



Congregation Council Agenda

Thursday, January 15, 2025 - 5:00 p.m. |

CONGREGATION COUNCIL MEMBERS:

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Pastor Brian Julin-McCleary

CALL TO ORDER:

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DEVOTION:

- o January - John
- o February - Josh

REPORTS:

1. Church Council Minutes -November (see attachment in January folder)
2. Financial Reports (see attachments) - filed for audit
3. Pastor Brian's Report

BUSINESS:

1. New Music Equipment
2. Call Committee Process
3. New Secretary Nomination and Member Replacement
4. Other

RESOURCE / MINISTRY TEAM UPDATES BY COUNCIL LIAISONS

1. Hospitality & Congregational Care Ministry Team - Blake Borwick
2. Serving & Discipleship Ministry Team - Kathy Diehl
3. Worship & Celebration Ministry Team - Andrew Bruns
4. Faith Formation & Lifelong Learning Ministry Team -
5. Human Resource Team – Josh Green
6. Financial Resource Team - Shawn Smeins
7. Property Resource Team/RIC - John Kohagen
8. Technology & Communication Resource Team - Nick Frerichs

UPCOMING MEETING DATES

- Council Meeting February 19, 2026 at 5:00 pm
- March Meeting Date? Possibly March 26 at 5:00 pm?

ADJOURNMENT & CLOSING PRAYER



Congregation Council Minutes

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BUSINESS:

1. Welcome Mike Best
2. Call Committee Process
 - a. AP Job Description
 - b. Will share MSP with council for approval (via email)
 - c. Need salary/benefits for AP
3. Finalize Info for Preschool Board (share with council and Kathy)
 - a. Criteria to "apply" for board position
 - b. Evaluate Dir. of Preschool
 - c. Ongoing support/mentoring/mediation for staff
 - d. Assist Director with setting tuition; oversight of budget
 - e. Can make recommendations, but don't govern preschool
 - f. Awareness and review of curricular materials, resources, and practices
 - g. Setting the standard for preschool and early childhood education
 - h. 5-7 people with half with education background; HR background as well
 - i. Nomination similar to call committee, but with approval by Council (not congregation)
 - j. One year appointment
4. New Secretary Nomination and Member Replacement
5. Other

RESOURCE / MINISTRY TEAM UPDATES BY COUNCIL LIAISONS

1. Hospitality & Congregational Care Ministry Team - Blake Borwick
 - a. Great Halloween event - 60 volunteers
 - b. Advent meal planning
 - c. Hobby surveys - grp people by interests?
2. Serving & Discipleship Ministry Team - Kathy Diehl
 - a. WWW - Dec 4 at WH (gifted gas cards to Beyond Pink)
 - b. Bell Ringers set
 - c. Giving Tree going up in lobby
 - d. Snacks for Love Inc Christmas store
3. Worship & Celebration Ministry Team - Andrew Bruns

- a. Getting ready for holidays
 - b. People talking about length of service - subs? Any way to eliminate something? Longer sermons?
4. Faith Formation & Lifelong Learning Ministry Team - Ali Puls
 5. Human Resource Team – Josh Green
 6. Financial Resource Team - Shawn Smeins
 - a. Starting budgeting process soon
 7. Property Resource Team/RIC - John Kohagen
 - a. PRT team is getting quotes for the outside worship center and repairing/restoring. They are continuing to plan for the gender neutral bathrooms upstairs. It sounds like we are not replacing the shed at this time. They are looking into the 3rd floor air conditioner and will be looking for playground bids in December.
 - b. RIC team is looking at terms for members and we will probably be taking on some new members. If you can think of any parishioners who might fit the bill feel free to let me know.
 8. Technology & Communication Resource Team - Nick Frerichs
 - a. We did get a robust Wifi AP installed in the F&L center (on the wall above the main doors from the atrium), it should be A LOT faster and support a lot more devices. Still working on adding a few more before I report "mission accomplished" and call the upgrade complete.

UPCOMING MEETING DATES

- Council Meeting January 15, 2026 at 5:00 pm
- Council holiday get-together (Dec/Jan)
 - Cookie exchange

ADJOURNMENT & CLOSING PRAYER

St John American Lutheran Church
SJLC- Monthly Statement of Income and Expense YTD
 December of Fiscal Year 2026
 Responsibility: All
 Fund: 01 - GENERAL FUND

	Current Month			Year-to-date				
	Budget	Actual	%	Remaining	Budget	Actual	%	Remaining
Income								
Major 01, OFFERINGS // Minor 01, Unrestricted								
01 - General Fund	58,333.33	159,386.05	273.23%	-101,052.72	524,999.97	629,121.35	119.83%	-104,121.38
05 - Festival	1,000.00	13,322.00	1,332.20%	-12,322.00	9,000.00	16,455.00	182.83%	-7,455.00
07 - Loose Plate Offering	1,458.33	4,298.00	294.72%	-2,839.67	13,124.97	20,503.88	156.22%	-7,378.91
	60,791.66	177,006.05	291.17%	-116,214.39	547,124.94	666,080.23	121.74%	-118,955.29
Major 01, OFFERINGS // Minor 02, Other Unrestricted								
01 - Interest Income	1,250.00	2,838.95	235.12%	-1,688.95	11,250.00	21,005.67	186.72%	-9,755.67
02 - Meats/Lent-Advent. Etc.	183.33	1,044.25	569.60%	-860.92	1,649.97	2,085.25	126.38%	-435.28
03 - Preschool Income	65,000.00	67,857.82	104.40%	-2,857.82	585,000.00	573,919.29	98.11%	11,080.71
04 - Building Use Income	283.33	463.00	163.41%	-179.67	2,549.97	2,279.00	89.37%	270.97
05 - Miscellaneous Income	225.00	0.00	0.00%	225.00	2,025.00	0.00	0.00%	2,025.00
	66,941.66	72,304.02	108.01%	-5,362.36	602,474.94	599,289.21	99.47%	3,185.73
Major 02, Use of Restricted Funds // Minor 01, Use of Dedicated Funds								
01 - Building/Mortgage Fund	1,666.67	2,727.50	163.65%	-1,060.83	15,000.03	18,844.16	125.63%	-3,844.13
02 - Missions	750.00	1,787.50	238.33%	-1,037.50	6,750.00	6,962.50	103.15%	-212.50
03 - Use of Dedicated Funds	916.67	1,325.74	144.63%	-409.07	8,250.03	17,536.67	212.56%	-9,286.64
	3,333.34	5,840.74	175.22%	-2,507.40	30,000.06	43,343.33	144.48%	-13,343.27
Major 04, REIMBURSEMENTS // Minor 00, REIMBURSEMENTS								
01 - Audit Adjustment	0.00	0.00	-	0.00	0.00	0.00	-	0.00
	0.00	0.00	-	0.00	0.00	0.00	-	0.00
Total Income	131,066.66	255,150.81	194.67%	-124,084.15	1,179,599.94	1,308,712.77	110.95%	-129,112.83
Expense								
Major 01, General Min // Minor 01, Salaries & Benefits								
01 - CHURCH - Gross Wages	30,666.67	26,880.77	87.65%	3,785.90	276,000.03	240,370.61	87.09%	35,629.42
02 - CHURCH - FICA	2,346.00	1,313.62	55.99%	1,032.38	21,114.00	11,778.75	55.79%	9,335.25
03 - Staff Development-PCC	62.50	0.00	0.00%	62.50	562.50	6.47	1.15%	556.03
04 - CHURCH - Insur/Pensions	5,213.33	5,154.23	98.87%	59.10	46,919.97	46,313.56	98.71%	606.41
05 - Staff Development- Admin	83.33	47.00	56.40%	36.33	749.97	366.00	48.80%	383.97
16 - Pulpit Supply	83.33	400.00	480.02%	-316.67	749.97	1,635.00	218.01%	-885.03
21 - Call Expense	416.67	0.00	0.00%	416.67	3,750.03	0.00	0.00%	3,750.03
22 - Staff Mileage	375.00	0.00	0.00%	375.00	3,375.00	3,215.10	95.26%	159.90

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23 - Continuing Ed-Pastors	75.00	0.00	0.00%	75.00	675.00	100.00	14.81%	575.00
	39,321.83	33,795.62	85.95%	5,526.21	353,896.47	303,785.49	85.84%	50,110.98
Major 01, General Min // Minor 02, Administrative								
03 - Equipment Lease & Service	1,250.00	472.33	37.79%	777.67	11,250.00	2,286.20	20.32%	8,963.80
04 - Capital Request/Improve	416.67	0.00	0.00%	416.67	3,750.03	51,812.75	1,381.66%	-48,062.72
05 - Postage	183.33	578.75	315.69%	-395.42	1,649.97	1,643.20	99.59%	6.77
06 - Office Expenses	541.67	206.04	38.04%	335.63	4,875.03	3,070.08	62.98%	1,804.95
07 - Church Hospitality	266.67	322.06	120.77%	-55.39	2,400.03	1,662.98	69.29%	737.05
09 - Insurance	3,750.00	3,883.00	103.55%	-133.00	33,750.00	28,768.07	85.24%	4,981.93
10 - Telephone	416.67	581.63	139.59%	-164.96	3,750.03	4,962.11	132.32%	-1,212.08
14 - Custodial Supplies	1,250.00	690.07	55.21%	559.93	11,250.00	10,945.38	97.29%	304.62
15 - Utilities	4,166.67	4,325.87	103.82%	-159.20	37,500.03	27,820.26	74.19%	9,679.77
16 - Web Site and Web Services	541.67	584.96	107.99%	-43.29	4,875.03	5,477.13	112.35%	-602.10
17 - Property Maint. & Repair	5,000.00	1,667.34	33.35%	3,332.66	45,000.00	27,459.68	61.02%	17,540.32
19 - Offering Envelopes	125.00	0.00	0.00%	125.00	1,125.00	722.97	64.26%	402.03
20 - Payroll Processing-Salary	833.33	628.32	75.40%	205.01	7,489.97	7,242.08	96.56%	257.89
22 - Green Team	20.83	0.00	0.00%	20.83	187.47	64.75	34.54%	122.72
30 - Bank Charges	333.33	462.89	138.87%	-129.56	2,999.97	4,238.48	141.28%	-1,238.51
39 - Advertising	83.33	0.00	0.00%	83.33	749.97	559.60	74.62%	190.37
40 - Special Events	250.00	0.00	0.00%	250.00	2,250.00	0.00	0.00%	2,250.00
	19,429.17	14,483.26	74.13%	5,025.91	174,862.53	178,735.72	102.21%	-3,873.19
Major 01, General Min // Minor 03, Benevolences								
02 - Do-Day	8.33	0.00	0.00%	8.33	74.97	0.00	0.00%	74.97
03 - ELCA Disaster Response	83.33	0.00	0.00%	83.33	749.97	1,000.00	133.34%	-250.03
04 - House of Hope	83.33	0.00	0.00%	83.33	749.97	1,000.00	133.34%	-250.03
05 - Univ. of Iowa Chaplain	0.00	0.00	-	0.00	0.00	0.00	-	0.00
06 - NewAldaya Lifescapes	83.33	0.00	0.00%	83.33	749.97	0.00	0.00%	749.97
07 - ELCA Missionary-Bencke	83.33	1,000.00	1,200.05%	-916.67	749.97	1,000.00	133.34%	-250.03
08 - Northeast Iowa Food Bank	166.67	0.00	0.00%	166.67	1,500.03	2,000.00	133.33%	-499.97
09 - Lutheran World Relief	166.67	0.00	0.00%	166.67	1,500.03	2,000.00	133.33%	-499.97
10 - Women Wine & Word	83.33	346.12	415.36%	-262.79	749.97	678.28	90.44%	71.69
11 - Lutheran Campus Min. UNI	166.67	0.00	0.00%	166.67	1,500.03	0.00	0.00%	1,500.03
12 - RIC Booth Sponsorship	83.33	0.00	0.00%	83.33	749.97	1,000.00	133.34%	-250.03
13 - RIC Booth Giveaway	41.67	519.16	1,245.88%	-477.49	375.03	519.16	138.43%	-144.13
15 - Cancer Support	4.17	0.00	0.00%	4.17	37.53	0.00	0.00%	37.53
17 - Camperships	83.33	0.00	0.00%	83.33	749.97	1,000.00	133.34%	-250.03
18 - LSI-Bremwood	83.33	1,000.00	1,200.05%	-916.67	749.97	1,000.00	133.34%	-250.03
23 - Love, Inc.	125.00	0.00	0.00%	125.00	1,125.00	1,500.00	133.33%	-375.00
25 - Miscellaneous	83.33	0.00	0.00%	83.33	749.97	1,000.00	133.34%	-250.03

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29 - ELCA World Hunger	83.33	0.00	0.00%	83.33	749.97	1,000.00	133.34%	-250.03	
31 - ELCA Good Gifts	0.00	0.00	--	0.00	0.00	0.00	--	0.00	
41 - Northeast Iowa Synod ELCA	2,083.33	0.00	0.00%	2,083.33	18,749.97	18,750.00	100.00%	-0.03	
59 - EWALU & Riverside	208.33	0.00	0.00%	208.33	1,874.97	2,500.00	133.34%	-625.03	
62 - LSI Refugee Welcome Kits	83.33	0.00	0.00%	83.33	749.97	0.00	0.00%	749.97	
63 - CF Community Meals	208.33	693.85	333.05%	-485.52	1,874.97	1,253.46	66.85%	621.51	
64 - Dementia Community	41.67	0.00	0.00%	41.67	375.03	0.00	0.00%	375.03	
65 - Reconciling Works	62.50	0.00	0.00%	62.50	562.50	750.00	133.33%	-187.50	
	4,199.97	3,559.13	84.74%	640.84	37,799.73	37,950.90	100.40%	-151.17	
Major 02, ADULT DISC MIN // Minor 01, Study Ministry									
02 - Books and Periodicals	208.33	132.00	63.36%	76.33	1,874.97	1,229.58	65.58%	645.39	
04 - Leadership Development	83.33	0.00	0.00%	83.33	749.97	970.00	129.34%	-220.03	
10 - Education	25.00	0.00	0.00%	25.00	225.00	0.00	0.00%	225.00	
13 - HCC Recreational Leagues	50.00	0.00	0.00%	50.00	450.00	235.40	52.31%	214.60	
14 - Adult Ministry	83.33	0.00	0.00%	83.33	749.97	249.97	33.33%	500.00	
	449.99	132.00	29.33%	317.99	4,049.91	2,694.95	66.30%	1,354.96	
Major 03, INVITATION MINISTRY // Minor 01, Membership Development									
20 - HCC Kitchen Supplies	41.67	157.18	377.20%	-115.51	375.03	406.70	108.44%	-31.67	
98 - HCC Meals	208.33	411.14	197.35%	-202.81	1,874.97	1,587.11	84.65%	287.86	
	250.00	568.32	227.33%	-318.32	2,250.00	1,993.81	88.61%	256.19	
Major 07, PRESCHOOL MIN // Minor 01, Operations									
00 - Preschool Refunds	41.67	0.00	0.00%	41.67	375.03	0.00	0.00%	375.03	
01 - PCC Supplies	1,208.33	665.02	55.04%	543.31	10,874.97	9,327.21	85.77%	1,547.76	
03 - Equipment & Maintenance	416.67	168.05	40.33%	248.62	3,750.03	4,395.33	117.21%	-645.30	
04 - License/Dvlpmt/Back Ck	416.67	250.00	60.00%	166.67	3,750.03	3,486.79	92.98%	263.24	
05 - Field Trips	458.33	649.92	141.80%	-191.59	4,124.97	3,088.41	74.87%	1,036.56	
06 - Childcare Meals & Snacks	3,541.67	2,213.91	62.51%	1,327.76	31,875.03	30,936.57	97.06%	938.46	
07 - Events	41.67	0.00	0.00%	41.67	375.03	0.00	0.00%	375.03	
09 - PCC - Gross Wages	49,833.33	51,952.93	104.25%	-2,119.60	448,499.97	477,203.78	106.40%	-28,703.81	
10 - PCC - FICA	3,812.25	3,970.35	104.15%	-158.10	34,310.25	36,471.02	106.30%	-2,160.77	
11 - PCC Insurance & Pension	3,737.50	4,532.94	121.28%	-795.44	33,637.50	38,798.94	115.34%	-5,161.44	
15 - PCC Staff Appreciation	166.67	82.27	49.36%	84.40	1,500.03	993.98	66.26%	506.05	
42 - Curriculum	83.33	0.00	0.00%	83.33	749.97	176.45	23.53%	573.52	
90 - Playground Maintenance	0.00	0.00	--	0.00	0.00	0.00	--	0.00	
99 - Preschool Miscellaneous	41.67	0.00	0.00%	41.67	375.03	0.00	0.00%	375.03	
	63,799.76	64,465.39	101.07%	-665.63	574,197.84	604,876.48	105.34%	-30,680.64	

Major 08, Worship & Celebration // Minor 02, Worship

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	Budget	Actual	%	Budget	Actual	%
	166.67	119.40	71.64%	1,500.03	1,582.16	105.48%
01 - Altar Guild						
05 - Worship Supplies	100.00	148.66	148.66%	900.00	563.74	62.64%
06 - Instrument Repair & Tunin	358.33	180.00	50.23%	3,224.97	5,561.58	172.45%
12 - Children's Ministry	83.33	0.00	0.00%	749.97	284.80	37.97%
16 - Bell Choirs	20.83	0.00	0.00%	187.47	0.00	0.00%
17 - Adult Choir	20.83	0.00	0.00%	187.47	226.51	120.82%
20 - Special Music Guests	141.67	0.00	0.00%	1,275.03	1,250.00	98.04%
21 - Licensing	208.33	6.23	2.99%	1,874.97	2,352.17	125.45%
30 - Equipment	333.33	885.19	265.56%	2,999.97	2,840.27	94.68%
	1,433.32	1,339.48	93.45%	12,899.86	14,661.23	113.65%
Major 09, YOUTH DISC MIN // Minor 01, Children/Family Min. Team						
11 - Nursey Supplies	8.33	0.00	0.00%	74.97	0.00	0.00%
13 - Family Fun Nights/Carniva	41.67	0.00	0.00%	375.03	167.79	44.74%
14 - Children's Bibles	125.00	0.00	0.00%	1,125.00	896.13	79.66%
16 - Vacation Bible School	125.00	0.00	0.00%	1,125.00	0.00	0.00%
17 - Sunday School	250.00	0.00	0.00%	2,250.00	0.00	0.00%
25 - Seasonal Activities	16.67	0.00	0.00%	150.03	1,136.46	757.49%
90 - Milestone Ministry	41.67	0.00	0.00%	375.03	9.00	2.40%
	608.34	0.00	0.00%	5,475.06	2,209.38	40.35%
Major 09, YOUTH DISC MIN // Minor 05, Youth/Family Min. Team						
12 - Jr. & Sr. High Activities	145.83	121.83	83.54%	1,312.47	1,376.60	104.89%
15 - Confirmation	208.33	0.00	0.00%	1,874.97	-45.74	-2.44%
21 - Youth Trips	500.00	0.00	0.00%	4,500.00	1,022.10	22.71%
99 - Miscellaneous	0.00	0.00	--	0.00	0.00	0.00%
	854.16	121.83	14.26%	7,687.44	2,352.96	30.61%
Total Expense	130,346.54	118,405.03	90.84%	1,173,118.86	1,149,252.92	97.97%
Income Less Expense	720.12	136,745.78	18,989.30%	6,481.08	159,459.85	2,460.39%
						-152,973.77

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Balance Sheet by Account (Consolidated)
 Apr 1, 2025 through Dec 31, 2025

Account	Balance As Of Apr 1, 2025	Balance As Of Dec 31, 2025	Current Year Change	Percent Change
Assets				
Major 01, CASH ASSETS				
Minor 01, Bank Account				
011-01-01-01, Checking Account	259,261.33	231,622.08	-27,639.25	-10.66%
011-01-01-04, Cash Reserve Investments	864,652.16	785,657.83	-78,994.33	-9.14%
011-01-01-05, Maint. Projects Reserve	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00%
011-01-01-06, Playground Reserve	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00%
Minor 01, Bank Account	1,123,913.49	1,017,279.91	-106,633.58	-9.49%
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	0.00	0.00	0.00%
Dedicated Funds Receivable	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00%
Total Assets	10,435,955.19	10,329,321.61	-106,633.58	-1.02%
Liabilities				
Major 02, FSB				
Minor 00, FSB				
012-02-00-02, Payroll Tax Deducts SJLC	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00%
012-02-00-03, Payroll Vol Deducts SJLC	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00%
012-02-00-04, Payroll Tax Deducts PCC	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00%
012-02-00-05, Payroll Vol Deducts PCC	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00%
Minor 00, FSB	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00%
Major 99, Ded. Payable				
Minor 99, Ded. Payable				
017-xx-xx-xx, Dedicated Funds Payable	470,422.71	204,329.28	-266,093.43	-56.56%
Dedicated Funds Payable	470,422.71	204,329.28	-266,093.43	-56.56%
Total Liabilities	470,422.71	204,329.28	-266,093.43	-56.56%
Fund Balance				
Totals for Fund Balance	9,965,532.48	10,124,992.33	159,459.85	1.60%
Total Fund Balance/Equity	9,965,532.48	10,124,992.33	159,459.85	1.60%
Total Liability and Fund Balance	10,435,955.19	10,329,321.61	-106,633.58	-1.02%

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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	1,836.98	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,836.98
017-01-01-07 Sunday School	2,934.80	100.00	0.00	1,000.00	2,394.76	1,540.04
017-01-01-08 Vacation Bible School	1,787.21	0.00	0.00	891.00	1,501.20	1,177.01
017-01-01-10 Good Samaritan Emergency	3,613.11	1.00	100.00	2,081.00	1,278.53	4,415.58
017-01-01-11 Youth Fund	345.47	0.00	0.00	0.00	345.47	0.00
017-01-01-12 Organ & Piano Fund	45,931.15	2,045.00	0.00	8,481.49	500.00	53,912.64
017-01-01-14 Bell Choir Fund	671.62	0.00	0.00	0.00	671.62	0.00
017-01-01-15 Preschool Fundraiser	339,880.90	4,909.50	70,429.00	12,196.40	251,073.00	101,004.30
017-01-01-16 Contingency Cash Reserves	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
017-01-01-17 Maint. Projects Reserve	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
017-01-01-19 PRESCHOOLARPA FUND	18,673.34	0.00	0.00	0.00	18,673.34	0.00
Totals	\$415,674.58	\$7,055.50	\$70,529.00	\$24,649.89	\$276,437.92	\$163,886.55

Major 01 - Restricted Funds

Minor 02 - Other

017-01-02-01 Kitchen Supplies WELCA	300.00	75.00	0.00	725.00	0.00	1,025.00
017-01-02-02 W&C In Ear Monitors	0.00	4,000.00	0.00	4,000.00	0.00	4,000.00
017-01-02-03 RIC Raygun Sales	0.00	105.00	0.00	945.00	0.00	945.00
017-01-02-05 Linen Ministry	1,548.58	250.00	0.00	825.00	25.00	2,348.58
017-01-02-06 Little Pantry	0.00	650.00	0.00	650.00	0.00	650.00
017-01-02-08 Community Meals	1,158.68	0.00	44.51	0.00	1,158.68	0.00
017-01-02-09 LSI Refugee Resettlement	1,342.67	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,342.67
017-01-02-36 Weddings/Funerals	1,587.76	0.00	0.00	2,400.00	3,587.76	400.00
017-01-02-52 Youth Fund/Trips	0.00	75.00	412.00	2,174.47	2,174.47	0.00
017-01-02-55 Young at Heart Events	53.78	0.00	0.00	20.00	35.00	38.78
Totals	\$5,991.47	\$5,165.00	\$456.51	\$11,739.47	\$6,980.91	\$10,750.03

Major 01 - Restricted Funds

Minor 03 - Missions

017-01-03-00 Donation to Organizations	0.00	0.00	0.00	4,403.51	4,320.51	83.00
017-01-03-08 Love Inc.	100.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	100.00	0.00
017-01-03-11 Do-Day Quilting Group	215.36	0.00	0.00	517.74	251.94	481.16
Totals	\$315.36	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$4,921.25	\$4,672.45	\$564.16

Major 03 - IN AND OUT

Minor 00 - Ungrouped

017-03-00-01 Capital Campaign Expenses	2,219.60	0.00	0.00	0.00	2,219.60	0.00
017-03-00-06 2024 Pledges	0.04	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.04	0.00
017-03-00-07 2025 Pledges	14,189.99	0.00	1,576.63	0.00	14,189.99	0.00
017-03-00-08 2026 Pledges	5,160.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	5,160.00
017-03-00-09 Seminary Support	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Totals	\$21,569.63	\$0.00	\$1,576.63	\$0.00	\$16,409.63	\$5,160.00

Major 07 - MEMORIAL FUND

Minor 01 - Restricted

017-07-01-00 Lance, Sharon (organ)	2,130.00	0.00	0.00	25.00	2,155.00	0.00
017-07-01-01 Lance, Sharon (computer)	1,000.00	0.00	0.00	900.00	1,900.00	0.00
017-07-01-02 Behrens, Marge (bibles)	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,380.00	0.00	1,380.00
017-07-01-03 Bown, Warren (building)	0.00	225.00	0.00	1,455.00	0.00	1,455.00
017-07-01-05 Judisch, Duane (pccfund)	1,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,000.00	0.00
017-07-01-67 Bothuis, Chris - Organ	971.49	0.00	0.00	0.00	971.49	0.00
017-07-01-68 Gadow, Harriet - Do Day	517.74	0.00	0.00	0.00	517.74	0.00
017-07-01-71 McBroom, Phyllis (Boiler)	100.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	100.00	0.00
017-07-01-75 Vaughn, Bryan (organ)	1,090.00	0.00	0.00	120.00	1,110.00	100.00
017-07-01-92 Kattelman, Carol (Kitchen)	167.59	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	167.59
017-07-01-93 Bast, Henry - Playground	630.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	630.00	0.00
Totals	\$7,606.82	\$225.00	\$0.00	\$3,880.00	\$8,384.23	\$3,102.69

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Account	Beginning	Current Month		Year-To-Date		Current
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Major 07 - MEMORIAL FUND						
Minor 02 - Unrestricted						
017-07-02-00 Osborn, Dale	0.00	0.00	0.00	45.00	0.00	45.00
017-07-02-01 Spiegel, Gloria	0.00	0.00	0.00	895.00	0.00	895.00
017-07-02-02 Bright, Dorothy	0.00	615.00	0.00	615.00	0.00	615.00
017-07-02-03 Wilharm, Bruce	1,200.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,200.00
017-07-02-05 Schmoll, Donovan	50.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	50.00	0.00
017-07-02-06 Hesse, Mary Ann	0.00	0.00	0.00	140.00	0.00	140.00
017-07-02-07 Venenga, Jerry	50.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	50.00	0.00
017-07-02-12 Harper, Kass	0.00	0.00	0.00	100.00	0.00	100.00
017-07-02-13 Havenstrite, Michael	0.00	0.00	0.00	660.00	0.00	660.00
017-07-02-39 Reinerlsen, Peter	5,925.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	5,925.00
017-07-02-68 McRae, Sharon	50.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	50.00	0.00
017-07-02-69 Moschel, Jed	1,460.00	0.00	0.00	600.00	0.00	2,060.00
017-07-02-82 Beneke, Gary	635.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	635.00
017-07-02-83 Julin, Bob	6.16	0.00	0.00	0.00	6.16	0.00
017-07-02-84 Schmoll, Marjorie	3,100.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	3,100.00
017-07-02-86 Cordes, Mary	550.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	550.00	0.00
017-07-02-92 Denkinger, Don	2,915.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	2,915.00
017-07-02-93 Haugen, Karl	261.69	0.00	0.00	0.00	261.69	0.00
017-07-02-94 Lind, Dolly	90.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	90.00	0.00
017-07-02-95 Hesse, Gary	1,385.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	56.05	1,328.95
017-07-02-96 Broell, Joyce	110.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	110.00	0.00
017-07-02-97 Cordes, Vernon	275.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	275.00	0.00
017-07-02-98 Joens, Nanette	20.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	20.00	0.00
017-07-02-99 Judisch, Duane	1,150.00	0.00	0.00	65.00	0.00	1,215.00
Totals	\$19,262.85	\$615.00	\$0.00	\$3,120.00	\$1,518.90	\$20,863.95
Fund 01 - GENERAL FUND	\$470,410.71	\$13,050.60	\$72,662.14	\$48,310.61	\$314,404.04	\$204,317.28

Pastor's Report – January 2026
"Joyfully taking God's love into the world"

St. John Council,

I had a great 10 days away (in CF!) following Christmas Eve. I'm grateful for Fergie covering pastoral care needs (which were significant) and I was able to have lots of chill time with family and time to tend some household projects.

Weekly Hours Checkin:

Weekly average – 54 including a 36 hour, 3 day Christmas week; 68 was the high during the week following my absence.

What has Happened:

- 2 Sundays of worship prep and leadership; 4 Christmas Eve services prep and leadership
- 1 Funeral and 3 Funeral preparation (Fergie led one as I was returning; we have another tomorrow and another planned for April)
- We've had quite a lot of need for pastoral visitation this past month, between deaths and health concerns, there are have been many individual and family visits.

What is Happening:

- Call Committee has continued meeting and communicating regularly!
- Formation CoOp has continued meeting in earnest to do some visioning for our future youth ministry work. We had a two day retreat at Ewalu the weekend of January 9.
- Monthly gathering at Western Home; monthly gathering at New Aldaya
- Thirsty Thursday men's Bible study.
- Participation in Teams – Faith Formation & Lifelong Learning; Racial Justice Team; Human Resources Team; Visitation Team
- Meeting with visiting folks considering getting involved at St. John. Several coffee meet ups and helping folks connect in areas that are important to them.
- Pastoral care visits and pastoral care phone calls number in the dozens (following the death of a loved one; recovering from illness; in need of conversation for many reasons).
- I continue to have weekly supervisory/collaborative meetings with Kathy, Jenny, as well as bi-monthly meetings with Steve Peters, Mike Best, Fergie and with Austin.
- Juneteenth Service of Repentance organizational meeting.
- Threehouse Personnel Team meeting and monthly Threehouse Board meeting.
- Eastside Ministerial Association monthly meeting
- 4 Pre-Marital conversation series with the 4 couples that are planning weddings at St. John in 2026 (I'll conduct 3 of the marriage services and Pastor Noah Dodd will conduct one, that of his sister).

- I'm organizing a group trip to Luther College for Bishop Yehiel Curry's presentation on MLK Day.
- Bill Bass and I are organizing a group viewing of the ELCA Day of Racial Healing presentation next week.

Shared Goals Progress (monthly tracking)

- * Discernment of Pastoral Staffing
 - *Call Committee is working hard and fast!*
- * Enhanced recordkeeping process for congregational care visits
 - *No progress on this yet again.*
- * Strategy Development for growth in small group faith formation
 - *Our 15 month participation in an ELCA led initiative called Formation Co-Op began late August with a two day retreat at EWALU. Fergie, Rose Lorenz and I went. We subsequently added Meghan Bruns, Austin Gabel and 3 youth (Alison Frerichs, Sam Corro, Daniel Slaughter) to the team.*
- * Study/Analysis of administrative structure and oversight of PCC
 - *Thanks to President Jen's leadership, and conversations with Kathy, we're rolling out a plan and an invitation to church members to help lead.*

My Sabbatical Proposal hasn't developed any further but I've left it here as a placeholder
Summer 2027 – Exploring Christian communities and their ministry that are in diverse settings

- June – Traveling in Norway and Sweden (staying mostly with Natalie's extended family) and learning how congregations are doing ministry in a cultural setting that is not as thoroughly "Christian" as we imagine the USA to be. These affluent nations are sometimes identified as "post Christian" and congregational involvement is significantly lower than in much of our country.
- July – Traveling in Nicaragua with family friends who serve Christian congregations, learning how congregations are doing ministry in a context of significant poverty and where congregational involvement is significantly higher than in much of our country.
- August – Volunteering at Holden Village, a Lutheran retreat center in central Washington state. While there we'll join in daily worship, regular hiking and serve in a practical capacity of some kind (kitchen, housekeeping, wood chopping).

In Christ,
Pastor Brian