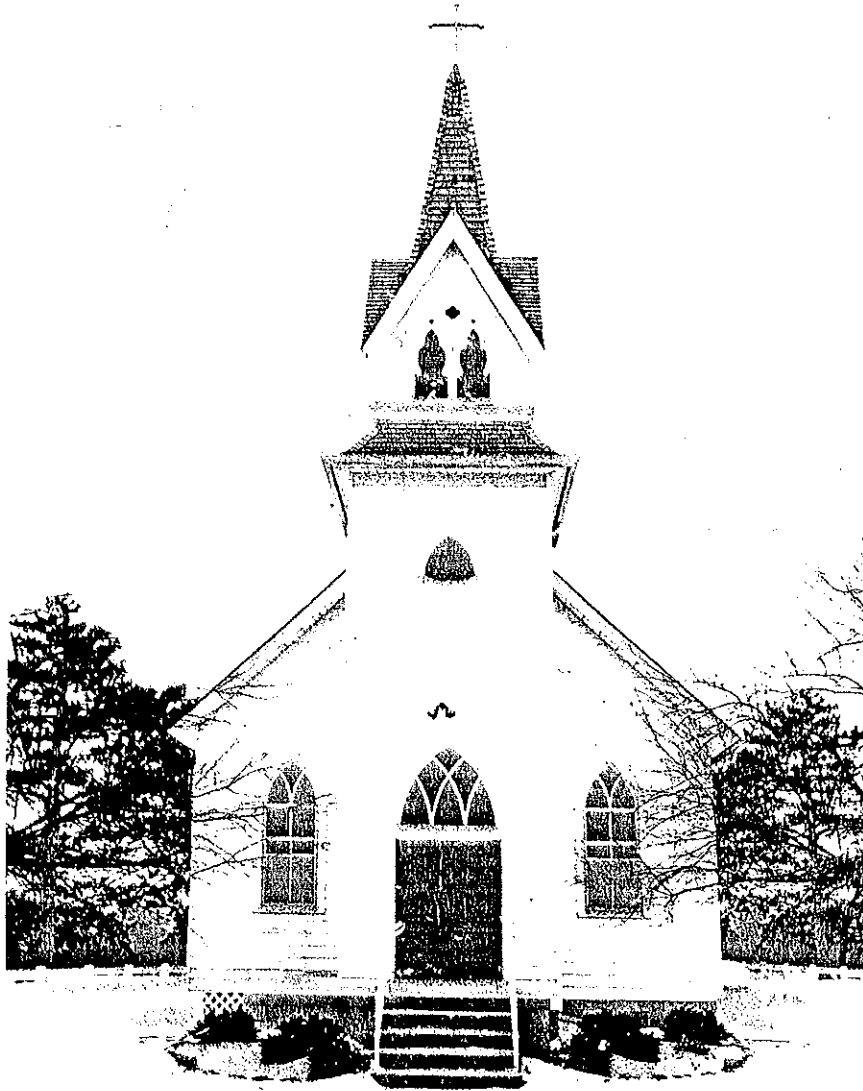


# ANNUAL REPORT 2018



**ST. JOHN'S EV. LUTHERAN CHURCH**

**STOVERTOWN**

## MISSION STATEMENT

We, the members of St. John's Lutheran Church of Stovertown, being children of God, would like to invite all to share in the good news of Jesus Christ. As witness of God's love and forgiveness we reach out to you.

**St. John's Lutheran Church, Stovertown**  
**Congregational Meeting Minutes**  
**January 28, 2018**

Bob Pletcher called the meeting to order at 12:03 P.M.  
There was at least 34 voting members present.

Pastor Al Laese opened the meeting with a prayer for guidance.

The minutes of the 2017 congregational meeting were presented by Frank Dietz. They were approved on a motion from Don Parmiter and Susan Sands.

The 2017 treasurer's report and the cemetery finance report were reviewed and approved on a motion from Bill Thomas and Curt Novaria.

The WELCA treasurer's report was reviewed and approved on a motion from Nate Atkins and Heather Sands.

Bill Thomas presented the 2018 budget and how it was arrived at. The proposed budget was approved on a motion from Curt Novaria and Frank Dietz.

The envelope giving record was reviewed and approved on a motion from Don Parmiter and Delores Wolfe.

Robert Deitrick presented the Endowment Fund report. It was approved on a motion from Don Parmiter and Heather Sands.

The worship service attendance record was presented and approved on a motion from Curt Novaria and Shannon Davis.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS 12:25 P.M.**

The Stewardship committee report was reviewed and approved on a motion from Don Parmiter and Curt Novaria.

Property committee report highlights included: surveillance cameras installed; insurance policy updates, new shelves in rear storage room, installation of conduits for new water service and power to new lighted sign.

PRAYER CO committee report highlights included: Triple Nickle Country Cruise-in(145 entries registered, kids pedal pull added, June 16, 2018), Stovertown Stomp, canoe trip, \$2500 given away. Planned activities for 2018 include: TNCC, Lake Hope fun day, canoe trip, movie night, Stovertown Stomp.

Worship and Music committee reported that the organ chimes have been repaired and that the reduction in worship bulletin amounts need to be reviewed.

Education committee reports that Sunday School attendance continues to hold strong thanks to fellowship, teachers that are awesome, and participants that study and participate.

#### OLD BUSINESS

The replacement of the woven wire property line fence with the State of Ohio is not a priority but is still on their agenda.

#### NEW BUSINESS 12:44 P.M.

The security cage for the air conditioner compressor has been postponed due to unforeseen problems by the supplier but it is still being pursued.

The new lighted sign will need to be paid for 10-28 days after receipt. Approximately 2/3 of the balance has been collected. The balance will come from donations, the summer camp fund, or the church's current checking account.

Robert Pletcher made a request for the congregation to review the standing committee signup sheets "and let's get committees active again!!"

The new lighted sign can be programmed remotely. An inexpensive internet connection is needed. Jesse Fabiny and Heather Sands have an idea for such.

Curt Novaria motioned the adjourn at 12:59 P.M. Susan Sands seconded the motion with a prayer. All prayed The Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully Submitted

Frank Dietz

TREASURER'S ANNUAL REPORT OF THE WOMEN OF THE ELCA 2018

Balance as of 1-1-2018	101.18
Receipts:	
Regular Offering	122.00
Thankoffering	169.50
Christ's Table	108.50
Curran Hospital Solar System	295.42
Nickels for Mosquito Nets	295.42
Donation LWR Shipping	100.00
Transferred from Project Fund	<u>860.07</u>
	1,930.91
Disbursements:	
Regular Offering	-61.00
Thankoffering	-169.50
Christ's Table	-108.50
Curran Hospital Solar System	-295.42
Nickels for Mosquito Nets	-295.42
Muskingum Conference WELCA	-15.00
Material for Quilts	-334.12
LWR Backpacks for School Kits	-75.95
LWR Shipping	-100.00
Childrens Bibles	-25.98
Carmen Horn - M.D & F Banquet	-50.00
Heath Kits for Giveaway	<u>-400.00</u>
	-1,930.89
Balance as of 12-31-2018	121.20

Lynne Parmiter - Treasurer

CONTINUATION OF WOMEN OF THE ELCA ANNUAL REPORT 2018

PROJECT FUND

Balance as of 1-1-2018	1,249.70
Receipts:	
Offerings	18.00
Basement Sale	502.30
Quilt Raffle	20.00
Interest	<u>.66</u>
	540.96
Disbursements:	
Transferred to Checking	-860.07
Balance as of 12-31-2018	930.59

MEMORIAL FUND

Balance as of 1-1-2018	259.42
Receipts:	
Birthday Offerings	5.00
Balance as of 12-31-2018	264.42

Lynne Parmiter - Treasurer

STOVERTOWN ENDOWMENT FUND, October 1, 2017 – September 30, 2018

All in JP Morgan accounts:

(1) Cash deposit/sweep account (\$16,934.67)

(2) Investor Conservative Growth Fund (Select Shares), ONCFX:

a. Bond funds	60.90 %
b. Stock funds, U.S.	22.33 %
c. Stock funds, International	8.57 %
d. Cash	7.47 %
e. Other	0.74 %

<u>10-01-2017</u>	<u>09-30-2018</u>	<u>Increase (or Decrease)</u>
<b>\$260,210.22</b>	<b>\$263,956.25</b>	<b>\$3,746.03</b>

A total of **\$5,000.00** was distributed to the Church general account, \$5,000 in November 2017.

The rate of return, which I calculate by adding back the \$5,000 distribution to get an increase of \$8,746.03 in the account value, is 3.36 %.

For the Endowment Committee, Robert Deitrick

Endowment Fund, Statements, 2017-2018

	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I
	2017-2018	OCT	NOV	DEC	JAN	FEB	MAR		
1									
2									
3	Portfolio Activity:								
4	Beginning Value 10/1/17	\$ 260,210.22	\$ 262,340.36	\$ 259,062.01	\$ 259,469.65	\$ 264,150.02	\$ 259,846.26		
5	Withdrawals	\$ -	\$ (5,000.00)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ (5,000.00)	Withdrawals
6	Income	\$ 398.68	\$ 374.96	\$ 507.87	\$ 1,602.22	\$ 313.47	\$ 355.94	\$ 3,553.14	Income
7	Change in Mkt Value	\$ 1,731.46	\$ 1,346.69	\$ (100.23)	\$ 3,078.15	\$ (4,617.23)	\$ (961.92)	\$ 476.92	Change Mkt Value
8	Ending Value	\$ 262,340.36	\$ 259,062.01	\$ 259,469.65	\$ 264,150.02	\$ 259,846.26	\$ 259,240.28		
9									
10									
11		APR	MAY	JUNE	JULY	AUG	SEP		
12	Portfolio Activity:								
13	Beginning Value	\$ 259,240.28	\$ 258,677.05	\$ 260,042.60	\$ 259,854.82	\$ 262,371.23	\$ 264,484.20		
14	Withdrawals	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	Withdrawals
15	Income	\$ 398.69	\$ 403.63	\$ 389.37	\$ 400.19	\$ 381.51	\$ 433.97	\$ 2,407.36	Income
16	Change in Mkt Value	\$ (961.92)	\$ 961.92	\$ (577.15)	\$ 2,116.22	\$ 1,731.46	\$ (961.92)	\$ 2,308.61	Change Mkt Value
17	Ending Value 9/30/18	\$ 258,677.05	\$ 260,042.60	\$ 259,854.82	\$ 262,371.23	\$ 264,484.20	\$ 263,956.25		
18									
19									
20									
21	Total gain/loss for year							\$ 3,746.03	Total Gain/loss
22								\$ 3,746.03	(verify number)
23	Total income	\$ 5,960.50							
24	Change in Mkt Value	\$ 2,785.53							
25	Gain/loss for perform	\$ 8,746.03							
26	Total Withdrawals	\$ (5,000.00)							
27	(verify number)	\$ 3,746.03							
28									
29	Rate of Return		3.36%						
30	(\$ 8,746.03 / \$260,210.22)								

**ST. JOHN'S EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH, STOVERTOWN  
PROPOSED 2019 BUDGET**

<b>Receipts:</b>	<b>2018 Proposed</b>	<b>2018 Actual</b>	<b>2019 Proposed</b>
Church offerings (Current)	\$51,731.03	\$45,336.60	\$49,870.26
Mission (Benevolence)	5,627.00	5,969.00	5,800.00
World Hunger	1,200.00	1,165.00	1,200.00
Oesterlen	400.00	293.00	300.00
Adopt-A-Child	450.00	60.00	150.00
Miscellaneous (Church Rent)	1,350.00	1,097.27	1,390.00
<b>Total Receipts</b>	<b>\$60,758.03</b>	<b>\$53,920.87</b>	<b>\$58,710.26</b>

**Disbursements:**

OPERATIONAL EXPENSES

Salaries	\$40,580.89	\$37,942.36	\$41,736.60
Utilities	3,545.72	4,127.91	4,334.31
General Church Expenses			
Miscellaneous	5,681.66	2,155.58	3,684.98
Insurance	4,733.22	4,199.18	4,200.00
<b>Total Operational Expenses</b>	<b>\$54,541.49</b>	<b>\$48,425.03</b>	<b>\$53,955.89</b>

SPECIAL OFFERINGS

Mission Support (Benevolence)	5,627.00	5,969.00	\$ 5,800.00
Oesterlen	400.00	293.00	300.00
Adopt-A-Child	450.00	60.00	150.00
World Hunger	1,200.00	1,165.00	1,200.00
<b>Total Special Offerings</b>	<b>\$ 7,677.00</b>	<b>7,487.00</b>	<b>7,450.00</b>

<b>Total Disbursements</b>	<b>\$62,218.49</b>	<b>\$55,912.03</b>	<b>\$61,405.89</b>
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We covered 87.4% of our expenses in 2018

We covered 81.4% of our expenses in 2017.

In 2016 we covered 82.6% of our expenses.

In 2015 we covered 75.4% of our expenses.

In 2014 we covered 73.9% of our expenses

17.63% of our actual receipts was given to special offerings.

-Bill Thomas-Finance Chair



ENVELOPE AND OTHER GIVING FOR 2017

<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>CURRENT</u>	<u>BENEVOLENCE</u>	<u>OTHER</u>
\$5315.00	\$4420.00	\$780.00	\$115.00
3772.00	3540.00	210.00	22.00
3642.00	1872.00	936.00	834.00
3605.00	3600.00		5.00
3602.50	2880.00	720.00	2.50
3244.00	2152.00	1060.00	32.00
3140.00	1480.00	460.00	1200.00
3117.00	1920.00	960.00	237.00
2705.00	2378.00	322.00	5.00
2137.00	1820.00	140.00	177.00
2000.00			2000.00
1630.00	1380.00	230.00	20.00
1507.00	1505.00		2.00
1500.00	1259.00	234.00	7.00
1402.00	1290.00	60.00	52.00
1400.00	1400.00		
1130.00	760.00	75.00	295.00
937.00	930.00		7.00
860.00	835.00	25.00	
835.00	825.00		10.00
823.00	801.00		22.00
696.00	397.00	192.00	107.00
661.00	525.00		136.00
652.00	650.00		2.00
617.00	610.00		7.00
600.00	300.00	300.00	
532.00	530.00		2.00
445.00	445.00		
435.00	435.00		
300.00			300.00
210.00	210.00		
202.00	200.00		2.00
154.00	151.00		3.00
142.00	140.00		2.00
77.00	75.00		2.00
75.00	75.00		
67.00	65.00		2.0
63.00	63.00		
42.00	42.00		
38.50	34.00	2.00	2.50
25.00	25.00		
25.00	25.00		
15.00	15.00		
12.50	8.00	2.00	2.50
12.50	8.00	2.00	2.50
10.00	10.00		
10.00	5.00	5.00	

## AVERAGE ATTENDANCE FOR 2018

**January**    7--31  
                  14--31  
                  21--39  
                  28--55

**Average-39**

**February**  4--35  
                  11--40  
                  18--35  
                  25--43

**Average-38.25**

**March**        4--50  
                  11--43  
                  18--38  
                  25--47

**Average-44.5**

**April**        1--91  
                  8--43  
                  15--42  
                  22--56  
                  29--37

**Average-53.8**

**May**          6--50  
                  13--65  
                  20--50  
                  27--38

**Average-50.75**

**June**         3--48  
                  10--42  
                  17--47  
                  24--80

**Average-54.25**

**July**          1--34  
                  8--30  
                  15--47  
                  22--31  
                  29--40

**Average-36.4**

**August**       5--41  
                  12--35  
                  19--45  
                  26--42

**Average-40.75**

**September**  2--41  
                  9--39  
                  16--59  
                  23--38  
                  30--38

**Average-43**

**October**      7--36  
                  14--36  
                  21--37  
                  28--43

**Average-38**

**November**    4--40  
                  11--42  
                  18--47  
                  25--49

**Average-44.5**

**December**    2--40  
                  9--49  
                  16--57  
                  23--55  
                  30--43

**Average-48.8**

**Yearly average 2018:44.333    Sunrise-47    Christmas Eve-79**  
 Yearly Average 2013: 36    Yearly Average 2014: 34    Yearly Average 2015: 37  
 Yearly Average 2016: 37    Yearly Average 2017: 37

## **WORSHIP & MUSIC COMMITTEE ANNUAL REPORT 2018**

Stovertown Lutheran Church had a full year of weekly worship services along with several special services including holidays and church festivals under the leadership of Pastor Al Laese. Additional services, other than weekly worship, included Ash Wednesday, Maundy Thursday, Easter Sunrise, and Christmas Eve. Another special celebration was the Thankoffering Service prepared and led by the Women of the ELCA. Thank you to everyone who planned, prepared or participated in any way to make Stovertown's Worship services spiritual and fulfilling. New altar vases were purchased this year by the generosity of Dianna Wright. The vases are a beautiful addition to the altar. Thank you, Dianna.

Music committee met at various times throughout the year for hymn selection purposes. We typically picked two to three months of hymns at each meeting incorporating new pieces into our standard selections. Thank you to Robert Deitrick and Susan Dietz for serving on this committee. A welcomed addition to the music ministry at St. John's this year was the choir! Shirley Kessler has taken the lead with this group and their music has been enjoyed by the congregation. Thank you, Shirley. Our church family always enjoys special music provided by our members and guests. As always, thank you to these folks too.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Carol Cramer  
Committee Chair

## **2018 Property Committee Report**

Many updates have happened at St. John's Lutheran Church during 2018. The Committee would like to thank everyone for their contributions to making the Church more beautiful. The church upgraded or installed the following items:

- a new electric sign
- a new pole and light near the elevator/front sidewalk entrance
- parking lines on the parking lot
- public water
- enhanced cameras for better security at the church
- the cemetery road was stoned

Reported by

Nate Atkins

P.R.A.Y.E.R. Company Annual Report

2018 was the year for the 8th Annual Triple Nickel Country Cruise-In, which was largest yet, with approximately 150 entries registered, of which many was new to the event. We also sold the largest amount of food yet, with 3 additional trips being made to South Zanesville for additional supplies while the event was going on. This years event also featured a new tee shirt design. The bounce house was popular with the kids, and Larry Warne was back with the Peddle Tractor Pull which was a big hit. Next years event will be on June 15. Because of family conflict the Stomp Music festiabile was cancelled this year, and we was unable to collaborate with the Women's Group to have a Community Wiener Roast. We hope to do both in 2019, with the Stomp possibly earlier in the year and outside. The 2nd Hocking river canoe trip and picnic was again well attended with a good time had by all. Because of everyone's hard work, 5 different families with a total of 13 children had a Merrier Christmas. Toys, gift cards, and Christmas Dinner was provided, and the total amount donated to the families this year at Christmas was 2,500\$. This is only made possible because of everyone's hard work, dedication, and generosity, and a big thank you goes out to all.

Respectfully submitted, and May God Bless,

Steve and Brenda Wolfe