



Church Council Agenda

Thursday, August 17, 2023 - 4 pm | Chapel

Church Council Members

Jen Hartman (2024) | Greg Nicoll, Secretary (2024) | Todd Parsons, Treasurer (2024) | PJ Mills, President (2025) | Kelly Turner, Vice President (2025) | Scott Leisinger (2025) | Blake Borwick (2026) | Nick Frerichs (2026) | Ali Puls (2026)

Pastor Brian Julin-McCleary

CALL TO ORDER:

MISSION & VISION STATEMENTS

Mission: *"Joyfully taking God's love into the world"*

Vision: *"Connecting Christ's community by building relationships among all people, fulfilling the call of the Gospel of Jesus Christ through: Caring, nurturing and supporting one another according to each one's needs by Sharing God's love and grace through acts of service while Growing in faith through lifelong learning".*

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

DEVOTION: Scott Leisinger

REPORTS:

1. Church Council Minutes (see attachment)
2. Pastor's Report (see attachment) - receive.
3. Financial Reports (see attachments) - filed for audit.

BUSINESS:

1. Review solicitation policy Page 20 Personal Policy
 - o 4.5. Solicitation
 - Solicitation by non-church related outside vendors, salespeople, individuals, groups, etc., is not permitted at the church without prior approval of the Congregation Council.
 - Fundraising is often needed to support some church events. All church-related fundraising events must be approved by the Congregation Council.
2. 2024 Portico Benefit Checklist
3. Meeting times for fall and sports seasons
4. All Teams Meeting Topic for Sept. 5th
5. Reconciling in Christ update - Scott Wirtz at 5:45

RESOURCE / MINISTRY TEAM UPDATES BY COUNCIL LIAISONS

1. Hospitality & Congregational Care Ministry Team - Jen Hartman
2. Serving & Discipleship Ministry Team - Kelly Turner
3. Worship & Celebration Ministry Team - Greg Nicoll
4. Faith Formation & Lifelong Learning Ministry Team - Ali Puls
5. Human Resource Team – Blake Borwick
 - a. Update on hiring for open positions
 - i. Music Minister PT
 - ii. Child Care Assistant Cook PT
 - iii. Preschool Associate
 - iv. Child Care Associate
6. Financial Resource Team - Todd Parsons
 - a. Update on hiring Financial Assistant position and interim
7. Property Resource Team - Scott Leisinger
 - a. HVAC update
8. Technology & Communication Resource Team - Nick Frerichs

UPCOMING CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING DATES

- Sept. 21, 4pm
- October 19
- November 16
- December

UPCOMING ALL TEAMS MEETING DATES

- Tuesday, September 5 (avoiding Labor Day)
- Tuesday, December 5th

ADJOURNMENT:

CLOSING PRAYER

St John American Lutheran Church
Balance Sheet by Account (Consolidated)
Apr 1, 2023 through Jul 31, 2023

Account	Balance As Of Apr 1, 2023	Balance As Of 31-Jul-23	Current Year Change	Percent Change
Assets				
Major 01, CASH ASSETS				
Minor 01, Bank Account				
011-01-01-01, Checking Account	52,303.88	68,954.75	16,650.87	24%
011-01-01-04, Cash Reserve FRT	201,793.45	201,793.45	0.00	0%
011-01-01-05, Maint. Projects Reserve	42,350.00	30,318.06	-12,031.94	-40%
011-01-01-06, Playground Reserve	160,000.00	160,000.00	0.00	0%
021-01-01-12, Farmers Principal Offset	0.00	0.00	0.00	0%
Minor 01, Bank Account	456,447.33	461,066.26	4,618.93	1%
Major 03, FIXED ASSETS				
Minor 02, Building and Contents				
011-03-02-01, Church Building & Content	9,312,041.70	9,312,041.70	0.00	0.00%
Minor 02, Building and Contents	9,312,041.70	9,312,041.70	0.00	0.00%
Major 99, Ded. Receivable				
Minor 99, Ded. Receivable				
017-xx-xx-xx, Dedicated Funds Receivable	0.00	8,767.82	8,767.82	0.00%
Dedicated Funds Receivable	0.00	8,767.82	8,767.82	0.00%
Total Assets	9,768,489.03	9,781,875.78	13,386.75	0.00%
Liabilities				
Major 01, Mortgage Liability				
Minor 03, Mortgage Balance				
022-01-03-12, Farmers Mortgage 1202012	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00%
Minor 03, Mortgage Balance	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00%
Major 02, FSB				
Minor 00, FSB				
012-02-00-01, Boiler	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00%
012-02-00-02, Payroll Tax Deducts SJLC	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00%
012-02-00-03, Payroll Vol Deducts SJLC	-847.48	-1,164.63	-317.15	27.00%
012-02-00-04, Payroll Tax Deducts PCC	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00%
012-02-00-05, Payroll Vol Deducts PCC	13.86	83.62	69.76	83.00%
012-02-00-06, Credit Card 0649 Austin	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00%
012-02-00-07, Credit Card 2950 Brian	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00%
012-02-00-08, Credit Card 1459 Jenny	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00%
012-02-00-09, Credit Card 6654 John	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00%
012-02-00-10, Credit Card 6465 Kathy	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00%
012-02-00-11, Credit Card 2968 Marty	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00%
012-02-00-12, Credit Card 0656 Sandy	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00%
Minor 00, FSB	-833.62	-1,081.01	-247.39	23.00%
Major 99, Ded. Payable				
Minor 99, Ded. Payable				
017-xx-xx-xx, Dedicated Funds Payable	123,811.57	90,937.44	-32,874.13	-36%
Dedicated Funds Payable	123,811.57	90,937.44	-32,874.13	-36%
Total Liabilities	122,977.95	89,856.43	-33,121.52	-37%
Fund Balance				
Totals for Fund Balance	9,645,511.08	9,692,019.35	46,508.27	0%
Total Fund Balance/Equity	9,645,511.08	9,692,019.35	46,508.27	0%
Total Liability and Fund Balance	9,768,489.03	9,781,875.78	13,386.75	0%

St John American Lutheran Church

Dedicated Accounts
July, Fiscal Year 2024

Fund 01 - GENERAL FUND

Account	Beginning	Current Month		Year-To-Date		Current
	Balance	Receipts	Expenses	Receipts	Expenses	Balance
Major 01 - Restricted Funds						
Minor 01 - Budgeted						
017-01-01-01 Building Fund Reserves	4,102.75	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	4,102.75
017-01-01-07 Sunday School	1,759.80	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,759.80
017-01-01-08 Vacation Bible School	1,438.21	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,438.21
017-01-01-10 Good Samaritan Emergency	1,220.87	0.00	0.00	550.00	200.00	1,570.87
017-01-01-11 Youth Fund	1,338.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,338.00
017-01-01-12 Organ & Piano Fund	2,586.65	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	2,586.65
017-01-01-14 Bell Choir Fund	671.62	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	671.62
017-01-01-15 Preschool Fundraiser	26,749.56	300.00	1,244.86	1,073.86	1,244.86	26,578.56
017-01-01-16 Contingency Cash Reserves	-2,265.77	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	-2,265.77
017-01-01-17 Maint. Projects Reserve	-1,000.00	0.00	0.00	1,000.00	24,063.88	-24,063.88
Totals	\$36,601.69	\$300.00	\$1,244.86	\$2,623.86	\$25,508.74	\$13,716.81
Major 01 - Restricted Funds						
Minor 02 - Other						
017-01-02-01 Kitchen Supplies WELCA	-37.23	0.00	0.00	37.23	0.00	0.00
017-01-02-05 Linen Ministry	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
017-01-02-15 Special Flower Fund	-235.34	0.00	0.00	256.73	21.39	0.00
017-01-02-36 Weddings/Funerals	4,646.12	0.00	0.00	2,050.00	41.84	6,654.28
017-01-02-52 Youth Trips	6,696.68	238.00	5,930.00	1,770.00	7,330.00	1,136.68
017-01-02-55 Young at Heart Events	53.78	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	53.78
Totals	\$11,124.01	\$238.00	\$5,930.00	\$4,113.96	\$7,393.23	\$7,844.74
Major 01 - Restricted Funds						
Minor 03 - Missions						
017-01-03-00 Donation to Organizations	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
017-01-03-08 Love Inc.	100.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	100.00
017-01-03-11 Do-Day Quilting Group	500.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	132.70	367.30
Totals	\$600.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$132.70	\$467.30
Major 03 - IN AND OUT						
Minor 00 - Ungrouped						
017-03-00-01 Capital Campaign Expenses	23,778.07	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	23,778.07
017-03-00-05 2023 Pledges	18,480.01	0.00	2,053.33	0.00	8,213.32	10,266.69
017-03-00-06 2024 Pledges	4,680.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	4,680.00
017-03-00-07 2025 Pledges	4,920.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	4,920.00
017-03-00-08 2026 Pledges	5,160.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	5,160.00
Totals	\$57,018.08	\$0.00	\$2,053.33	\$0.00	\$8,213.32	\$48,804.76
Major 07 - MEMORIAL FUND						
Minor 01 - Restricted						
017-07-01-67 Bolhuis, Chris - Organ	971.49	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	971.49
017-07-01-68 Gadow, Harriet - Do Day	650.44	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	650.44
017-07-01-71 McBroom, Phyllis (Boiler)	100.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	100.00
017-07-01-92 Kattelman, Carol (Kitchen)	350.65	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	350.65
017-07-01-93 Bast, Henry - Playground	630.00	0.00	0.00	100.00	100.00	630.00
Totals	\$2,702.58	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$2,702.58
Major 07 - MEMORIAL FUND						
Minor 02 - Unrestricted						
017-07-02-67 Jacobs Estate	10,286.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	10,286.00
017-07-02-82 Beneke, Gary	635.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	635.00
017-07-02-83 Julin, Bob	554.21	0.00	0.00	0.00	293.96	260.25
017-07-02-84 Schmoll, Marjorie	2,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	2,000.00
017-07-02-85 Korte, Eileen	1,490.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,490.00
017-07-02-86 Cordes, Mary	550.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	550.00
017-07-02-89 Martin, Raymond & Alice	200.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	200.00
017-07-02-91 Zischke, Norm	50.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	50.00
017-07-02-92 Denkinger, Don	0.00	200.00	0.00	1,930.00	0.00	1,930.00

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St John American Lutheran Church

Dedicated Accounts

July, Fiscal Year 2024

Fund 01 - GENERAL FUND

Account	Beginning	Current Month		Year-To-Date		Current
	Balance	Receipts	Expenses	Receipts	Expenses	Balance
Totals	\$15,765.21	\$200.00	\$0.00	\$1,930.00	\$293.96	\$17,401.25
Fund 01 - GENERAL FUND	\$123,811.57	\$738.00	\$9,228.19	\$8,767.82	\$41,641.95	\$90,937.44

Statement of Income and Expense by Account

July of Fiscal Year 2024

Responsibility: All

Fund: 01 - GENERAL FUND

	Current Month		Annual Budget, Y.T.D. Actual	
	Budget	Actual	Budget	Actual
Income				
Major 01, OFFERINGS // Minor 01, Unrestricted				
015-01-01-01, General Fund	50,000.00	52,060.51	600,000.00	193,660.60
015-01-01-05, Festival	500.00	25.00	16,000.00	3,193.00
015-01-01-07, Loose Plate Offering	300.00	774.37	16,000.00	3,682.72
	50,800.00	52,859.88	632,000.00	200,536.32
Major 01, OFFERINGS // Minor 02, Other Unrestricted				
015-01-02-01, Interest Income	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
015-01-02-02, Meals/Lent-Advent. Etc.	10.00	40.87	2,500.00	514.37
015-01-02-03, Preschool Income	64,083.00	60,710.43	769,000.00	222,909.53
015-01-02-04, Building Use Income	200.00	40.00	2,500.00	1,058.00
015-01-02-05, Miscellaneous	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,500.00
	64,293.00	60,791.30	774,000.00	225,981.90
Major 02, Use of Restriction Funds // Minor 01, Use of Dedicated Funds				
015-02-01-01, Building/Mortgage Fund	2,000.00	2,295.00	25,000.00	12,020.00
015-02-01-02, Missions	600.00	550.00	7,000.00	2,105.00
015-02-01-03, Use of Dedicated Funds	1,800.00	7,983.33	21,800.00	8,213.32
	4,400.00	10,828.33	53,800.00	22,338.32
Major 02, Use of Restriction Funds // Minor 02, Capital Projects 2012				
015-02-02-01, Capital Campaign-Kitchen	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
015-02-02-05, Capital Fund Appeal	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Major 04, REIMBURSEMENTS // Minor 00, REIMBURSEMENTS				
015-04-00-01, Audit Adjustment	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total Income	119,493.00	124,479.51	1,459,800.00	448,856.54

Expense

Major 01, General Min // Minor 01, Salaries & Benefits

016-01-01-01, CHURCH - Gross Wages	29,500.00	22,528.28	359,905.00	98,387.16
016-01-01-02, CHURCH - FICA	3,750.00	1,071.33	45,000.00	4,932.98
016-01-01-03, PS/CC Staff Development	41.67	0.00	500.00	0.00
016-01-01-04, CHURCH - Insur/Pensions	4,666.67	4,713.72	56,000.00	18,794.86
016-01-01-05, Staff Development-Admin.	83.33	0.00	1,000.00	0.00
016-01-01-07, CHURCH - FIT & SIT	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
016-01-01-16, Pulpit Supply	100.00	190.00	1,200.00	380.00
016-01-01-21, Call Expense	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
016-01-01-22, Staff Mileage	208.33	826.63	2,500.00	1,172.47
016-01-01-23, Continuing Ed-Pastors	41.67	0.00	500.00	466.95
	38,391.67	29,329.96	466,605.00	124,134.42

Major 01, General Min // Minor 02, Administrative

016-01-02-03, Equipment Lease & Service	1,250.00	2,031.67	15,000.00	3,759.07
016-01-02-04, New Equip/Capital Request	416.67	1,208.03	5,000.00	2,041.83
016-01-02-05, Postage	250.00	0.00	3,000.00	594.10
016-01-02-06, Office Expenses	365.92	687.69	4,391.00	1,911.65
016-01-02-07, Church Hospitality	500.00	166.74	4,000.00	689.81

Statement of Income and Expense by Account

July of Fiscal Year 2024

Responsibility: All

Fund: 01 - GENERAL FUND

	Current Month		Annual Budget, Y.T.D. Actual	
	Budget	Actual	Budget	Actual
016-01-02-09, Insurance	2,500.00	11,239.00	30,000.00	17,224.62
016-01-02-10, Telephone	415.00	396.18	5,000.00	1,608.69
016-01-02-12, Van	83.33	0.00	1,000.00	4.56
016-01-02-14, Custodial Supplies	1,250.00	1,260.20	15,000.00	5,427.60
016-01-02-15, Utilities	3,400.00	2,505.76	50,000.00	10,286.92
016-01-02-16, Web Site and Web Services	415.00	327.76	5,000.00	1,636.10
016-01-02-17, Property Maint. & Repair	5,000.00	1,067.07	60,000.00	12,203.51
016-01-02-18, Summer Projects, Flooring	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
016-01-02-19, Offering Envelopes	125.00	0.00	1,500.00	388.64
016-01-02-20, Payroll Processing-Salary	500.00	530.88	10,000.00	2,590.86
016-01-02-23, Mortgage Principal Pmnt	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
016-01-02-24, Mortgage Interest Payment	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
016-01-02-25, Staff Development-Support	40.00	0.00	500.00	0.00
016-01-02-30, Bank Charges	333.33	344.93	4,000.00	1,325.12
016-01-02-39, Advertising	300.00	0.00	4,000.00	72.50
016-01-02-40, Special Events	0.00	0.00	5,000.00	3,279.60
	17,144.25	21,765.91	222,391.00	65,045.18

Major 01, General Min // Minor 03, Benevolences

016-01-03-00, Marketing & Paper	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
016-01-03-02, Do-Day	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
016-01-03-03, ELCA Disaster Response	0.00	0.00	1,000.00	0.00
016-01-03-04, House of Hope	0.00	0.00	1,000.00	0.00
016-01-03-05, Univ. of Iowa Chaplain	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
016-01-03-06, NewAldaya Lifescapes	0.00	0.00	1,000.00	0.00
016-01-03-07, ELCA Missionary (Bencke)	0.00	0.00	1,000.00	0.00
016-01-03-08, Northeast Iowa Food Bank	0.00	0.00	2,000.00	2,000.00
016-01-03-09, Lutheran World Relief	0.00	0.00	2,000.00	0.00
016-01-03-11, Lutheran Campus Min. UNI	0.00	0.00	2,000.00	0.00
016-01-03-17, Camperships	0.00	0.00	1,000.00	0.00
016-01-03-18, LSI-Bremwood	0.00	0.00	1,000.00	0.00
016-01-03-23, Love, Inc.	0.00	0.00	1,000.00	0.00
016-01-03-29, ELCA World Hunger	0.00	0.00	1,000.00	0.00
016-01-03-41, Northeast Iowa Synod ELCA	4,000.00	4,000.00	16,000.00	8,000.00
016-01-03-59, EWALU & Riverside	0.00	0.00	2,500.00	2,400.00
016-01-03-61, Linen Ministry	62.50	-246.56	750.00	-467.74
016-01-03-62, LSI Refugee Welcome Kits	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
016-01-03-63, CF Community Meals	41.67	-300.00	500.00	-29.18
016-01-03-64, Dementia Community	41.67	0.00	500.00	0.00
	4,145.84	3,453.44	34,250.00	11,903.08

Major 02, ADULT DISC MIN // Minor 01, Study Ministry

016-02-01-02, Books and Periodicals	125.00	0.00	1,500.00	569.73
016-02-01-04, Leadership Development	83.33	0.00	1,000.00	697.67
016-02-01-10, Education	25.00	0.00	300.00	17.00
016-02-01-13, HCC Recreational Leagues	100.00	49.97	800.00	372.84
016-02-01-14, Adult Ministry	83.33	0.00	1,000.00	0.00
	416.66	49.97	4,600.00	1,657.24

Major 03, INVITATION MINISTRY // Minor 01, Membership Development

016-03-01-20, HCC Kitchen Supplies	41.67	0.00	500.00	65.32
016-03-01-98, HCC Meals	0.00	0.00	2,500.00	289.58
	41.67	0.00	3,000.00	354.90

Major 07, PRESCHOOL MIN // Minor 01, Operations

St John American Lutheran Church
Statement of Income and Expense by Account

July of Fiscal Year 2024

Responsibility: All

Fund: 01 - GENERAL FUND

	Current Month		Annual Budget, Y.T.D. Actual	
	Budget	Actual	Budget	Actual
016-07-01-00, Preschool Refunds	166.67	0.00	2,000.00	0.00
016-07-01-01, Supplies	1,200.00	855.91	14,400.00	5,358.54
016-07-01-03, Equipment & Maintenance	333.33	754.34	4,000.00	1,615.06
016-07-01-04, License/Development	333.33	141.00	4,000.00	1,758.00
016-07-01-05, Field Trips	125.00	0.00	1,500.00	2,967.63
016-07-01-06, Childcare Meals & Snacks	3,000.00	3,774.04	36,000.00	14,117.02
016-07-01-07, Events	100.00	0.00	1,200.00	0.00
016-07-01-08, Pre School Cleaning Servi	1,300.00	0.00	15,600.00	0.00
016-07-01-09, PCC - Gross Wages	47,250.00	35,311.75	567,000.00	162,254.81
016-07-01-10, PCC - FICA	916.67	2,696.27	11,000.00	12,392.16
016-07-01-11, PCC Insurance & Pension	3,333.33	2,519.25	40,000.00	10,043.46
016-07-01-15, PCC Staff Appreciation	50.00	42.90	600.00	752.59
016-07-01-16, PCC - FIT & SIT	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
016-07-01-42, Curriculum	300.00	0.00	3,600.00	99.00
016-07-01-90, Playground Maintenance	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
016-07-01-99, Preschool Miscellaneous	100.00	0.00	1,200.00	282.75
	58,508.33	46,095.46	702,100.00	211,641.02
Major 08, Worship & Celebration // Minor 02, Worship				
016-08-02-01, Altar Guild	150.00	19.92	1,800.00	624.72
016-08-02-05, Worship Supplies	41.67	0.00	500.00	94.00
016-08-02-06, Instrument Repair & Tunin	82.00	0.00	1,500.00	0.00
016-08-02-08, Choral Sheet Music	8.33	0.00	100.00	0.00
016-08-02-12, Children's Ministry	300.00	0.00	1,000.00	0.00
016-08-02-16, Bell Choirs	20.00	0.00	250.00	0.00
016-08-02-17, Adult Choir	8.33	0.00	100.00	0.00
016-08-02-20, Special Music Guests	0.00	0.00	1,200.00	500.00
016-08-02-21, Licensing	250.00	963.80	3,000.00	963.80
016-08-02-30, Equipment (F&LC-Sound)	83.33	0.00	1,000.00	-0.20
	943.66	983.72	10,450.00	2,182.32
Major 09, YOUTH DISC MIN // Minor 01, Children/Family Min. Team				
016-09-01-11, Nursery Supplies	10.00	0.00	100.00	0.00
016-09-01-13, Family Fun Nights/Carniva	41.67	0.00	500.00	0.00
016-09-01-14, Children's Bibles	125.00	0.00	1,500.00	0.00
016-09-01-16, Vacation Bible School	600.00	148.55	1,500.00	183.85
016-09-01-17, Sunday School	135.00	0.00	2,000.00	498.33
016-09-01-25, Seasonal Activities	20.00	0.00	200.00	0.00
016-09-01-90, Milestone Ministry	0.00	0.00	500.00	432.50
	931.67	148.55	6,300.00	1,114.68
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016-09-05-01, Staff Development-Disc.	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
016-09-05-12, Jr. & Sr. High Activities	125.00	0.00	1,500.00	189.40
016-09-05-15, Confirmation	200.00	0.00	2,500.00	226.46
016-09-05-21, Youth Trips	5,302.00	0.00	6,104.00	1,101.65
016-09-05-99, Miscellaneous	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
	5,627.00	0.00	10,104.00	1,517.51
Total Expense	126,150.75	101,827.01	1,459,800.00	419,550.35
Income Less Expense	-\$6,657.75	\$22,652.50	\$0.00	\$29,306.19



Pastor's Report – August 2023
"Joyfully taking God's love into the world"

St. John Council,

Thanks for all the love last weekend when I celebrated my birthday. I felt very much appreciated by friends and family and this beloved SJLC crew! Since you last heard from me in this way...

What has Happened:

- Weekly worship
- An amazing youth service trip to Colorado in mid July (you'll hear more about it in worship August 20th)
- I was away for a week with my family in the Chicago area and it was a great chance to be away together. Steve Peters preached that Sunday and Fergie was around to cover pastoral emergencies (of which there were few).
- One funeral for Don Stoffregen

What is Happening:

- Youth Group continues twice a month with this Wednesday's outdoor movie night. Austin is working up a Fall schedule and prepping to advertise next summer's trip to New Orleans for National Youth Gathering. I am assisting him.
- Monthly gatherings at New Aldaya and Western Home, for residents who are connected to SJLC, are consistently positive experiences.
- Meeting with visiting folks considering getting involved at St. John
- Developing plans for October "Welcome to St. John" conversations and connections with First Year Connectors.
- Baptismal preparation meetings for four families in the next few months (Danielsen, Dodd, Folkerts, Koch)
- Ongoing grief support for members who've lost loved ones in recent months.
- Visits and coffee dates number in the area of half dozen per week.
- Daily contact with PCC staff and students – spreading chips and sand last Saturday was a positive event and time of connection with folks.
- Grace on Base Softball is a joy-filled time and I make it about half the time. Cory Levendusky and Josh Borwick have thrived in their second season as co-commissioners.
- Participation with Faith Formation, Worship & Celebration, Serving & Discipleship and HR Teams
- The Reconciling in Christ Team (discerning our congregation's welcome of LGBTQIA+ folks) has been busy crafting monthly sharings for worship and composing a first draft of a possible welcome statement to share with you at this week's meeting
- Ongoing work with SJLC Racial Justice Action Team with Bill Bass, Sam Pfab, Marlene Sheetz and Gary Sheetz has been a joy. The Team met with the Synod's Racial Justice Network this month to build connection and prepare to better share ideas and resources. We'll participate and invite others to the African American Fest to be held at Lincoln Park on September 2nd and 3rd.
- I continue to have weekly supervisory/collaborative meetings with Kathy, Jenny, Steve Peters, as well as bi-monthly meetings with Fergie and with Austin.
- Bi monthly meetings with Pastor Mike Brost, Naz Interim, for prayer and mutual support, and to maintain good relations while Naz continues their discernment process.

In Christ,
Pastor Brian

