

Congregational Connector

News from the Board of Directors – May 2022

VOTERS' ASSEMBLY ON TUESDAY, MAY 24: The meeting, which starts at 7:00 p.m. in the sanctuary, will have four primary business items on the agenda:

Election of Officers

Approval the 2022-2023 Operating Budget

2022-2023 Theme: The MISSION OF GOD through STL – past, present, and future

Introduction of the Pastoral Transition Plan

(with additional time for Board Reports, Questions and Answers)

PROPOSED BUDGET HIGHLIGHTS: The General Operating Fund for July 1, 2022 – June 30, 2023 that will be presented to the Voters' will include: a) balanced income/expense projection of \$472,440.0, which is an increase of about 3.8% over the current budget; b) an increase in the salary base from \$26,750.00 to \$27,550.00; c) continuing our commitment of \$3,000.00 per year to the District; d) No funding from the STL Foundation – though we do anticipate looking to the Foundation for capital improvements; e) continued mission envelope offerings to MCREST (July – September), Camp Restore Detroit (October – December), St. Luke Project (January – March), and Abigayle Ministries (April – June).

SUMMER OFFICE HOURS: STL will have reduced office hours from June 20 through August 14. The Church Office will be open 9:30 a.m. – 3:00 P.M., Monday through Thursday. The office will be closed Fridays, starting May 27 and continuing through August 15. This will allow staff to get their vacation time in and also to work throughout the building without being concerned about answering the phone or opening the door.

SOUP AND SANDWICH SATURDAY: Our Spring S.A.S.S. will be Saturday, June 18. Sign up sheets for donations and volunteers are available in the church narthex, or you can call the church office for more information. The menu will feature summer barbeque items like hot dogs and hamburgers. THIS IS ONE OF OUR PRIMARY COMMUNITY SERVICE EVENTS, so please spread the word and encourage participation.

PASTOR HETZNER'S RETIREMENT: On Sunday, April 24, pastor Hetzner announced to the congregation that he will be retiring in February 2023. He and the Board of Elders have been working on the details with Dr. Rob Kasper from the District Office and will be presenting the plan at the May 24 Voters' Assembly.

MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION

(changes since November 2021)

Gains: Alan Hogar, Mary Soules, Aaliyah Booth

Losses: Dwight/Julie Conger, Richard/Mary Stern

Baptisms: Andrew Yow, Elliot Fortier, Brian Elder, Sophia Elder

Weddings: none

Funerals/Memorial Services: Donna Mertz, Christopher Dawson, Doris Seely, Elsie Adams

Additional Deaths: Sandra Bowser, Theresa Delano

Membership (as of 5/12/2022): 498 (baptized), 391 (communicant)

FINANCIAL REPORT

Here is the report of our General Fund stewardship for the first 9 months of the fiscal year. All bills are current (including the mortgage) and we are functioning with a healthy "cash available" balance.

	April 2022		Year to Date	
	Anticipated	Actual	Anticipated	Actual
Income	\$ 44,872.49	\$ 46,726.49	\$ 380,125.02	\$ 387,549.09
Expense	<u>\$ 39,122.50</u>	<u>\$ 37,452.25</u>	<u>\$ 382,825.00</u>	<u>\$ 379,611.90</u>
Net Excess (loss)	\$ 5,749.99	\$ 9,274.24	\$ (2,699.98)	\$ 7,937.19

The Restricted Fund Balance is \$80,580.87.

Mortgage Balance - \$1,682,460.13, **Restricted Loan** - \$9,263.37