This devotion is centered on the covenant professed in Affirmation of Baptism of the Assembly (Evangelical Lutheran Worship, page 237). Responding to the grace of God and led by the Holy Spirit, the baptized ask God's help for the faith practices of living as disciples of Jesus Christ: prayer, study, worship, inviting, encouraging, serving and giving.

If the devotion is led in the worship space, the leader may stand near the baptismal font. If led in a place of meeting, a small bowl of water and candles may serve as a focal point of the devotion.

In holy baptism, we are made children of God and are gathered into one body through the cross of Jesus Christ. God fills our lives with thanks and praise to God for this gift of salvation. The Holy Spirit showers gifts on us and our lives of faith, empowering us to bear God's creative and redeeming word to all the world.

People of God, do you intend to continue in the covenant God made with you in holy baptism? We will, and we ask God to help and guide us.

By the grace of God, live among God's faithful people for you are the body of Christ. We will encourage and serve one another in faith.

By the grace of God, draw close to the presence of God in worship; hear the word of God and share in the Lord's supper. We will listen and pray, singing praises to God as the body of Christ.

By the grace of God, proclaim the good news of God in Christ through word and deed. We will share the gift of grace inviting others to know Christ by what we say and do.

By the grace of God, serve all people, following the example of Jesus. We will share the burden of those who are sick, hungry, poor, oppressed and outcast.

By the grace of God, strive for justice and peace in all the earth. We will participate in the unfolding purpose of God for the whole creation.

People of God, do you promise to support and pray for one another in your life in Christ? We do, and we ask God to help and guide us.

Let us pray.

We give you thanks, O God, that through water and the Holy Spirit you give us new birth, cleanse us from sin, and raise us to eternal life. Stir up in your people the gift of your Holy Spirit; the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence, both now and forever. Amen.

As a reminder of the gift of baptism, water may be sprinkled on the assembly while "Remember and Rejoice (Evangelical Lutheran Worship, #454) is sung.

The leader prays the following or another appropriate prayer:

Let us pray.

Almighty God, your Holy Spirit equips the church with a rich variety of gifts. Grant that we may use them to bear witness to Christ in lives that are built on faith and love. Make us ready to live the gospel and eager to do your will, so that we may share with all your church in the joys of eternal life; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

The leader proclaims God's blessing.

Almighty God, who gives us a new birth by water and the Holy Spirit and forgives us all our sins, strengthen us in all goodness and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep us in eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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Minister of Music
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Ocean City, New Jersey

ANNUAL
CONGREGATIONAL MEETING
Sunday, January 30, 2011

SCHEDULE
8:00 AM  Spoken Service of Communion
9:00 AM  Christian Education for all ages
         9:05 AM  St. John 101
10:30 AM  Sung Service of Communion
         Noon  Lunch
12:45 PM  Congregational Meeting
         2:00 PM  Adjournment

AGENDA

1. Meeting called to order by Harold Ford, Council President
2. Opening Prayer
3. Report of the Teller (quorum present)
4. Adoption of the Agenda
5. Remarks by Congregation Council President, Harold Ford
6. Approval of the Minutes, January 24, 2010
7. Report of the Nominating Committee (Page 6)
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Minutes of
the 2010 Annual Congregational Meeting
January 24, 2010

Council Members Present: Harold Ford, Glen Stewart, Gail Malone, Sue Richards, Justin Odell, Jon Batastini, Lisa Lopez, Sandy Lilley, David Muller and Marcus Dobberfuhl. Council President Harold Ford called the meeting to order at 12:55 PM with opening devotions by Pastor Mark. Teller Ric Waechter reported that a quorum was present. A motion was made by Glen Stewart and seconded by Harold Ford to adopt the Agenda; it was approved.

Remarks by the President
Harold Ford commented on the commitment, hard work and dedication of all the Council members during the last year and thanked the congregation members for their continued support.

A motion was made by Charles Dutch and seconded by Jon Batastini to approve the Minutes of the 2009 Annual Congregational Meeting.

The report of the Nominating Committee was given. The congregation was advised of the nominees, ballots were distributed and a vote was taken.

A request was made by Harold Ford to hold all motions to approve, until the conclusion of all reports had been made.

Report of the Treasurer

2010 Proposed Spending Plan

Report of the Pastor

Report of the Minister of Music

Report of the Church Secretary

Report of the Council President

Report of the Voting Members to 2009 Synod Assembly

Report of the Standing Committees

Reports of Organizations and other Reports

A motion was made by Bob Ellis and seconded by Janice Mruz to accept all of the reports. Motion was approved.
Report of the Election
Ric Waechter reported on the results of the balloting. Justin Odell, Dave Grant, and Karl Yunghans were elected as new members of the Congregation Council. Elected to serve on the nominating committee for a term of one year was Charles Dutch, Susy Wilkins, Barbara Deaney, Janice Mruz, Barbara Piston, and Ric Waechter.

Old Business
Several members commented on issues brought before the Council regarding the use of the church for outside groups, estate giving, fundraising, and increasing the attendance for both services and to have periodic open meetings for the congregation to attend. The issues were commented on by several congregation members and Council advised that they will be discussed in length at future council meetings.

New Business
It was suggested that we create a call list for members that have not been to church in the last 12 months and have a committee or group call to make contact with these members. Also, to keep in touch better with our active members and be more caring like a family should be.

Harold Ford thanked everyone again for all of their efforts and especially Pastor Mark for his leadership, time and guidance. A motion was made by Jon Batistini and seconded by Ron Gifford to adjourn the meeting. It was approved. Pastor Mark led the closing devotions and the meeting was adjourned at 2:45p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Gail Malone
Congregation Council Secretary

“Even though the last meeting was an eternity, Sam, we'll continue to call this report the minutes.”
Report of the Nominating Committee

This committee's task is to seek out individuals to serve on Council to replace those persons leaving council and to replace the current members of the nominating Committee. Care is taken to try to have a balance of males and females on Council and the Committee, as well as a fairly even balance of early and late service-goers.

Completing terms in February 2011, not eligible for re-election
Harold Ford

Completing terms in February 2011, eligible for re-election
Justin Odell, Lisa Lopez, and Dave Grant

Completing terms in February 2012, not eligible for re-election
None

Completing terms in February 2012, eligible for re-election
Marcus Dobberfuhl, Sandy Lilley, Gail Malone, and Dave Muller

Completing terms in February 2013, not eligible for re-election
Sue Richards and Glen Stewart

Completing terms in February 2013, eligible for re-election
Debbie Pruitt and Karl Yunghans

Harold Ford has completed two terms and is not eligible for re-election.

Dave Grant has completed a one-year term and is eligible for re-election. Lisa Lopez has completed a two-year term and is eligible for re-election. Justin Odell has completed a three-year term and is eligible for re-election. Dave and Justin have chosen to run for re-election. Lisa Lopez has chosen not to run.

Debbie Pruitt has completed one year of a three-year term and has chosen to step down.

The following people have agreed to serve on Council if elected.
Dave Grant for a two-year term (to 2013)
Justin Odell for a three-year term (to 2014)
Rick Adamson for a three-year term (to 2014)
Barbara Ross for a three-year term (to 2014)
Mary Bullock for a three-year term (to 2014)

Nominations for the 2011/2012 Nominating Committee are:
  Harold Ford
  Lisa Lopez
  Rich Deaney
  Kelly Mulloy
  Leigh Batastini
  Burt Wilkins

Submitted by:
The 2010/2011 Nominating Committee
Charles Dutch, Ric Waechter, Susy Wilkins, Barb Deaney, Barb Piston, and Janice Mruz
Pastor's Report
ALL WE NEED IS FAITH!

Jesus said, “For truly I tell you, if you have faith the size of a mustard seed, you will say to this mountain, ‘Move from here to there,’ and it will move; and nothing will be impossible for you.” Matthew 17:20

Is the Church hunkered down for survival on the corner of 10th and Central? It's not hard to feel that a "bunker mentality" might be appropriate. Everywhere we see Churches with a handful of worshipers each Sunday, and closed up tight the rest of the week. The struggling Church is everywhere!

ALL WE NEED IS FAITH!

Far too often we take the disciples' post-resurrection position... hiding out, while waiting for the end to come. Like the disciples we want a sign, something that will put us back on top. ALL WE NEED IS FAITH!

What would happen if we suddenly took Jesus seriously when He said to His disciples: "Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe"? We are products of modern science that preaches "seeing is believing." But the Church of Jesus Christ is founded on faith. First we believe, then we see! Believing is seeing! Believing provides the vision, the insight, the perception necessary to change things, to make things happen. ALL WE NEED IS FAITH!

Faith in Jesus Christ changes the way we see. It is seeing through the eyes of faith that releases power in our lives. For those who believe without seeing, Jesus offers something special... BLESSING! We are the recipients of Jesus' special blessing. We have also received the breath of the Holy Spirit to empower us as we go into the world. So what's stopping us? What's keeping us down? ALL WE NEED IS FAITH!

Part of the problem is that we have let what we believe become separated from the way we act. But what if we let faith spill over into all our lives? If we have faith that God is in the midst of a great work today, that the best days of the Church are in the future, not the past, then we can begin to see it happen. ALL WE NEED IS FAITH!

Of course, between faith and life is a lot of hard work. Believing isn't the same thing as wishing. Believing takes grit and guts, blood and sweat. It also requires enthusiasm, energy, and zeal. To get from believing to seeing takes positive leadership and faithful followers. ALL WE NEED IS FAITH!!

Today more than ever, we need the faithful to stand up in the midst of the congregation and silence the nay-saying, deep-sighing, gloom-and-doom attitude that pervades our Church. What happens when faith takes hold; when the invitation to "come on" and "come out" become our watch-words; when everything begins with faith?

Churches with shrinking attendance don't move into smaller quarters. They redesign their space to meet the needs of today's children of God.

Churches with unmet pledges don't slash their budgets. They make the needs known to the whole community and expect surprising, even supernatural results.

ALL WE NEED IS FAITH!

Pastor Mark
THE WORK OF THE CHURCH

Services conducted (other than funerals and weddings) 125
Sermons prepared, preached and printed 60
Baptisms (conducted at St. John or participated in elsewhere) 6
Confirmation 1
First Communion 5
Wedding/Renewal of Wedding Vows (conducted or participated in) 3
Funerals/Committals/Memorial Services 9
Hospital visits (when the Church office is informed) 9
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Vacation Days (4 weeks/4 Sundays = 28 days)
  Used in 2010: 18 days, including 2 Sundays

Medical Leave Days
  Used in 2010: 0 days

Continuing Education Days (7 days per year, accumulative up to three years)
  Used in 2010: 14 days (from 2009 and 2010)

Family Leave Days (as designated by the New Jersey Synod and the ELCA)
  Used in 2010: 0 days

2010 IN THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

IN BAPTISM...
“I Was There To Hear Your Borning Cry”

RYAN MICHAEL JEFFERSON – May 23
GRAYSON CHASE BECKER – July 4
ALBERTO ANNA-LISA NDAHABA – July 31 (Namibia, Africa)
REID MATTHEW TROILO – September 12
OWEN REID ADAMSON – September 19
HOLLY SUZANNA AIKEN – December 26

“We welcome you into the body of Christ and into the mission we share:
join us in giving thanks and praise to God and bearing God’s creative and redeeming word to all the world.”
IN COMMUNION…
...to hear His Word and share in His supper…

BRAEDYN KISTLER – April 25
PATRICK KISTLER – April 25
MADDUN MULLOY – September 12
JACQUELINE STAFFORD – October 21
JACOB STAFFORD – October 21

The Body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen us and keep us in His grace.

IN MARRIAGE…
Building a foundation of family and home and seeking the Lord’s blessing.

KRISTIE REICHENBACH AND JASON CLARKSON – January 17
JACLYN TASSONI AND RONALD NICODEMO – May 23
JANET AND KARL YUNGHANS (Renewal of Vows) – June 29

“The Lord God, who created our first parents and established them in marriage, establish and sustain you, that you may find delight in each other and grow in holy love until your life’s end.”

IN CONFIRMATION, THE AFFIRMATION OF BAPTISM…
“We rejoice that you desire to make public profession of your faith and assume greater responsibility in the life of our Christian community.”

ALEXIA MARIE FRENCH – May 23

“Stir up in them the gift of Your Holy Spirit; confirm their faith, guide their life, empower them in serving, give them patience in suffering, and bring them to everlasting life.”

IN THE RESURRECTION CELEBRATION…
“He comforts us in all our sorrows so that we can comfort others in their sorrows with the consolation we ourselves have received from God.”

LILLIAN VAN ZANT – January 28
NAOMI MCCLEARY – March 12
ROBERT SCHLICHTER – March 27
MILDRED MERRITT – March 27
MILDRED BUDD – June 8
JOE STUTZ – July 23
HAROLD HEDRICK – July 30
GEORGE POTTS – August 15
PHILIP JOHNSON – September 20
MARIANE LAUDENSLAGER – October 8
BARBARA CHESTER – October 15
KENNETH BURKE – November 27
LINDA LEGRAND – December 11
VICTORIA COUGHLIN – December 13

“Rest eternal grant them, O Lord; and let light perpetual shine upon them.”
IN RECEIVING NEW MEMBERS ...

JANICE LONIA (AFFIRMATION) AND RYAN JEFFERSON
APRIL STAFFORD (AFFIRMATION), AMANDA, JACQUELINE, AND JACOB STAFFORD
JO ANN WOLICKI (REINSTATED)
BOB ELLIS (TRANSFER)
KERRY McGINLEY KISTLER (AFFIRMATION), BRAEDYN AND PATRICK KISTLER
KAY AND BASIL CAULEY (TRANSFER)

GOALS FOR THE CHURCH

From the ELCA’s “Strategic Directions for The Churchwide Organization”
Claimed, gathered, and sent by God’s grace for the sake of the world,
the members of St. John Lutheran Church will:
  Be faithful, welcoming and generous;
  Grow in our evangelical outreach;
  Witness boldly to God’s love;
  Reach out for the sake of God’s mission;
Be faithful, wise and courageous in our vocation to serve God’s mission in the world.

Report of the Minister of Music

Top Ten Reasons Why I Have the Best Job in the World

10. The choir and bell choir are some of the most dedicated people that I have ever worked with. They love to make music, have fun, but more importantly they love to praise our God!

9. St. John has the cutest kids! Sunday school singers and ringers did a wonderful job at Christmas! I look forward to their spring season!

8. Pizza and tie dye t-shirts, a Halloween lock-in party, service projects and baking cookies with 20 to 30 youth group children equals fun times and great memories!

7. Covered dish dinners and hymn sings are a lot of fellowship and fun!

6. Praise and Worship services provide another way to make a joyful noise onto our Lord and worship our God. In February the children will be leading us in a praise and worship service.

5. Christmas caroling at Wesley Manor with singers and bells was touching. The residents appreciate it so much! Following caroling, Abby said, “I don’t know where we were, but can we do this again soon. It was so much fun and they were so nice.”

4. I have been here for about four years, but I feel like I have known all of you for a lot longer. You are all my family and I love you all!

3. My kids, Abby and Tony, feel so comfortable at St. John. They have frequently referred to church as our home.

2. Music can bring us to another level. It can make us cry, make us laugh, help us to meditate, help to reinforce scripture, help us to pray, help us to rejoice and bring us closer to God.

1. Being your Minister of Music is the second best job in the world, but of course the best job is being a mommy!

Your sister in Christ,

Julia Henrich
Report of the Church Secretary

There is not a lot of news from the church office this year. I went back and looked at each report I have written since starting at St. John in 1997. The job has evolved over the years, but for the most part, I’m still doing the same things. The improvements in technology are allowing me to do them a lot more efficiently now. Years ago, as I received the handwritten reports from the committees for the annual report, I would type each one into the computer. Now most of them come by e-mail or on a flash drive and I just have to open them and move them to where I want them.

In 2010 we were able to network the copier we got last year to make it the primary printer for the church office and also for the Pastor. We each still have a small color printer, but the bulk of all the computer-generated printing is now done through the copier. This is saving money on ink cartridges for the printers and the Pastor gets some exercise walking out to the office to pick up his copies. I continue to use the high speed duplicator for the weekly bulletins, the newsletter, and basically anything that requires more than 20 copies.

With the economy the way it is, I am very grateful to have a job (especially one that is so rewarding.) Many people don’t have a job at all. As always, I thank God that I get to serve and I thank the Congregation and the Council for their support and the opportunity to continue serving.

Respectfully submitted,
Donna Verger
Church Secretary

Report of the Congregation Council President

We are beginning a new year in the life of our congregational family. The financial health of St. John continues to be a concern. This is something the Council and the congregation will have to continue to address. Once again we have had to dip into our memorial funds to balance the budget at year’s end.

Many good things happened this year that we should rejoice in. First, and maybe most importantly, I have been very encouraged at the increasingly large number of children at the rail on Sundays for Pastor Mark’s children’s message. This is our future and the future looks bright. I applaud the tireless effort of our Sunday School teachers for their dedication and hard work with our young people. They do a fabulous job. Another highlight has been added to Sunday mornings in “St. John 101”. This is an open discussion session on a selected topic each week. The attendance at this forum has exceeded all expectations and the dialogue is lively and informative. If you haven’t attended, please give it a try at 9:05 AM in the lounge.
On the financial front, as I said earlier, expenses continue to exceed income. The bright spot, however, is our income from the “+2” envelopes in the bulletins each Sunday. We have received over $3,000 from this source. This is definitely a step in the right direction. Thank you to everyone who made that extra sacrifice.

In closing, I would like to say that we are truly blessed as a congregation with our teachers; Donna Yerger in the office; our wonderful Minister of Music, Julia Henrich; and Pastor Mark.

Thank you to my fellow Council members for their dedication and time in doing the business of St. John.

God’s blessing to each and every one of you this year!

Respectfully submitted,

Harold E. Ford
St. John Congregation Council President

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Report of the 2010 New Jersey Synod Assembly Voting Members

The 23rd Annual Assembly of the New Jersey Synod, ELCA was held on May 6-8, 2010 in East Brunswick, New Jersey. I served as one of the three voting members from St. John, along with Donna Yerger and Pastor Mark. There were approximately 550 other voting members in attendance representing the majority of the 182 Lutheran churches which are members of the New Jersey Synod, ELCA.

Worship service was led by Bishop E. Roy Riley, which followed several business sessions where issues, resolutions and elections were discussed and voted upon. Below I have listed the highlights from the assembly I found most interesting.

- In honor of the 20th anniversary celebration of our companion relationship with the Lutheran Church in Namibia, the keynote speaker was Bishop Johannes Sindano of the Eastern Diocese from Namibia.
- Vjekoslav Saje was a guest speaker from Bosnia and spoke about ongoing issues facing that country.
- A new congregation was received as a member of the NJ Synod, ELCA. Elect Saints, an African American congregation from Trenton arrived by bus and a warm reception was given.
- The Rev. Wyvetta Bullock, an executive for administration from the office of the presiding bishop, addressed the assembly and answered questions from the voting members.
- Zion Lutheran Church in Long Valley celebrated their 250th anniversary and Trinity Lutheran Church in Tenafly celebrated their 100th anniversary.

At the end of the day on Friday we had a choice to attend one of the five hearings listed below.

- “Namibia and New Jersey Lutherans Walking Together”, speaker Bishop Johannes Sindano.
- “American Images of Muslims”, Speaker Rev. Dr. David D. Grafton.
- “Children of Bosnia”, Speakers Vjeko and Azea Saje and Jason Reed.
- “Poverty in New Jersey, State Government, the Church’s Voice”, Speaker Rev. Bruce H. Davidson.
I chose to attend Pastor Davidson’s presentation of “Poverty in New Jersey”. The main point of this discussion was to keep in mind that poverty affects every person in New Jersey regardless of your financial status. I wish we had the opportunity to attend more than one hearing because they all sounded so interesting.

This was the first time I attended the annual assembly. Overall, the worship, fellowship and music made me realize that the church is much bigger than what we experience here at Saint John. I would recommend attendance of the NJ Synod Assembly to any members of our church in future years.

Respectfully submitted,
Karl Yuangans

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

Report of the Christian Education Committee


Christian Education is available on Sunday to children from the age of three, up to and including adults, from 9:00 – 10:00 AM. Age three through sixth grade meet on the third floor.

Classes for 2010-2011 are:
- Sue Richards 3-4 year olds
- Wanda Adamson Kindergarten, Grades 1 and 2
- Janice Mruz Grades 3 and 4
- Sonya McElwee Grades 5 and 6
- Julia Henrich Music and youth bells

Seventh and eighth grades are part of a two-year confirmation program, taught by Diane Bruesehoff. They meet downstairs in the room next to Pastor Mark’s office. High School Discussion Group is led by Pastor Mark in the Youth Lounge. St. John 101 is a casual gathering to discuss questions about St. John, the Lutheran Church and how Christ is at work in our lives.

BUT THAT’S NOT ALL!!!!!

The Wednesday Bible Study Group meets each week at noon, in the lounge, to read and discuss the following Sunday’s lessons. Bring a sandwich, or light lunch. Coffee and dessert are provided. The Men’s Prayer Group meets Thursday morning at 6:30 AM in the lounge for prayer, discussion, and fellowship.

BUT THAT’S NOT ALL!!!!!

On the 4th Tuesday of each month the Women’s Circles meet for prayer, discussion, and fellowship. The Leah/Ruth Circle meets at noon. The Priscilla Circle meets at 5:00 PM

If you have any questions about any of our Christian Education opportunities; joining a discussion group, prayer group, study group, circle, Sunday School, becoming a Christian Education Committee member, teacher or substitute, please contact the church office, Janice Mruz-chairperson, or Sue Richards-liaison to council.

Respectfully submitted,
Sue Richards
HIGH SCHOOL DISCUSSION GROUP
The High School Discussion Group under the leadership of Pastor Mark is available to meet every Sunday from 9:00 AM to 10:00 AM. High School age youth interested in conversation on any level are welcome. Since September we have been meeting in the newly decorated Youth Lounge on some occasions and on others we have joined together with St. John 101 to discuss the topic at hand. While the group is small we have exciting conversation on the issues of the world while looking through the eyes of the Biblical context of that particular Sunday’s lessons. We will continue to meet either as the High School Discussion Group, or we will join in the discussion of St. John 101.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL
Sixty young people and adults traveled with Pastor Mark to Namibia, Africa, to be part of God’s great get-together at BAOBAB BLAST. St. John was transformed into a place on the African savannah with the baobab tree at the center to hear and share stories about God’s amazing love. Throughout the week we learned from Faye the Zebra to Trust in God; from Amy the Monkey that Love Never Fails; from Bud the Elephant to Follow Jesus; from Sam the Meerkat to Care for Others; from Jonathan the Giraffe to Share Our Faith.

Our mission project this year was to help the children of Hosianna Lutheran Church, our sister congregation in Katutura, Namibia. Everyone was excited to hear stories from Pastor Mark about Hosianna. A week of faith, fun, and feasting was experienced by all. A special thank you to all who helped to make this a wonderful week.

Respectfully submitted,
Judith Bailey, Director

Report of The Evangelism Committee
“To equip all believers……”
In 2010 the Evangelism Committee worked hand-in-hand with the Communications Committee to identify some “best practices” in Outreach Ministry and to establish some “in-house” tools to equip our membership for “Outreach!” The joint effort was, to say the least, rewarding!

Now don’t be misled…we did not discover a patent “formula” for achieving instantaneous “conversion” of the masses that has our pews overflowing with loving hearts and generous hands (although everyone currently in those pews meets that definition….)! What we did discover was a new and very exciting side trip to our “Faith Journey!” And what do you know, it was right in our own backyard (and in a couple of cases the kitchen)! Our effort to find those “best practices” and “in-house tools” opened our hearts and minds to a “Spirit” we weren’t quite looking for! We were driven to share the joy of the journey and to express the marvels of friendship, fellowship and faith!

All this while still attending to the business at hand: inviting friends, hosting New Member Orientation, receiving new Family members and participating in the events of the Church!
St. John 101 (Sunday morning at 9:05 in the lounge) was the first fruit of this Spirit-driven effort. How blest we are to have the opportunity to gather in an informal setting and witness to one another. How blest we are to freely explore our heritage both past and present. How blest we are to share the wealth and understanding of family and friends. And how truly blest we are to be able share all that we experience with all who touch our lives now and in the future!

Beloved, this is the end of the Report of the Evangelism Committee but it is just the beginning of a new Faith Journey. Ain’t it exciting!

God Bless you all!

Rick Adamson

COMMUNICATIONS REPORT

As part of the Evangelism Committee, the folks working on communications have been quite active this year. In addition to spreading the word about St. John through church publications like church bulletins, "Sea Scrolls," and articles in local newspapers, we have been working diligently to improve our online and electronic means of communications.

This year, we have continued to utilize our web site (www.stjohnlutheranoc.org) to promote the activities of the church, including news and pictures of church events, as well as church calendars and servants’ schedules. We continue to post Pastor’s sermons and choir anthems on our church "podcast," and we have online readers and listeners from around the world. Our web site had a record 8,108 unique visits for 2010, and the podcast site had over 1,200 visits, not counting subscriptions. We have utilized our web-based church database to keep the congregation informed about important events through periodic email announcements. In addition, this year we established a St. John group on Facebook to stay in touch with folks who use that social networking site. We believe making all of these online resources available is more than just convenient; it takes advantage of the instant nature of online communication, while saving money in postage, paper and advertising costs.

This year, thanks to a generous bequeath, and some hard work by Dave Muller, we installed a Digital Bulletin Board in the church lobby. This should serve to keep folks informed about upcoming events and important reminders, as well as show-casing pictures from past church functions. The cost associated with the service is being covered by monthly sponsorships.

In the future, our plans include continuing to improve our church communications, both paper and electronic. We envision a specific space on our web site to explore the history of St. John, including a picture archive and an entry on Wikipedia. We are planning a "refresh" for the overall look of our church web site. We also intend to post more forms and publications electronically to make it easier for the congregation to access them.

All of this to keep the St. John community informed, to promote our church, and spread the good news of the gospel of Christ.

Respectfully submitted,

Glen Stewart
**FELLOWSHIP TIME**
One of us alone can not feed thousands with a few fish and loaves of bread!
But with your help we can “feed” our congregation.

Many thanks to the committee members, families, and individuals who have been generous with their time; who come early on Sunday to set up and stay late to clean up. Fellowship time between services has been wonderful! However we still need volunteers.

- Preparing coffee and setting up before the 8:00 service.
- Bringing snacks to share.
- Checking the table to see if anything needs to be filled.
- Cleaning up after the 10:30 service.

A great way to help would be pair up with someone. If you go to 8:00 service, pair up with a person who goes to 10:30.

Please sign up and help “feed” the congregation! Contact Kelly Mulloy or call the church office to get on the schedule.

**Report of The Finance Committee**

Chairperson: Janice Mruz (stepped down December 31, 2010)

Liaison to Congregation Council: Justin Odell

Committee Members: Janice Mruz, Daniel Mulloy, George Booskos, Rick Adamson, Eric Reiff, Sherry Reiff, Justin Odell, Dave Grant, and Pastor Mark.

Committee Function – Mission Statement: The Finance Committee shall develop the annual spending plan to be presented to the Congregation Council and subsequently approved by the congregation at its annual meeting. The Committee shall monitor all spending in accordance with the congregational budget.

Saint John’s investment account continued to recover in 2010 from the events of 2008 and ended the year up 10.83%, a capital appreciation of $16,648! In order to meet expenses there were $34,916 in withdrawals, this is down significantly from the $57,607 taken in 2009.

The investment portfolio historically maintained a moderate growth balance of 60% equity and 40% fixed income. Unfortunately, the withdrawals over the past two years have caused the portfolio to become out of balance as its current stands at 100% equity. Although the economy continues to improve and I expect more of the same in the market this year as last, it is my recommendation that the portfolio be rebalanced to at least 60/40 especially given the cash flow needs of the Church.

The Extra Giving Program, started in March of 2010, produced an extra $3,950 in gifting for 2010.

Respectfully submitted,

Justin Odell
Report of The Property Committee

Chairperson: Ric Waechter

Liaison to Congregation Council: Dave Muller

Committee Members: Ric Waechter, Ron Gifford, Ivan Bailey, Glen Stewart, Marcus Dobberfuhl, Pastor Mark, other members of St. John that assist as necessary.

Committee Function – Mission Statement: The Property Committee will be responsible for the maintenance and upkeep of the Church complex. Since the appearance of the building and grounds is a measure of our response to God's love, all our facilities should be kept in good repair, clean and inviting to all who enter.

Special Events or Major Achievements in 2010:
The committee has worked diligently on many projects this year to upgrade our building and at the same time keep our cost at a minimum. Snow removal costs last year were kept low thanks to volunteers from the congregation. This past spring, lighting throughout the building was replaced with energy efficient bulbs. This reduced our lighting usage by approximately 76%. Thanks to Pastor, we were able to purchase the bulbs for under a dollar each. The youth lounge was renovated and looks great. Our only cost was hardware for the door. Most of the work being done is at the lowest cost possible thanks to the many volunteers. Much of the materials are also donated. A contractor has been hired to effect repairs to the transition area of the Central Avenue roof. Until this is completed, and we can verify that the leaks have been sealed, we will not be replacing the drop ceiling or drywall in the stairwell. A digital bulletin board has been installed in the lobby fellowship area to keep the congregation updated on church events.

Concerns as Year Closes: We have had some set backs as exist with any property owner. The hot water heater broke and had to be replaced the day prior to the Thanksgiving Day Dinner. These unforeseen events happen to all of us and can't be avoided. Some equipment is past its life cycle but continues to be used until repair or replacement is needed.

Directions or Goals for 2011: Repair damages from the Christmas Day break-in. We have plans to do some painting in the lower level of the building along with a power wash outside in the spring. The Property Committee would like to thank the volunteers who graciously give of their time and talents in helping us keep the building in good condition.

Respectfully submitted,

Ric Waechter and Dave Muller
Report of the Social Ministry Committee

Chairperson: Co-Chairs: Ellen Muller and Barbara Piston.

Liaison to Congregation Council: Marcus Dobberfuhl

Committee Members: Carol Piechoski, Ellen Muller, Susy Wilkins, Barbara Ross, Mary Bullock, Jim and Barb Piston, Diane Bethas, Carol Shimer-Young, Bill and Vivian Schroeder.

Committee Function - Mission Statement: The Social Ministry Committee helps with the ongoing outreach within the community and the world. This outreach may include educating the congregation on important social issues. We also help by reaching out to others with our abundance of resources.

Events: Community Thanksgiving Dinner, Angel/Mitten Tree, Mission to Mississippi, On Eagles' Wings, Mothers and Fathers Day Offerings, purchasing and delivering baskets to some recovering members of our congregation.

Concerns: Our concerns of focus last year have been answered and blessed by a vitalizing re-organization. We have a large group of dedicated volunteers and small groups who organize regular yearly projects. The outgoing Chairperson, Carol Piechoski was extremely helpful transferring information and processes to Barb and Ellen. She has also stayed active on the committee and we would like to offer many thanks for her help and support.

Goals for 2011: Continue to strengthen our resolve for current projects and ask for new suggestions. We ask that anyone interested in this committee contact Barb, Ellen or I for meeting times. We have some ideas for working this year toward lessening World Hunger.

Other Comments: I look forward to working on more projects with this group and additional members as we continue to expand. We offer heartfelt thanks to all the members of this committee and the numerous volunteers of the St. John Church body and the Ocean City community for all the support given to our projects for God’s family.

Respectfully submitted,

Marcus Dobberfuhl

Health Ministry
No report submitted

The Staff Support Committee
No report submitted
Report of the Stewardship Committee

Like the last several years, this year has been a challenging year for all of us as the economy continues to struggle. In spite of that, offerings are up over $6,700 thru November compared to 2009 thru November. That’s a 5% increase! Unfortunately we still need to use undesignated memorials to cover our expenses, although we expect that amount to be less than last year. Based on the 2010 Stewardship Drive we expect 2011 offerings to increase over $6,000 again.

I would like to thank the congregation for responding so positively. We also have many who give of themselves. Sunday School teachers as Christian Education continues to thrive; the Youth Group leaders who decided to include younger students to enable them to be more active in the Church. We have an excellent Choir and Bell Choir under the marvelous direction of Julia Henrich. We have WELCA and the Thursday morning Men’s Group. We have St John 101. We continue to support worthwhile organizations with proceeds from the Rummage Sales and the Oyster, Ham, Chicken dinner. The Video Bulletin Board has gotten rave reviews. Waves of Caring, although not part of St. John, uses the gymnasium to prepare the gift bags of toys and games. The Video Bulletin Board had a few pictures of the gym with the gift bags lined up along the walls and all the tables still setup with toys and games on them. What a sight! These are just a few of the groups and activities at St John. This is a vibrant congregation. We need to continue to give of our selves, our time and our possessions and trust God.

Respectfully submitted,

Dave Grant

Report of the Worship Committee

“Make a joyful noise to the Lord...”

Worship is at the very center of our faith. This is the time when we offer our prayers of adoration and thanksgiving. We repent of our sins and receive forgiveness. We together joyfully sing praises to our Savior and Lord, Jesus Christ. We hear God’s word read and preached. At St. John, many people work very hard to make worship meaningful and faith-filled.

We are truly blessed to have Julia Henrich, Minister of Music, and our choirs, both singing choirs and bell choirs, enhance our worship and help us to proclaim God’s love.

Planning worship is a team effort led by Pastor Mark. The worship committee: Julia Henrich, Sonya McElwee, Lisa Lopez, and Judith Bailey, meet regularly to plan services that are uplifting and spirit-filled. The Praise services continue to be a highlight in the worship life at St. John. Each year in February and in August we join to sing a different song to the Lord. We are grateful to Julia, the choir, and the instrumentalists who lead us in this service of praise. These services have been deemed a huge success. Plan to join us in February.

During the season of Advent as we look forward to the birth of our Savior, Julia writes a cantata which is the center of worship on a Sunday in December. This year “A Season for Singing” was appreciated by all who worshiped at St. John on the third Sunday of Advent.

We continue to pray that all will be drawn to worship regularly as we walk our faith journey together. “Worship the Lord with gladness...”

Respectfully submitted,

Judith Bailey
USHERS, LAY ASSISTANTS, TORCH BEARERS, CRUCIFERS, GREETERS, AND FLOWER DELIVERERS

Scheduler: Kelly Mulloy

Function – Mission Statement: To make worship services as meaningful as possible; to involve as many people as possible in worship services.

Concerns as year closes: We need ushers, greeters, people to deliver flowers, lay assistants, and crucifers.

Ushers are needed for both services, but especially for the 8:00 service.
   Handing out bulletins, collecting offering and presenting the gifts.

Lay Assistants are needed for both services but again, especially for the 8:00 service.
   Reading lessons and prayers, distributing communion.
   The lay assistant does not have to sing the Kyrie!

Crucifers are needed at the 8:00 service. All children who will be confirmed and are strong enough to carry the crucifix should sign up.

Greeters and flower delivery has been done by the same person in the past. Now you can volunteer to be either one or both. Greeting has become very easy since many of us are having fellowship time before the 10:30 service. Anyone at the 8:00 service could enjoy St. John 101 then greet before the 10:30 service. Flowers need to be delivered after the 10:30 service.

Please contact Kelly Mulloy or the church office to volunteer.

ALTAR GUILD

The folks of Altar Guild perform the "behind the scenes ministry" for each worship service. It is important that the paraments are changed according to the liturgical season, the font is made ready for each Baptism, and the altar is set for worship. In the summer's heat or winter's cold, the services of Holy Communion require a trip up the street to Katina's which graciously supplies the bread for the Eucharist. On occasion a ride across the 9th Street Bridge is necessary to pick up the wine that Circle Liquor gives St John. We are deeply grateful for their ministry among us.

The members of the Altar Guild commit to serve for one month with one person setting the altar and another cleaning up after worship. There are those who help to change and re-set between the services. After all is finished on a Sunday morning, another servant takes the linens home to wash and iron. Thanks be to God for this most important service to God and St. John.

When the call goes out for help, please prayerfully consider becoming a part of this most important ministry.

Respectfully submitted,

Judith Bailey
MEMORIAL COMMITTEE

Committee Function – Mission Statement: To encourage members of St. John to provide lasting and memorable recognition through the establishment and use of designated, perpetual, and undesignated memorials to help continue God's work through the various ministries of St. John Lutheran Church

This past year a few members volunteered their services to set up a steering committee to research and present a program on estate planning and last will and testament procedures. Merryn Buck, Rich Deaney and Bob Garrett will be planning the seminar. A survey has already been conducted to determine the desired content and convenient times for the program. Look for more information in the coming months.

Several significant memorials have been received this past year. Their distribution has yet to be decided. A decision will be made in the coming months to determine where the monies will be used.

Respectfully submitted,
Sandy Litkey

WOMEN OF THE EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH IN AMERICA (WELCA)

President: Mary Grant
Liaison to Congregation Council: Gail Malone
Committee Members: All women of the church

Committee Function - Mission Statement: To mobilize women to act boldly on their faith in Jesus Christ.

Special Events or Major Achievements: 2010 saw a revitalization of WELCA. Eleven women attended the June reorganization meeting. Monthly meetings are held the third Thursday of every month, except in the summer, and are preceded by a supper.

Mary Grant and Susy Wilkins attended the 23rd New Jersey Women of the ELCA Convention in September. They brought back information on Thankoffering boxes and a labyrinth.

The Christmas Bazaar and the rummage sales were again very successful.

Highlights included making Chrismons for the church's Christmas tree in November. In December the women made cookies to pack tins for the homebound and others. Following was a cookie exchange and finishing the Chrismons.

Concerns as year closes: The Priscilla Circle has low attendance and no longer meets.

Directions or goals for 2011: One of the goals will be to increase the number of women attending meetings and participating in various activities.

Respectfully submitted,
Mary Grant
ST. JOHN LUTHERAN YOUTH ORGANIZATION (LYO) AND NEW JERSEY SYNOD EVENTS

While the larger, more age-diverse group of youth meets at the Church and away for various events and activities, the age-appropriate groups are involved in New Jersey Synod and ELCA youth events. We encourage the youth of the congregation to be involved in Synod-wide and Church-wide youth activities to participate more fully in the life of the Church. We are the Church!

NEW JERSEY SYNOD JUNIOR HIGH RETREAT (Grades 6, 7 and 8) in the Fall.
NEW JERSEY SYNOD WINTER YOUTH ASSEMBLY (Grades 9, 10, 11 and 12) in the Winter.
CONFERENCE ON CONGREGATIONAL MINISTRIES (Youth Workshops) in the Spring.
ELCA NATIONAL YOUTH GATHERING (New Orleans) Summer of 2012

MEN’S PRAYER BREAKFAST GROUP

The Men’s Prayer Breakfast Group meets each Thursday in the church lounge at 6:30 AM sharing conversation, coffee and “goodies.” The morning leads off with prayer, a faith-related presentation and ends with the Lord’s Prayer. The topic facilitator changes each week along with the focus for discussion.

Our service project, as it has been in the past, was to adopt a local family in need as identified by Waves of Caring. Due to the generous financial help for this project from the congregation we were able to provide a large family with a complete Christmas package! (groceries, gifts, clothing, etc.) Thanks to all who contributed to this endeavor!

The Christmas Eve burglar made off with our jug and most of our reserve funds for the Waves of Caring project. So we are in need of replacement funds and Thank You again.

Instead of our annual dinner night and social, we donated the money toward the Pastor’s Namibia Fund.

Come join us, and share in the Lord’s Spirit.

Respectfully submitted,
Ivan Bailey
**Report of the Audit Committee**

No report submitted.

**REPORT OF THE DESIGNATED FUNDS OF ST. JOHN**

**Pastoral Assistance Fund**

This fund was established in 1992 with a $40,000 gift. It is to be used for Pastoral Assistance only, as approved by Church Council.

**Payne Medical Emergency Fund**

This fund was also established in 1992 for terminally ill patients, for their care and medication. It is to be given in the form of an interest free loan, to be paid back with insurance proceeds.

**Kyle-Breneiser Music Memorial**

This fund was established in 1988 upon the death of Jane Kyle and Clove Breneiser. The purpose of the fund is to provide scholarships to the young people of St John who may wish to pursue a career in music and for the enrichment of the music program at St John. There is a scholarship committee that reviews applications. Financial information relating to candidates submitted for consideration must be kept confidential. Enrichment programs and expenses are to be approved by the Minister of Music, the Church Council and the Pastor. Interest only may be used – the principal remains untouched. The interest generated during the prior year, may be used the following year for scholarships and/or enrichment. The interest may be utilized in one of four ways:

1. 100% may be used for scholarships.
2. 50% may be used for scholarships and 50% for enrichment.
3. If no scholarships are awarded, only 50% of the interest of the prior year may be used for enrichment purposes and the balance must be reinvested as principal.
4. If no interest is used during the year, it is to be reinvested as principal.

Scholarships cannot exceed $1000 per individual. They are awarded on a term basis, payable August 1 and December 1. The funds cannot be borrowed from or used for any other activity. It may be used as collateral for a loan.

**FUNDS DONATED TO THIS MEMORIAL ACCOUNT GO INTO PRINCIPAL AND ARE NOT AVAILABLE FOR EXPENDITURE.**

**Music Account**

This account was established in 1999 in response to requests from individuals that wanted their gifts used for the needs of the music program, not put into principal that cannot be touched (as in donations to the Kyle-Breneiser Music Memorial noted above). These donations are given with the intent that the funds, either in whole or part, be available for use at any time. Expenditures must be approved by the Minister of Music and the Treasurer.

**Organ Fund**

This fund was established in 1992 to expand and improve the organ.
Seminarian Fund
This fund was established to assist members of the congregation who choose to enter the ministry, with costs associated with being a Seminarian.

Parsonage Fund
The intent of this fund is to have the interest earned each year, on the principal, pay for the Pastor’s Housing Allowance. It is not to be used for building improvements.

Lynn Ann Baker Fund
This fund was established in 1990 from the proceeds of the Oyster, Ham, Chicken Dinner. It was given a double match from Lutheran Brotherhood. Its purpose is to assist with the medical expenses of children in the congregation whose parents may be having difficulty in meeting emergency medical expenses. It is handled as a Pastoral discretionary fund and confidentiality is to be maintained.

Kitchen Fund
This fund was established in 1992 for kitchen renovations.

McFaul Memorial
This fund was established upon the death of Marie McFaul. Its purpose is to provide a yearly pledge to St John. The principal is to be invested and never touched. The interest is to be transferred to the general fund each year to cover Current Expenses.

Deaney Memorial
This fund was established in 1999 in the name of Carol M. Deaney, for the provision of services for disabled individuals, both children and adults, with special emphasis on the developmentally disabled.

Undesignated Memorials
Amounts contributed to the Church in memory of an individual, without a specific designation, are placed into this category. This money may be used with the approval of Council.

Capital Improvement Fund
St. John Church Council introduced a Capital Improvement Fund (CIF) in January of 1997. This fund has become a very successful means of funding needed capital projects in the church. These projects are accomplished without the need to request additional funds from the congregation.

Our Gifts At Work
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**ADMINISTRATION:**

- Conv & Mtgs $ 728.04 $ 1,000.00 73% $ 800.00
- Education - - - -
- Postage 914.62 750.00 122% 920.00
- Secretary 11,920.00 11,920.00 100% 11,920.00
- Secretary Health Insurance 11,611.44 11,613.00 100% 11,736.00
- Secretary Pension 1,186.11 1,192.00 100% 1,192.00
- Secretary FICA 911.88 912.00 100% 912.00
- Supplies 1,556.17 1,800.00 86% 1,500.00
- Telephone 4,495.07 4,200.00 107% 4,500.00

**Total Administration** $ 33,323.33 $ 33,387.00 100% $ 33,480.00

| COLLEGE MINISTRY | $ - | $ - | - | $ - |
| EVANGELISM       | $ 597.28 | $ 400.00 | 149% | $ 600.00 |
| FINANCE          | $ 1,118.99 | $ 1,200.00 | 93% | $ 800.00 |

**MINISTRY:**

- Auto $ 4,400.00 $ 4,400.00 100% $ 4,400.00
- Books 79.95 70.00 80.00
- Education - - - -
- Housing 36,659.81 37,450.00 98% 37,452.00
- Pastor Salary 31,545.00 31,315.00 101% 31,315.00
- Pastor FICA 7,000.00 7,000.00 100% 7,000.00
- Pension 9,050.85 9,092.00 100% 9,090.00
- Medical 24,161.04 24,172.00 100% 25,008.00
- Supply 1,030.00 1,100.00 94% 900.00

**Total Ministry** $ 113,926.65 $ 114,599.00 99% $ 115,245.00

**PARISH EDUCATION:**

- Adult Education $ 179.24 $ 200.00 - $ 200.00
- Confirm-Comm 113.53 50.00 120.00
- Lutheran Mag 115.35 - - 20.00
- Sunday School 688.85 250.00 276% 500.00
- Vacation Bible School 265.17 - - 260.00
- Vacation Bible School Fees (175.00) 200.00 - (160.00)

**Total Parish Education** $ 1,187.14 $ 700.00 170% $ 940.00
### PROPERTY:

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**Total Utilities:** 14,721.84 $14,550.00 101% 14,712.00

**Total Property (2010):** $42,630.12 $43,600.00 98% $35,631.00

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<td>Altar Supplies (Candle Income)</td>
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<td>(Bulletin Income)</td>
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<td>(Flower Income)</td>
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**Total Worship & Music:** $18,304.28 $19,958.00 92% $19,279.00

### YOUTH

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### TOTAL EXPENSES

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Closing Devotions

“AFFIRMATION OF CHRISTIAN Vocation”
From Renewing Worship

PASTOR: Dear Christian friends: Baptized into the priesthood of Christ, we are all called by the Holy Spirit to offer ourselves to the Lord of all creation in thanksgiving for all that God has done and continues to do for us. It is our privilege to affirm our vocation as Christians in the world.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT: Through holy baptism God has set us free from sin and made us members of the priesthood we share in Christ Jesus. Through word and sacrament we have been nurtured in faith, that we may give praise to God and bear God’s creative and redeeming word to all the world.

PEOPLE: MAY THE GOD OF ALL GRACE WHO HAS CALLED US TO GLORY SUPPORT US AND MAKE US STRONG.

PASTOR: Members of St. John Lutheran Church, both your work and your rest are in God. Will you endeavor to pattern your life on the Lord Jesus Christ, in gratitude to God and in service to others, at morning and evening, at work and at play, all the days of your life?

PEOPLE: I WILL, AND I ASK GOD TO HELP ME.

PASTOR: Let us pray. Almighty God, by the power of the Spirit You have knit these Your servants into the one body of Your Son, Jesus Christ. Look with favor upon them in their commitment to serve in Christ’s name. Give them courage, patience, and vision; and strengthen us all in our Christian vocation of witness to the world and of service to others; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

PEOPLE: AMEN.

PASTOR: Go out into the world in peace; be of good courage; hold to what is good; return no one evil for evil; strengthen the faint-hearted; support the weak; help the suffering; honor all people; love and serve our God, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit. The almighty and merciful God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

PEOPLE: AMEN.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

PEOPLE: THANKS BE TO GOD.
Understanding what the Bible says about financial generosity can help us achieve a balanced plan for our giving.

The faith practice of regular offerings to your congregation is grounded in a “first fruits” biblical principle (1 Corinthians 16:2). Your offerings express your thankful response to God’s gracious presence in your life.

Proportionate giving, or tithing, includes all undesignated giving to your congregation.

Many ELCA members refer to this kind of giving as their Sunday or weekly offering. “Undesignated” means that you support your congregation’s leadership in their decisions to allocate these funds.

About 90 percent of this giving stays in your congregation to ensure that the ministry of the word flourishes in your community through local outreach and ministries.

Your congregation then shares a small portion of your offering, called mission support, with your synod and the churchwide organization. This financial commitment ensures that God’s work thrives at regional and national levels.

Additional giving, or special offerings, is above and beyond, and never in place of, your commitment to regular congregational giving.

This distinction helps you to differentiate between your financial commitment to your congregation and the special offerings you designate to specific causes, such as ELCA World Hunger or your congregation’s building fund.

Designated giving is our heartfelt response to the people Jesus mentioned in the 25th chapter of Matthew: those “least” of our sisters and brothers who are “less” in circumstance only and always our equal in their humanity.

The overwhelming response of ELCA members on behalf of the people of Haiti in the aftermath of the 2010 earthquake is an example of designated giving.

These designated gifts can go directly to relief efforts because of your mission support.

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**How is Mission Support Used?**

- 61 new congregations approved in 2010
- 195 congregations intentionally focus on renewal
- 250 missionaries in 50 countries, including 49 young adult volunteers
- Mission projects in over 90 countries
- 8 seminaries
- 26 ELCA colleges and universities
- Over 180 campus ministries, with cooperating congregations in campus ministries at an additional 400 campuses nationwide
- 1,530 Lutheran early childhood education centers
- 257 Lutheran elementary schools, K-8 and 14 high schools
- 145 outdoor ministries
- Health and pension benefits for retired clergy, missionaries and lay church workers
- Long-term community development
- Advocacy work with the United Nations, the federal government and 17 state governments
- Partnerships with The Lutheran World Federation, World Council of Churches and the National Council of Churches

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**What is Mission Support?**

Mission support is the portion of offerings that congregations share with their synod and the churchwide organization for God’s mission beyond the local congregation. It is the lifeblood of the work that God does through the ELCA. These offerings provide about 80 percent of the resources that enable the ELCA to start new congregations and support existing congregations as they work in their communities. These funds also provide the staff and resources to develop new leaders, support churches around the globe, work for justice, end poverty and so much more.

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**Thank you!** Together we do God’s work in ways that no individual, congregation or synod can do alone.
Sisters and brothers in Christ,

I am delighted to share a clear sense of the Holy Spirit at work in this church.

Members like you have told me, "Bishop, let’s get on with being a church engaged in mission." And that’s exactly what we are doing.

Together we are a church:

- planting 61 new congregations in 2010.
- responding with clean water and emergency medical care to the people of Haiti, thanks to your generous gifts of $12.2 million dollars to date.
- supporting mission personnel and global partners in over 90 countries on six continents, who are teaching us what it means to live the gospel.

I am grateful for your faithfulness and eagerness to give joyfully when economic realities continue to affect the jobs and incomes of so many.

Thank you for the financial gifts that we receive through your congregation. They are the lifeblood of the work that God does through the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA).

In today’s uncertain economy, all expressions of this church face budget shortfalls. The reality is that limited financial support limits our capacity to share God’s boundless love with the world.

As Paul wrote to the Corinthians, let us continue in the generous undertaking we have begun in Christ to its completion. “For if the eagerness is there, the gift is acceptable according to what one has—not according to what one does not have” (2 Corinthians 8:12).

I encourage you now to make a renewed financial commitment in support of God’s mission. If you are able, please consider giving 10 percent of your income and challenge your congregation to do the same.

Yes, we are a church that is richly blessed. And among those blessings I count each of our members. Thank you for all the ways that you continue to do God’s work with your hands.

Mark S. Hanson
Presiding Bishop

Marked with the cross of Christ forever, we are claimed, gathered and sent for the sake of the world.

- Mission statement of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America