



2023
Congregational
Annual Report



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are the branches. If
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and I in you, you will
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15:5

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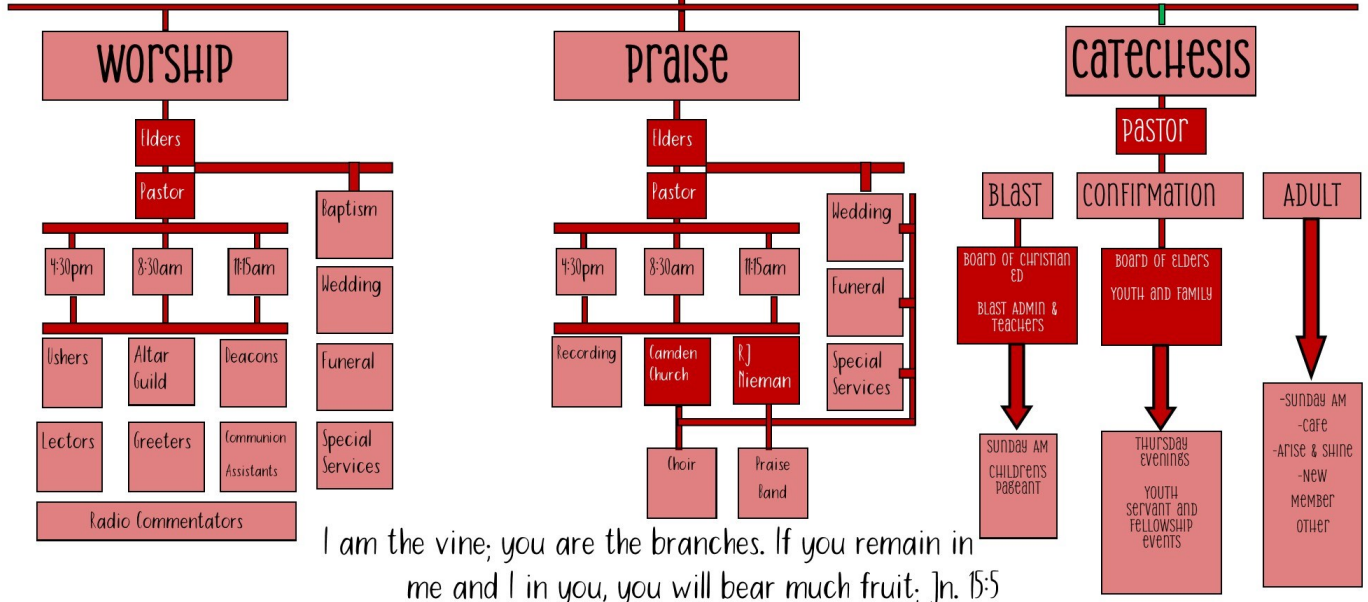
A YEAR IN REVIEW





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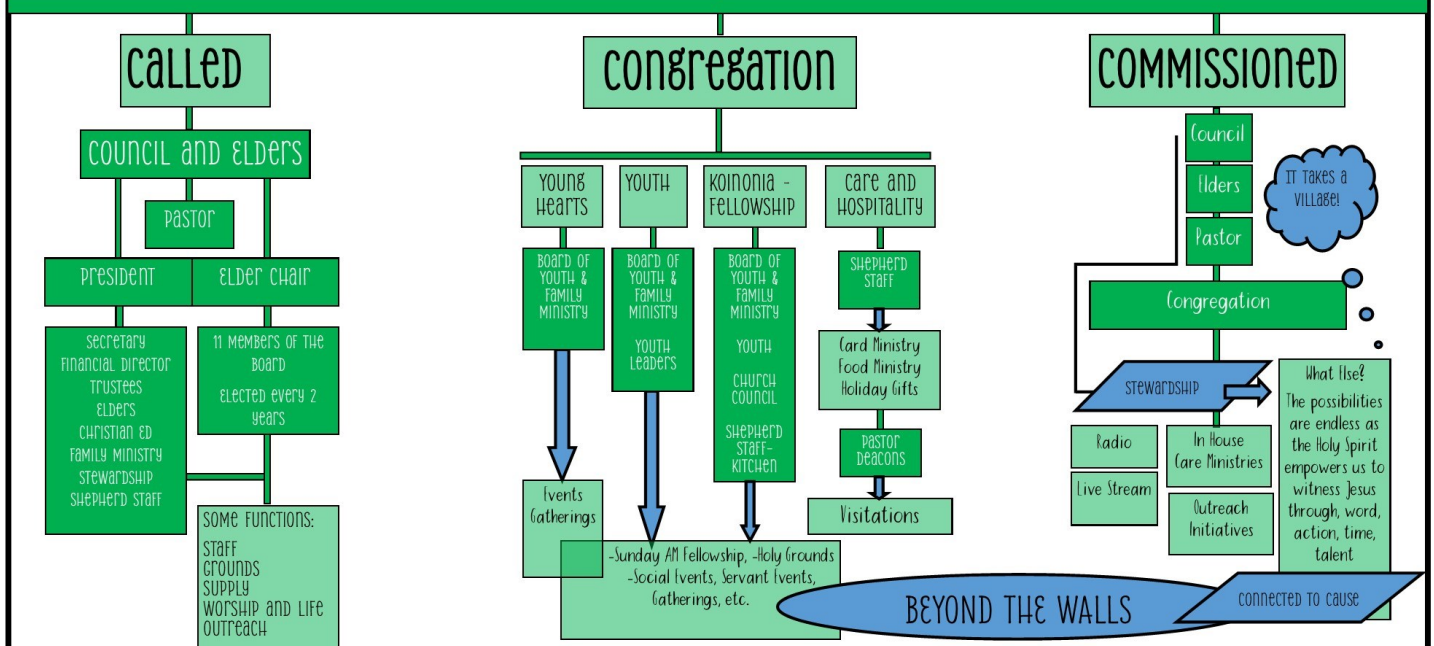


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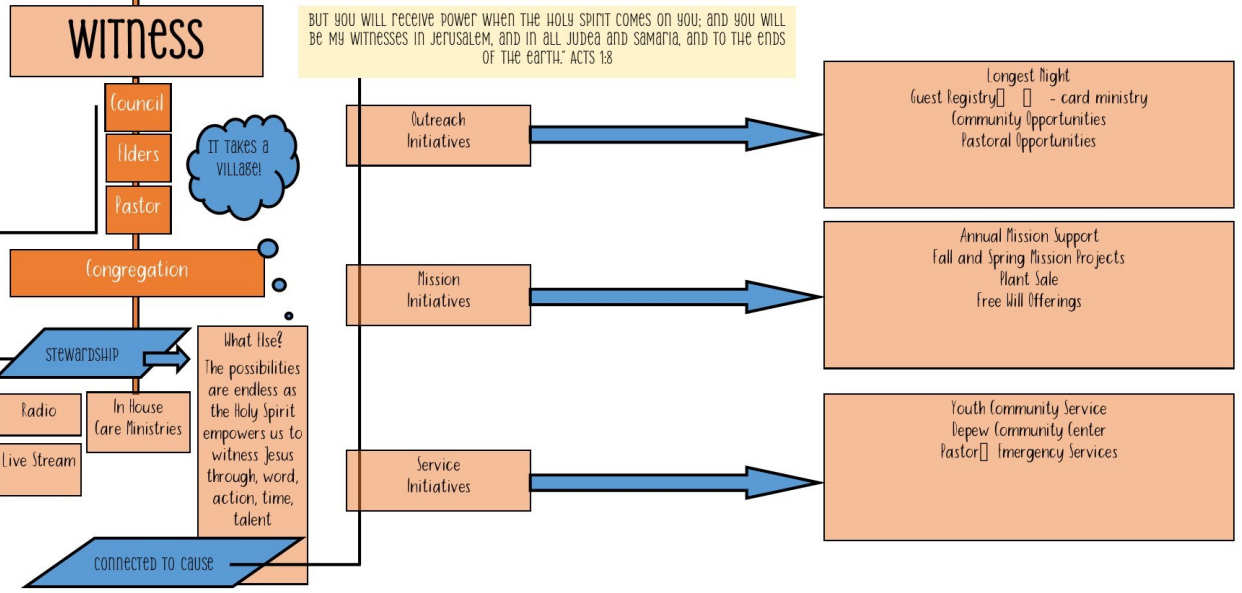
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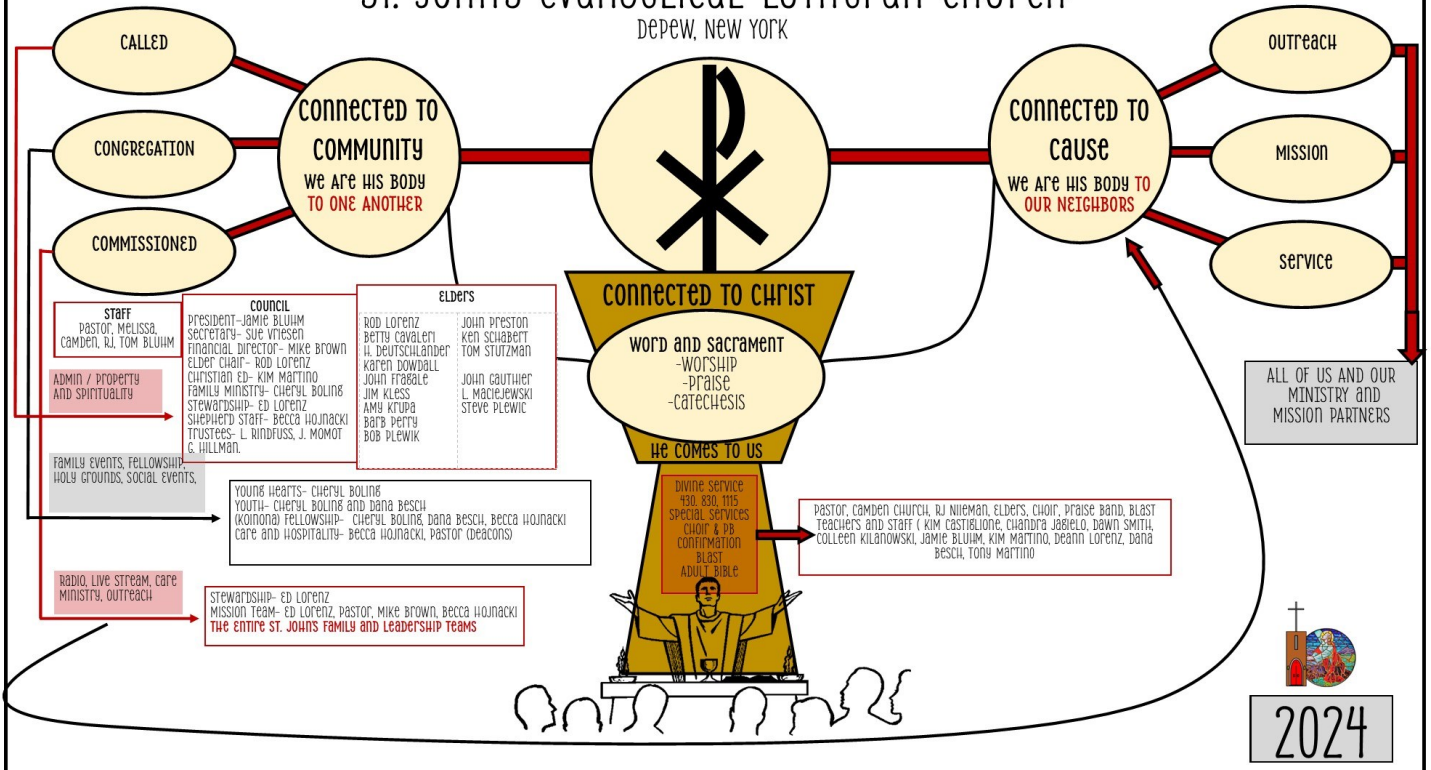
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DEPEW, NEW YORK



My dearest friends in Christ Jesus,

“Connected” was (and continues) our theme through much of 2023. As I sat down and thought about our congregation, our ministry and what we are all about I kept coming back to Christ, Community and Cause.

How remarkably blessed we are :

- to have a Jesus who connects us to himself through Word and Sacrament Ministry.
- to have a Christ who connects to one another through our life together in fellowship and Service to our greater community.
- to have a Christ who calls us to be his hands, his heart, and his voice through the various cause we support and engage in as a family of faith.

Once again, this year, there is much to reflect on and to be humbly grateful for! You will read about much of it throughout this report! God is truly at work through all of you who make up the beautifully tapestry of St. John's.

Thank you to all of you for another great year. It is truly humbling and an honor to hold the title of pastor here at St. John's! From the bottom of my heart, thank you for the love and support you have given to my family and I! I look forward to the amazing things we will continue to do together in 2024. We are sure to have challenges and joys; laughs and tears, but through it all will be our constant... Our Christ who keeps us connected to him and one another!

There is no better thing! And there is no better place to be! Thanks St. John's Family!!

2023 Highlights

- * The Development of a “Mission” ministry team.
- * Continued and more intentional work in the Deep Lancaster area through various support ministries.
- * Support for those experiencing the unexpected- The Arno family, Zakrzewski family, St. Paul Blossom
- * The retirement of Lois Will- **How fortunate we have been to have her these last 40+ years**
- * Welcoming Camden as our new organist.
- * The kick off of a much needed photo directory!
- * Book of Life and Hope
- * Development of a “operations manual”
- * The return of “Faith Stepping Stones”
- * New Conference Room with updated Technology
- * New Christmas Decoration... “cradle to cross”

2023 Official Acts

Baptisms-7
Weddings- 3
Funerals- 8 (member only)
Transfer In- 6
Transfer out- 4
Removed- 5



PRESIDENT'S REPORT 2023

It has been an honor to serve as President at St. John's for the past 2 years. It's been another full year of blessings and activities. I have seen so much generosity and kindness from our leadership and members this past year. We are active in the congregation and the community, and God has blessed us. Here are a few highlights from 2023:

On February 24th we had our annual congregational dinner, with over 90 people in attendance. Our guest speaker was Audrey Hamernik, from the village of Depew. She spoke about the Community Center and the new planned laundry facility. A big thanks goes out to Pastor and the youth for their hard work with the meal preparation.

A new conference room was built in the basement by Larry and his brother. They also installed carpeting in some of the BLAST classrooms, and had repairs done to the roof. We are grateful to Larry and the Trustees for the work they do to maintain and improve our church.

On May 20th we had another plant sale, put together by Lois Will. The profits went to the Zakrzewski family. Thank you to all who took part in this event.

During the summer several members of our church helped at the Depew Community Center cleaning and sorting the laundry supplies that were donated by St. John's. Also, several members helped with the backpack distribution at the Community Center. Thank you to all of you who donated laundry soap, fabric softener and school supplies to help those in our community who need of assistance.

We also sponsored a day trip for the children who attended Camp Joy at Our Savior Lutheran Church. This was appreciated by Barbara Glover, the director of the camp, and the children.

On August 19th we had a congregational picnic at Pioneer on the Lake. This was a huge success with over 90 members attending. Thank you to Cheryl Bolling and Dana Besch for coordinating this event. Many of the youth spent the night at the Camp and had a great time. Our youth, numbering over 25, have been very active and are the future of St. John's.

For over 40 years we have had the pleasure of having Lois as our organist and also having Joe Momot become a part of the music ministry. We were also blessed by a young man named Camden Church who is an organist brought to us by Joe after Lois' illness. Also, our band is a vital part of the late service.

There are so many people and committees to thank and I am grateful to all of them and to all of you, members of St. John's family of faith. May God bless you in the New Year!

Laura Tirone

ELDER'S REPORT 2023

In 2023 St. John's connected & celebrated. We made it our initiative to better connect to our church family. To learn more about each other and use our talents to better this side of the Kingdom. We celebrated anniversaries including Pastor Galen's and Tom Bluhm's 15 years and Melissa's 5 years. We celebrated an amazing servanthip of Lois Will who blessed this church with 43 years of commitment and exceptional music. She has been a pillar for St. John's music ministry and a true servant. Thank you so much for everything that you have done for St. John's!

I am sure all the elders would feel the same when I say, "It has been a privilege to serve our church in 2023." It has been our goal to provide a meaningful and Christ centered worship experience for our congregation and the surrounding community. This year we continued moving forward towards "The St. John's Style Of Worship". Thanks be to God and the power of the Holy Spirit which gave us the guidance and ability to succeed. Our Radio Ministry has played a significant role in our outreach to spread God's Word. We have been very blessed and express many thanks to all those involved in the Radio ministry this past year. Special thanks to Jim Kless who coordinated our extraordinary commentators, Johnny Sabadasz, Darlene Schwenk, Debbie Wisniewski and Karen Dowdall. We also want to thank Pastor for the continuous efforts that keep improving our broadcast every week. If you haven't seen it lately, you should visit our website and see the fantastic improvements that have been made.

Many thanks are due to our various Deacons; we were able to visit our members again and grow our Deacon program. Great thanks to them who took time to visit those unable to be with us week after week. These dedicated servants are filled with compassion and with humility as they serve their brothers and sister in the name of Jesus.

The Board also wishes to thank Lois Will, RJ Neiman and the Praise Band for their dedication and commitment to providing Christ centered music as we worship our Jesus. We were very blessed to have the Choir & Praise Band providing us with inspiring music. The Saturday service has also been enhanced with the recorded hymns being played on the new organ, special thanks to Lois. Special thanks also to Joe Momot who selflessly stepped in to play the organ for us whenever we needed it. Even more, Joe was able to introduce us to Camden Church and has trained him to become our next organist. This has been a very exciting time for us and we are looking forward to the future with these great organists. We are truly blessed to have such talented musicians and singers in our midst. Just a side note, we are still in need of all musicians for anyone who might be interested.

To Tom Bluhm and all the others who assisted in the collection and distribution of food goods to local pantries and to Betty Cavaleri and the members of the Altar Guild, for their reverent care of our Lord's Altar and the gifts he gives to us in the Sacrament.

The members of our board have worked diligently to achieve our goals. We are so grateful for all of the works those faithful servants have done at St. John's and beyond. As we move forward, we can see God's hand at work helping and guiding us to continue what those have started.

In the upcoming year, we are returning all of the members to the board and look forward to continuing full speed ahead. We will also be utilizing alternate Elder's to assist the board this upcoming year, Leslie Maciejewski, Steve Plewik and John Gauthier agreed to join us in serving the Lord. We look forward to continued work in worship and the spiritual wellbeing of St. John's, we look forward to the wonderful opportunities of growth that God will provide and we are excited for the opportunities that are ahead of us.

On behalf of the Board of Elders' thank you! We ask for your continued prayers and support as we continue in the Lord's Work here at St. John's and beyond! Thanks be to God.

Respectfully,
Rod Lorenz, Chairman

Betty Cavaleri, Harold Deutschlander, Karen Dowdall, John Fragale, Jim Kless, Amy Krupa, Barb Perry, Bob Plewik, John Preston, Ken Schabert & Tom Stutzman

TRUSTEES REPORT 2023

It has been a pleasure to serve the St. John's community, and we are respectfully submitting our Annual Report for 2023.

- Basement cleanout
- Conference Room addition in basement
- Island in large basement
- BLAST classroom updates
- Property appraisal completed in May by GAR Associates
- Roof replaced and repaired by Murray Roofing
- Parking lot sealed and re-stripped by Thomann Asphalt C
- Boilers checked by Danforth and Fire Alert System inspected by Great Lakes Building Systems

Special thanks to Tom & Sue Bluhm for the work that they do around the church, keeping the building and grounds looking beautiful for worship services and special events. Thank you to Billy Rindfuss for his work on the BLAST classroom updates and basement Conference Room.

It has been a pleasure serving and we look forward to the opportunities that are sure to be ours in 2024

Respectfully Submitted,
Larry Rindfuss, Head Trustee; Guy Ramey, Trustee; Gary Hillman, Trustee

Stewardship 2023 Annual Report

I would like to thank the congregation for their God led stewardship that allowed St. John's to continue our programs from the youngest to the oldest.

This year, the Stewardship was focused on the giving of our own individual time and talents tot his church and the community.

Stewardship cards were used to learn more about our members and to learn our congregations willingness to serve our Lord. We have been involved this year with:

- *The Depew Community Center
- *Christmas Tree Family Giving
- *Food Pantries
- *Potential Admission to Greenfield's residents for visitation with spiritual presence showing God's Great Love
- *Ongoing talks with the Greenfields clergy to help with patients services.

Thank you for all your help & support!

Ed Lorenz, Chairperson

Youth & Family Ministry 2023 Annual Report

St. John's continued support of our Youth & Family Ministry Program is deeply appreciated by everyone! We are blessed not only with everyone's ongoing support, but also by our truly amazing, terrific, energetic, and caring young faithful servants as we work, learn, and grow together in our faith.

In addition to our below 2023 year in review and our weekly Sunday Holy Grounds, our busy youth eagerly serve and assist with other church ministries such as our radio broadcast, altar guild, ushering, service readings, praise band, and assist members with home odd jobs & other community service opportunities. We, our St. John's Faith Family, are truly blessed.

Events of note in 2023:

February- Family & Friends Bowling, Assisted with the Annual Congregational Meeting & Spaghetti Dinner

March- Buffalo Battleground Event with the Youth

April- Easter Egg Hunt, Party, & Cross Making; Assisted with Butterfly Hanging; Progressive Dinner/Bowling & Bonfire Event

May- Assisted Lois in unloading plant sale plants; Pioneer on the Lake Jr. & Sr. High Work Retreat

June- Family Lutheran Charities Bison Baseball Nite; Dana attended LCES Grant Dinner

August- Pioneer on the Lake Congregational Picnic

September- Donated School Supplies Dropoff; Pioneer on the Lake Jr. & Sr. High Work Retreat

November- Youth Lock-In/Sunday Service attendance

December- Ice Skating/Pizza Party; Assisted with Blessing Bags and Pageant rehearsal

. . . as we look forward to sharing our many 2024 Youth & Family Ministry Adventures together!

God's Blessings and Peace Always to our St. John's Faith Family,

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Dana Besch
Youth Director
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Shepherd's Staff Ministry 2023 Annual Report

The mission of Shepherd's Staff is to support and encourage one another in our Christian faith within the church and in the community and to support the overall mission of St. John's. The two main initiatives are hospitality and outreach, which often go hand-in-hand.

Hospitality: From Romans 12:12 "Share with the Lord's people who are in need. Practice hospitality." This initiative, the "social" part, is demonstrated through the various receptions we offer such as funeral lunches, the annual congregational dinner and Veteran's Day reception, beautifying the church with flowers during the different seasons and supporting the many social activities that occur throughout the year in conjunction with other Council Ministries.

Outreach: From Matthew 25:40 "...Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me." This initiative, the "serving" part, includes care to families in crisis, the greeting card ministry, gifts for our shut-ins (done in conjunction with our communion deacons), support within our community such as the Christmas Giving Tree, supporting the newly established Depew Community Center, Tri-Community and St. Luke's Food Pantries and Camp Joy. Outreach initiatives change based on community needs and we are always looking for ways to help others.

2023 Highlights:

- 3 funeral receptions
- Annual Dinner (approximately 90 served)
- collected personal care and food donations for Tri-Community & St. Luke's Food Pantries
- shut in gifts
- collected laundry supplies for the Depew Community Center
- helped with "clean up" at the Depew Community Center
- collected school supplies that were distributed to children in the community
- Veteran's Day reception
- provided Thanksgiving and Christmas meals to families in the community

It has been an honor and pleasure to serve on the Council as Shepherd's Staff Chairperson for several years. I look forward to seeing what's in store for this ministry under new leadership.

Yours in Christ,
Helana Geisen, Chairperson

Board of Education 2023 Annual Report

Year in Review - Summary of Activities

- * The BLAST classes colored pictures for Easter for the Greenfield Residents.
- * Twenty (20) new small chairs were purchased for the Preschool and Kindergarten children.
- * Spring Mission project collected laundry items for the Depew Community Center.
- * Extra Sunday School supplies were donated to Camp Joy for their summer program.
- * Sunday School BLAST kicked off on September 10, 2023 with 57 registered students.
- * BLAST Fall/Winter Mission ran October 15th through December 17th gathering toiletries for Blessing Bags for the Tri-Community Pantry and food donations for St. Luke's Food Pantry.
- * The BLAST classes colored pictures for Thanksgiving for families in need and the Greenfield Residents. Cards were also provided by each class to send to an Army Ranger (Luke) recently stationed in Syria.
- * The BLAST Christmas pageant was held December 17th during the 11:15am service. The pageant involved the congregation along with the children in telling the Christmas story.
- * BLAST classes colored pictures for Christmas for the Greenfield Residents.
- * Monthly BLAST newsletters were provided for teachers and families and large group meetings and activities were held for grades Pre-K through 5th grade throughout the school year. Attendance certificates were given to BLAST students with perfect or near perfect attendance at the large group meetings.
- * Youth grades 6 and up continued to gather on Sunday mornings in the Youth Room. Pastor met with the Confirmation Students every other Sunday.
- * Adult Education classes continued to meet every other week in between services, opposite the Confirmation Classes.

A special thank you to all the BLAST and Youth teachers and administrators including Pastor Galen, Dawn Smith, Colleen Kilanowski, Jamie Bluhm, Heather Horth, Deann Lorenz, Dana Besch, Kaylin Pauly, Tony Martino, Kim Castiglione, Chandra Jagielo, Laura Tirone, and Beth Lasky for your time and dedication provided for Christian education at St. John's.

Thank you to all the parents and grandparents for your continual support!

Respectfully submitted,
Kim Lorenz
Board of Ed Chair

Financial Report 2023

2023 - Financial Directors Comments

Mike Brown – Financial Director

Thank you to the congregation for returning some of the financial blessings you have received through God's grace to carry out our ministry together through St. John's.

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Mission & Benevolence Efforts:

\$ 1,000 – Door offering – BFD Fire Fighter Jason Arno – Died in building collapse in Buffalo

\$ 4,143 – Plant Sale Benefiting ... Derek Zakrzewski

BLAST – Spring Mission – Depew Community Ctr – Laundry Supplies, Volunteer Manning

\$ 2,100 – LC Our Savior – Camp Joy – 7/10 to 8/18... Grant from LCE – Society

\$ 5,433 – Ride 4 Roswell

Depew Community Center – Request for School Supplies & Back Packs – August

\$ 1,810 – Door Offering for St. Paul's – Blossom - Church Fire

\$ 2,000 – Door Collection or St. Paul's Lutheran Church – Blossom ... Church fire.

- Thanksgiving Meal for a Depew Family in need.

- Food Collection for St. Luke's Food Pantry – BLAST Fall Mission Project

- Tri- Community Food Pantry – 75 Blessing Bags of Toiletries – BLAST Fall Mission Project

\$ 500 – For answered prayers, friend of Karen Borowski-Lorenz ... Passed on to St. Luke Food Pantry.

- 80 Christmas Presents for 3 Depew families in need with 8 children.

Statement of Financial Position:

- \$ 8,232 – Investment Instruments interest in LCEF NOTES & KEY BANK CD's.

- \$ 1,400,000 – Added Appraised Market Value of church by GAR Assoc.

- Broke out the value of our 3 property pieces SBL 10.70-2-16, ... -17, ... -19

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Dedicated Fund Accounts:

- **Trustees Improvement Fund**

- \$ 16,811 – Meeting Room in basement created & replaced carpeting in SS Rooms.

- \$ 30,300 – Narthex – Repair flat roof & renovate Narthex ceiling, lighting, painting,

- \$ 2,565 - **Organ Fund**

- \$ 8,502 – **Anniversary Fund**

- \$ 2,100 – Lutheran Church Extension Society Grant for Camp Joy with LC Our Savior

- **Memorial Fund**

- \$ 6,204 – Received IMO passed Saint's.

- \$ 5,218 – Purchases for Book of Life, Pew Candle Sticks, Altar Décor for Christmas, Pocket Crosses, SJ Mission t-Shirts, Alb. Funeral Branches

- \$ 2,465 - Radio – Additional over WXRL Budget, transfer into **Grace Blackwell Media Fund**.

Statement of Activities:

Budget: Financial Mission Plan for spreading the Gospel to carry out ministry through St. John's

Thank you for the ongoing support by continuing your giving during these difficult times.

\$ 278,676 – Budget for 2023 voted on by the congregation.

\$ 277,206 – IncomeFinancial Blessings received to support our Mission Plan.

\$ (275,905) – Expenses Budget obligations "actually" incurred to carry out our Mission Plan

\$ 11,306 – Net Income Working capital available to carry out ministry in the next year.

Mike Brown, Financial Director

St John Lutheran Church

Statement of Financial Position

December 31, 2023

	Year to Date Balance	Year to Date Last Year	Change From Last Year
Assets			
KEY Bank Checking Account			
Current Assets			
1001-00 Key Bank Checking Account	38,973.74	82,100.70	(43,126.96)
KEY Bank Checking Account Totals:	38,973.74	82,100.70	(43,126.96)
Investments			
Current Assets			
1002-01 LCEF Steward Acct #1131 - 0.625%	4,104.00	2,136.21	1,967.79
1002-02 LCEF Note - 18 Mo. #0454 - 5.00%	10,191.22	0.00	10,191.22
1002-03 LCEF Note - 5 Yr. #4141 - 2.375%	30,000.00	30,000.00	0.00
1002-04 LCEF Note - 18 Mo. #2 - #4183 - 5.000%	25,380.96	0.00	25,380.96
1002-05 LCEF Note - 1 Yr. #4174 - 4.00%	30,000.00	30,000.00	0.00
1002-06 KEY Bank - CD - 7 Mo. - #5481 - 5.000%	25,309.32	0.00	25,309.32
1002-07 KEY Bank - CD - 10 Mo. #5473 - 5.000%	25,309.32	0.00	25,309.32
1002-08 LCEF Note - 5 Yr. #5655 - 2.625%	33,477.57	32,613.01	864.56
1002-09 LCEF Partner Plus 2 - 4 Yr. #373 - 2.25%	0.00	50,000.00	(50,000.00)
1002-10 LCEF Partner Plus 3 - 4 Yr #273 - 2.125%	0.00	50,000.00	(50,000.00)
1002-11 LCEF Partner Plus 4 - 4 Yr. #25 - 2.125%	0.00	50,000.00	(50,000.00)
1002-12 LCEF Partner Plus 5 - 2 Yr. #19 - 4.000%	50,000.00	50,000.00	0.00
1002-13 LCEF Partner Plus 6 - 2 Yr. #20 - 4.000%	25,000.00	25,000.00	0.00
1002-14 LCEF Note - 2 1/2 Yr #5814 - 6.250%	30,267.12	0.00	30,267.12
1002-15 LCEF Note - 2 1/2 Yr #5802 - 6.250%	20,178.08	0.00	20,178.08
1002-16 KEY Bank - CD - 8 Mo. #5705 - 5.000%	20,083.04	0.00	20,083.04
1002-17 KEY Bank - CD - 13 Mo. #5713 - 5.000%	25,103.80	0.00	25,103.80
Current Assets Totals:	354,404.43	319,749.22	34,655.21
Investments Totals:	354,404.43	319,749.22	34,655.21
Petty Cash			
Current Assets			
1080-00 Petty Cash	0.00	0.00	0.00
Petty Cash Totals:	0.00	0.00	0.00
Pre Paid			
Other Assets			
1310-00 Furniture & Equipment	0.00	0.00	0.00
Pre Paid Totals:	0.00	0.00	0.00
Church Building & Land			
Long Term Assets			
1510-00 Church Bldg & Land SBL 10.70-2-16	1,370,800.00	3,069,671.44	(1,698,871.44)
Church Building & Land Totals:	1,370,800.00	3,069,671.44	(1,698,871.44)
67 Litchfield Ave - E Parking Lot			
Long Term Assets			

	<u>Year to Date Balance</u>	<u>Year to Date Last Year</u>	<u>Change From Last Year</u>
1520-00 East Parking Lot - SBL 104.70-2-17	6,200.00	10,000.00	(3,800.00)
67 Litchfield Ave - E Parking Lot Totals:	<u>6,200.00</u>	<u>10,000.00</u>	<u>(3,800.00)</u>

Preston St. - Vacant Lot

Long Term Assets			
1530-00 Preston St. Property - SBL.104.70-2-19	23,000.00	35,000.00	(12,000.00)
Preston St. - Vacant Lot Totals:	<u>23,000.00</u>	<u>35,000.00</u>	<u>(12,000.00)</u>

Accumulated Depreciation

Long Term Assets			
1590-00 Accumulated Depreciation	(1,400,000.00)	(3,084,671.44)	1,684,671.44
Accumulated Depreciation Totals:	<u>(1,400,000.00)</u>	<u>(3,084,671.44)</u>	<u>1,684,671.44</u>

Total Assets:

393,378.17	431,849.92	(38,471.75)
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Liabilities

Credit Cards

Current Liabilities			
2000-00 Credit Card - KEY BANK	2,966.41	1,945.65	1,020.76
2000-01 Credit Card - LOWES	0.00	0.00	0.00
Current Liabilities Totals:	<u>2,966.41</u>	<u>1,945.65</u>	<u>1,020.76</u>
Credit Cards Totals:	<u>2,966.41</u>	<u>1,945.65</u>	<u>1,020.76</u>

Payroll Clearing

Current Liabilities			
2010-00 Payroll Clearing	0.00	0.00	0.00
Payroll Clearing Totals:	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>

Total Liabilities:

2,966.41	1,945.65	1,020.76
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Net Assets

General Fund

Fund Balance			
3000-00 General Fund	182,703.60	238,527.79	(55,824.19)
General Fund Totals:	<u>182,703.60</u>	<u>238,527.79</u>	<u>(55,824.19)</u>

Dedicated Accounts

Without Donor Restrictions	79,201.73	56,863.33	22,338.40
With Donor Restrictions	117,204.63	115,337.34	1,867.29
Dedicated Accounts Totals:	<u>196,406.36</u>	<u>172,200.67</u>	<u>24,205.69</u>

Current Period Changes to Net Assets

St. John's Luthran Church	11,301.80	19,175.81	(7,874.01)
Current Period Changes to Net Assets Totals:	<u>11,301.80</u>	<u>19,175.81</u>	<u>(7,874.01)</u>

Total Net Assets:

390,411.76	429,904.27	(39,492.51)
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Total Liabilities & Net Assets:

393,378.17	431,849.92	(38,471.75)
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St John Lutheran Church

Dedicated Accounts

December 31, 2023

Account Shortcut and Description	Beginning Balance	Month Credits	Month Debits	YTD Credits	YTD Debits	Ending Balance
St. John's Luthran Church						
Fund Accounts						
2902-00 Trustee Tech & Improvement Fund	17,447.20	1,021.55	0.00	53,870.69	56,615.53	14,702.36
2904-00 Memorial Fund	33,773.03	1,755.73	1,634.15	7,024.17	6,218.86	34,578.34
2904-02 Legacy Fund	56,863.33	2,673.59	0.00	19,773.59	0.00	76,636.92
2906-00 Christian Education Fund	5,921.44	132.23	0.00	132.23	0.00	6,053.67
2908-00 Youth & Family Fund	11,588.64	712.05	0.00	7,772.26	3,518.57	15,842.33
2912-00 Anniversary	10,825.33	185.72	2,508.79	185.72	2,508.79	8,502.26
2912-01 Organ Fund	0.00	2,564.81	0.00	2,564.81	0.00	2,564.81
2913-00 Saint's Walk of Hope Fund	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
2916-00 Outreach Ministries - Non Budget	3,710.00	0.00	0.00	12,558.10	13,366.67	2,901.43
2916-01 Cafe	1,078.80	0.00	738.70	138.00	1,216.80	0.00
2916-02 Lenten Designation	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
2916-03 Lutheran World Relief	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
2916-04 LWML	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
2916-05 Mission Dinner Fundraisers	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
2916-06 Tri-Community Food Pantry	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
2916-07 Christian Ed - Mission Projects	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
2918-00 Mission 2000 - Above & Beyond	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
2924-00 LCES Grant	0.00	0.00	0.00	2,100.00	2,100.00	0.00
2929-00 Sabbatical Rreserve	8,307.30	248.91	0.00	798.91	0.00	9,106.21
2930-00 Media Ministry - "Grace Blackwell" Fu	22,685.60	3,022.40	0.00	3,022.40	189.97	25,518.03
Fund Accounts Totals:	172,200.67	12,316.99	4,881.64	109,940.88	85,735.19	196,406.36
St. John's Luthran Church Totals:	172,200.67	12,316.99	4,881.64	109,940.88	85,735.19	196,406.36
Total for selected dedicated accounts:	172,200.67	12,316.99	4,881.64	109,940.88	85,735.19	196,406.36

St John Lutheran Church

Statement of Activities

December 31, 2023

Account Shortcut and Description	YTD Actual	Annual Budget	YTD Last Year	YTD Less YTD Last Year	YTD Actual as % of YTD Last Year
Income					
Income - Budget					
4001-00 #ed Envelopes	253,818.40	253,896.00	252,669.43	1,148.97	100.45
4010-00 No Envelope #	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
4012-00 Miscellaneous & Office	2,366.34	3,000.00	2,926.55	(560.21)	80.85
4020-00 Christian Education - Budget	3,645.49	4,000.00	3,159.00	486.49	115.40
4030-00 Radio Sponsorship WXRL	9,540.00	9,540.00	9,540.00	0.00	100.00
4040-00 Sanctuary Flowers	2,141.00	2,700.00	2,068.38	72.62	103.51
4060-00 Building Use & AA	1,690.00	1,440.00	1,540.00	150.00	109.74
4100-00 Youth & Family - Budget	0.00	400.00	180.00	(180.00)	0.00
4210-00 Interest Income	4,004.91	3,700.00	3,245.53	759.38	123.39
Income - Budget Totals:	277,206.14	278,676.00	275,328.89	1,877.25	100.68
Income Totals:	277,206.14	278,676.00	275,328.89	1,877.25	100.68
Expense					
Pastor Salary					
5041-00 Pastor Salary	43,500.00	43,500.00	40,848.00	2,652.00	106.49
5042-00 Pastor SECA	9,537.00	9,537.00	9,184.00	353.00	103.84
5050-00 Pastor Housing Allowance	24,000.00	24,000.00	24,000.00	0.00	100.00
5051-00 Pastor Car Allowance	3,400.00	3,400.00	3,400.00	0.00	100.00
5052-00 Pastor Health Insurance	18,000.00	18,000.00	18,000.00	0.00	100.00
5053-00 Pastor (403b) Pension	5,381.00	5,381.00	5,381.00	0.00	100.00
5054-00 Pastor Disability	1,176.00	1,176.00	1,176.00	0.00	100.00
5060-00 Pastor Continuing Education	0.00	500.00	74.16	(74.16)	0.00
5061-00 Pastor Expense Account	0.00	500.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Pastor Salary Totals:	104,994.00	105,994.00	102,063.16	2,930.84	102.87
Other Staff Payroll					
5100-00 Staff Payroll	46,027.50	50,573.00	46,070.60	(43.10)	99.90
5190-00 Employer FICA/Medicare/FMLA	3,521.11	3,869.00	3,524.42	(3.31)	99.90
Other Staff Payroll Totals:	49,548.61	54,442.00	49,595.02	(46.41)	99.91
Church Office Supplies					
5360-00 Church & Office Supplies	10,215.13	7,000.00	7,861.84	2,353.29	129.93
5361-00 Postage	677.83	1,000.00	933.30	(255.47)	72.62
5363-00 Copier / Tech Supplies & Licensing	12,908.62	13,500.00	12,457.18	451.44	103.62
5364-00 Fellowship Food, Dinners	1,654.07	4,800.00	4,324.25	(2,670.18)	38.25
5365-00 Bank Fees	1,742.86	1,700.00	1,723.74	19.12	101.10
Church Office Supplies Totals:	27,198.51	28,000.00	27,300.31	(101.80)	99.63
Board Ministries					
5311-00 Substitute Pastors & Music	600.00	1,500.00	600.00	0.00	100.00

Account Shortcut and Description	YTD Actual	Annual Budget	YTD Last Year	YTD Less YTD Last Year	YTD Actual as % of YTD Last Year
5315-00 Sabbatical Reserve - Budget Trnsfr	600.00	600.00	600.00	0.00	100.00
5320-00 Music & Copyrights	783.89	1,700.00	585.00	198.89	133.99
5350-00 Sanctuary Flowers	3,167.69	2,700.00	2,221.00	946.69	142.62
5371-00 Elders	9.89	500.00	0.00	9.89	0.00
5380-00 Shepherds Staff / Outreach	282.18	500.00	39.41	242.77	716.01
5385-00 Stewardship	0.00	150.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
5400-00 Youth & Family Ministry - Budget	4,194.39	4,000.00	2,097.97	2,096.42	199.92
5401.01 Youth - Budget to Fund Xfer	3,600.00	3,600.00	3,600.00	0.00	100.00
5410-00 Bd of Ed & Christian Ed - Budget	2,685.40	3,500.00	3,408.15	(722.75)	78.79
Board Ministries Totals:	15,923.44	18,750.00	13,151.53	2,771.91	121.08
Missions - Budget					
5421-00 Radio - WXRL Broadcast	9,540.00	9,540.00	9,540.00	0.00	100.00
5430-00 Concerned About Persons (CAP)	0.00	150.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
5440-00 Eastern District - Pledge	5,000.00	5,000.00	5,000.00	0.00	100.00
5441-00 Eastern District - Assessment	1,002.00	1,000.00	1,105.50	(103.50)	90.63
5470-00 LCE - Society Dues	100.00	100.00	100.00	0.00	100.00
5480-00 Friends of Pioneer, Inc.	500.00	500.00	500.00	0.00	100.00
5490-00 Disaster Relief	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
5491-00 Concordia - St. Louis - Budget	1,500.00	1,500.00	1,500.00	0.00	100.00
5541-00 Trinity Lutheran School	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	0.00	100.00
5542-00 Summit Life Outreach Center	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	0.00	100.00
5543-00 Village Depew Comm Action Team	500.00	500.00	500.00	0.00	100.00
5544-00 St. Luke's L.C. - Food Pantry	500.00	500.00	500.00	0.00	100.00
5545-00 St. Paul Lutheran Church - Batavia	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	0.00	100.00
5546-00 WNY Law Enforcement	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	0.00	100.00
Missions - Budget Totals:	22,642.00	22,790.00	22,745.50	(103.50)	99.54
Building & Grounds					
5610-00 Gas - NFG	5,040.46	7,800.00	4,983.01	57.45	101.15
5620-00 Electric - NYSEG	5,227.27	5,800.00	4,094.61	1,132.66	127.66
5630-00 Property Taxes & Water	1,035.86	1,000.00	937.12	98.74	110.53
5640-00 Phone / Internet - Spectrum	2,591.18	2,950.00	2,465.66	125.52	105.09
5650-00 Insurance - Disability	81.54	350.00	111.83	(30.29)	72.91
5660-00 Insurance - Workers Compensation	1,333.28	1,900.00	1,196.02	137.26	111.47
5670-00 Insurance - Property	8,476.50	8,500.00	7,546.00	930.50	112.33
5710-00 Property Maintenance - Budget	13,411.69	12,000.00	11,563.31	1,848.38	115.98
5730-00 Trustee - Budget to Fund Xfer	8,400.00	8,400.00	8,400.00	0.00	100.00
Building & Grounds Totals:	45,597.78	48,700.00	41,297.56	4,300.22	110.41
Expense Totals:	265,904.34	278,676.00	256,153.08	9,751.26	103.81
Income - Expense:	11,301.80	0.00	19,175.81	(7,874.01)	

Financial Review Letter to the Congregation

Review Date January 28, 2024

Members of St. John's Lutheran Church:

We, as an appointed "Financial review Committee", have reviewed the Financial Reports of St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church of Depew NY Inc.


Our financial review covered the period of January 1, 2023 to December 31, 2023.


We performed the review at the request of our Congregational President and in accordance with the Constitution and Bylaws of our church.


As a result of our study, certain recommendations have been made to improve the record keeping of our church and to assist the Financial Director of his or her duties.

We thank God for this opportunity to serve him and pray that our recommendations are received as constructive information to improve and strive towards excellence as God Commands us.

The Financial Review Committee:

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DO YOU HAVE A QUESTION?**DO YOU NEED ASSISTANCE?**

THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS OF ST. JOHN'S STAND READY TO HELP YOU IN WHATEVER WAY POSSIBLE.

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THE MISSION OF ST. JOHN'S

The Mission of St. John's is grounded in the presence of Christ in God's Word and in the Sacraments. We are called by the Holy Spirit to spread the Kingdom of God through ministering to all our members and sharing the love of Christ by preaching the true Word of God, providing ongoing Biblical education for spiritual growth, and reaching others with God's love in all we say and do.

THE VISION OF ST. JOHN'S

We have a vision of St. John's where...

We seek innovative ways to carry out our mission while remaining grounded in our core values

All people feel welcomed, valued and loved

Parents will become equipped as faith mentors to their children with the support and encouragement of the whole community

Faith is strengthened and people are spiritually uplifted

We joyfully share the Gospel everyday with people outside the church who don't know Jesus as their Savior.

We strive to model Christ in responding to every situation and circumstance of physical, emotional or spiritual need.



“Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet and a light to my path”
Psalm 119:105