 PM, Hopedale Mennonite Church, Hopedale**

Join in the celebration of the harvest of this year's soybean crop and our 20-year partnership with Hopedale Mennonite! Festivities will include a potluck lunch, fellowship, and activities for the whole family. Bring a dish to share and chairs, if you can. We will be inside or outside, depending on the weather. Those wanting to carpool, meet outside the Fellowship Hall at 11:30 AM.

### **The Big Give** **Saturday, September 30, and Sunday, October 1** **Before and after worship services, Morton Building**

Share donations to provide a Thanksgiving meal to members of our community in need.

### **American Red Cross** **Saturday, October 7** **8 AM-12 PM, Fellowship Hall**

St. John's has partnered with the American Red Cross of McLean County since 1997. The need for blood is constant, and every contribution is important for a healthy and reliable blood supply. Please visit [www.redcrossblood.org](http://www.redcrossblood.org) to sign up for this blood drive.

### **Lutheran World Relief Ingathering** **Saturday, October 28**

**9 AM-2 PM, Fellowship Hall and Morton Building**  
Boxes of supplies being sent to people in need all over the world will be loaded into a semi-truck and driven to a distribution center. Help is needed to unload boxes from cars, trucks, and trailers and load them into the truck. Many hands are needed! Stay as long as you can! All ages are welcome!