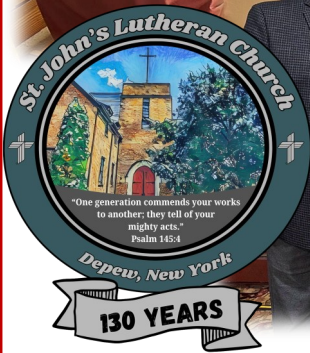


2025 Congregational Annual Report



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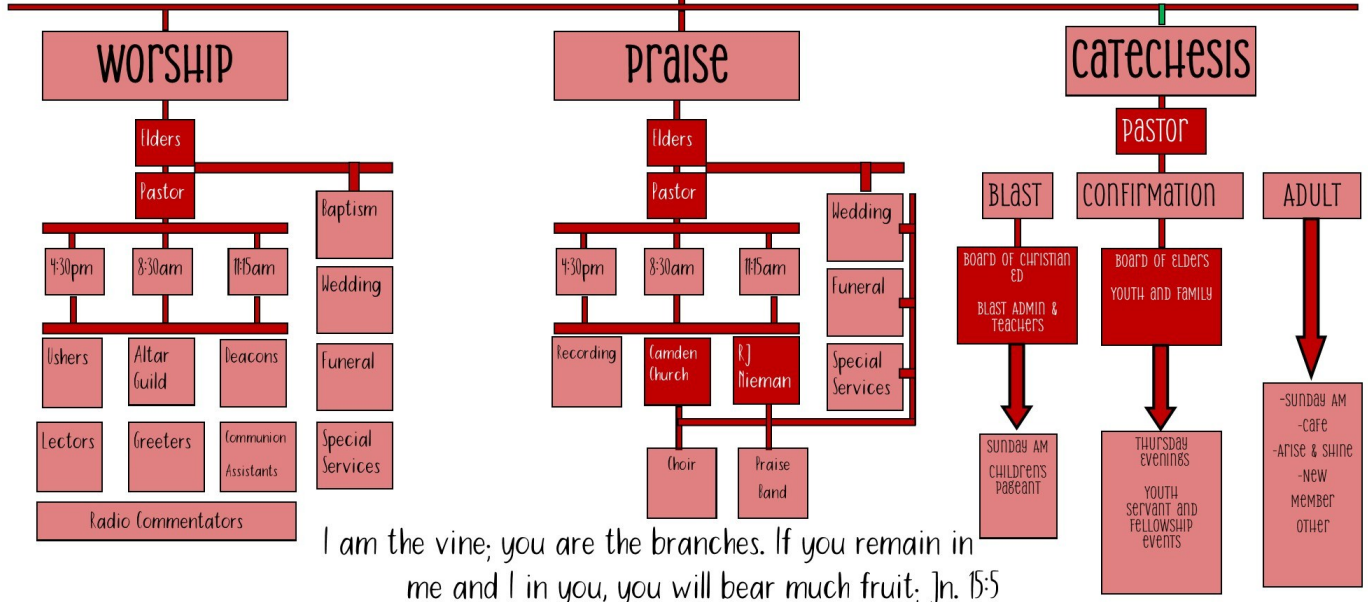


"One generation shall commend your works to another, and shall declare your mighty acts".
Psalm 145:4



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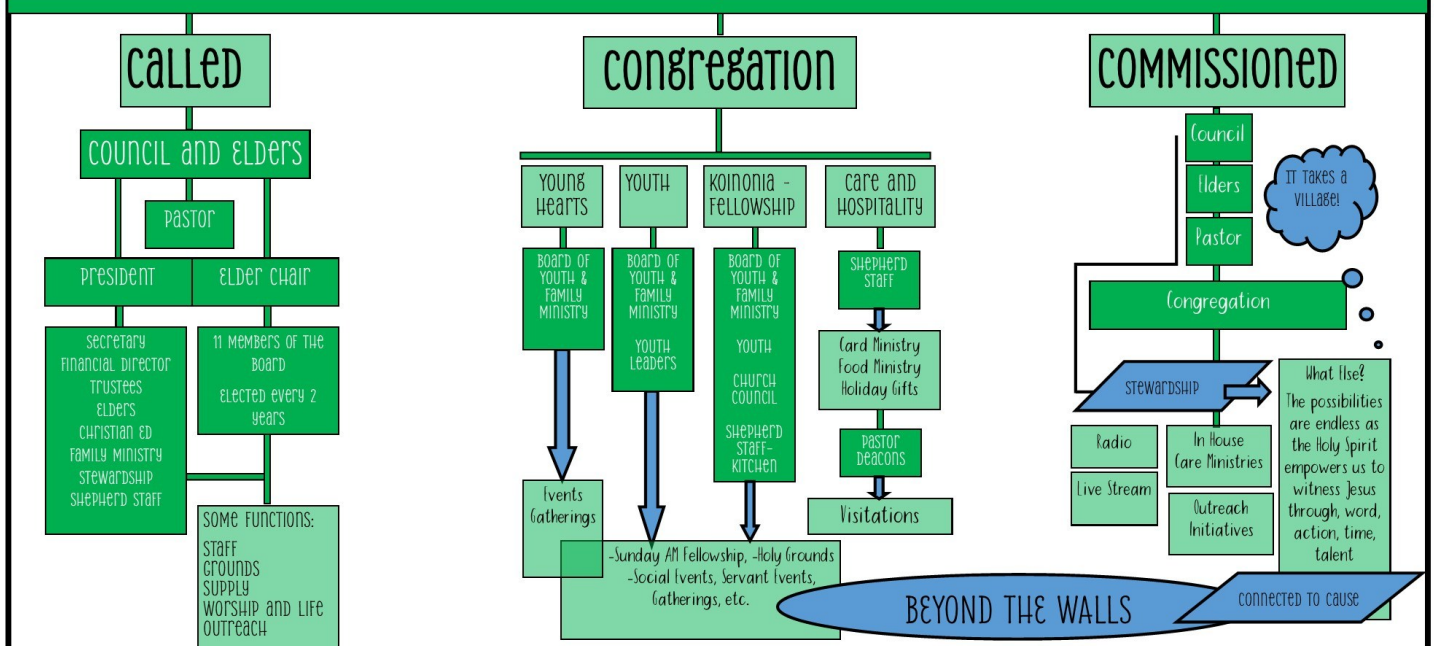


I am the vine; you are the branches. If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit; Jn. 15:5



CONNECTED TO CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY

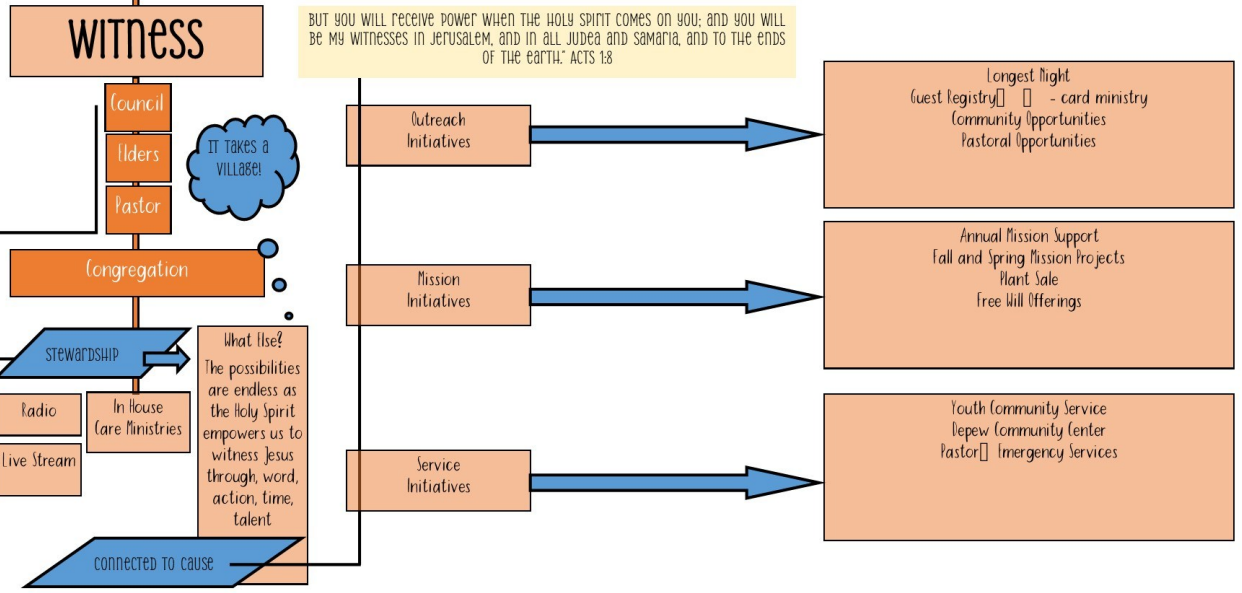
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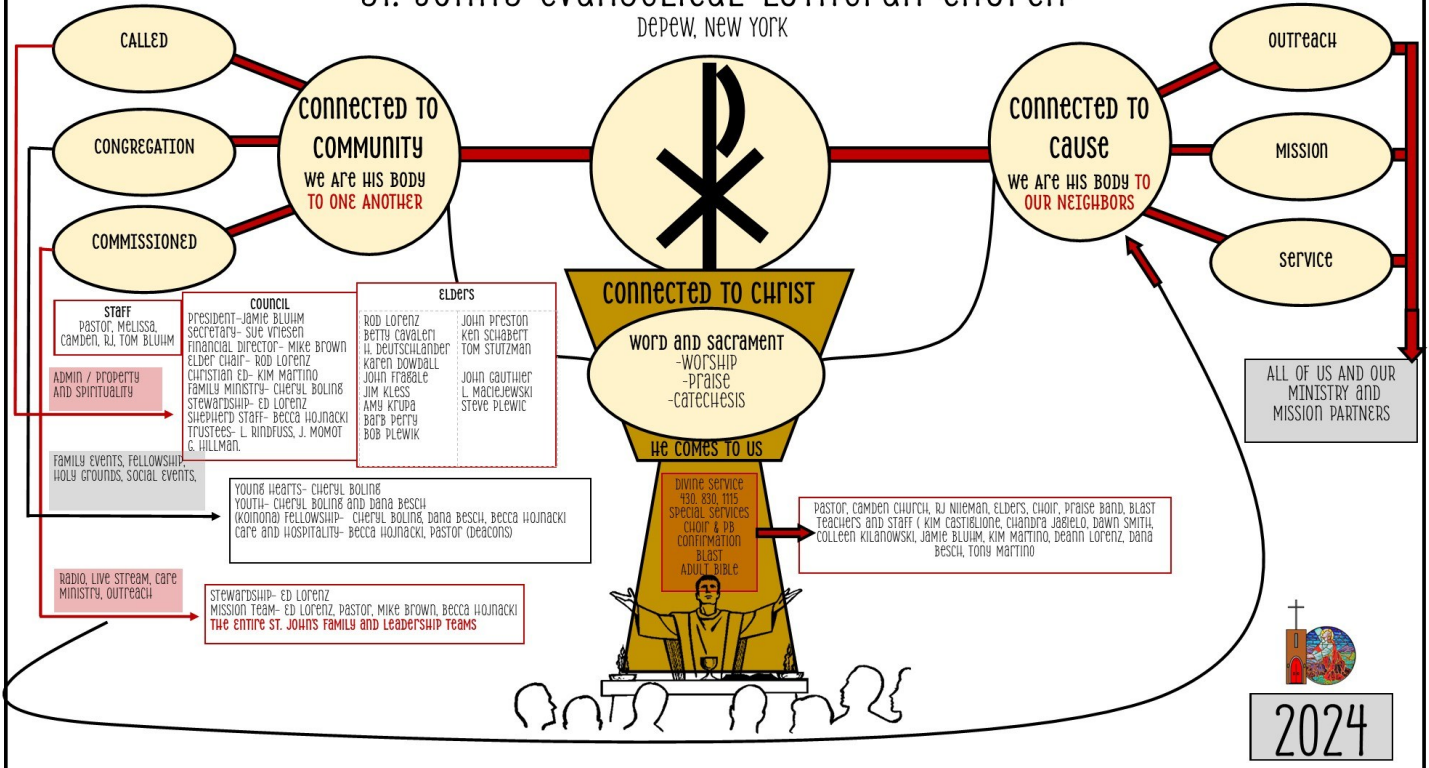
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DEPEW, NEW YORK



Pastor's Report 2025

"One generation shall commend your works to another, and shall declare your mighty acts".

Psalm 145:4

My Dear Friends in Christ,

"From generation to generation..." and thank God for every one of the generations which have shaped who we are as a people of God at St. John's.

Every time and people have contributed in remarkable ways to the furtherance of the Gospel in our little corner of the world.

This past year, the real highlight for me was having the awesome privilege of celebrating 130 years as a congregation. What a joy it was to celebrate:

- * The unwavering presence of our Jesus who is the same today, tomorrow and forever (Hebrews 1). Apart from Him we have no foundation and no purpose.
- * The people of God from the past who declared the mighty work of Jesus through their lives and ministry... How blessed this congregation has been to have "such a cloud of witnesses" over the years. Such remarkable and gifted saints who have shaped who we are to this day.
- * And for **ALL OF YOU**... the present people of God who so passionately worship, learn, lead and love.

Thank for being you! Thank you for another great year of ministry together. Reflecting on this past year helped me to see all that we, in the Holy Spirit's power, have been able to accomplish.

Here are a few highlights

- * our first ever meat Raffle...
- * An Amazing trip to New Orleans with 19 folks for the National Youth Gathering
- * A special forum supporting Anthony Martino's enrollment in the Special Ministry Pastor program at St. Louis.
- * Our first ever Mental Health Awareness Seminar
- * The beginning of Stephen Ministry at St. John's (Thanks to Kim Martino and George Bushey for all the work they are putting into the program).
- * The completion of our BEAUTIFUL HISTORY ROOM
- * New Ministry opportunities at Perrigan's Landing with Clif Lee
- * And as I mentioned an Amazing 130th Anniversary Worship and Celebration at Ripa's!

What an amazing year this has been! How blessed we are tonight to take a few moments to stop... to reflect... and to celebrate another year of "Grace and goodness."

May God continue in and through us as we carry forward the legacy of faith within these walls and beyond!!!

With you in Service,





VICAR ANTHONY MARTINO

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February 6th, 2026
St. John's Lutheran Church
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Dear Members of St. John's Lutheran Church,

It is with a humble and grateful heart that I write to you regarding my acceptance of the vicarage assignment here at St. John's Lutheran Church in Depew, New York. On February 5, 2026, I was formally installed as a Vicar through Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, marking the beginning of this important season of formation and service.

I am deeply thankful for the opportunity to serve alongside you during these next two years of vicarage. This time is intended to be one of learning, growth, and faithful service under pastoral supervision, as I continue to be shaped by God's Word and prepared for future ministry. I look forward to supporting the ministries of this congregation, participating in worship and outreach, and walking with you in the life of faith that God has graciously entrusted to His Church.

Please know that I approach this calling with humility, prayer, and a sincere desire to serve Christ by serving His people. I am grateful for the prayers, encouragement, and trust extended to me, and I ask that you continue to keep me in your prayers as I grow in vocation and faithfulness.

It is truly a blessing to be called into this community of believers. May God's Word continue to dwell richly among us as we serve Him together.

In Christ Jesus,

Anthony Martino Vicar
St. John's Lutheran Church
Depew, New York

2025 Congregational Report

Throughout 2025, we were excited to support our education ministry while also celebrating the rich legacy of St. John's.

Celebrating Our Legacy

May – The history room was completed.

June – A celebration committee was formed.

October – 130th Anniversary Celebration of St. John's.

October – 60th Anniversary of the Radio Ministry.

Still to come – Completion and donation of a memory book for the history room.

Lutheran Youth Convention

February – Prior convention attendees shared their experiences with the congregation.

March – A successful meat raffle was held, raising funds to support youth travel expenses.

July – Eighteen youth and chaperones attended the 2025 Lutheran Youth Convention.

Specialized Ministry Pastor Program

February – Tony Martino shared his interest in the Specialized Ministry Pastor Program.

March – St. John's held a special election and voted to support Tony in this process.

April – Tony's application was submitted.

November – Tony was accepted into the program.

Stephen Ministry

April – Approval was received for the 2025 grant application to implement Stephen Ministry at St. John's.

June – An informational meeting was held, and training was incorporated into the education ministries program.

October – Training commenced.

Still to come – Additional training and care opportunities will be offered.

We give thanks to all who faithfully served in 2025 through our ministries, including elders, council members, and volunteers. Your time, talents, and contributions have been a blessing and made 2025 a successful year of ministry.

ELDER'S REPORT 2025

I am sure all the elders would feel the same when I say, "It has been a privilege to serve our church in 2025." It has been our goal to provide a meaningful and Christ centered worship experience for our congregation and the surrounding community. This year we continued with "The St. John's Style Of Worship". Thanks be to God and the power of the Holy Spirit which gave us the guidance and ability to succeed. Our Radio Ministry has played a significant role in our outreach to spread God's Word. We have been very blessed and express many thanks to all those involved in the Radio ministry this past year. Special thanks to Jim Kless who coordinated our extraordinary commentators, Johnny Sabadasz, Darlene Schwenk, Suzanne Sabadasz, John Gauthier and Karen Dowdall. We also want to thank Pastor for the continuous efforts that keep improving our broadcast every week. If you haven't seen it lately, you should visit our website and see the fantastic improvements that have been made.

Many thanks are due to our various Deacons; we were able to visit our members again and grow our Deacon program. Great thanks to them who took time to visit those unable to be with us week after week. These dedicated servants are filled with compassion and with humility as they serve their brothers and sister in the name of Jesus.

The Board also wishes to thank Camden Church, RJ Neiman, Dylan Lumb and the Praise Band for their dedication and commitment to providing Christ centered music as we worship our Jesus. We were very blessed to have the Choir & Praise Band providing us with inspiring music. The Saturday service has also been enhanced with the recorded hymns being played on the new organ, special thanks to Camden. Special thanks also to Joe Momot who selflessly stepped in to play the organ for us whenever we needed it. This has been a very exciting time for us as we have been benefitting from the continued advancements with the Choir and the Praise Band. We are truly blessed to have such talented musicians and singers in our midst. Just a side note, we are still in need of all musicians and Choir members for anyone who might be interested.

To Tom Bluhm and all the others who assisted in the collection and distribution of food goods to local pantries and to Betty Cavaleri and the members of the Altar Guild, for their reverent care of our Lord's Altar and the gifts he gives to us in the Sacrament.

The members of our board have worked diligently to achieve our goals. We are so grateful for all of the works those faithful servants have done at St. John's and beyond. As we move forward, we can see God's hand at work helping and guiding us to continue what those have started.

In the upcoming year, we will have 2 new members to the board returning member Tom Stutzman and Rob Redenbach. We will also be utilizing alternate Elder's to assist the board this upcoming year, Leslie Maciejewski, and Jackie Krabel agreed to join us in serving the Lord. We look forward to continued work in worship and the spiritual wellbeing of St. John's, we look forward to the wonderful opportunities of growth that God will provide and we are excited for the opportunities that are ahead of us.

On behalf of the Board of Elders' thank you! We ask for your continued prayers and support as we continue in the Lord's Work here at St. John's and beyond! Thanks be to God.

Respectfully,

Rod Lorenz, Chairman

Betty Cavaleri, Bob Plewik, Steve Plewik, Karen Dowdall, John Fragale, Jim Kless, Amy Krupa, John Gauthier, Barb Perry, John Preston and Ken Schabert

SHEPHERDS STAFF REPORT 2025

The mission of Shepherd's Staff is to support and encourage one another in our Christian faith, both within the church and the community. The two main initiatives are hospitality and outreach.

Hospitality: This is demonstrated through the various receptions we offer such as funeral lunches, annual dinner, Veteran's Day, greeting card ministry and collaboration with the communion deacons to provide shut-in support.

Outreach: This includes care to families in crisis, such as providing meals, gift cards to member families with unexpected setbacks, support within our community such as the Christmas Giving Tree and the Tri-Community Pantry and to Lutheran Churches in the area as well as the Depew Community including seniors.

2025 Highlights:

- * There were two funeral receptions

- * Annual Congregational Dinner - 74 dinners served. Pastor Galen made a delicious turkey dinner and the youth helped out and served refreshments, salad, deserts and clean-up

- * Provided shut-in gifts and cards for Easter, Fall and Christmas to whom we were able to visit. As the shut-in list is ever changing (recipients and addresses) we could use an update again

- * Easter, Pentecost Geraniums and Christmas flowers for sale as well as Flower sale run by Lois Will for recipient Jackie M.

- * Pastor Galen purchased a 3 burner BUNN Coffee maker for the church kitchen. Thank you Pastor Galen. We really appreciate it!

- * Veterans Day Service reception. Shepherd Staff kitchen ladies served refreshments and baked goods for approximately 30 people

- * Depew Community Center Care and Share Corner that Maggie Quinn has started. Shampoo, tooth paste, band aids, toiletries, etc. A big thank you to Helena Geisen for bringing it to our awareness and for donations!

- * Thanksgiving Meals for 2 families in the Depew community

- * Christmas Meals for 2 families in the Depew community

- * Christmas Giving Tree for 20 kids and also some seniors in the Depew community. Jen Anthony from Youth and Family Ministry did a phenomenal job with this! Thank you so much Jen. My husband Tom and I delivered the gifts

and gift cards to the Depew Community Center. A big shout out to Maggie Quinn from Depew Community Center

Thank you to everyone who gave their time, money and donations to those in need. I really appreciate every one of you. I am so amazed at how giving our church members truly are! Thank you to Helena Geisen, Jackie Kraebel, Ceil Rowell, Carol Coffed, Nancy Sweeney, Betty Cavaleri, Mike Brown, Lois Will, Jen Anthony, Melissa Dietz-Schall and of course Pastor Galen Purpura for all of your guidance and helpfulness this past year. I look forward to learning, growing and serving in Saint John's Lutheran Church in 2026. I pray for God's guidance in this church, the Shepherd's Staff and in my life.

To God Be The Glory!

Rae Carier - 2025 Shepherd' Staff Chairperson

Youth & Family Ministry 2025 Annual Report

The Youth & Family Ministry Program would like to thank the people of St. John's for its continued support, especially this year as you prayerfully and financially supported the youth in their trip to the LCMS gathering. The Youth continue to assist with Sunday Holy Grounds throughout the year.

A brief summary of 2025's events and gatherings:

January:

Youth participated in ice skating and dinner at the Keohane's

February:

The Congregational annual dinner was held in the church hall. The youth assisted with service of food and drinks and cleanup.

March:

The meat raffle and basket raffle was held at Grapevine to raise funds for the youth trip to New Orleans and was a great success. Approximately \$16,000 was raised.

April:

Easter Egg Hunt and Palm Cross making. The youth assisted with filling and hiding the eggs. The youth also assisted with hanging and taking down the butterflies in the sanctuary

May:

8 youth attended Camp Pioneer for a spring retreat and assisted with plant sale unloading.

June:

The youth enjoyed a day trip to Darien Lake.

July:

The LCMS New Orleans Gathering was a great success with many memories made for both the youth and adult chaperones. The next gathering is in 2028. The 130th anniversary committee started meeting to plan the celebration luncheon.

August:

The congregational summer picnic was held at Firemen's Park to a turnout of approximately 60 people at this new venue.

September:

Youth enjoyed a trip to Sky High Adventure Park in Ellicottville

October:

Youth enjoyed a trip to the Haunted Forest.

The 130th anniversary celebration was held. It included a service led by Pastors Purpura and Blackwell and a luncheon at Ripa's Restaurant.

November:

Youth lock-in and bowling

December:

Youth and Family church outing at Wehrle Golf Dome.

Youth group Christmas party was held at Cheektowaga Country Club for mini golf and arcade games.

We collected gifts and gift cards for Christmas gifts for underprivileged youth and seniors by Maggie Quinn at Depew Community Center

Prayerfully submitted,

Jen Anthony

Youth & Family Ministry Chair

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Dana Besch

Youth Director

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Board of Education 2025 Annual Report

January - December 2025 Year in Review

The BLAST Spring Mission kicked off in March gathering donations for Sleep in Heavenly Peace (SHP). Thank you to Mike, Larry, Pastor and Tony for delivering items collected and for prepping wood and assembling pieces for the beds.

A Family Service was held on March 23. Children in grades 3 and up helped with greeting, collection of offerings, reading, and acolyting during the 8:30am and 11:15am services. Children sang Lent/Spring songs during the 11:15am service. Thank you to all the teachers, Beth, Pastor, and everyone that helped.

The BLAST 2024/25 Year Closing was held on June 8th and included games, crafts, attendance awards and health snacks and drinks for parents, children, and teachers.

The Youth (grades 6-12+) met regularly throughout the year and had an average class size of 20-30+. Thank you to Dana, Kaylin, Tony, and Nick for leading this group.

SimpleChurch communication with parents was used to send messages for BLAST. BLAST newsletters were provided for teachers and families.

Incorporated more weeks to build on our Children's Music Program.

An LCES grant application for Stephens Ministry was submitted and received in June. Thank you to Jamie, Melissa, Mike, and Pastor for the assistance with the submittal. An information meeting was held in November. We currently have one congregational member registered to take the Steven Ministry Leadership Training and several members interested in becoming trained as Steven Ministers.

BLAST 2025/26 Year kicked off on September 7th. We received registrations for 34 children grades Pre K through 8th grade on opening day.

The BLAST Fall/Winter Mission kicked off in mid-November gathering donations for Compassion International. The children raised \$280 which was donated to the organization.

A Family Service was held on November 16. Children in grades 3 and up helped with service responsibilities during the 8:30am and 11:15am services.

The BLAST Christmas program was held December 21 during the 11:15am service. Thank you to Beth Lasky, Laura Tirone, the Sunday BLAST teachers and all the children for another successful program. Youth grades 6 and up continued to gather on Sunday mornings in the Youth Room.

Adult Education classes continued to meet Sunday in between the morning services.

A special thank you to all the Christian Education teachers and administrators including Pastor Galen, Dawn Smith, Colleen Kilanowski, Jamie Bluhm, Heather Horth, Deann Lorenz, Dana Besch, Kaylin Pauly, Tony Martino, Nick Krupa, Laura Tirone, and Beth Lasky for your time and dedication provided for Christian Education at St. John's.

Thank you to all the parents and grandparents for your continual support!

Respectfully submitted,

Kim Lorenz-Martino

Board of Christian Education Chair

TRUSTEES REPORT 2025

A Church History Room was created in the basement. New drywall, lighting, window, door, shelves and furniture were all included as part of this project.

A sewer backflow preventer valve was installed by local company Pipe Works (cost \$5,000), on the main sewer line between the Church and Litchfield Ave. Past heavy rain events have caused sewer backup into the basement and the backflow preventer valve is to prevent this from happening again. The lawn surface where the excavation work was done has been restored flat and reseeded. Underground work was documented for future reference.

The flat, EPDM membrane roof above the Bell Tower was replaced by Murray Roofing (cost \$9,500). The project included a new steel roof access port with gasketed joint and latch.

One thermostat in the Infant / Family worship room had to be replaced. Heating and cooling equipment maintenance checks were done by Danforth, fall and spring.

The fire alarm system check was done by Great Lakes Building Systems. All alarms checked out fine.

The elevator serving the main entrance to worship / office to basement operation tripped off once, on 9/21. An in-house check located the cause of the trip. A “cable slack switch” was reset and no instances since. Visual inspection of all operating components done at this same time.

The heating cable on the flat roof above the southeastern entrance from the employee parking lot has been replaced. Now functioning fine this winter.

Fire Safety Systems has been contracted to install (10) security cameras and recording computer at a cost of \$5,320. Wiring from cameras to monitoring computer will be done by Larry to help lower cost.

The Trustees recognize and appreciate the excellent care of Church premises throughout the year by Mr. Tom Bluhm, Sexton. His efforts and care are evident to all.

Respectfully submitted,

Larry Rindfuss – Head Trustee

Joe Momot

Norm Hirschey

2025 – Financial Director Comments
GOD AMONG US

John 8: “If you are in my word, you are truly my disciples, and you will know the truth and the truth will set you free.

Mission & Benevolence Efforts beyond our budget designations for 2025:

- \$ 825 – Malyah Haj – 10 Yr old granddaughter of Cathy Haj (member), House Fire, Door Offer.
- Sleep In Heavenly Peace - provide beds so kids not sleeping on floors – BLAST Spring Mission Pro 115 Items Collected for Twin Size Bedding - Mattress Pads, Pillows, Comforters, \$ 218 Gift Cards.
- \$ 3,000 – Spring Plant Sale benefiting Jaclyn Munzel. (Health issues)
- \$ 6,946 – (\$ 6,000 Goal) Ride for Roswell –St. Johns Screaming Eagles Bike Ride Team
- \$ 1,000 – Tithe \$ 10,000 Gift: \$ 500 ea. to Tri Community Food Pantry & Sleep In Heavenly Peace
- \$ 280 – Compassion International – BLAST Fall Mission Project – 11:15 Xmas Pageant Collection

Non-monetary Benevolence

- Thanksgiving & Christmas Food for needy families in Depew & St. Luke food pantry.
- Personal Care items for Depew families in need, and Christmas Presents.

Statement of Financial Position: Highlights

- \$ 20,464 Investment Interest Earned ...\$ 12,388 to Fund Accts, \$ 8,075 to Budget Support.

Dedicated Fund Accounts: Highlights

- **Trustee Improvement Fund**
\$ 3,500 – Build Historical Rm in Old Kitchen; \$ 4,000 – Computer Upgrades for Windows 11
\$5,000 Sewer Back Flow Preventer; \$ 9,500 – Bell Tower roof replacement.
- **Memorial Fund**
\$ 5,182 Received: in the name of members in the faith called home, Beneficiary & Interest.
\$ 3,002 Purchased: Deacon Communion Sets, History Rm, Round Funeral Pall, Sanctuary décor.
Coffee Maker downstairs for dinners & Funeral Brunches.
- **Youth and Family Fund**
\$ 36,724 - Cost 16 Youth, 3 Leaders to the LCMS National Youth Gathering in New Orleans
\$ 16,217 - Raised from 1st Meat Raffle &
\$ 8,000 Scholarship Grant from LCE - Society

Statement of Activities: Summary

	<u>This Year</u>	<u>Last Year</u>
Budget:	\$ 288,908	
Giving:	\$ 306,485 ... \$ 285,050 ... \$ 21,434 or 7.5% Increase ... ('25 Includes \$ 10,000 anonymous gift)	
Expense:	\$ 279,526 ... \$ 267,923 ... \$ 11,604 or 4.3% Increase	
Net:	\$ 26,959 ... \$ 17,127	

Radio ... \$415... & Christian Ed ... \$ 972.61 ... Given more than Budget expense, Xfer to Fund Accts.
Radio Broadcast Sponsorship decreased from \$ 180 to \$ 150 per service using Grace Blackwell Fund.

Thank you for your prayers and financial blessings to carry out God’s Word through St. John’s,
Mike Brown, Financial Director

Statement of Financial Position

December 31, 2025

	Year to Date Balance	Year to Date Last Year	Change From Last Year
Assets			
KEY Bank Checking Account			
Current Assets			
1001-00 Key Bank Checking Account	46,088.54	65,107.39	(19,018.85)
KEY Bank Checking Account Totals:	46,088.54	65,107.39	(19,018.85)
Investments			
Current Assets			
1002-01 LCEF All Access Acct #1131 - 1.750%	12,517.39	2,809.42	9,707.97
1002-02 LCEF Note - 18 Mo. #1 - 0454 - 4.250%	11,182.21	10,708.97	473.24
1002-03 LCEF Note - 5 Yr. #4141 - 2.375%	0.00	0.00	0.00
1002-04 LCEF Note - 18 Mo. #2 - 4183 - 4.250%	27,862.83	26,670.42	1,192.41
1002-05 LCEF Note - 1 Yr. #4174 - 4.00%	0.00	0.00	0.00
1002-06 LCEF Note - 18 Mo. #12 - 1828 - 4.000%	15,078.90	0.00	15,078.90
1002-07 KEY Bank - CD - 10 Mo. #5473 - 5.000%	0.00	0.00	0.00
1002-08 LCEF Note - 3 Yr. #5655 - 4.250%	35,956.80	34,468.39	1,488.41
1002-09 LCEF Note - 3 Yr. #2209 - 4.00%	20,559.61	0.00	20,559.61
1002-10 LCEF Note - 18 Mo. #7 #7595 - 5.00%	0.00	15,143.83	(15,143.83)
1002-11 LCEF Note - 18 Mo. #8 - 8775 - 4.250%	20,731.41	0.00	20,731.41
1002-12 LCEF Note - 3 Yr. #3519 - 4.250%	50,000.00	50,000.00	0.00
1002-13 LCEF Note - 2 Yr. #3520 - 4.250%	25,000.00	25,000.00	0.00
1002-14 LCEF Note - 2 1/2 Yr #5814 - 6.250%	34,258.26	32,198.23	2,060.03
1002-15 LCEF Note - 2 1/2 Yr #5802 - 6.250%	22,838.83	21,465.48	1,373.35
1002-16 KEY Bank - CD - 9 Mo. #5705 - 5.000%	0.00	21,089.94	(21,089.94)
1002-17 KEY Bank - CD - 13 Mo. #5713 - 5.000%	0.00	0.00	0.00
1002-18 LCEF Note - 18 Mo. #3 - 5123 - 4.000%	38,050.41	36,285.96	1,764.45
1002-19 LCEF Note - 18 Mo. #4 - 9261 - 4.000%	37,887.02	36,089.34	1,797.68
1002-20 LCEF Note - 18 Mo. #5 - 0835 - 4.000%	27,014.00	25,721.92	1,292.08
1002-21 LCEF Note - 18 Mo. #6 - 3737 - 5.000%	32,258.07	30,694.34	1,563.73
1002-22 LCEF Note - 18 Mo. #9 - 4206 - 4.50%	31,285.99	30,000.00	1,285.99
1002-23 LCEF Note - 18 Mo. #10 - 3647 - 4.000%	15,359.33	0.00	15,359.33
1002-24 LCEF Note - 18 Mo. #11 - 0341 - 4.000%	15,139.72	0.00	15,139.72
1002-25 LCEF Note - 18 Mo. #13 - 3359 - 4.000%	15,021.36	0.00	15,021.36
Current Assets Totals:	488,002.14	398,346.24	89,655.90
Investments Totals:	488,002.14	398,346.24	89,655.90
Petty Cash			
Current Assets			
1080-00 Petty Cash	0.00	0.00	0.00
Petty Cash Totals:	0.00	0.00	0.00
Pre Paid			
Other Assets			

	Year to Date Balance	Year to Date Last Year	Change From Last Year
1310-00 Furniture & Equipment	0.00	0.00	0.00
Pre Paid Totals:	0.00	0.00	0.00
Church Building & Land			
Long Term Assets			
1510-00 Church Bldg & Land SBL 10.70-2-16	1,370,800.00	1,370,800.00	0.00
Church Building & Land Totals:	1,370,800.00	1,370,800.00	0.00
67 Litchfield Ave - E Parking Lot			
Long Term Assets			
1520-00 East Parking Lot - SBL 104.70-2-17	6,200.00	6,200.00	0.00
67 Litchfield Ave - E Parking Lot Totals:	6,200.00	6,200.00	0.00
Preston St. - Vacant Lot			
Long Term Assets			
1530-00 Preston St. Property - SBL.104.70-2-19	23,000.00	23,000.00	0.00
Preston St. - Vacant Lot Totals:	23,000.00	23,000.00	0.00
Accumulated Depreciation			
Long Term Assets			
1590-00 Accumilated Depreciation	(1,400,000.00)	(1,400,000.00)	0.00
Accumulated Depreciation Totals:	(1,400,000.00)	(1,400,000.00)	0.00
Total Assets:	534,090.68	463,453.63	70,637.05

Liabilities

Credit Cards

Current Liabilities

2000-00 Credit Card - KEY BANK	2,606.22	1,809.92	796.30
2000-01 Credit Card - LOWES	0.00	0.00	0.00
Current Liabilities Totals:	2,606.22	1,809.92	796.30
Credit Cards Totals:	2,606.22	1,809.92	796.30

Payroll Clearing

Current Liabilities

2010-00 Payroll Clearing	(6,034.67)	0.00	(6,034.67)
Payroll Clearing Totals:	(6,034.67)	0.00	(6,034.67)
Total Liabilities:	(3,428.45)	1,809.92	(5,238.37)

Net Assets

General Fund

Fund Balance

3000-00 General Fund	196,133.59	194,005.40	2,128.19
General Fund Totals:	196,133.59	194,005.40	2,128.19

Dedicated Accounts

Without Donor Restrictions	174,518.09	126,468.33	48,049.76
With Donor Restrictions	139,909.10	124,041.79	15,867.31
Dedicated Accounts Totals:	314,427.19	250,510.12	63,917.07

Current Period Changes to Net Assets

	<u>Year to Date Balance</u>	<u>Year to Date Last Year</u>	<u>Change From Last Year</u>
St. John's Luthran Church	26,958.35	17,128.19	9,830.16
Current Period Changes to Net Assets Totals:	26,958.35	17,128.19	9,830.16
Total Net Assets:	<u>537,519.13</u>	<u>461,643.71</u>	<u>75,875.42</u>
Total Liabilities & Net Assets:	<u><u>534,090.68</u></u>	<u><u>463,453.63</u></u>	<u><u>70,637.05</u></u>

St John Lutheran Church

Dedicated Accounts

December 31, 2025

Account Shortcut and Description	Beginning Balance	Month Credits	Month Debits	YTD Credits	YTD Debits	Ending Balance
St. John's Luthran Church						
Fund Accounts						
2902-00 Trustee Tech & Improvement Fund	13,961.18	920.18	1,701.42	24,109.05	18,663.10	19,407.13
2904-00 Memorial Fund	36,176.15	455.23	89.74	12,102.01	9,924.79	38,353.37
2904-02 Legacy Fund	123,801.24	10,613.83	0.00	48,183.44	245.81	171,738.87
2906-00 Christian Education Fund	7,752.72	1,074.51	0.00	1,231.20	0.00	8,983.92
2908-00 Youth & Family Fund	18,362.69	656.21	0.00	43,762.84	36,723.79	25,401.74
2912-00 Anniversary	8,841.33	44.88	77.97	2,361.96	7,244.53	3,958.76
2912-01 Organ Fund	2,667.09	31.46	0.00	112.13	0.00	2,779.22
2913-00 Saint's Walk of Hope Fund	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
2916-00 Outreach Ministries - Non Budget	2,750.49	1,754.55	320.00	9,606.55	8,256.75	4,100.29
2916-01 Cafe	0.00	33.68	33.68	33.68	33.68	0.00
2916-02 Lenten Designation	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
2916-03 Lutheran World Relief	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
2916-04 LWML	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
2916-05 Mission Dinner Fundraisers	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
2916-06 Tri-Community Food Pantry	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
2916-07 Christian Ed - Mission Projects	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
2918-00 Gifts, Beneficiary, Other Grants	0.00	0.00	438.00	438.00	438.00	0.00
2924-00 LCES Grant	0.00	15.73	1,696.98	12,751.36	11,371.98	1,379.38
2929-00 Sabbatical Rreserve	10,081.47	176.22	0.00	1,040.03	0.00	11,121.50
2930-00 Media Ministry - "Grace Blackwell" Fu	26,115.76	723.77	0.00	1,507.03	419.78	27,203.01
Fund Accounts Totals:	250,510.12	16,500.25	4,357.79	157,239.28	93,322.21	314,427.19
St. John's Luthran Church Totals:	250,510.12	16,500.25	4,357.79	157,239.28	93,322.21	314,427.19
Total for selected dedicated accounts:	250,510.12	16,500.25	4,357.79	157,239.28	93,322.21	314,427.19

St John Lutheran Church

Statement of Activities

December 31, 2025

Account Shortcut and Description	YTD Actual	Annual Budget	YTD Last Year	YTD Less YTD Last Year	YTD Actual as % of YTD Last Year
Income					
Income - Budget					
4001-00 #ed Envelopes	280,984.58	260,168.00	258,087.74	22,896.84	108.87
4010-00 No Envelope #	50.00	0.00	0.00	50.00	0.00
4012-00 Miscellaneous & Office	1,369.40	2,000.00	1,677.50	(308.10)	81.63
4020-00 Christian Education - Budget	1,817.63	3,000.00	2,613.05	(795.42)	69.55
4030-00 Radio Sponsorship WXRL	9,720.00	9,540.00	9,540.00	180.00	101.88
4040-00 Sanctuary Flowers	2,260.63	2,700.00	2,272.50	(11.87)	99.47
4060-00 Building Use & AA	1,650.00	1,500.00	1,990.00	(340.00)	82.91
4100-00 Youth & Family - Budget	557.35	2,000.00	945.00	(387.65)	58.97
4210-00 Interest Income	8,075.24	8,000.00	7,925.17	150.07	101.89
Income - Budget Totals:	306,484.83	288,908.00	285,050.96	21,433.87	107.52
Income Totals:	306,484.83	288,908.00	285,050.96	21,433.87	107.52
Expense					
Pastor Salary					
5041-00 Pastor Salary	47,400.00	47,400.00	45,904.00	1,496.00	103.25
5042-00 Pastor SECA	10,088.50	10,088.00	9,877.68	210.82	102.13
5050-00 Pastor Housing Allowance	24,000.00	24,000.00	24,000.00	0.00	100.00
5051-00 Pastor Car Allowance	3,400.00	3,400.00	3,400.00	0.00	100.00
5052-00 Pastor Health Insurance	18,000.00	18,000.00	18,000.00	0.00	100.00
5053-00 Pastor (403b) Pension	5,381.00	5,381.00	5,381.00	0.00	100.00
5054-00 Pastor Disability	1,176.00	1,176.00	1,176.00	0.00	100.00
5060-00 Pastor Continuing Education	0.00	500.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
5061-00 Pastor Expense Account	283.11	500.00	81.80	201.31	346.10
Pastor Salary Totals:	109,728.61	110,445.00	107,820.48	1,908.13	101.77
Other Staff Payroll					
5100-00 Staff Payroll	47,543.50	49,627.00	45,223.00	2,320.50	105.13
5190-00 Employer FICA/Medicare/FMLA	3,637.09	3,796.00	3,459.57	177.52	105.13
Other Staff Payroll Totals:	51,180.59	53,423.00	48,682.57	2,498.02	105.13
Church Office Supplies					
5360-00 Church & Office Supplies	5,412.87	10,000.00	8,590.80	(3,177.93)	63.00
5361-00 Postage	940.17	1,000.00	999.11	(58.94)	94.10
5363-00 Copier / Tech / Licensing / Copyrights	20,150.15	14,500.00	15,678.70	4,471.45	128.51
5364-00 Fellowship Food, Dinners	4,348.61	1,000.00	1,978.46	2,370.15	219.79
5365-00 Bank Fees	2,030.93	1,500.00	1,768.79	262.14	114.82
Church Office Supplies Totals:	32,882.73	28,000.00	29,015.86	3,866.87	113.33
Board Ministries					
5311-00 Substitute Pastors & Music	0.00	1,500.00	700.00	(700.00)	0.00

Account Shortcut and Description	YTD Actual	Annual Budget	YTD Last Year	YTD Less YTD Last Year	YTD Actual as % of YTD Last Year
5315-00 Sabbatical Reserve - Budget Trnsfr	600.00	600.00	600.00	0.00	100.00
5320-00 Music	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
5350-00 Sanctuary Flowers	1,039.00	2,700.00	2,508.00	(1,469.00)	41.42
5371-00 Elders	0.00	500.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
5380-00 Shepherds Staff / Outreach	65.25	500.00	3.00	62.25	2,175.00
5385-00 Stewardship	0.00	150.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
5400-00 Youth & Family Ministry - Budget	5,637.45	8,000.00	4,900.62	736.83	115.03
5401.01 Youth - Budget to Fund Xfer	3,600.00	3,600.00	3,600.00	0.00	100.00
5410-00 Bd of Ed & Christian Ed - Budget	1,817.63	3,500.00	2,613.05	(795.42)	69.55
Board Ministries Totals:	12,759.33	21,050.00	14,924.67	(2,165.34)	85.49
Missions - Budget					
5421-00 Radio - WXRL Broadcast	9,720.00	9,540.00	9,540.00	180.00	101.88
5430-00 Concerned About Persons (CAP)	0.00	150.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
5440-00 Eastern District - Pledge	5,000.00	5,000.00	5,000.00	0.00	100.00
5441-00 Eastern District - Assessment	1,043.25	1,000.00	957.00	86.25	109.01
5470-00 LCE - Society Dues	100.00	100.00	100.00	0.00	100.00
5480-00 Friends of Pioneer, Inc.	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	0.00	100.00
5490-00 Disaster Relief	500.00	500.00	500.00	0.00	100.00
5491-00 Concordia - St. Louis - Budget	1,500.00	1,500.00	1,500.00	0.00	100.00
5541-00 Trinity Lutheran School	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	0.00	100.00
5542-00 Summit Life Outreach Center	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	0.00	100.00
5543-00 Village Depew Comm Action Team	500.00	500.00	500.00	0.00	100.00
5544-00 St. Luke's L.C. - Food Pantry	500.00	500.00	500.00	0.00	100.00
5545-00 St. Paul Lutheran Church - Batavia	1,250.00	1,250.00	1,250.00	0.00	100.00
5546-00 WNY Law Enforcement	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	0.00	100.00
Missions - Budget Totals:	24,113.25	24,040.00	23,847.00	266.25	101.12
Building & Grounds					
5610-00 Gas - NFG	3,937.29	4,000.00	2,984.57	952.72	131.92
5620-00 Electric - NYSEG	5,828.11	6,000.00	4,135.42	1,692.69	140.93
5630-00 Property Taxes & Water	1,190.20	850.00	972.37	217.83	122.40
5640-00 Phone / Internet - Spectrum	3,250.70	3,200.00	3,001.22	249.48	108.31
5650-00 Insurance - Disability	151.34	400.00	132.18	19.16	114.49
5660-00 Insurance - Workers Compensation	1,315.72	1,600.00	1,328.42	(12.70)	99.04
5670-00 Insurance - Property	9,106.07	10,500.00	9,256.50	(150.43)	98.37
5710-00 Property Maintenance - Budget	15,682.54	17,000.00	13,421.51	2,261.03	116.84
5730-00 Trustee - Budget to Fund Xfer	8,400.00	8,400.00	8,400.00	0.00	100.00
Building & Grounds Totals:	48,861.97	51,950.00	43,632.19	5,229.78	111.99
Expense Totals:	279,526.48	288,908.00	267,922.77	11,603.71	104.33
Income - Expense:	26,958.35	0.00	17,128.19	9,830.16	

Financial Review Letter to the Congregation

Review Date February 02, 2026

Members of St. John's Lutheran Church:

We, as an appointed "Financial review Committee", have reviewed the Financial Reports of St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church of Depew NY Inc.

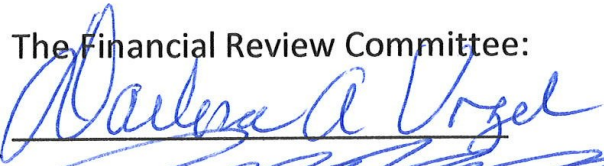
Our financial review covered the period of January 1, 2025 to December 31, 2025.


We performed the review at the request of our Congregational President and in accordance with the Constitution and Bylaws of our church.

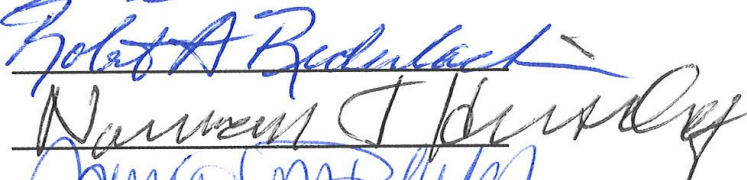
As a result of our study, certain recommendations have been made to improve the record keeping of our church and to assist the Financial Director of his or her duties.

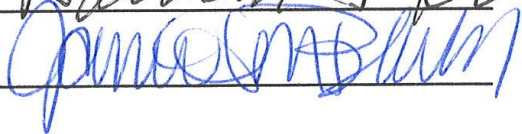
We thank God for this opportunity to serve him and pray that our recommendations are received as constructive information to improve and strive towards excellence as God Commands us.

The Financial Review Committee:









THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS OF ST. JOHN'S STAND ready TO HELP YOU IN WHATEVER WAY POSSIBLE:

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THE MISSION OF ST. JOHN'S

The Mission of St. John's is grounded in the presence of Christ in God's Word and in the Sacraments. We are called by the Holy Spirit to spread the Kingdom of God through ministering to all our members and sharing the love of Christ by preaching the true Word of God, providing ongoing Biblical education for spiritual growth, and reaching others with God's love in all we say and do.



THE VISION OF ST. JOHN'S

We have a vision of St. John's where...

We seek innovative ways to carry out our mission while remaining grounded in our core values

All people feel welcomed, valued and loved

Parents will become equipped as faith mentors to their children with the support and encouragement of the whole community

Faith is strengthened and people are spiritually uplifted

We joyfully share the Gospel everyday with people outside the church who don't know Jesus as their Savior.

We strive to model Christ in responding to every situation and circumstance of physical, emotional or spiritual need.