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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		

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 3:30p Property Comm.	**2** 7:00a Fayze's Bible Study 1:30p Library Committee	**3** 5:00p Wedding Rehearsal	**4** 9:00a Altar Ministry 10:00a Arts & Symbolism 2:00p Barth Wedding 5:00p Worship
5 Share the Bounty Day 8:30a Worship 10:00a Worship	**6**	**7** Come for Supper Hillview Worship Service 8:30a Summer Quilting 6:30p Delvers	**8** 5:30p Youth Steering 7:00p Youth Bonfire	**9** 7:00a Fayze's Bible Study 10:00a Ministry Council	**10** 3:30p Wedding Rehearsal	**11** 2:00p Scharbarth Wedding 5:00p Worship
12 8:30a Worship 10:00a Worship	**13**	**14 Election Day** 8:30a Summer Quilting 5:30p Joint Council 6:30p Delvers 7:00p All Councils	**15** 2:00p Stewardship Committee 3:30p Spiritual Direction	**16** 7:00a Fayze's Bible Study 5:30p Interfaith Partners	**17**	**18** 5:00p Worship
19 8:30a Worship 10:00a Worship 11:00a LWR School Kits	**20**	**21** 8:30a Summer Quilting 6:00p Marketing Team 6:30p Delvers	**22**	**23** 7:00a Fayze's Bible Study	**24**	**25** 2:00p Holsten Ordination 5:00p Worship
26 River Service 8:30a Worship ***10:00a Worship @ Riverside Park Bandshell***	**27**	**28** 8:30a Summer Quilting 9:30a Caring Ministry 6:30p Vision Board 6:30p Delvers	**29** 6:30p New Member Orientation	**30** 7:00a Fayze's Bible Study 6:30p NM Faith Workshop	**31** 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