



## St. John Journey

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### Pastor Scott's Corner

There seems to be light at the end of a long Covid-19 tunnel. Hopefully as you are reading this we are getting back to "in person" worship. While you have been away from the Sanctuary, Front Row Music has installed a state of the art Livestream System. We have upgraded the sound system with new microphones and a new sound board. Worship from here on will be both Livestreamed on the St. John Facebook page and will be "in person". I am going to be working on getting a YouTube page so that we can upload the Worship Service to YouTube also.

We have a new Calling System to contact congregation members, please make sure your telephone number is correct in our directory also please make sure we have a working email. If you do not receive weekly emails or telephone calls from the church, we do not have your information or your information is not correct.

Please know that if you are the least bit concerned please stay home, please worship online. It is much better to be safe than to be sorry and take a chance on getting the Virus.

Thank you for your continued support of the Ministries of St. John Lutheran Church. As we begin to move forward into what will be a "new" normal for St. John we are all going to have to begin to work together in building and rebuilding the ministries of St. John.

I cannot name the disciples because I don't want to leave anyone unnamed who has been such a support during this Pandemic. But I do want to say thank you to all who have helped keep things repaired, made it possible for Drive in Dinners, kept back packs of food going to the Minnick School. Thank you, thank you.

There will be a Church Work Day on May 1st, work will begin at 8:00 am and end with lunch in the Fellowship hall. There will be both inside and outside jobs. The rain date if the following Saturday.



## **Prayer Chain**

Jerry French had Heart Catherization at UVA last week.

Debbie Whitner, who had knee replacement and is recovering at home.

Ray Whitner, Jr. the father of Ray Whitner who is fighting an infection in his leg.

Ed Johnson, neighbor of Jim and Dianne Suhrbier who is undergoing health tests in Winston-Salem.

Debbie Long, sister of Tammie Kroll, hospitalized in Winston-Salem, recovering from a severe burn.

Conner Allen, 8 yr. old cousin of Carla Proffitt, improving.

Sharon Meacham, recuperating from a fall.

Christopher King, Nancy King's son.

John Carlisle, Nancy King's grandson.

Prayers of Christian Sympathy for Karen, Kent, and Kelsey Peterson, on the death of Karen's mother, Cary Cruse, on Sunday March 28th.

We pray for all on the front lines: doctors, nurses, medical personnel. We especially pray for:

Kelly Read, who is with Mt. Rogers District Health Department;

Beth Roberts, at BRMC;

Alex Depew, who works at a hospital in Richmond;

Kayla Nobles Abrego, Sue Croghan's granddaughter, who is a nurse in Littleton, Colorado.

Continuing prayers for:

Homebound: Marty Dunn, Vickianne Dotten, Ann Godsey, Barbara Wright, Nancy King

If you have names to add (or ones to be taken off) the prayer chain, please email Joan at the church office.

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## **Quilting Group**

We are planning to start back assembling quilts on Tuesday, April 13, 9:30 to 12:00. Depending on current COVID rates and attendance we may be socially distancing and masking. We have the whole fellowship hall to do our work. We welcome anyone to come and help us assemble these quilts for Lutheran World Relief. We need people to tie knots in crochet thread. That's all you need to know. If you know how to sew, use a sewing needle to pull crochet thread through the assembled quilts, or how to

## **Food Pantry--April 19th-23rd**

St. John serves at the Food Pantry April 19th -23rd. The hours needed to be covered are Monday and Friday, 9AM-1PM, and Tuesday 4-6PM. One person is needed at the desk. and 3 or more for the door and back. Please let the church office know if you can cover any of these times--you do not need to stay the entire time, just whatever you can.

assemble quilts (top, batting, backing folded over to bind the edges), or make 60" by 80" quilt tops, we need your help. Either show up at church during our meeting time (every Tuesday from 9:30 to noon) or contact Edie Hildebeitel at 628-5533 or [ehilte67@gmail.com](mailto:ehilte67@gmail.com).

We are all looking forward to help those in need,  
Edie



#### **Social Justice Study Group on Zoom--**

**We meet on the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of the month at 7:00PM. We will be discussing Social Justice issues and starting the process of deciding how St. John is going to promote Social Justice. It is our fervent wish that you will consider this invitation as a journey to greater understanding of social justice and racial equality.**

**Zoom link for all meetings:**

**<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87091172037?pwd=TIFXRVNkU3ZTQWlQb2twY1lNcUNFZz09>**

**Meeting ID: 870 9117 2037 Passcode: 965418**

#### **Thank You from Sharon Meacham**

I would like to thank my St. John family for all your thoughts, prayers, food, cards, messages and support given to me during my recent fall. Having your support during my recovery has meant so much to me. I am blessed to have such a caring and loving church family.

Thanks again,  
Sharon Meacham

#### **April Birthdays**

**4/25--Debbie Kluttz**

**4/27--Joanna Wolfe**

**4/28--Lillian Van Dyke**

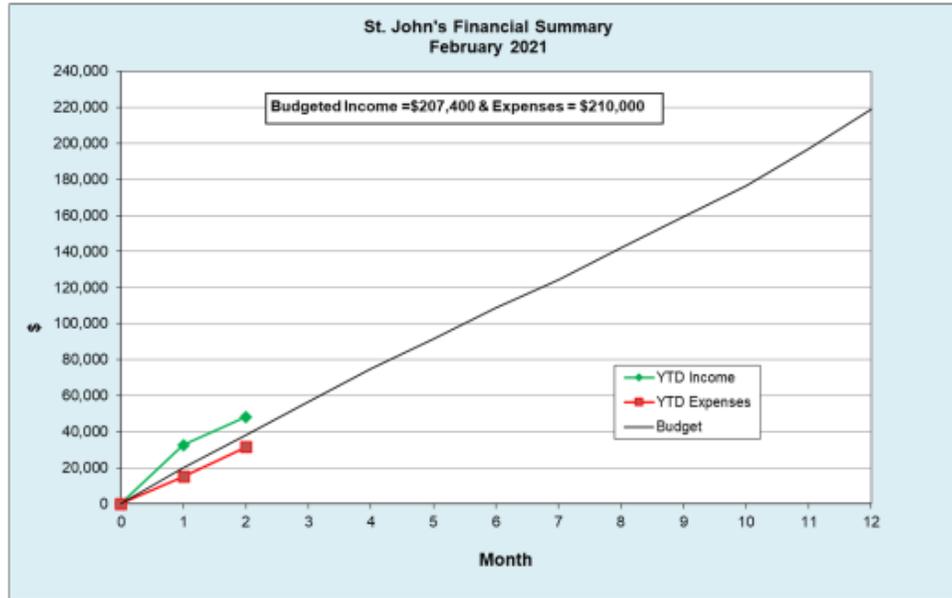
**If we missed your April birthday, please let the church office know.**

St. John's Financial Summary  
3/17/21

February was a decent financial month for St. John. February's income was \$15,600 while expenses were \$16,350, leaving St. John with a \$750 shortfall for the month. Year-to-Date, St. John is \$16,700 in the black thanks to the \$20,100 PPP loan being forgiven in January.

Please stay safe and healthy, and thank you all for your generous support!

The Finance Team



	Budget	Year To Date	Projected Year-End
Income	\$207,400	\$ 48,200	\$199,400
Expenses	\$210,000	\$ 31,500	\$187,400
Balance	\$ (2,600)	\$ 16,700	\$ 12,000
Total Reserves		\$ 81,300	\$ 76,600
Designated Giving		\$ 4,507	\$ 4,507
Checking Account		\$ 10,000	\$ 10,000
PPP Loan Liability		\$ -	\$ -
Available Reserves		\$ 66,793	\$ 62,093