



One Year of This Wonderful Thing Called Ministry

by Pastor Becky Goche

I can hardly believe that I have been with you for one year as of August 1! I remember during those first months, I felt like I was barely keeping my head above water as I learned what goes on at this church. I love that there is so much activity at English every day. And amongst all this busyness, I have seen God working in and among you.

It is a privilege to proclaim God's Word and to preside at the Sacraments with you. Even though I find sermon writing to be both gut-wrenching and life-giving, I am amazed at how the Holy Spirit has used my life and words. I am filled with wonder

at every Holy Communion. I find it breathtaking to witness everyone's hands open to receive the wonder and mystery of Christ's broken body. I am humbled and amazed, knowing that God has been and continues to be at work in each of you, in this community, and in me in this wonderful thing called ministry.

Author Parker J. Palmer writes, "Our lives leave a trail of words, even when we're not speaking or writing." With God's help, I hope that my life, my "trail of words," will point you to our gracious and loving God.

GENERAL FUND REPORT JUNE 2018

| RECEIPTS | CURRENT MONTH | | | YEAR-TO-DATE | | |
|----------------------|---------------|--------|-------------|--------------|---------|-------------|
| | Actual | Budget | 2017 Actual | Actual | Budget | 2017 Actual |
| Envelope Offerings | 24,789 | 29,700 | 28,855 | 182,124 | 225,000 | 185,940 |
| Simply Giving Plan | 25,608 | 23,115 | 21,835 | 152,618 | 146,300 | 134,532 |
| Other General | 438 | 733 | 736 | 14,611 | 9,900 | 13,386 |
| General Fund Total | 50,835 | 53,548 | 51,426 | 349,353 | 381,200 | 333,858 |
| Benevolence | 145 | | 30 | 1,914 | | 1,216 |
| TOTAL | 50,980 | 53,548 | 51,456 | 351,267 | 381,200 | 335,074 |
| Communion Fund | 377 | | | 2,927 | | |
| Memorials | 494 | | | 6,034 | | |
| Hungry Jar | 470 | | | 3,096 | | |
| DISBURSEMENTS | | | | | | |
| Benevolence | 5,553 | 12,281 | 11,829 | 36,886 | 41,772 | 42,191 |
| Stability Triangle | 42,042 | 40,893 | 39,722 | 289,509 | 314,562 | 273,040 |
| Five Big Rocks | 2,114 | 5,341 | 5,359 | 24,247 | 32,178 | 18,596 |
| TOTAL | 49,709 | 58,515 | 56,910 | 350,642 | 388,512 | 333,827 |
| Gain (Loss) | 1,271 | | (5,454) | 625 | | 1,247 |
| Communion Fund | 1,150 | | | 7,027 | | |
| Hungry Jar | 470 | | | 2,760 | | |

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| <h1>AUGUST</h1> | | | | | | |
| 5 | Share the Bounty Day 8:30a Worship 10:00a Worship | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 |
| | | Come for Supper Hillview Worship Service 8:30a Summer Quilting 6:30p Delvers | 5:30p Youth Steering 7:00p Youth Bonfire | 7:00a Fayze's Bible Study 10:00a Ministry Council | 3:30p Wedding Rehearsal | 2:00p Scharbarth Wedding 5:00p Worship |
| 12 | 8:30a Worship 10:00a Worship | 13 | 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 |
| | | 14 Election Day 8:30a Summer Quilting 5:30p Joint Council 6:30p Delvers 7:00p All Councils | 2:00p Stewardship Committee 3:30p Spiritual Direction | 7:00a Fayze's Bible Study 5:30p Interfaith Partners | | 5:00p Worship |
| 19 | 8:30a Worship 10:00a Worship 11:00a LWR School Kits | 20 | 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 |
| | | 21 | 29 | 7:00a Fayze's Bible Study | | 2:00p Holsten Ordination 5:00p Worship |
| | | 8:30a Summer Quilting 6:00p Marketing Team 6:30p Delvers | 6:30p New Member Orientation | | | |
| 26 River Service | 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 | 31 | |
| 8:30a Worship 10:00a Worship @ Riverside Park Bandshell | | 8:30a Summer Quilting 9:30a Caring Ministry 6:30p Vision Board 6:30p Delvers | 6:30p New Member Orientation | 7:00a Fayze's Bible Study 6:30p NM Faith Workshop | 4:00p Wedding Rehearsal | |

We're always adding things to our calendar! For a full schedule of events, including community groups that use our church, please visit our website and click on the calendar button. www.englishlutheran.org