

Congregational Connector

News from the Board of Directors – November 2021

BOD Goals for 2022: Though the conversation will continue next month, the Board of Directors initial conversations on congregational goals for the year ahead are focused upon four topics (in no particular order): 1) improve/enhance our work with STL's electronic community; 2) activities that bridge generations; 3) (re)connecting with people in a post-pandemic world; and 4) Faith Hope Love Small Group Ministry. Thoughts and reactions from the congregation are welcome.

STL FOUNDATION: On January 1, 2021, STL Foundation assets totaled \$1,264,992. Through November 1, 2021, they have grown to \$1,421,958. This, of course, is after \$39,000 was granted for our 2021 projects. Looking back over the past two years (since January 1, 2020), STL has received \$79,000 in grants from the foundation while its assets have grown by 32%. We praise God from whom all blessings flow as we that the Foundation trustees (Ron Greve - chair, Keith Altenburg, Dale Edwards, Beverly Gray-Booth – CFO, and Steve Kruse) for their fund management.

HOLIDAY WORSHIP: Make your plans now to keep an open slot on your calendar every Wednesday for the next month. STL will be having special worship opportunities at noon and 7:00 p.m. Here is the schedule (services with a ** by the time will also be available electronically):

November 24 – Thanksgiving Eve – Noon ** and 7:00 p.m.

December 1, 8, 15 – Advent CARoling – noon (indoor) and 7:00 p.m. ** (front parking lot)

December 22 – Christmas Caroling to our STL neighbors – 7:00 p.m.

These will be followed by Christmas and New Year's Services:

Friday, **December 24** – Traditional Christmas Eve Worship – 4:00 p.m.** and 11:00 p.m.

Saturday, December 25 – Christmas Day Worship – 9:30 a.m.

Friday, December 31 – New Year's Eve – 5:00 p.m.

MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION

(changes since May 2020)

Gains: Zachery Delmonte and Kayla Lindeman (Junior Confirmation); Jenifer Delmonte, Lois Frikken, Nancy Wargo, David/Laura Firchau, Gary Mertens, Janet Mertens, Alan/Dolores Houth

Losses: Jafer/Laura Perez (Isabella, Elena), Paul/Martha Jatkowski

Baptisms: Logan Lechner, Delilah Hamilton, Alessandra Hetzner, Tessa Trottier, Savanna Szymczak, Harrison Ahee,

Weddings: Anthony and Jenaya (Mack) Berkseth, Brad and Tamika (Hamilton) Lambkin

Funerals/Memorial Services: Becky Doyle, Frieda Hillsinger, Eleanor Cardamon, William Nycholas, Ann VanNorman, Betty Knox, Ernie Medd

Additional Deaths: Eleanor Hamel, Shirley LeFevere,

Membership (as of 11/14/2021): 500 (baptized), 395 (communicant)

FINANCIAL REPORT

Here is the report of our General Fund stewardship for the month and the fiscal year. All bills are current (including the mortgage) and we are functioning with a healthy "cash available" balance.

	October 2021		YEAR TO DATE	
	Anticipated	Actual	Anticipated	Actual
Income	\$ 37,672.49	\$ 31,728.97	\$142,189.96	\$138,861.20
Expense	<u>\$ 38,822.50</u>	<u>\$ 35,434.92</u>	<u>\$149,090.00</u>	<u>\$139,698.65</u>
Net Excess (loss)	\$ (1,150.01)	\$ (3,705.95)	\$ (6,900.04)	\$ (838.45)

The Restricted Fund Balance is \$99,501.78.

Mortgage Balance - \$1,700,564.46, **Restricted Loan** - \$11,263.27