# STJOHN'S Congregation Meeting

# January 29, 2023

CALL TO ORDER

JUNE 2022 CONGREGATION MEETING MINUTES Vote to Approve

PROPOSED MISSIONAL IDENTITY STATEMENTS Overview Vote to Approve

2022-23 COUNCIL UPDATE Overview of Projects & Progress

 $PROPOSED \ 2023 \ OPERATING \ BUDGET$ 

Overview Vote to Approve

REPRESENTATIVES TO 2023 SYNOD ASSEMBLY Presentation of Nominees: William Kaspar & Alan Swanson Vote to Elect

ADJOURNMENT

# STJOHN'S PROPOSED MISSIONAL IDENTITY

## VISION

A community actively participating in God's love and justice.

## MISSION

Transforming lives through connection, worship, education, and meaningful action in our community.

### VALUES

### We value grace.

God's love is unconditional, unmerited, and unshakable. We seek to meet people wherever they are on their spiritual journeys. Everyone is invited to join us, without judgment or prejudice.

#### We value each other.

Valuing others means seeing differences as something positive. We know that we are stronger together, so we make time to connect and care for each other, laugh and celebrate together, and learn from one another's experiences and perspectives.

#### We value action.

Love and justice are fostered through relationship and understanding. God's liberating love frees us to develop new connections and collectively work for the flourishing of all people.

### We value gratitude.

Mindful reflection on what we are thankful for is life-changing. We train our hearts to look for God's grace in our everyday lives, which allows peace, joy, faith, and meaning to grow.

# STJOHN'S Congregation Meeting Minutes June 26, 2022

The meeting was opened at 9:41 a.m. by President Christi Wise during the Sunday service. The objective of the meeting was to elect leaders, including new Council officers, Council members, and Nominating Committee members as well as to reflect on the past year and celebrate accomplishments.

Vice President Jason Shutters read the definition of a quorum and of a voting members per the bylaws of St. John's, and Molly Bolash confirmed that a quorum of voting members was present at that time. Between in-church and through Zoom, there were 26 members present.

President Christi Wise led the vote on the approval of the 2022 January Congregation Meeting minutes. The minutes were approved with 23 votes.

President Christi Wise presented the newly nominated Council members for 2022-23. They were: Mylene Pollock (President), Craig Gonder (Vice-President), Alissa Gemeny (Secretary), Cindi Rachowicz (Treasurer), Laurel Malhotra (member-at-large, 1-year term), and Greg Oreskevich (member-at-large, 3-year term). Peter Hauser will return as an at-large Council member for the second year of his 2-year term, and Jason Shutters will serve as an at-large Council member for the third year of his 3-year term.

The newly nominated Nominating Committee members were: Lisa Loesel and Lisa Hogarth. Returning Nominating Committee members are: Michel Hauser, Jim Dossa, and Kristen Danielsen.

The Council and Nominating Committee members for 2022-23 were approved by 23 members. Outgoing council members were acknowledged. They include: Molly Bolash, Chris Maglocci, and President Christi Wise.

President Wise then summarized the work done over the past year and reasons to celebrate, including: the facility care fund, the space sharing agreement, and the successful Oktoberfest event. Strategic initiatives included supporting Youth and Family Minister Derek Steinmetz, recruiting new Music Minister, Luke Duroc-Danner, progress on the mission and vision statement, the Sacred Organizing Learning Community, and formation of a committee for the Reconciling in Christ initiative. During this time were reviewed the Annual Report booklets highlighting meaningful activities from each season.

The final agenda item was a review of the 2021 year-end financial summary and 2022 YTD financial summary, noting a \$13,000 shortfall thus far and potential for a year end shortfall of \$6,500 (2% of the overall budget).

Discussion then turned to collecting congregational input on the ministry at St. John's and requesting written input and feedback to be shared with Council.

President Wise shared feeling blessed with leadership of the church over the last year. She gave thanks to God for working through us and with us. She concluded the meeting at 10:02 am.

Respectfully submitted,

Molly Bolash, outgoing at-large Council member, stepping in for Secretary Mylene Pollock (absent).

# 2022 Financial Dashboard

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**Balance Sheet** 

ASSETS

Cash

Revenue and Exp	penses				(1)
	YTD		YTD		-
Income	Actual		Budget	Di	fference
Giving	\$ 238,292	\$	256,500	\$	(18,208
Space Sharing	25,865		20,000		5,865
GoodFest	8,381		4,000		4,381
Interest/Thrivent	628		270		358
Apartment Rent	49,275		52,800		(3,525
	\$ 322,441	\$	333,570		(11,129
Expenses					
Compensation	\$ 183,062	\$	197,879	\$	(14,817
Ministries	24.578	Ψ	24.370	Ψ	208
Building Maint	68,194		76,407		(8,213
Benevolences	16,271		17,265		(994
Apartment Exp	17,583		17,200		383
	\$ 309,687	\$	333,121	\$	(23,434
Surplus 12/31/22	\$ 12,754	\$	449	\$	12,305
*Forecasted in Jan	uary				
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1. REVENUE AND EXPENSES Note: the

forecast is a hybrid of numbers based on the prior year's actual expenses increased or decreased by this year's budget percentage adjustment.

Look for **YTD Actual** to be at or ahead of forecast. Especially if we did not have a balanced budget at the beginning of the year, we will be looking for ways to make it up during the year to avoid having to disperse funds from the Extended Ministries Fund.

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**2. BALANCE SHEET** Consists of **Assets** (mostly cash) and **Liabilities** (obligations for which St. John's is required to fulfill at a future date.) *Look for Cash available for operations to be at least 2-3 times monthly expenses of \$29,700= \$59K-\$90K* 

Outstanding principal is \$60,376

# 2022 budgeted forecast was a \$492 surplus YTD surplus is \$12,754

YTD surplus is \$12,754		
Cash Flow Year-to-Date		3
Surplus through 12/31/22	\$	12,754
Increase in Capital Campaign Receipt	ts .	20,190
Mortgage principal payments		(19,625)
Other		52,993
Change in cash		66,312
Beginning of year cash		170,847
Cash Balance at 12/31/22	\$	237,159
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**3. CASH FLOW YEAR-TO-DATE** Many things effect the cash balance other than the surplus or deficit of the general operations. Capital Campaign pledges and receipts are not part of our budget, neither is the principal paid on the loan. The Capital Exp & Improvements Fund, prepaid pledges and other special funds are retained until their use, which also effects cash. Changes throughout the year are reflected in this section.

#### 4. FELLOWSHIP HALL PROJECT UPDATE

Total Cost is increased by the loan interest charged each month. Payments received are those payments pledged and unpledged. Anticipated pledge receipts are pledges still outstanding. Anticipated shortfall is the remaining balance that will have to be funded by future donations or general operations.

#### 5. DEDICATED FUNDS

The Extended Ministries Fund is an autonomous fund with trustees tasked to distribute at least 5% of the year-end balance to outside charities.

Restricted Funds and Memorials includes donations specifically given to be used for that particular ministry or project.

# **BALANCE SHEET OVERVIEW**

St. John's balance sheet consists of Assets (mostly cash) and Liabilities (obligations for which St. John's is required to fulfill at a future date.) ASSETS

**Cash Available for Gen Operations** is unencumbered cash. **Non-Liquid & Restricted Cash** is made up of a \$5,000 minimum checking account balance, a \$10,300 CD, a \$137,990 money market account at the Mission Investment Fund, which consists of the Doug Peters Estate Funds that will be used for Capital Expenses and Improvements and restricted (designated) funds, i.e Music Fund, Family Promise, Pastor's Discretionary, Prepaid Pledges, Assistance Fund and Memorials.

#### LIABILITIES

Accounts Payable include utility bills, our monthly Synod benevolence and other obligations usually incurred at the end of the year. Mortgage Payable is made up of two parts; the Fellowship Hall remodeling and a loan on remodeling the apartment building which was required to be rolled into the Mission Investment Fund Ioan. Capital Campaign shortfall is the difference in the actual cost of the project less the pledges received and other donations to the project. Security Deposits are on the apartment building and some renters for keys or damage remediation.

**Restricted** includes donations specifically given for use in that ministry or project; i.e. Music Fund, Family Promise, Pastor's Discretionary, Prepaid Pledges, Assistance Fund and Soup Kitchen.

*Memorials* are funds donated, but have not yet been used, for the projects intended.

*Fund Balances* are the accumulated deficits and surpluses at year-end for the general operating budget and the apartment building.

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#### HIGHLIGHTS

#### REVENUE

**Offerings** - 50 Intent cards were increased by 3.3% for a total of \$225,076. The budgeted amount of \$242,000 includes anticipated unpledged offerings.

Space Sharing is based on 2022 parking revenue and space sharing rentals with a 16% increase.

#### **EXPENSES**

**Salaries** - Reflects the full compensation package including professional expenses, insurance, and retirement benefits. 3.5% Cost of Living raise for all employees.

Director of Youth - We anticipate having this position filled by April 1. Salary is \$20 per hour for 15 hours a week.

Music - Full year salary for Luke Duroc-Danner

Worship Services Other - Nine months of cantors and 6 guest musicians.

Administration - Reflects engaging a bookkeeping service for 6 months and an increase in the cost of church accounting software and payroll services.

All Other Ministries - have been reviewed and adjusted for anticipated spending.

SPECIAL FUNDS*	1/1/22	Receipts	Expenses	12/31/22	_
Assistance Fund	426	1,000	411	1,015	
Capital Expenditures & Improvements	93,132	85,273	40,777	137,628	Doug Peters Bequest
Family Promise	805		105	700	
Family Ministry	95		50	45	
Holy Family Gift Cards		799	600	199	
Music Fund	4,317	1,551	1,500	4,368	
Pastor's Discretionary	1,566	500	1,117	949	
Prepaid Pledges	0	40,385	37,885	2,500	
Soup Kitchen	93	555	451	197	
Synod Grants	461		135	326	-
	100,895	130,063	83,031	147,928	•

Special Funds are donations received for a particular use or designation. These funds do not appear as income, but are reflected in the balance sheet.

MEMORIALS**	1/1/22	Receipts	Expenses	12/31/22
Burgert, Jim	641			641
McInnis	875			875
	1,516	0	0	1,516

#### 2022 CAPITAL CAMPAIGN

2018 Beginning Loan Balance	\$217,088
Pledges and other donations received	(153,920)
Principal payments 2018 to 2022	(76,092)
General Operating Funds used	(\$12,924)

If pledges and other receipts do not cover our loan payments, operating cash is used. The negative balance means we've used \$12,924 in operating cash to pay down the loan since inception. The Fellowship Hall loan balance is \$60,376.

In addition to the Fellowship Hall obligation, we renovated the apartment several years back and were required to roll that loan into the Fellowship Hall loan. The total of that loan stands at \$17,602. Together our loan is \$77,977.

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					2023		
	2021	2021	12/31/22	2022	PROPOSED	INCREASE	]
	ACTUAL	BUDGET	ACTUAL	BUDGET	BUDGET	(DECREASE)	
REVENUE	104%		100%				% of actual to pledged
Offerings	246,779	253,000	230,292	248,500	242,000	(6,500)	
Stewardship Matching	8,000	8.000	8.000	8.000	,	(8,000)	
Fundraisers		8,000	8,381	4,000	8,000		Goodfest
Interest Income	180	190	154	120	160	40	
Space Sharing	17,617	19,000	25,865	20,000	30,000	10.000	\$13,000 Parking lot &
ELCA Grant	196					,	\$17,000 bldg rentals
Thrivent Matching Funds	108	900	474	150	400	250	, , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , ,
TOTAL BUDGETED REVENUE	272,881	289,090	273,166	280,770	280,560	(210)	
	212,001	200,000	210,100		200,000	(=:•)	
EXPENSES							
PASTOR							
Base Salary	47,314	47,314	49,590	49,590	52,204	2,614	2023 Synod Guidelines
Soc Sec Taxes-Church's Portion	5,872	5,872	6,060	6,060	6,276	216	
PAYMENTS TO ELCA FOR MINIMUM LE	VEL BENEFITS						1
Medical Insurance	9,096	9,096	9,324	8,628	9,852	1,224	1
Contribution to Retirement Plan	7,719	7,719	7,965	7,965	8,248	283	
Other Administrative Costs	1,698	1,698	1,752	1,752	1,402	(350)	
REIMBURSEMENT ALLOWANCES	,	,	, -				
Housing Allowance	24,000	24,000	24,000	24,000	24,000	0	
Travel Allowance	97	1,200	525	1,200	1,200	0	
Continuing Education	765	800	591	800	800	0	
Misc Prof Exp & Books	545	500	648	500	500	0	
	97,106	98,199	100,455	100,495	104,482	3,987	
MUSIC DIRECTOR							
Salary	21,385	29,825	14,367	19,000	27,295	8,295	Synod Guidelines
Social Media Oversight	4,000	5,460		:		0	Website/FB/Adv \$105/wk
Vacation Organist Compensation	800	450	250	450	1,000	550	
Sick Leave Organist Compensation		200		200	0	(200)	
Reimb-Continuing Education		400		400	400	0	
	26,185	36,335	14,617	20,050	28,695	8,645	
ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT							]
Salary	37,090	37,090	38,203	38,203	39,540	1,337	3.5% COL
Vacation Secretary Compensation		500		500	500	0	
Continuing Education		200		200	200	0	
	37,090	37,790	38,203	38,903	40,240	1,337	
DIRECTOR OF YOUTH	17,333	17,333	11,722	21,424	11,700	(9.724)	15 hrs/week @ \$20/hr
Continuing Education	428	500	620	500	500		Start date April, 2023
	17,762	17,833	12,342	21,924		(9,724)	

					2023		
	2021	2021	12/31/22	2022	PROPOSED	INCREASE	
	ACTUAL	BUDGET	ACTUAL	BUDGET	BUDGET	(DECREASE)	
COMPENSATION - OTHER							
Soc Sec Taxes-Church's Portion	7,255	7,716	6,320	7,407	6,894	(513)	
Worker's Compensation	1,794	2,100	1,883	2,100	2,100	0	
	9,049	9,816	8,204	9,507	8,994	(513)	
WORSHIP SERVICES-MUSIC					- ,		
Choir & Guest Musicians	4,539	5,560	6,075	5,500	6,000	500	
Interim Organist	5,283	0,000	9,241	7,000	0,000	(7,000)	
Music Supplies	268	300	277	300	300	0	
Maintenance of Organ	1,275	1,350	2,391	1,350	1,600	250	
Maintenance of Pianos	171	800	615	800	600	(200)	
	11,537	8,010	18,600	14,950	8,500	(6,450)	
WORSHIP SERVICES-OTHER	11,007	0,010	10,000	14,000	0,000	(0,400)	
	1,085	1,800	1,856	1,800	1,600	(200)	\$200 parwookand/9 par
Guest Ministers Baptismal Supplies	1,085	25	1,856	1,800	1,600		\$200 per weekend/8 per
Worship Resources	1,985	1,000	2,373	1,500	1,500	0	
Communion Supplies	23	1,000	2,373	1,500	1,500	0	
Laundry & Cleaning	42	25	164	45	45	0	
	150	250	653	250	500	250	
Other Altar Supplies Flowers	(155)	200	(13)	200	200	250	
Flowers						Ţ	
	3,131	3,450	5,123	3,970	4,020	50	
ADMINISTRATION							
Advertising & Public Relations	462	500	123	500	250	(250)	
Synod Assembly	_	750	450	750	750	0	
Local Conferences	_	100		100	100	0	
Council Expenses			128	300	300	0	
Postage	278	300	493	500	500	0	
Stationery & Supplies	2,256	1,000	1,133	2,000	1,500	(500)	
Bank Fees, Checks, Payroll Serv	2,891	1,700	3,143	2,300	4,960	2,660	
Bookkeeping Services					5,000	5,000	
Website Hosting	191	500	409	300	425	125	
	6,077	4,850	5,879	6,750	13,785	7,035	
CHILDREN IN CHRIST							
Nursery Attendants		1,000			0	0	
Confirmation	371	300	163	300	300	0	
First Communion		50	54	50	50	0	
High School/Young Adult	251	300	84	300	100		
Sunday School	630	1,000	534	1,000	750	(250)	
Family Ministry Programs	571	500	175	500	400	(100)	
	1,823	3,150	1,010	2,150	1,600	(550)	
ADULTS IN CHRIST							
Adult Education	484	300	70	300	100	(200)	
Seasonal/Devotional/"The Lutheran"	22	50	0	0	0	0	
	506	350	70	300	100	(200)	
FELLOWSHIP	000	000	,0		100	(200)	
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Hospitality	250	250	188	250	250	0	

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						2023		
		2021	2021	12/31/22	2022	PROPOSED	INCREASE	
		ACTUAL	BUDGET	ACTUAL	BUDGET	BUDGET	(DECREASE)	
	STEWARDSHIP							
	Stewardship & Strategic Planning	4,901	6,000	2,949	3,000	750	(2,250)	
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	GOD'S PROPERTIES							
	Insurance - Church	10,082	9,700	12,266	11,500	14,050	2,550	
	Custodian	10,695	11,150	11,188	11,200	11,580		3.5% COL Raise \$17.13/hr
	Janitorial Supplies	843	1,400	786	1,100	1,000	(100)	
	Lift Maintenance	3,339	1,580	1,755	2,000	2,500	500	
	Maint-General	4,225	3,500	4,762	3,500	4,500	1,000	
	Maint-Office Equip	3,191	3,200	3,552	3,300	3,500	200	
	Snow Removal	2,925	2,500	2,845	2,500	3,000	500	
	Electrical Upgrades	1,115	3,000	0	:	0	0	
	Audio Visual Maintenance			0	400	400	0	
	Masonary Repairs			0		1,000	1,000	
	Utilities - Composting	240	120	240	250	250	0	
	Utilities - Electric	3,656	3,400	3,967	3,400	4,200	800	
	Utilities - Exterminator	369	375	279	375	390	15	
	Utilities - Gas	12,140	22,000	9,644	20,000	12,000	(8,000)	
	Utilities - Scavenger	642	635	633	642	645	3	
	Utilities - Telephone & Internet	6,121	5,770	7,242	6,180	7,440	1,260	\$620/mo
	Utilities - Water & Stormwater Fee	1,489	2,700	2,038	1,800	2,000	200	
	Computer Maint & Networking			0	500	500	0	
	Interest @ 3.875%	2,938	3,100	2,663	2,900	2,600	(300)	
	Fire Alarm Monitoring	660	660	960	660	960	300	Annual Inspection added
	Garden Care			974	1,800	1,500	(300)	
	Capital Expenditures Reserve			2,400	2,400	2,400	0	
	• · · ·	64,669	74,790	68,194	76,407	76,415	8	
	BENEVOLENCES-SYNOD	15,125	15,125	16,122	15,465	16,678	1,213	5.00%
								of total Revenue & Apt Rent
	SOCIAL MINISTRIES							
	Immediate Needs (Individuals)				:	500	500	
	Quilting		100		100	100	0	
	Sacred Organizing	969	1,700	149	1,700	500	(1,200)	
	Sandwich Ministry	2,980	2,850			0	0	EMF to fund benevolence
		3,949	4,650	149	1,800	1,100	(700)	
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	BUDGETED & ACTUAL EXPENSES	299,160	320,598	292,104	315,921	317,809	1,888	
BUD	GETED SURPLUS (DEFICIT)	(26,280)	(31,508)	(18,938)	(35,151)	(37,249)	(2,098)	
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	APARTMENT		10.005	(a a = - )				
	Rent	50,950	48,600	49,275	52,800	53,000	200	]

Expenses	19,188	17,000	17,583	17,200	21,000	3,800
APARTMENT SURPLUS	31,762	31,600	31,692	35,600	32,000	(3,600)
TOTAL SURPLUS (DEFICIT) INCLUDING APT	5,482	92	12,754	449	(5,249)	<b>(5,698)</b> 1/2