

the *Voice* of english lutheran



Mission Interpreter by Susan Johnson

Did you know that ELC has a Mission Interpreter? For the past few years Bob and Kathy Weeks have performed this role. As they step down from Mission Interpreters, we owe them a huge THANK YOU for all the work they have done. As they have become more involved with the Synod Sub-committee on Hunger they are “passing the baton” of Mission Interpreter to me. I am a retired Social Worker who has worked in numerous areas in the community, including domestic violence, hunger (FoodShare Outreach), Drug Court, and Restorative Justice. Currently, she conducts annual reviews for the Court for individuals in protective placements and serves as an adjunct professor for the Social Work Department at Viterbo.

But, what is a Mission Interpreter? As a Lutheran congregation we believe that we are “saved by grace, through faith,

for good works” (Martin Luther). ELC is a vibrant and active congregation in fulfilling this response to God’s love and salvation. ELC members do many “good works” through multiple social ministry activities locally and as part of the larger body of the church – the ELCA. So, the role of Mission Interpreter is to say “thank you” for the generosity that makes the social ministries possible, and also to keep the congregation informed regarding where their gifts go. A timely example is the recent Lutheran World Relief School Kit project. ELC members responded to this call in amazing ways – donating school items, money, and time (over 70 volunteers). As we learn from Lutheran World Relief where the backpacks have gone, it will be the job of the Mission Interpreter to bring that information back to ELC through stories, ministry minutes, etc.

General Fund Report - August 2019

RECEIPTS	CURRENT MONTH			YEAR-TO-DATE		
	Actual	Budget	2018 Actual	Actual	Budget	2018 Actual
Envelope Offerings	28,703	27,225	24,584	260,778	386,000	253,486
Simply Giving Plan	25,268	27,685	25,078	198,070	214,600	202,999
Other General	1,792	1,182	(11,557)	14,746	13,120	13,582
General Fund Total	55,763	56,092	38,105	473,594	613,720	470,067
Benevolence	50		50	2,358		1,984
TOTAL	55,813	56,092	38,155	475,952	613,720	472,051
Communion Fund	502			7,178		
Memorials	4			3,785		
Hungry Jar	556			4,825		
DISBURSEMENTS						
Benevolence	6,301	6,012	5,370	45,649	62,640	50,149
Stability Triangle	67,522	60,327	56,426	435,666	446,864	390,130
Five Big Rocks	8,026	3,738	3,811	35,862	42,240	31,052
TOTAL	81,849	70,077	65,607	517,177	551,744	471,331
Gain (Loss)	(26,036)		(27,452)	(41,225)		720
Communion Fund	2,085			16,219		
Hungry Jar	400			5,134		
MORTGAGE REDUCTION						
Principle	779			1,558		
Interest	813			5,361		

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 Come for Supper Hillview Worship Service 6:30a Men's Faith Forum 8:45a Quilters	2 3:30p Property Committee 6:15p 4 th Gr. Milestone Dinner & Programming – see website for schedule	3 7:00a Fayze's 9:30a Seekers Bible Std. 6:30p Insights/Master	4	5 9:00a Conf. Elective 9:00a Altar Ministry 5:00p Worship
6 8:30a Choir Rehearsal 8:30/10:45a Worship 9:30a Coffee Hour 9:45a Education Hour 9:45a 2 nd Gr. Milestone 1:00p Pet Blessing 6:30p Youth Group	7	8 VOICE Deadline 8:45a Quilters 5:30p Fellowship & Evangelism Councils 6:00p Worship Council 6:30p Marketing Team	9 10:00a Ministry Council 5:30p Youth Steering 6:15p 6 th Gr. Milestone Dinner & Programming – see website for schedule	10 7:00a Fayze's 9:30a Seekers Bible Std. 6:30p Insights/Master	11	12 5:00p Worship
13 Burritos 8:30a Choir Rehearsal 8:30/10:45a Worship 9:30a Coffee Hour 9:45a Education Hour	14	15 6:30a Men's Faith Forum 8:45a Quilters	16 12:00p Community Conversations Dinner & Programming – see website for schedule	17 Nov Mini-Voice Deadline 7:00a Fayze's 9:30a Seekers 5:30p Interfaith Partners 6:30p Insights/Master	18	19 5:00p Worship
Crafters Retreat					Crafters Retreat	
20 8:30a Choir Rehearsal 8:30/10:45a Worship 9:30a Coffee Hour 9:45a Education Hour 9:45a 1 st Gr. Milestone 6:30p Youth Group	21	22 8:45a Quilters 1:30p Mary Circle	23 Dinner & Programming – see website for schedule	24 7:00a Fayze's 9:30a Seekers 6:30p Insights/Master	25	26 5:00p Worship 6:30p Confirmation Family Night
27 Pancakes Confirmation Sunday 8:30a Choir Rehearsal 8:30/10:45a Worship 9:30a Coffee Hour 9:45a Education Hour 5:00 Trunk or Treat	28 12:00p Senior Fun & Fellowship	29 Hillview Worship Service 6:30a Men's Faith Forum 8:45a Quilters 6:30p Vision Board	30 Dinner & Programming – see website for schedule	31 7:00a Fayze's 9:30a Seekers 6:30p Insights/Master	OCTOBER	