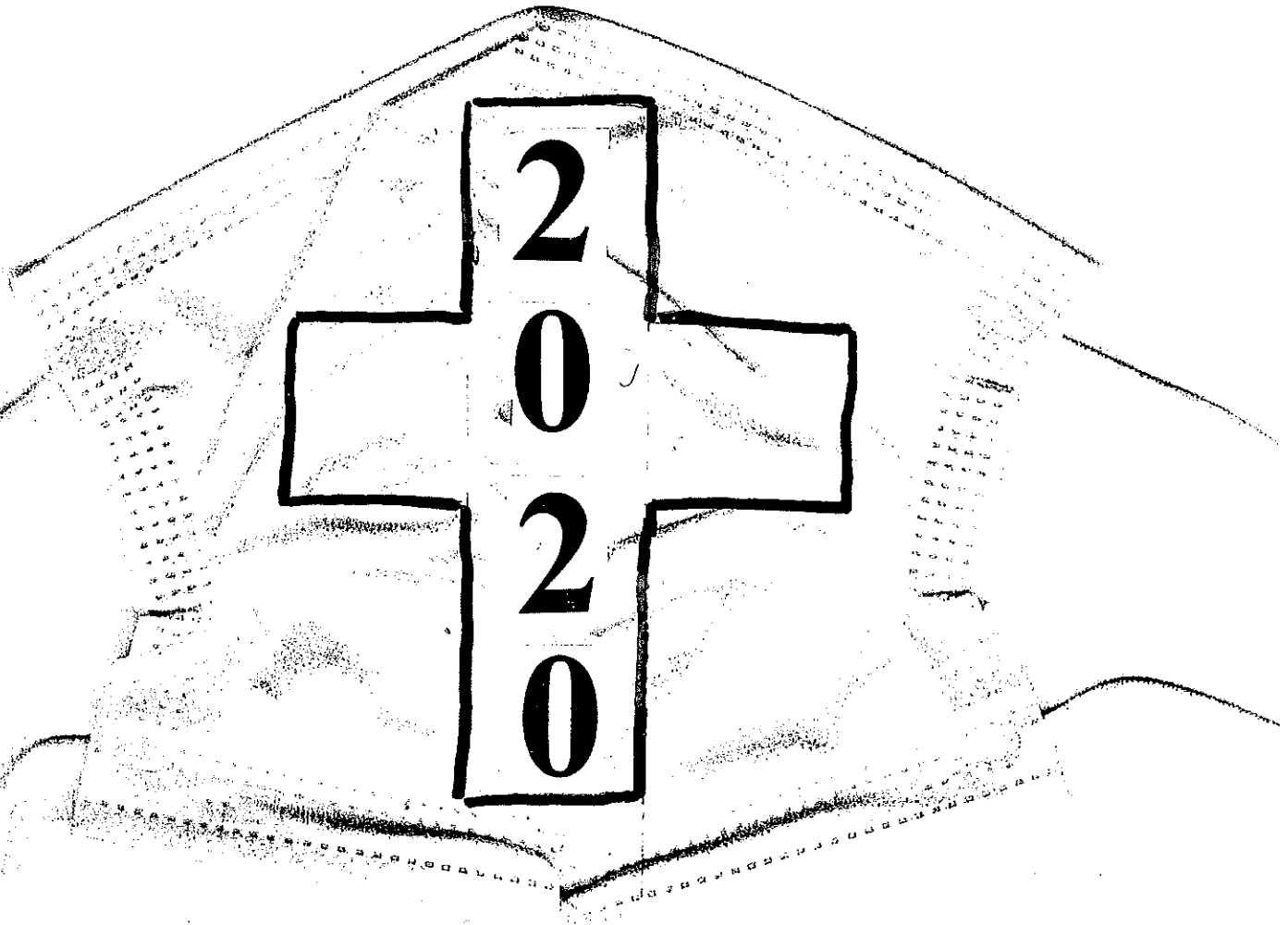


# ANNUAL

# REPORT



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

**MISSION STATEMENT**

**We, the members of St. John's Lutheran Church, 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 26, 2020**

Bill Thomas called the meeting to order at 12:10 P.M. There was at least 30 voting members present.

Bill Thomas opened the meeting with a prayer.

Council secretary Frank Dietz presented the minutes from the 2019 annual meeting. They were approved on a motion from Susan Miller and Susan Sands.

Announcements: The WELCA LOVE meeting will be February 9, 2020 with a white elephant gift exchange. Stovertown will host a pastors cluster meeting March 4, 2020 with Bob Pletcher preparing vegetable stew. AED practice will be after the annual meeting. Extra thanks to Bob Pletcher (years of dedication to cemetery grounds care) and to Pastor Al and Andrea Laese for the exceptional pastoral leadership they provide. "Breakfast with Santa Claus," "Triple Nickel Country Cruise-In," "Christmas play," are all examples of member ideas that have turned into something wonderful. Please keep the ideas coming.

The Pastor's message was reviewed and commented upon by Pastor Al Laese. The message was approved on a motion from Susan Sands and Curt Novaria.

The treasurer's report was reviewed by members and approved on a motion from Bob Pletcher and Curt Novaria.

Lynne Parmiter reported that the special change collections raised \$617 for the Curran Hospital Solar System. Quilt raffle tickets are still available. The report was approved on a motion from Curt Novaria and Bob Pletcher.

Robert Deitrich explained the spread sheet and the report for the Endowment Fund. Robert also mentioned that Financial advisor Scott Webb has offered assistance any time Stovertown needs. The report was approved on a motion from Curt Novaria and Tom Gibson.

Bill Thomas outlined the creation of the Stovertown 2020 budget. The "Mission Support Goal" for 2020 is \$6250. The report was approved and the "Mission Support Goal" was accepted on a motion from Jessi Fabiny and Susan Sands.

The Envelope giving and the attendance reports were reviewed.

COMMITTEE REPORTS 12:41 P.M.

Shannon Davis detailed the highlights of the evangelism report. The report was approved on a motion from Curt Novaria and Tom Gibson.

Carol Cramer discussed the Worship and Music report and the hymn selection process. The report was approved on a motion from Susan Sands and Curt Novaria.

Jessi Fabiny presented the highlights of the PRAYER CO. report. It was approved on a motion from Curt Novaria and Susan Miller.

Nate Atkins reviewed the property committee report. It was approved on a motion from Heather Davis and Susan Sands.

OLD BUSINESS 12:53 P.M.

NEW BUSINESS 12:53:20 P.M.

Bob Pletcher motioned that Stovertown should match the Christmas program/Osterlen Children's Home donation with a similar donation to the Avondale fund from the Stovertown general fund. Tom Gibson seconded the motion. Discussion and clarification of the donations and recipients followed. The motion was approved.

Stovertown was not listed in the "Muskingum County Association of Churches" 2020 flyer because of a missed deadline, but Stovertown will be added to the list later.

The property line fence along the east side of our property has been removed. The new fence has not been installed. A straw poll of members expressed that the look of the property is improved and a new fence is not necessarily needed.

Please utilize Thrivent funds for project donations.

Frank Dietz and Heather Sands motioned to adjourn at 1:12 P.M.

All prayed The Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted

Frank Dietz

Stovertown Council Secretary

## Stovertown 2020 Treasurer's Report

Community Bank Balance as of 1/1/2020 \$13,945.66

### Receipts:

Church Offerings	\$44,600.00
Mission Support	\$5,968.00
World Hunger	\$1,122.00
Initial	\$49.00
Adopt a Child	\$175.00
Oesterlen	\$325.00
Church Rental	\$1,800.00
Worker's Compensation Refund	\$473.02
Thrivent	\$1,413.00
Transfer from Endowment	\$10,000.00
Transfer from Memorial Fund	\$405.28
Transfer from Prayer Company	\$3,670.00
Miscellaneous	\$108.25
	\$70,108.55

### Disbursements:

#### *Special Offerings:*

Mission Support	\$5,945.00
World Hunger	\$1,122.00
Adopt a Child	\$175.00
Oesterlen	\$325.00

#### *Salaries:*

Pastor Albert Laese	\$19,571.30
Portico Benefit Insurance	\$6,840.84
Vicky Thomas	\$5,171.52
Jamey Brassfield	\$1,957.84
Susan Dletz	\$2,200.71
Jessica Fabiny	\$2,216.40
Musician & Organists	\$45.00
Supply Pastors	\$32.10
Social Security & Medicare	\$1,913.26
IRS	\$3,904.74

**Utilities:**

Muskingum Co. Utilities (Water)	\$360.00
Verizon	\$204.08
NGO Propane	\$1,672.23
Guernsey-Muskingum Electric	\$2,311.95

**Office Supplies & Service:**

Copier Service	\$269.12
Post Office	\$568.00
New Checks & Deposit Slips	\$29.00
VanCo Transaction Charge	\$10.20
Misc Office Supplies	\$725.85

**Property Improvements & Maintenance:**

Sewer Inspection	\$30.00
Elevator Safety Test and Servicing	\$258.25
Elevator Repair	\$2,971.48
Water Line Repair/Check	\$180.00
Elevator Signage	\$79.96
Shelter House Improvement	\$982.00

**Social Ministry:**

\$0.00

**Misc:**

Insurance	\$3,326.00
Worker's Compensation	\$135.00
Upper Room	\$165.00
1517 Media	\$504.48
Concordia Publishing	\$95.70
Misc. Supplies and Offering Envelopes	\$758.16
Real Estate Taxes	\$78.00
Cemetery Permit	\$25.01

\$67,160.18

Balance as of 12/31/2020:

**\$16,894.03**

Jessica Fabiny, Treasurer

## Cemetery Fund

Balance as of 1/1/2020	\$5,724.88
<b>Receipts:</b>	
Jerry & Opal Fisher- 1 Grave	\$750.00
Fred & Penny Baker- 1 Grave	\$750.00
	<b>\$1,500.00</b>
<b>Disbursements:</b>	
Albert Swingle- Refund	-\$480.00
Nate Atkins- Mowing and Gas Reimbursement	-\$615.50
Transfer to Checking for Beckerts and American Pride	-\$405.28
	<b>-\$1,500.78</b>
Balance as of 12/31/2020	<b>\$5,724.10</b>

Jessica Fabiny, Treasurer

## Memorial Fund

Balance as of 1/1/2020	\$3,391.68
<b>Receipts:</b>	
In Memory Bob Seyerle (Philo Class of '55)	\$25.00
Interest	\$1.72
	<b>\$26.72</b>
<b>Disbursements:</b>	
	<b>\$0.00</b>
Balance as of 12/31/2020	<b>\$3,420.09</b>

Jessica Fabiny, Treasurer

## Youth Camp/Prayer Company Fund

Balance as of 1/1/2020 **\$11,187.79**

Citi Account	\$54.84
Stacy & Denny	\$100.00
Interest	\$4.98
Miscellaneous	\$15.00
	<b>\$174.82</b>

Disbursements:

Christmas for Multiple Families (2019 & 2020)	\$3,415.00
Miscellaneous	\$140.00
	<b>\$3,555.00</b>

Balance as of 12/31/2019 **\$7,807.61**

Jessica Fabiny, Treasurer

745.07

TREASURER'S ANNUAL REPORT OF THE WOMEN OF THE ELCA 2020

Balance as of 1-1-2020	115.67
Receipts:	
Regular Offering	22.00
Thankoffering	58.50
Christ's Table	57.50
Curran Hospital Solar System	209.00
Alter Flowers Fund	20.00
LWR check lost	100.00
Transferred from Project Fund	<u>65.37</u>
	532.37
Disbursements:	
Regular Offering	-11.00
Thankoffering	-58.50
Christ's Table	-57.50
Curran Hospital Solar System	-209.00
LWR Backpacks	<u>-65.37</u>
	-401.37
Balance as of 12-31-2020	246.67

Lynne Parmiter - Treasurer



CONTINUATION OF WOMEN OF THE ELCA ANNUAL REPORT 2020

PROJECT FUND

Balance as of 1-1-2020	967.20
Receipts:	
Offerings	2.00
Refund on Service Charge 2019	2.00
Quilt Raffle	
120.00	
Interest	<u>.66</u>
	124.66
Disbursements:	
Transferred to Checking	-65.37
Service Charge	<u>-2.00</u>
	-67.37
Balance as of 12-31-2020	1024.49

MEMORIAL FUND

Balance as of 1-1-2020	272.42
Receipts:	
Birthday Offerings	1.00
Balance as of 12-31-2020	273.42

Lynne Parmiter - Treasurer

**ST. JOHN'S EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH, STOVERTOWN  
PROPOSED 2021 BUDGET**

<b>Receipts:</b>	<b>2020 Actual</b>	<b>2021 Proposed</b>
Church offerings (Current)	\$ 44,649.00	\$ 50,000.00
Mission (Benevolence)	5,968.00	6,250.00
World Hunger	1,122.00	1,200.00
Oesterlen - Avondale	325.00	325.00
Adopt-A-Child	175.00	175.00
Miscellaneous (Church Rent)	6,533.17	5,000.00
<b>Total Receipts</b>	<b>\$ 58,772.17</b>	<b>\$ 62,950.00</b>

**Disbursements:**  
OPERATIONAL EXPENSES

Salaries	\$ 40,030.55	42,000.00
Utilities	4,593.09	4,600.00
General Church Expenses		
Miscellaneous	14,492.78	7,500.00
Insurance	3,326.00	3,400.00
<b>Total Operational Expenses</b>	<b>\$ 62,442.42</b>	<b>57,500.00</b>

SPECIAL OFFERINGS

Mission Support (Benevolence)	5,968.00	6,250.00
Oesterlen	650.00	325.00
Adopt-A-Child	-0-	175.00
World Hunger	1,122.00	1,200.00
<b>Total Special Offerings</b>	<b>7,740.00</b>	<b>7,950.00</b>

<b>Total Disbursements</b>	<b>\$70,182.42</b>	<b>65,450.00</b>
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We covered 72% of our expenses in 2020.

13% of our actual receipts was given to special offerings.

ENVELOPE AND OTHER GIVING FOR 2020

<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>CURRENT</u>	<u>BENEVOLENCE</u>	<u>OTHER</u>
\$5350.00	\$4420.00	\$780.00	\$150.00
3972.00	3710.00	240.00	22.00
3832.00	1944.00	972.00	916.00
3712.00	3350.00	360.00	2.00
3600.00	3600.00		
3402.00	3060.00	340.00	2.00
3022.00	2000.00	1000.00	22.00
2832.00	2550.00	135.00	147.00
2330.00	1840.00	490.00	
1710.00	1250.00	455.00	5.00
1638.00	1381.00	255.00	2.00
1552.00	1550.00		2.00
1502.00	1500.00		2.00
1376.00	1356.00	20.00	
1320.00	1070.00	55.00	195.00
1247.00	1245.00		2.00
1200.00	1200.00		
1082.00	1080.00		2.00
1077.00	790.00	285.00	2.00
670.00	600.00		70.00
600.00	300.00	300.00	
550.00	550.00		
540.00	540.00		
472.00	470.00		2.00
340.00	305.00	35.00	
300.00	300.00		
300.00	300.00		
295.00	295.00		
252.00	250.00		2.00
252.00	250.00		2.00
222.00	220.00		2.00
160.00	160.00		
125.00	125.00		
105.00	105.00		
100.00	100.00		
82.00	80.00		2.00
78.00	78.00		
40.00	40.00		
32.00	30.00		2.00
2.00			2.00
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## AVERAGE ATTENDANCE FOR 2020

January 39

February 41

March 32

**Closed March 22 to April 5**

April 5 **April 12 to June 7 - Open for video production**

May 6

June 23

July 23 Christmas Eve - 21

August 24

September 22

October 22

November 16

December 19

**Yearly average 2020: 23**

**2019: 42**

**2018: 44**

**2017: 37**

**2016: 37**

## Worship Committee Report 2020

"The only constant in life is change."

Heraclitus, Greek Philosopher

2020 started out with Sunday School, worship services, committee meetings & other various church activities & functions happening as usual. Little did we know that our "normal" was about to change. Slowly but surely, the coronavirus slipped into our lives & the "normal" church functions needed to change for the safety of all.

In-person Sunday services were cancelled on March 22, 2020. Regular in-person Sunday services were resumed June 14, 2020, for those who desired to attend. Certain restrictions were in place including the wearing of a mask at all times & social distancing & other restrictions. Communion was placed on hold due to the virus & safety with the administration of it.

Many of the Sunday services were live streamed to those that had internet access & the knowledge to get connected. Thanks to Don Parmiter, & Heather & Shannon Davis for their expertise in this area of technology. Those services were appreciated by those who could not attend church in person.

Pastor AL Laese continues with his leadership in the services, biblical teachings & highlighting the seasons of the church year. Susan Dietz continues her role as organist and provides much needed gifts of music. Vicky Thomas continues printing the bulletins for use during the service.

Special thanks go to Susan Sands West, Robert Pletcher, Bob Barr, Dale Tom, & Susan Dietz for sharing their musical talents. Robert Pletcher also has stepped up to the plate to assist with starting hymns where Susan was not available.

I would also like to thank Brian & Carol Cramer, Don Parmiter, & Nate Atkins for changing the paraments, vestments & banners at the designated times. Your service is greatly appreciated.

A Candlelight Christmas Eve service was held with special music by Emily Dietz & Shannon Davis sang Silent Night in German & read a Christmas Narrative.

Thanks to others that I may not be aware of that have assisted with the Sunday services in any way.

Hopefully 2021 will bring a change "back to normal" in our regular church services & activities, but only when it is safe to do so.

It will be a glorious day when the entire congregation can get back together again & worship & sing praises to God, once again.

Karen Showers, Worship Committee Chairperson

## **PRAYER COMPANY REPORT -2020**

Due to COVID this year our activities were limited. However we are happy to report the PRAYER COMPANY was able to donate \$3000.00 to the community this past Christmas season. Monetary donations were provided to The Avondale Children's Home, East Side Ministries, The Salvation Army, and Christ Table. Also 5 different families, with a total of 12 children were helped with Christmas gifts and/or Walmart gift cards. In addition, 8 laundry baskets were filled with household items and given out. We can only do this because of everyone's hard work and dedication, and we send out a big thank you to all our congregation and to our local community for supporting our events. We also want to send a special thank you to Brian and Susan Miller, Aaron Wortman and Denny & Stacy Tompkins for their donations. Also to Tammy and Evert Bowers for their insight and helping distribute some of our donations. God's Blessings, and a big heartfelt thanks to all.

Respectfully, Steve & Brenda Wolfe

P.S. Car Show is scheduled for June 19<sup>th</sup> this year, please mark your calendars and pray we get to put it on!

## **PROPERTY COMMITTEE REPORT -2020**

- Mowing Crew got a new Sthil weedtrimmer.
- Material has been bought for the shelter house ceiling and has been started going up
- Furnace had some in house repairs made to warm the upstairs more efficiently.
- A hose that had to be replaced on the elevator every six years was changed to metal pipe so we don't have to change anything anymore.
- Signs were installed on all elevator doors.
- Thanks for everyone's help in keeping our church in good repair and looking nice.

Property Chairman-Nate Atkins