Congregational Connector

News from the Board of Directors – August 2022

FAITH AND FELLOWSHIP PICNIC: This Sunday – August 21 – immediately after worship – If it rains, we will move it into the gym … if the sun shines, it will be out back by the gym canopy. Bring your family and friends – the brunch type meal is being catered by Andary's.

MCREST IS SEPTEMBER 25 – OCTOBER 2: The beautiful new facility in downtown Mt. Clemens houses from 55-60 participants each week – about double of what we housed here at STL … so the financial need for our week has risen to around $4,000.00. If you want to volunteer your time, talk to Kelly Crivella. Just designate your special offerings for STL's MCREST week. And if you are a Thrivent member, speak with the church office or pastor about organizing an action team to earn a $250.00 gift card for MCREST.

GLADDEN MINISTRIES: The BOD has approved a request of Rev. Deitrick Gladden, the pastor at Charity and Mount Calvary, Detroit whom we have been assisting, to rent a little office space from STL for Gladden Ministries, which supports places of hope in Africa and other foreign countries, providing Lutheran support to orphanages in the Congo and Haiti.

CALL COMMITTEE: Mark Matheson, congregational president, and the Board of Elders will be organizing a pastoral call committee over the upcoming month. They will use information gathered by the Transition Task Force to develop a pastoral profile and call strategy, with the goal of issuing a call by January 2023. If you think you might be interested in serving on the call committee, please contact either Fred Bauss or Mark Matheson.

CIRCUIT VISITOR: Pastor Frechette (Bethlehem Roseville) has accepted a call to St. Mark Flint, and can no longer serve as our Circuit Visitor. Our Circuit #19 includes STL, St. Peter's Eastpointe, Bethlehem, St. John Fraser, and three churches in Warren (Peace, Hope, and Trinity). District President David Maier has appointed Pastor Hetzner as the new Circuit Visitor.

PASTORS JERRY AND RICK: Since the District does not have a specific assignment for Pastor Jerry at this time, he is being worked into the preaching schedule on a monthly basis and included in the liturgist rotation here at STL. Pastor Rick has been freed to help Bethlehem Roseville in pulpit supply on a more frequent basis.

VIDEO MINISTRY ENHANCEMENT PROJECT: The Board of Elders and the BOD are acquiring bids on equipment to improve our worship broadcast capabilities and enhance our sanctuary with video screens. Three bids have been received and we are now in the process of comparing them. As soon as a proposal is approved the BOD will present a formal proposal to the STL Foundation to fund the project, which will include new cameras and technology that will expand our broadcasts to add YouTube to our current Facebook Live broadcasts.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Here is the report of our General Fund stewardship for fiscal year just ended (July 1, 2021 – June 30, 2022) and the first month of the new fiscal year. All bills are current (including the mortgage), and we are functioning with a healthy "cash available" balance.

	July 2022		Fiscal 2021 – 2022	
	Anticipated	**Actual**	**Anticipated**	**Actual**
Income	$ 35,780.32	$ 31,383.04	$454,870.00	$ 453,064.38
Expense	$ 36,750.00	$ 38,869.69	$454,870.00	$ 462,710.88
Net Excess (loss)	$ (1,041.68)	$ (7,486.65)	$ 00	$ (9,646.50)

The Restricted Fund Balance is $84,513.59.

Mortgage Balance - $1,673,451.04, **Restricted Loan -** $6,263.27