

# St. John's News

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THE MISSION OF ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

Through Jesus Christ, we

proclaim God's Word,

encourage one another in faith,

witness to God's love and

serve all people.

## Message from Pastor James

I want to take some time to kind of reflect on where we see our church going, as we begin to move from this pandemic into the future. Over the last year and more, all of you have had the opportunity to experience doing things new ways. For the Church in so many places we saw everyone focused on how to engage in worship in a digital fashion because all the churches, around the world, had the physical doors closed.

As we begin to open up, and begin to meet again physically, there are some churches asking what does this mean for online church? Are we going to continue to do online? Is it something we will actively and purposefully pursue in the future? I wanted to share some of my thoughts about that here.

The idea of a hybrid church model, where people want both: to engage in physical environment and to engage in a digital environment, I believe is going to be the way of the future.

We certainly do not want to lose the physical experiences that we had before COVID, but at the same time we want to keep the benefit, and keep some of the unique qualities and attributes, that the online experience provided during the pandemic.

The tools that had the ability to connect us together at any time, in any place, and create that sense of community are tools that can and should be utilized in the future.

That lends itself to a hybrid model of church combining physical and online, and seeing them together, not as separate experiences, but one consistent experience.

I want you to think about sporting events. Even if sports are not your "thing" you can relate to this change in our recent cultural history. There is an excellent analogy in the past that I think may help us see what the future will look like.

Originally the only way to see a sporting event was to be there, sitting in the stadium, in person. Then, with the onset of radio we saw the audience grow. More people could experience the game live, as it happened. An interesting observation was that, as radios grew smaller, people started bring a radio to the game, even when watching live, because they grew accustomed to the announcers and the commentary. This was the introduction to the hybrid-game. As TV became popular the audience's experience became a more immersed and intense digital experience. Now you can see people sitting at the game, in the stands, and there they have a radio, TV or smartphone in their hands. They are using a hybrid-game experience, selecting the best of all options for their personal taste.

This holds a good example for the Church as we come out of COVID. People have grown accustomed to the on-line experience, but don't want to entirely lose the physical experience. They want both and, like at the game, they ultimately

will want both in the future, moving back and forth between physical and digital, or using both simultaneously.

So we need to ask ourselves questions about how we can build continuity between those two experiences, and how we can hold onto our sacramental heritage which requires physical presence? In fact it is foundationed on, not only our physical presence, but Jesus' physical presence.

We cannot look at our online attendance purely as a separate and distinct audience, or as something not part of our physical Church environment. We do need to recognize that increasingly people are going to move back and forth between those two environments.

Exploring how we can ensure we create a more seamless experience, regardless of whether someone's online, or physically, will be important. We need to go beyond counting YouTube viewers and physical attenders. These are the issues, we are exploring as we discover new tools that we can use as we move forward.

I want to challenge you to be asking the same questions. Not simply think in a binary fashion about only physical attendants or only online attendants, but a hybrid model and how we collectively as the Church can best serve this world and reach this world with Jesus' name and Gospel, using the technology and tools we have available today.

### **What is a Confessional Lutheran? Part 1**

This will be a four part article that I pray will help better explain what it means to be Lutheran, and why one should take pride in the label 'Lutheran.'

There are so many different churches in the world today, hundreds, perhaps thousands, of different Christian denominations. If someone says they are Christian, we ask what kind of Christian? If they say they are Lutheran, we ask what kind of Lutheran? It filters down further even if they say they are a Missouri Synod Lutheran, we might ask what kind of Missouri Synod Lutheran?

How did we get here? How can there be such difference and divergence in the Body of Christ? How can Christ's Body be so splintered and shattered into varying and dissimilar shards of division. Especially when this very subject is very specifically addressed in Scripture.

St. Paul writes:

I appeal to you in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you agree, and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be united in the same mind and the same judgment. It has been reported to me by Chloe's people that there is quarreling among you. What I mean is that each one of you says, "I follow Paul," or "I follow Apollos," or "I follow Cephas," or "I follow Christ." Is Christ divided? [*1 Corinthians 1:10-13*]

This question becomes even more important when you realize that many of these denominations claim they fully and completely believe the the inerrant inspired Word of God? That causes questions like: Does the Bible contain errors? Do different translations (like: King James, English Standard, American Standard, New International, etc.) say different things, or contain different teachings? How do we read the Scriptures? Do we read it purely as literal text? Is it interpreted in its historical context? Is it interpreted through our own present day experiences?

Since the year 1580 Lutherans have had a simple answer to those wishing to know what we believe. Lutherans have a confession of faith which does not change. How we read and understand God's Word does not evolve and develop to adapt to the times. This confession of faith grew out of the Reformation when the "Lutherans" compiled and presented a confession of what they believed, based on what the Holy Christian Church has

always taught throughout history, as recorded in documents going as far back as around the year 100. These confessions of faith still define who we are.

They are confessions of faith thoroughly derived from the Holy Scriptures and are an explanation of the truth of God's Word. These documents are compiled into a book called the Book of Concord, or The Confessions of the Lutheran Church. As one believes, teaches and confesses what is contained in this book, one is properly called a Lutheran, or a "Confessional Lutheran."

So what is in the Book of Concord? Is it an addition to Scripture? It is additional new teachings for a new time? No. The documents contained in the Book of Concord are decidedly intended to show that the faith we confess as Lutherans is not something new, but is in fact the faith that of the ancient Church and what it has always believed and confessed.

The documents in the Book of Concord include the three ancient, ecumenical [*universally accepted*] creeds: the Apostles, the Nicene, and the Athanasian. Next comes the confessions of faith written during the time of the Reformation: The Augsburg Confession (1530), the Apology [*defense*] of the Augsburg Confession (1531), the Smalcald Articles (1537), the Treatise on the Power and Primacy of the Pope (1537), the Small Catechism and Large Catechism (1529), and the Formula of Concord (1577). These confessions do not replace or add to Holy Scripture. They explain what we believe about Holy Scripture, and why we believe it. The "why we believe it" is answered not by presenting new ideas, but by reading what the Church has always confessed and believed throughout history.

That is why true Lutheran theology is not only thoroughly Biblical, it is also confessional. The Confessions of the Church bind the Church together and serve the cause of doctrinal unity, which is the purpose of the Confessions. This doctrinal unity is what is meant by the word "Synod" which means, "walking together." All pastors of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod are taught the Scriptures and the Confessions. At their ordination they promise to teach in accordance with these Confessions, which are not a substitute for the Word of God, but rather these Confessions help correctly understand and teach the Word of God.

With this promise the reality of the Church is recognized. The church is not something that is done differently from place to place, where each congregation or pastor does his own thing. The Church - the one, holy, Christian and apostolic Church transcends time, culture and context. To remain faithful means we are not free to teach and practice as we see fit, but as members of the Church we take seriously the Church's history and strive to believe, teach and confess what the Church has always believed, taught and confessed. To do that is what it truly means to be Lutheran? What kind of Lutheran? A confessional Lutheran.

Yet we find ourselves today where this confessional loyalty is being sacrificed at the altars of relevance, experience and novelty. The Confessions are frequently ignored as some are choosing to teach new things for new time. In such a time we need to ask: What does it mean to be a Lutheran? What does it mean to be a confessional Lutheran? Is it important? These are questions that will be addressed as we continue this series in the next month's newsletter.

Pastor James Office Hours	
Monday	9-11:30 a.m.
Wednesday	9-11:30 a.m.
Thursday	9-11:30 a.m.

On Tuesday Pastor James is working at home but can be reached by phone: 320-336-8149

## Together in the Word



### Weekday Bible Studies

**Sunday:** Adult Bible class at 10:00 a.m. Pastor James is leading discussion on the book of Romans in Schleicher Hall.

**Tuesday:** Women's Bible study meets at 1:00 p.m. at St. John's. We are taking a break for the Summer.

**Wednesday:** Gray Matters meets St. John's at 7:30 p.m. Join us for a free-flowing discussion. Join us in the fall.

**Thursday: Men's Bible Study** - join us at 5:00 pm on Thursdays next fall. They are taking a break for the Summer.

## Worship Services

### Sunday

9:00 a.m. Worship (Traditional)

10:00 a.m. Adult Bible study and Sunday School

11:00 a.m. Worship (Praise) This is a more contemporary service.

### Midweek

6:30 p.m. Wednesday service (Traditional)

The church has several boxes of ledger size (11x17) blue paper and gold paper as well as a two drawer file cabinet to give away to any one who could use them. Contact the church office or a trustee if interested.

**Two New Policies Adopted** - Council has adopted the Child Protection Policy and the Sexual Harassment and Exploitation Policy in order to meet new insurance requirements as well as to reduce the risk of incidents in our congregation. It is unfortunate, but necessary, that in this world as it has become more blatantly sinful, intentional protection for children and vulnerable adults has become necessary. A Child Protection Policy Committee will administer the Child Protection Policy which will include enforcing the policy, background checks and training for those who work with children and youth as well as maintaining confidentiality of private information. Becoming familiar with the policies is encouraged; copies are available at the church office.

### Ruby's Pantry in Austin

As we transition from summer into fall our Ruby's distributions continue at the Mower County Fairgrounds the 3rd Thursday of each month. With concerns about how many people we can safely have in our church building it's possible we may be at the fairgrounds for a few more months. There has been a noticeable drop off in volunteers for June and July so we are asking our area churches for any help they can give us in soliciting volunteers. If you have any individuals or groups who may be willing to help please have them call Grace Lutheran Church at 433-3445. As always, you are invited to stop out during any of our distributions to see the work we are doing in Christ's name to help our neighbors. Thank you for considering helping and please continue to pray our efforts will reach those who need it most.

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Bob Rosel, Media Coordinator Ruby's Pantry Austin

### July Birthdays

03 Dylan Caron  
03 Doug Peterson  
04 Gene Pfeifer  
04 Connie Prantner  
05 Adyson Wradislavsky  
06 Allen McAlister  
07 Courtney Kusick  
09 Ken Greenlee  
09 Thad Kusick  
10 Bryer Kruse  
11 Roger Anderson  
13 Landon Wasko  
13 Ashton Wasko  
15 Joyce Bakke  
17 Joel Jensen  
17 Joanne Miller  
20 Katie VanPelt  
20 Abby VanPelt  
20 Blake VanPelt  
21 Adam Wradislavsky  
22 Robert Schammel  
24 Ron Shatek  
27 Bonnie Brady  
28 Tara Watkins  
29 Kim Downey  
31 Dianne Brandt  
31 Nathan Downey  
31 Roxanne Nelson

### Anniversaries

24 David & Nicole Kramer



**Shoe Away Hunger** If you have gently used shoes you no longer need, consider placing them in the box near the office. One pair of shoes can supply a family with seven days of essential groceries. Damaged shoes can no longer be accepted.

**TAKE IT TO THE LORD IN PRAYER.**

DO YOU HAVE A PRAYER CONCERN OR THANKSGIVING? COMMEND IT TO THE LORD THROUGH YOUR OWN PRAYERS, BUT ALSO THROUGH THE LOVING SERVICE OF OUR PRAYER CHAIN. IF YOU HAVE AN ITEM YOU WOULD LIKE INCLUDED ON THE PRAYER CHAIN, PLEASE CONTACT MIRIAM LUEHMANN AT 437-7619 OR [Miriam.Luehmann@icloud.com](mailto:Miriam.Luehmann@icloud.com)



**A Special Birthday**

**July Birthdays for Shut-Ins**

31 Roxanne Nelson

Our shut-ins would appreciate a card, phone call or visit

DURING THE MONTH. A LIST OF ALL THE SHUT-INS IS ON THE BULLETIN BOARDS

**Thank You!**

I would like to say thank you to the Social Ministry Committee for hosting the High School graduation reception this year. Thank you to all of the church members who gave me cards and gifts. Ethan Grant

**Congregation Voters Meeting on Sunday, July 25, 2021**

Starts at 12:00 noon with a meal. Since the pandemic is still around to a lesser degree, we decided to have the entire noon lunch purchased from Pizza Ranch..... so you bring nothing!

If you chose not to have lunch at church, the meeting will start about 12:45.

The main line of business will be to vote for officers and board members.

**This is your church... it's our church... let all of us plan for its future!!**

**VBS Opportunity**

St. John's kids have been invited to join Brownsdale for VBS this summer. Brownsdale has engaged Camp Omega staff to run VBS during July. The dates and times are as follows: Monday, July 26<sup>th</sup> through Friday, July 30<sup>th</sup>. The hours will be 9:00 am to 3:00 pm on Monday through Thursday, with Friday being 9:00 am to 12:00. Each child is to bring their own sack lunch. We will need to provide transportation to and from Brownsdale. More information regarding on-line registration will come in the near future. Please consider this opportunity as St. John's is not hosting a VBS this summer.

Men's Breakfast will resume as before COVID with the first being Saturday, July 17th at 7:30 a.m., at Barley's Family Restaurant. As in the past, the plan is to meet the third Saturday of each month so put it on your calendar. Come and enjoy the fellowship. All restrictions have been removed.

## RADIO MINISTRY

Dear fellow Members of St. Johns and Friends,

Thank you to all who have supported the Radio Broadcast. We still have several openings in the coming months, all of the weeks in August are open at this time. Please prayerfully consider sponsoring a Sunday broadcast. We are thankful to be able to continue this ministry because of the support of our members and listeners. If you would like to make a donation to St. Johns Radio Broadcast you can mail your donation to St. Johns or to our home, The Petersen's 2805 5<sup>th</sup> AVE SW, Austin, MN 55912. The weekly fee is \$150.00 you can donate the total amount or any part of the amount please make checks payable to St. Johns Radio Broadcast.

July Sponsors are as follows:

**July 4, 2021 In memory of Deb Schammel sponsored by her Grandsons Ethan, Jacob, Liam, William and family.**

**July 11, 2021 Sponsored by Deloris Harber in memory of her husband Mike Harber**

**July 18, 2021 Sponsored by Ken and Winnie Greenlee in thankfulness to God for Ken's 89<sup>th</sup> birthday he celebrated July 9<sup>th</sup>.**

**July 25, 2021 Sponsored by an anonymous donor to the Glory of God!**

You can listen to the radio broadcast live on KAUS Radio Sunday mornings at 9:00 a.m.

God's blessing to all of you,

Clayton and Ellen Petersen

**Script cards** are available after each Sunday service. Check out the new list of businesses available. Orders, with payment, must be in by the third Sunday of the month, **Sunday, July 18**. The cards should be here the following Sunday. Place your order and check on the Scrip table or bring it to the office. These cards help the ministries of our congregation so consider purchasing them.

***Julia's Hope*** by Leisha Kelly is the book of the month, #1 of the Wortham Family series. The Wortham family, Sam, the father, his wife Julia, and their children Robert and his 5 year old sister, Sarah became a homeless family on the road. The time is the Great Depression and their destination is Sam's cousin's Illinois home from their home in Harrisburg Pennsylvania. BUT God has a plan for them. It's not easy to "make do" with sleeping in ditches, on floors, in a jail or what and where your next meal is coming from. Julia almost always looks on the positive side of life and sees the good in her circumstances thanking God. The first few chapters you become tired of walking and not knowing what your final destination will be. Plus there are a lot of unanswered questions which can't be answered most of the time



This book is a fast read—you want to find out what happens next and what the next twist and turns are. The next book in the series is: ***Morning & Night***. The 3rd book was reviewed last month (and yes, read out of order!). Anytime of the year is a good time to read. You will find this in our church library.

Annette Kiehne



## Sudanese Ministry Spotlight

For those of you who do not know me I am Pastor Gatluk Reat. I currently serve as a Pastor to the Sudanese people in southern Minnesota. I was ordained into the office of the holy ministry of The Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod at Trinity Lutheran Church in Faribault, Minnesota in March of 2019.

I have lived here in the United States of America for over 25 years. I came to faith in our Lord Jesus when I was 12 years old in Sudan. My wife, Martha Deng, and I have been blest with 17 years of marriage and together have been blest with five children: Nyapal 14, Mer 13, NyaJer 12. Padum 9, and Niagial 4.

My calling as a pastor is to three regional areas in Minnesota: Albert Lea/Austin, Faribault and Columbia Heights in the Twin Cities. In John 4:35 Jesus speaks of this calling when He says to those disciples, with Him to “open your eyes and look at the fields. They are ripe for harvest.”

Ripe here means ready. Who is ready for the Good News? The Sudanese people in southern Minnesota are ready for Good News! Who is ready for a little hope, a little help and a little grace? Who is ready for a cool cup of the water of Truth? God called me to bring the Good News to these three regional areas to deliver and bring the hope of salvation. The Spirit of God has already been at work in the lives of the Sudanese people in Minnesota, calling me as their Pastor.

My goals, as Pastor, are to reach and do more in ministry to all immigrants in Southern Minnesota. My call is to do visits to homes, visit with the elderly and/or shut-ins, classes for second generation immigrants, lead Bible study, and prepare sermons for Sudanese church services in southern Minnesota.

I ask for your prayers in the three communities where the Sudanese immigrants live. Ask our Lord Jesus to open hearts and ears for the continued growth and work of His Kingdom where His seed has been planted. Do not allow the evil one to come and snatch away what has been sown in hearts. I would love to bring the Good News so all who hear can indeed bear fruit and yield a harvest in the three communities I am called to serve.

I invite you to follow me on Facebook at Gatluk Reat and to visit the Sudanese Ministry website at SudaneseMinistrySouthernMn.blog. If you would like to call me my phone number is: 1-651-399-3959.

I close with His words: May the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, keep our hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.

Pastor Gatluk Reat

## **ST. JOHN'S CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING**

**June 8, 2021**

The June 8, 2021, meeting was called to order by Treasurer, Dick Heuton, at 7:00 p.m.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Vance Oelkers, Patty Shatek, Dick Heuton, Pastor James, Darrel Bahn, Thad Kusick, Kara Grant, Donna Bailey.

**OPENING PRAYER:** Pastor Groleau

**SECRETARY'S REPORT:** M/S/P to accept the secretary's report for May 11, 2021, as written.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** Net Operating Gain: \$1,476.09. Net Increase in Designated Funds: \$3,289.96. Net Income: \$4,766.05. M/S/P to accept the Treasurer's report, as written.

**ELDERS' REPORT:**

Elders Board met on Monday June 7 at 630. Elders Kusick, Dave Watkins, Tim Carlson, and Pastor James were present. Opened with a devotion from LHM and Bible study from Lutheran Witness.

Sunday services will continue toward more normal with restrictions lifted for seating in the east and west pews and COVID social distancing available in the front east pew section.

For Council action:

M/S/P to accommodate the following people:

Receive into membership Phillip and Joanne Miller

Approve transfer of membership for Ron and Nancy Prigge from Our Savior Brownsdale MN

Approve transfer of membership for Amber Collins to Good Shepherd Holmen WI

Elders will meet on Monday July 12 at 630pm.

### **TRUSTEES' REPORT:**

The east most sidewalk light post was broken off below ground and wouldn't stand straight anymore, so it was reinforced with angle iron driven into the ground and anchored to the concrete base.

Cords hoses and fans were organized in the Mechanical room with new hangar brackets.

At their request, the Boy Scout's Eagle Scout plaques were mounted on a wall in Schleicher Hall.

New signs pointing to our church were installed by the Austin City Engineers office on both 4th and 14th streets NW.

Free for the taking are a two drawer file cabinet and two boxes full of colored 11x17 copy paper that we have no apparent use for.

Since there are multiple places in the building where there are scratches, nicks, tears, stains, and just general wear and tear from use, and since it has been 12 years since the last spruce up effort took place the Board of Trustees is seeking permission to establish an ad hoc committee to survey and provide an assessment of the condition of the current décor. The motivation at this time is not to upgrade but to maintain our current décor since gradual deterioration has occurred.

M/S/P that the trustees appoint an ad hoc committee to spruce up the church.

### **BOARD OF EDUCATION and YOUTH & FAMILY BOARD:**

Sunday School ended on May 15. VBS will be at Our Savior Lutheran Church in Brownsdale, with staff from Camp Omega coming to run it. St. Johns will pay for part of the bus fee that will be transporting children from Zion Albert Lea, Holy Cross and St. Johns Austin. This amount will come from what was budgeted for VBS.

### **STEWARDSHIP BOARD:**

The stewardship board met on June 2 with 2 members present.

We picked up the remaining unclaimed 2021 offering envelope packets and will disburse them to the appropriate members.

The board has two 1<sup>st</sup> year members eligible to serve on the nominating committee for July's election.

One seat on the stewardship board becomes open this year. To assist the nominating committee with July's election, we will try to find a candidate(s) willing to serve on that seat.



## **SOCIAL MINISTRY:**

Our last meeting was on 6/1/2021. Present: Kara Grant, Wendy Kusick, Sharry Watkins. Absent: Pam Waters, Donna Peterson.

Sumner School contacted St. John's Church requesting a shoe donation. Seventeen pairs of athletic shoes were purchased with funds from the Sumner School budget and were delivered to the school prior to summer break.

A Social Ministry Guidebook has been compiled by Pam Waters to assist future Social Ministry Committees. It outlines the committee's roles and responsibilities according to the Church constitution and has information on each of the activities the board supports. Thank you to Pam Waters for taking the time to organize this resource.

Ethan Wilking, son of Kretta Menuey, graduated from Southland High School this year. A graduation blanket will be given to Ethan. Congratulations Ethan!

Thank you to Sandy Grant for embroidering and donating the High School Graduation blankets this year.

Ethan Grant sent a Thank You card to the committee for hosting a reception for his High School graduation. Posted on bulletin board outside Church office.

Wendy Kusick will serve on the nominating committee for this year. There are two open positions to fill on Social Ministry for the upcoming year.

The Council wanted feedback on having a meal with the July Members meeting. The idea of eating a meal with the meeting was supported by all Social Ministry members in attendance. It was suggested that the Church caterers the entire meal this year to reduce any risk or concern members may have regarding eating potluck style at this time of COVID- 19.

The next scheduled Social Ministry Board Meeting is scheduled for August 3rd, 2021 at 4:00 pm.

## **EVANGELISM:**

No report.

## **PASTOR'S REPORT:**

COVID-19 I am able to visit all of our shut-ins at home and in the various care centers. I am also able to visit people in the hospitals again.

Worship As COVID restrictions wind down I would encourage everyone to consider coming back to church. We will continue to maintain social distancing protocols in the East wing of the sanctuary, including the requirement of masks in that section. Communion will be set up there as we have done for the last year. The rest of the sanctuary will be re-opened to general seating.

Also remember we have two worship services on Sunday. The 9:00am service will remain the same traditional service. The 11:00am service is where we will introduce new things. The doctrines of our church, the clear proclamation of forgiveness and salvation will not waver, but how that message is delivered may. I'd encourage you to look at the Sermon Archives on our church web site and see if that is a service you would enjoy. Additionally the Wednesday 6:30pm service is available for those who would like more social distancing.

Bible Study Romans Bible study on Sunday morning has grown, but on-line attendance has dropped to zero, so I will discontinue the on-line streaming. Gray Matters Bible study after Wednesday worship will be suspended until September.

Vacation I will not be here July 4, so Holy Communion will be moved to the second Sunday, July 11.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

M/S/P to amend the background check requirement in the Child Protection policy to every two years instead of every three years, to coincide with the required training every two years.

Information by Dale Siegfried was passed out requesting each board to PLEASE recruit people to fill the vacancies on their board. A nomination committee meeting will be later in June; Dale will contact the committee.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Since the pandemic is still around to a lesser degree, we decided to have the entire noon lunch before the July 25<sup>th</sup> Voters meeting purchased from Pizza Ranch.

**ADJOURNMENT:** M/S/P to adjourn @ 7:50 p.m.

**CLOSING PRAYER:**

Respectfully submitted: Donna Bailey, Council Secretary

## **Pray for our Church Workers**

The Minnesota South District is blessed by the nearly 600 workers—pastors, teachers, DCEs, DCOs, deaconesses, DFLMs, DPMs, and DCMs—actively serving in our churches, schools, and other ministries. Additionally, nearly 500 retired and candidate workers call our District home. All of these specially trained workers glorify God in an amazing variety of ways with their unique talents and gifts. Pray for all of our church workers as our congregations recover from the pandemic.

**St. John's Lutheran Church Financial Recap**  
**January 1, 2021 through May 31, 2021**

<u>Undesignated Assets</u>	<u>Balance</u> <u>1/1/21</u>	<u>Activity</u>	<u>Balance 5/31/2021</u>	<u>Notes</u>
Cash	\$432,709.04	\$9,678.11	\$442,387.15	Undesignated Assets represent the funds available for general operating purposes.
Prepays/Other Assets	16,179.66	(3,393.44)	12,786.22	
Buildings & Land	2,827,692.00	0.00	2,827,692.00	
Liabilities	(2,143.91)	(4,808.58)	(6,952.49)	
<b>Net Operating Income (Loss)</b>		<b>\$1,476.09</b>		
 <u>Designated Assets</u>				
Building Fund	108,942.05	1,858.27	110,800.32	Designated Assets represent all of the various funds that for the designated purpose.
Needy Family Fund	1,167.08	0.00	1,167.08	
Women's Ministry Fund	1,923.46	0.00	1,923.46	
Musical Equipment Fund	283.68	0.00	283.68	
Library Books Fund	444.17	15.00	459.17	
Choir Robes Fund	3,111.00	0.00	3,111.00	
Memorial Fund	20,427.21	0.00	20,427.21	
Praise Band Fund	3,135.40	0.00	3,135.40	
Youth Fund	8,846.87	(188.57)	8,658.30	
Sumner School Fund	6,589.61	(2,301.28)	4,288.33	
undesignated	0.00	0.00	0.00	
Endowment Fund	40,989.08	3,906.54	44,895.62	
	195,859.61		199,149.57	
<b>Increase (Decrease) in Designated Assets</b>		<b>\$3,289.96</b>		
<b>Net Income (Loss)</b>		<b>\$4,766.05</b>		

**July, 2021**

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