

THE EPISTLE

AUGUST 2025



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From the Desk of Pastor Mews



Summer, 2025, Conventions and Gatherings!

I attended the Ohio District Convention from June 22-23 in Dublin, (Columbus), Ohio with Mr. Rick Baldwin, our lay representative. From July 18-24, I attended the 2025 Youth Gathering in New Orleans, LA with eight other St. John participants. This is a brief overview of the blessings and activities of both.

I. 2025 Ohio District convention, "Scripture Alone" 2 Thessalonians:

HIGHLIGHTS:

- Sunday Communion service, and morning, afternoon and evening prayer services.
- President Wilson was reelected to the Ohio District Presidency, beginning his 3rd term this September.
- Regional Vice Presidents, District officers and Pastoral Circuit advisors were nominated and voted and installed into office.
- Resolutions regarding the recruitment of Pastors from among the laity of our church and the encouragement for faithful Biblical practice in regards to in vitro fertilization approved.
- Reports from LERT, Lutheran Emergency Response Team, and Youth Gathering and youth ministry efforts in our District, as well as Mission and Ministry directives.
- Rev. Dr. Matthew Harrison, LCMS President, gave a presentation over our Confessions found in the Book of Concord, and a closing sermon on "Scripture Alone."

II. "ENDURE," Hebrews 12:1-3, LCMS Youth Gathering, New Orleans, LA, July 18 -24, 2025:

SCHEDULE:

- Participants: Pastor Mews, Jeff Buchhop and Nanci Rensi; youth: Addi Becher, Eli Buchhop, Bradley Wright, Evan Becher and Levi Goff
- We are traveled with the Ohio District Bus leaving Friday evening, 7/18 at 7:30 p.m. and driving straight through, and returning Thurs., 7/24 at noon.
- We stayed at the Sheraton Hotel in New Orleans. Each day had a Mass Event in the Superdome and small group Bible studies. The opening event was Saturday at 8:00 p.m., and the closing worship was Wednesday morning. Pastor Mews and the gentlemen of our group participated.
- Sunday was our day of service, making meals for others, and being in the Convention Center. Monday we visited the W.W. II Museum and were in the Convention Center. Tuesday we were in the Convention Center and on a boat cruise with 400 other Ohio District participants. We also toured the St. Louis Cathedral and Jackson Square.
- The youth and adults completed many fundraisers, and looked forward to New Orleans sights and foods, and fellowshiping with other youth from around our Synod.

Personal From Pastor Mews:

- Moved my son from MO to OH 7/2-7/3.
- Visited father in June, holding his own; will visit again
- Was on vacation from 6/9-6/10
- Will take vacation in August TBA
- Will be on vacation from, 9/28/25-10/2/25 and 1/16/26-1/27/26

Ministry Matters from Pastor Mews:

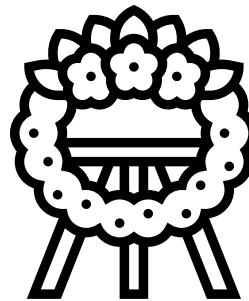
OFFICIAL ACTS FROM PASTOR MEWS:

- *Funeral of Tim Gerken on Saturday, 6/27; he died 6/24.*
- *Funeral of Murlan Miller on 7/11 at SJL; he died on 7/6.*
- *Funeral of Bill Duerk on 7/16 at SJL; he died on 7/8.*
- *Marriage of Megan Engel and Austin Habegger on 6/21.*



UPCOMING OFFICIAL ACTS FROM PASTOR MEWS:

- *Baptisms of Gracie Lynn Wagner and Elijah Logan Wagner on 8/3 at the 11:00 service.*
- *Memorial Service for Don Jagow on 8/9 at SJL at 11:00; he died on 6/24.*



SJL RECONCILIATION PROCESS: “Church Doctor Ministries--Healthy Churches Thrive”

- A two year commitment
- Congregation “Who Broke My Church?” Discussion group every Wed. this summer from 6:30-8:00.
- Church Doctor Teams have been staffed and meetings were held on 7/29
- July 29, ECDC (Early Childhood Development Center Team), 3:00-5:00
Pastor, 5:00-6:00
Action / Vision Team, 6:00-8:00
- Will arrange “Governance Team” shortly
- Staff consultation, 8/18-8/19 from 9:00 to 3:00, both days



Bible Study Opportunities - Led by Pastor Mews

SUMMER WEDNESDAY EVENING BIBLE STUDY:
"Healthy Churches Thrive" @ 6:30 p.m.



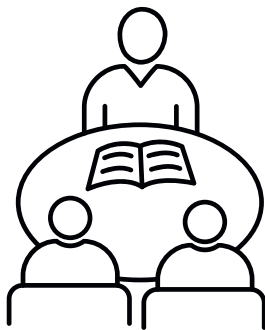
Wednesday. 'In-Depth Bible Study,' "How Jesus Changed the World," by Christopher Hudson. This class takes an in-depth look on Jesus' influence on every part of our world and life. All is provided. All are welcome! Bring a friend! We meet Wednesdays from 2:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Room.

August Class Schedule:
August 6, 13, 20, and 27

THURSDAY MORNING BIBLE CLASS: "ROMANS" We are in the New Testament book of Romans. The class meets from 10:00-11:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Room. Feel free to join us. Our outreach ministry is to the Path Center of Defiance.

August Class Schedule:
August 7, 14, 21, 28

We will be offering a new "Life with God" class in September. It is for those desiring to become members, wishing to renew their faith or to learn more of Christianity and Lutheranism. We ask that all members attend once every five years.



Bible Studies
SUNDAY-10:00 a.m.

Phil Rohlf — "Mews Sermon Review"
in the Cafeteria

Sandy Gyurnek — "God Never Gives Up On You"
in the Fellowship Room on the left

Jeff Rohlf — TBA
study in the Adult Ed A Room



Prayer Requests

Please let the church office know of any prayer requests. Call 419.782.5766 or email church.office@stjohntigers.com. For the Prayer Chain, please contact Judy or Penny via phone, text, or email if you have a prayer request, an addition, a correction, or any feedback for the Prayer Chain Warriors to include in their prayers. Judy Detter (detterjudy@gmail.com), text Judy: 419.783.7032. Penny Mueller (pennym41@gmail.com) text Penny: 419.304.5768

August Services with Pastor Mews' Sermons

***August 2 & 3, 8th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST: "Loved People Love People",
based on the text: Luke 12:22-34, Love / Christ***

***August 9 & 10, 9th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST: "Come, Suffer With Us"
based on the text: Hebrews 12:4-24, Suffer / Hope***

***August 16 & 17, 10th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST: "Consecrate or Isolate"
based on the text: Jeremiah 23:16-29, Community / Christ***

***August 23 & 24, 11th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST: "Endure" Pastor Mews &
Youth Gathering Participants, based on the text: Hebrews 12:1-3 Endure / Faith***

***August 30 & 31, 12th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST: "Places of Grace"
based on the text: Luke 14:1-14, Grace / Transformation***



PRIVATE COMMUNION

Pastor continues to offer private Communion for anyone who wishes to have Communion. Please call the church office for an appointment.

SHUT-IN CALLS

We have around 30 people who are designated as shut-ins in our congregation. Pastor and Walt & Lorna Smith are keeping in contact with our members. If the shut-in person is comfortable having a home visit, arrangements will be made for this visit.

PASTOR'S SERMONS

If you missed a sermon, you can find it on our YouTube channel, on our webpage (www.stjohndefiance.com) and on our Podcast site.

Google search: st john lutheran church defiance ohio youtube. Then subscribe to St. John channel to get notified when we are broadcasting "live".

LINK TO OUR WEBPAGE

<https://www.stjohndefiance.com/sermons-2/>

LINK TO OUR PODCAST

<https://www.buzzsprout.com/54964>

Put your favorite podcast app on your phone and listen to the sermons any time of day.

Our service is broadcast a week later on the radio on Sunday at 9:30 a.m. on WONO 1280 AM and on WZOM 105.7 FM at 8:00 a.m.



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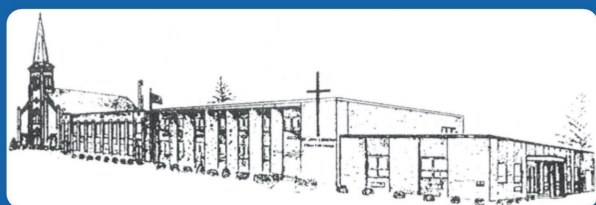
Plans are now being made for attending Best Practices next weekend. Thank you for signing up and please pray for all of those who will be attending this three-day workshop:

Pastor Mews, Thom & Karen Kent, Debbie Wagner, Megan Fritz, Lorna Smith, Carolyn Hoyle, George & Sharon Kaiser, Mark & Nancy Roehrig, Dave & Pat Heidepriem, Michelle Johnson, Rick & Nancy Baldwin



VBS SUCCESS!

There were 65 children registered for VBS and the attendance was 54 on Monday, 53 on Tuesday, 44 on Wednesday, and 52 on Thursday. 92 were served at the kickoff meal on Sunday, and an average of 85 were served each night, Monday through Thursday. On Sunday, August 3rd, the Wagner family will be presented with the VBS gift of \$ 1,734.52 for Elijah Wagner's medical expenses. Thank you for your support!



Elevator Project Update

As of 10:00 AM, July 31, 2025:

 **33%**



We've raised \$97,627.22 of
our \$298,410.20 goal!

Pastor Mews Recognition
On Saturday and Sunday, August 23 and 24, we will be celebrating Pastor Mews many years of service as a church worker in the LCMS ministry. Pastor Mews was installed as a teacher at St. John Lutheran in August of 1985. There will be a cake reception during the Fellowship Hour.





MEN'S PROJECT TEAM

The Men's Project Team meets on the first Saturday of the month at 8:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Room. The team discusses projects around the church. We also discuss leadership, talent, and time schedules for projects. The Project Team is not all blood, sweat and tears, but a time of fellowship, to get to know your fellow Christians, and sometimes to solve the world's problems. In the past the Team has had coffee and sometimes donuts while breaking down the work list, dividing the work load according to talents. This format has worked pretty well. God has given every human being a gift or talent to use for His purposes. "As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God's varied grace" (1 Peter 4:10).

I look forward to enjoying everyone's company as we share fellowship.

-Thom Kent



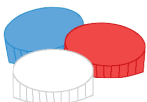
LADIES AID

Above all, keep loving one another earnestly, since love covers a multitude of sins.

1 Peter 4:8

We hope everyone is enjoying the summer and all the goodies from the garden.

Our next meeting is August 28 at 2pm. Nancy Baldwin's committee will be our hostesses. The food pantry items for the month are toothpaste, toothbrushes, deodorant and toilet paper. We will be discussing fund raisers. We are looking forward to seeing everyone at the meeting.



SAVE YOUR PLASTIC CAPS!

We are again saving CLEAN plastic caps (any size, shape, or color) to possibly have a park bench on our church property. Please bring them to the church office. Examples of caps: water bottles, milk jugs, sprays (oil, etc.), cleaning products, food products. Thank you!



**Meijer is featuring
St. John Lutheran Food Pantry
again for their Simply Give Program.
Thank you Meijer!
*Please support this program.***

**The campaign is currently running for a total of 13 weeks through
Saturday, September 27, 2025.**

Double Match Day Opportunity Will Continue

Meijer began offering Double Match Days in 2012 to highlight their commitment to feeding hungry families in the communities they serve across the Midwest. As a result, an increasing number of generous customers, team members, and food pantry partners have joined their efforts.

During the campaign, the Double Match Day opportunities will be held on:
Saturday, August 16, and Saturday, September 13, 2025.

For every \$10 Simply Give card purchased on these dates, Meijer will provide an additional contribution of \$20, bringing the total to \$30 for a single customer purchase. Simply Give cards are available at the store at the end of the checkout lane or at St. John's south entrance on the receptionist desk. Please take one of the cards at the desk and take it to the Defiance Meijer store to have it scanned and \$10.00 will be added to your food order. **YOU DO NOT NEED TO BUY ANY GROCERIES TO HAVE THE CARD SCANNED, YOU WOULD JUST OWE THE \$10.00.** If you have any questions, please call Rita Bergman at 419.788.0951.

At the end of the campaign, the final totals, in addition to any online sales, Meijer matching, and other promotions, will be converted into Meijer food-only gift cards. These cards will allow our pantry staff members to purchase food.

Meijer is a family-owned company which is focused on enriching lives in the communities they serve. Thanks to the generous customers and a strong commitment from our food pantry partners, Simply Give has continued to be successful in feeding hungry families in our local communities. The program has generated more than \$100 million in food donations throughout the Midwest since its inception in November, 2008.

Thank you for helping keep food on the St. John Lutheran Food Pantry shelves and serving the Defiance Community.

Rita Bergman
Food Pantry Manager



The Clothes Closet



located across the street from the school, continues to provide gently used clothing at an affordable price to our community. The Clothes Closet is open on Thursdays from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. and on Fridays from 10:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. If you have a donation, you may drop it off on Monday or Tuesday from 8:00 to 10:00 a.m. or during the times we are open. Bring donations and come on in and do a little shopping. The Clothes Closet took in \$18,603.34 in 2024. We also helped 60 families with 110 bags of free clothing. The Clothes Closet donated \$1,000 to the Defiance Furniture Bank, \$1,000 to Operation K.A.V.I.C (Keller Assists Veterans In Crisis), and \$50 a month towards missions. We also funded the ramp out in front of the Clothes Closet. If anyone would be interested in volunteering at the Clothes Closet, please call Sharon Keller at 419.782.2639.

OUTREACH MINISTRY

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Outreach Ministry seeks to share the Gospel of Christ within and outside of our walls to proclaim Jesus and the ministry of our church and school locally, nationally and globally.

Outreach Ministry had a presence at Family Fun Day in downtown Defiance on July 11. A variety of handouts as well as children's coloring books and crayons were available. In addition, popcorn and bottles of water were handed out. This marked the third year of participating in this event.

Outreach will also have a table display at Friendship Sunday, scheduled for September 14 at St. John. In addition, Outreach continues to supply guest bags for those who attend a service at St. John for the first time.

Seeking ideas, the committee continues to explore opportunities to reach out to the community.

The Outreach Ministry Committee meets on the first Tuesday of each month to plan additional opportunities to be more welcoming to worshippers and be more visible in the community. Anyone who is interested to learn more is welcome to attend.

Additional information regarding this ministry is available by contacting Mike Saxton at 419-393-2513 or Pastor Mews at 419-782-5766.





Scouting News

August 2025

At the end of August, the Boy Scout Troop will continue building relationships with the Cub Scout Pack by taking the current Pack with its new members on a hike through Camp Lakota. In early August the Pack will hike around Florida, OH and check out the waterfall.

The Cub Scouts had an end-of-the-year campout where they participated in their moving up ceremony and received their new ranks! In June, they held their Rainutter Regatta at the splash pad. In July they all met at Kingsbury Park for games and fireworks, also welcoming two new Cubs! They also had the opportunity to attend Twilight Camp for Cub Scouts at the end of July.

The Boy Scout Troop camped twice at Auglaize Village and performed some service hours filling in at the concession stand. In July, we had summer camp!! All scouts earned at least 5 merit badges and Chris Sindel earned his Life Rank. They completed the Baden Powell Hike Challenge, an Honor Award, the only Troop to do so this summer! Then they all earned service hours by meeting at Camp Lakota later in the month and helping to clean the Armstrong Compound.

In August, the Troop will be participating in the Fleo's Flick Scout Night in Edgerton, where they will watch two movies, play games, have campfires, roast smores and camp. At the end of the month, at the Cub Scout Join Night, they will take all the Scouts on a hike through Camp Lakota.

The Troop extends their thanks to all who have dropped off pop cans and newspapers in the garage in the south parking lot. It not only helps with their conservation project of recycling but it has also helped with the cost of their activities.

Youth and adults are always welcome to attend Pack and Troop activities to learn more about our program. Any questions can be directed to Stephanie Sindel at 419-438-8268.

CARE NOTES

There are new Care Notes available in the Bergman Resource Room:

Take One – Take Heart; Give One – Give Hope

Working Your Way Through Stressful Circumstances

Additional titles have been placed in the Caring Ministry Resource Room just off of the Work Room. Please take one for you or give to a friend.

Notes now available:



"Grieving the Loss of a Good Friend"

"Parenting a Troubled Teen"

"Giving Your Worries to God"

"Breaking Through Your Denial"

"Examining Your Unresolved Anger"

"Facing the Emptiness of Depression"

"Bargaining Continuing on Your Healing Path"

"Transforming Your Loss With Acceptance"

"What is Palliative Care--And When Is It Called For?"

August



Eighty +

Charles Koch	August 9 th	(88)	Sue DeTray	August 24 th	(80)
Elaine Harris	August 10 th	(92)	Myrna Ritterling	August 28 th	(91)
Diane Bonin	August 11 th	(80)	Steve Zachrich Sr.	August 28 th	(81)
Arleta Hammon	August 21 st	(90)	Patty Linebrink	August 31 st	(87)
David Browns	August 23 rd	(83)			

Happy Anniversary 40+ years

Terry & Diana Gathman	August 1 st	(55)
John & Carolyn Heilman	August 3 rd	(51)
Thomas & Sue Boesling	August 4 th	(52)
Kenneth & Sue Diemer	August 11 th	(65)
Steve & Judy Zachrich	August 13 th	(59)
Peter & Bonnie Karzynow	August 14 th	(49)
Terry & Kelly McKenney	August 20 th	(42)
Skip & Susan Hanekrath	August 23 rd	(56)
Elmer & Linda Friedrichsen	August 24 th	(57)
Steve & Ginna Waxler	August 26 th	(47)
Thomas & Kathy Wolfrum	August 28 th	(54)



Financial Statement Year End 2024-25



St. John Lutheran Church

Financial Statement

30-Jun-25

Revenue	2024-2025 Budget	2024-2025 Actual	Fav/(Unfav)
<i>Church Revenues</i>			
401111 · Current & Missions	\$ 610,057	\$ 629,599	\$ 19,542
401113 · Rental Property Income	\$ 7,200	\$ 7,200	\$ -
403111 · Basket Offering	\$ 12,000	\$ 16,919	\$ 4,919
404111 · Thrivent Choice Fund	\$ 3,500	\$ 5,161	\$ 1,661
405111 · Special Missions	\$ 1,900	\$ 777	\$ (1,123)
405115 · Clothes Closet Contrib	\$ 6,000	\$ 6,000	\$ -
411111 · Sunday Morning Broadcast	\$ 675	\$ 1,011	\$ 336
413111 · Room Rental	\$ 1,500	\$ 815	\$ (685)
419111 · General Fund Memorials	\$ 4,000	\$ 24,602	\$ 20,602
423111 · Christmas	\$ 11,000	\$ 9,591	\$ (1,409)
425111 · New Years Eve	\$ 700	\$ 570	\$ (130)
427111 · Thanksgiving	\$ 1,550	\$ 1,170	\$ (380)
429111 · Easter	\$ 6,000	\$ 5,934	\$ (66)
441111 · Church Office Reimb/Supplies	\$ 500	\$ 238	\$ (262)
479111 · Cross Training Registration	\$ 750	\$ 442	\$ (308)
485111 · VBS	\$ -	\$ 1,400	\$ 1,400
492111 · Misc Income/Budget	\$ 20,000	\$ 31,826	\$ 11,826
497000 · Food Pantry Contributions	\$ 2,400	\$ 2,400	\$ -
497001 · Food Pantry Reimbursement (PR)	\$ 3,510	\$ 1,625	\$ (1,885)
Total Church Revenues	\$ 693,242	\$ 747,281	\$ 54,039
<i>School Revenues</i>			
474002 · K-8 Tuition	\$ 71,577	\$ 83,750	\$ 12,173
474003 · Preschool Tuition	\$ 38,628	\$ 31,490	\$ (7,138)
474115 · School Application Fee	\$ 6,000	\$ (4,700)	\$ (10,700)
474117 · School Contribution to Budget	\$ 60,000	\$ 92,717	\$ 32,717
474119 · School - Tech. Reimbursement	\$ 2,500	\$ 2,500	\$ (0)
481111 · ACR - Adm Reimb State of Ohio	\$ 27,420	\$ 34,775	\$ 7,355
490111 · Lunch Program Reimbursement	\$ 9,713	\$ 8,726	\$ (987)
Total School Revenues	\$ 215,838	\$ 249,258	\$ 33,420

<i>Tigers' Den Revenue</i>					
480113 · Tigers Den Utility Contribution	\$	5,000	\$	4,586	\$ (414)
490101 · Tigers' Den Reimbursement	\$	36,727	\$	20,633	\$ (16,094)
<i>Total Tigers' Den Revenue</i>	\$	41,727	\$	25,219	\$ (16,508)
Total Revenues	\$	950,807	\$	1,021,758	\$ 70,951
Expenses	2024-2025 Budget		2024-2025 Actual		Fav/(Unfav)
<i>Care of Church Property</i>					
811251 · Custodian Salaries	\$	66,012	\$	52,308	\$ (13,704)
811254 · Custodian Weekend Event Pay	\$	-	\$	1,401	\$ (1,401)
815252 · FICA - Property Exp	\$	5,050	\$	3,924	\$ 1,126
829250 · Repair/Replacement	\$	20,000	\$	41,859	\$ (21,859)
831250 · Custodian Supplies	\$	7,000	\$	843	\$ 6,157
833250 · Insurance/Property	\$	12,000	\$	14,744	\$ (2,744)
841254 · Utilities - Gas	\$	11,400	\$	8,628	\$ 2,772
841255 · Utilities - Electricity	\$	28,800	\$	25,009	\$ 3,791
841256 · Utilities - Water/Sewer	\$	8,100	\$	6,354	\$ 1,746
841257 · Utilities - Trash	\$	1,633	\$	1,633	\$ 0
841258 · Utilities - Phones - Land/Cell	\$	2,000	\$	1,353	\$ 647
858250 · Information/Computer Services	\$	6,000	\$	10,418	\$ (4,418)
858251 · Computer Maintenance			\$	5,385	\$ (5,385)
859250 · Moving Expense - Pastors	\$	-	\$	-	\$ -
876250 · Workers Benefits - Custodians	\$	17,730	\$	19,730	\$ (2,000)
<i>Total Care of Church Property</i>	\$	185,725	\$	193,589	\$ (7,864)
<i>Preaching the Gospel</i>					
741201 · Pastors Salaries & Housing	\$	159,503	\$	99,627	\$ 59,876
741204 · Investing Associate Pastor			\$	50,580	\$ (50,580)
742203 · Pastors Auto Allowance	\$	10,000	\$	5,000	\$ 5,000
750201 · Secretaries Salaries/Church	\$	136,445	\$	138,122	\$ (1,677)
751201 · Food Pantry Manager	\$	3,260	\$	1,509	\$ 1,751
752201 · Musician/Worship Salaries	\$	11,444	\$	12,113	\$ (669)
753201 · Guest Speakers	\$	3,500	\$	2,286	\$ 1,214
760202 · FICA - Preach Gos Exp	\$	11,314	\$	11,207	\$ 107
760203 · FICA - Food Pantry Manager Exp	\$	249	\$	115	\$ 134
770200 · Pastors - Conference/Training	\$	2,980	\$	642	\$ 2,338

771200 · Pastors/Professional Growth	\$	1,000	\$	48	\$	952
772200 · Pastors Library	\$	500	\$	86	\$	414
773200 · Music	\$	1,000	\$	2,151	\$	(1,151)
774200 · Worship Service Supplies	\$	6,370	\$	6,668	\$	(298)
775200 · Church Office Supplies	\$	6,960	\$	10,107	\$	(3,147)
776250 · Workers Benefits - Church	\$	102,579	\$	74,567	\$	28,012
777200 · Sunday Morning Broadcast	\$	3,920	\$	4,480	\$	(560)
778500 · Pastor Phone Allowance	\$	1,200	\$	600	\$	600
779200 · Morning Meditations	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-
781200 · Devotional Materials	\$	3,000	\$	2,728	\$	272
782300 · Pastor Calling Expense (Pastor Calling)	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-
787201 · Stephen/Caring Ministry Expense	\$	350	\$	193	\$	194
Total Preaching the Gospel	\$	465,574	\$	422,829	\$	42,745
Spreading The Gospel						
501101 · DYE Salary & Housing	\$	6,450	\$	3,259	\$	3,191
503102 · FICA - Spread Gosepl Expense	\$	493	\$	238	\$	255
506100 · Conventions	\$	-	\$	2,840	\$	(2,840)
508100 · Evangelism Board	\$	490	\$	10	\$	480
510100 · Stewardship Board	\$	400	\$	79	\$	321
512100 · Fellowship Board	\$	-	\$	593	\$	(593)
513100 · Public Relations Board	\$	754	\$	798	\$	(44)
515100 · LCMS Missions	\$	12,000	\$	12,000	\$	-
516100 · Special Mission/Self Denial	\$	1,200	\$	-	\$	1,200
529100 · DYE Library	\$	300	\$	-	\$	300
538100 · Youth Board	\$	-	\$	6,850	\$	(6,850)
Total Spreading The Gospel	\$	22,087	\$	26,666	\$	(4,579)
Youth & Parish Education (419 Ministry)						
633154 · Adult Religious Ed	\$	1,000	\$	2,668	\$	(1,668)
637154 · Sunday School	\$	1,000	\$	494	\$	507
638154 · Church Library			\$	209	\$	(209)
639154 · Cross Training	\$	1,000	\$	1,277	\$	(277)
641150 · VBS	\$	1,000	\$	4,129	\$	(3,129)
641250 · Confirmation Retreat	\$	2,500	\$	46	\$	2,454
Total Youth & Parish Education (419 Ministry)	\$	6,500	\$	8,822	\$	(2,322)



Other Expenses

870251 · Workers Comp	\$	6,000	\$	1,478	\$	4,522
776300 · Bank Fees/Miscellaneous	\$	300	\$	26,036	\$	(25,736)
776500 · Payroll Service Charge	\$	3,000	\$	3,248	\$	(248)
776600 · Accountant/Audit Charges	\$	3,100	\$	3,175	\$	(75)
Total Other Expenses	\$	12,400	\$	33,937	\$	(21,537)

Christian Day School

601151 · Teachers Salaries	\$	112,988	\$	161,294	\$	(48,306)
601152 · Teacher Aides Salaries	\$	25,848	\$	22,073	\$	3,775
602154 · Personnel/Medical Certification	\$	1,000	\$	964	\$	36
603151 · Substitute Teachers	\$	2,500	\$	361	\$	2,139
604151 · Athletic Director	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-
606151 · Secretary Salaries	\$	17,246	\$	23,599	\$	(6,353)
608151 · Lunch Program Salaries	\$	9,023	\$	8,173	\$	850
608152 · Workers Benefit-Lunch Program	\$	-	\$	439	\$	(439)
608153 · Lunchroom HSP Dues	\$	760	\$	760	\$	-
613151 · FICA - Teaching Exp	\$	8,633	\$	12,252	\$	(3,619)
613153 · FICA - Lunch Program Expense	\$	690	\$	625	\$	65
619155 · Teacher Professional Growth	\$	1,000	\$	378	\$	622
620155 · Teachers Conf/Inservice	\$	1,470	\$	1,701	\$	(231)
620255 · School Accred/Fees/Licenses	\$	1,025	\$	2,659	\$	(1,634)
621155 · School Staff Mileage	\$	500	\$	180	\$	320
622155 · School Books & Materials	\$	1,960	\$	2,170	\$	(210)
625155 · School Office Supplies/Postage	\$	2,000	\$	1,598	\$	402
626155 · Payback EdChoice	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-
627155 · School Technology	\$	-	\$	3,204	\$	(3,204)
640110 · Write-Off/Tuition not paid (Non-Meml	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-
676250 · Worker Benefits - School	\$	33,739	\$	48,966	\$	(15,227)
Total Christian Day School	\$	220,382	\$	291,397	\$	(71,015)

Tigers' Den

605151 · Tigers Den Salaries	\$	32,473	\$	17,383	\$	15,090
605152 · Tigers' Den Supplies/Postage	\$	-	\$	29	\$	(29)
605155 · Tigers' Den Food Service	\$	-	\$	3	\$	(3)
605156 · Workers Benefits - Tigers' Den	\$	1,769	\$	2,609	\$	(840)
613152 · FICA - Tigers' Den	\$	2,484	\$	505	\$	1,979
Total Tigers' Den	\$	36,726	\$	20,530	\$	16,196
Total Expenses	\$	949,394	\$	997,769	\$	(48,375)

Net Income

\$ 1,413 \$ 23,988

**St John Documentation and information obtained from the Church:
Bank accounts at The State Bank and Trust Company:**

527006 - General
527007 - Payroll
527008 - Building
527009 - Special Funds
527010 - Annual
527011- School Scrip Account
527012 - Lunch Program
527013 - School
527015 - Tigers Den
527014-PTL



The QuickBooks bank reconciliations, the April, May, and June 2025 bank statements, and supporting documents.

Procedures performed by Steyer & Co. CPAs:

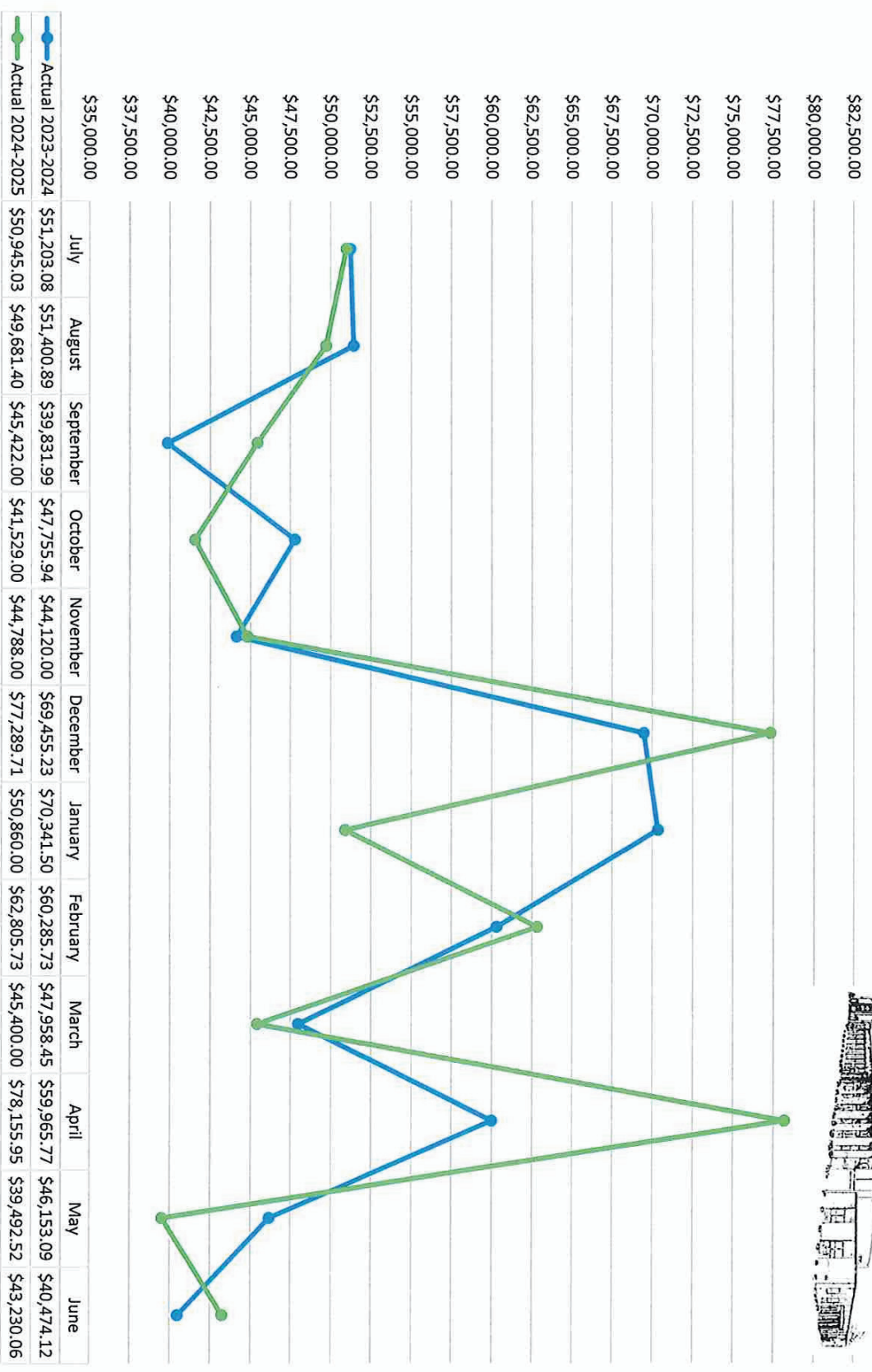
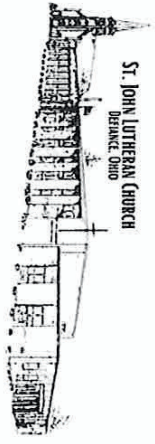
The following procedures were applied to all accounts listed above:

- 1. Traced the bank balance on the bank reconciliation to the ending balance on the bank statement.**
- 2. Traced the reconciled balance on the bank reconciliation to the ending balance on the general ledger.**
- 3. Tested the clerical accuracy of the bank reconciliations.**
- 4. Randomly selected amounts on the bank reconciliation and compared to supporting documentation including vendor invoices and customer receipts.**

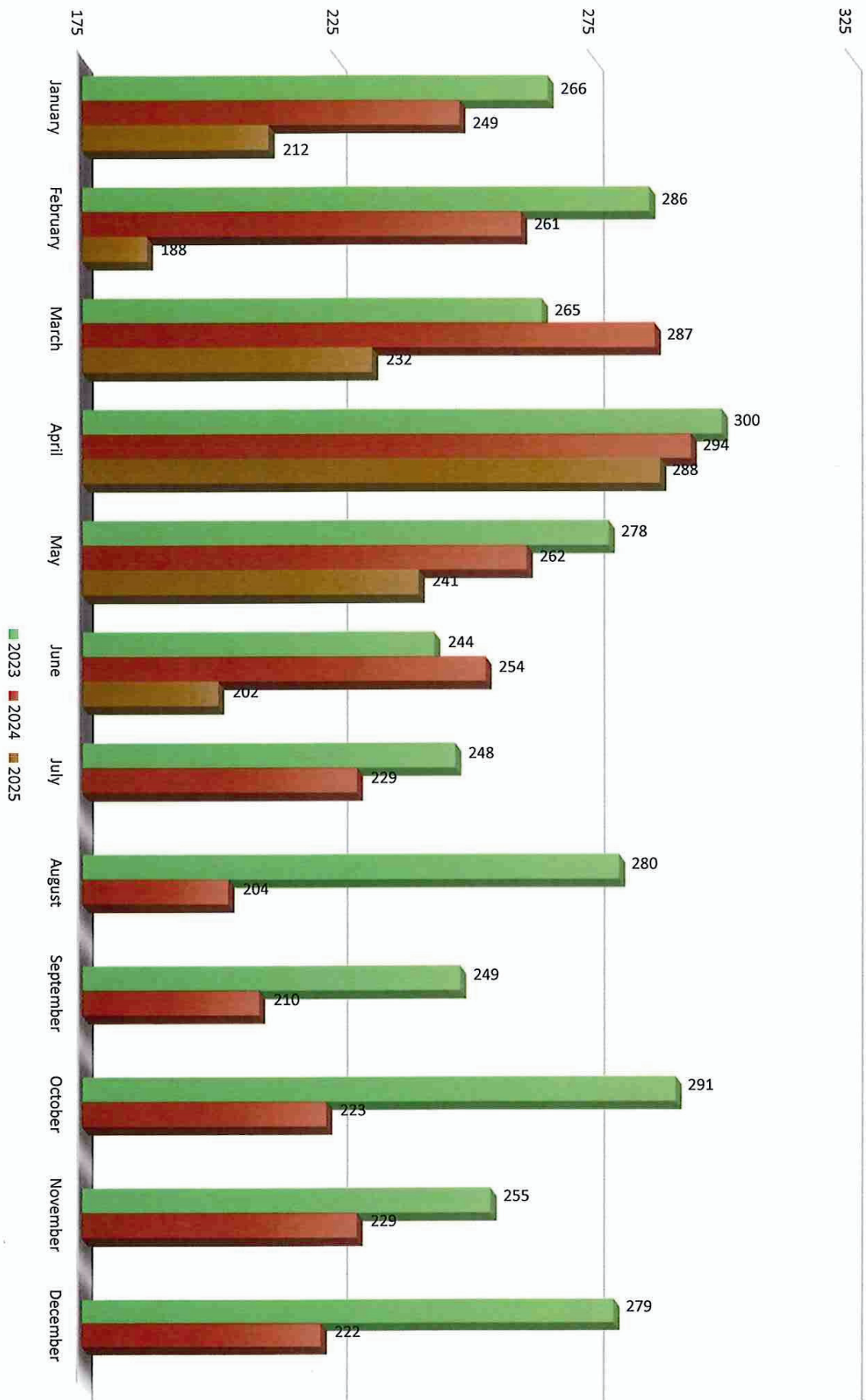
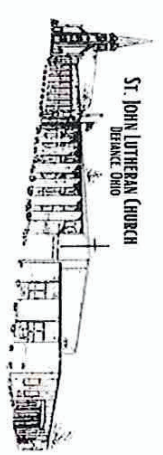
Results of Procedures:

No issues or errors found

Current & Missions Prior Year Actual compared to Current Year Actual



Average Monthly Attendance





August 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
JULY 27 NON-COMMUNION Worship: 9:00 am & 11:00 am Adult Bible Study 10 am	28 Finance 9:30 am	29 Food Pantry 9 am	30 Mews' Bible Study 2 pm Cong. Book St. 6:30 pm	31 Clothes Closet 9 am Food Pantry 9 am Romans Bible St. 10 am Parish Planning 6 pm	1 Clothes Closet 10 am	COMMUNION 2 Worship Service 5:30
3 COMMUNION Worship: 9:00 am & 11:00 am Adult Bible Study 10 am	4 Finance 9:00 am Life W/ God 6:30 pm Boy Scouts 6:30 pm	5 Food Pantry 9 am Best Practices 10:00 am Outreach Mtg. 6:30 pm Youth Board 6:30 pm	6 Mews' Bible Study 2 pm Cong. Book St. 6:30 pm	7 Clothes Closet 9 am Food Pantry 9 am Romans Bible St. 10 am Elders Meeting 6 pm	8 Clothes Closet 10 am	NON-COMMUNION 9 Worship Service 5:30 Donald Jagow Memorial Service 11 am
10 NON-COMMUNION Worship: 9:00 am & 11:00 am Adult Bible Study 10 am	11 Life W/ God 6:30 pm Boy Scouts 6:30 pm	12 Food Pantry 9 am	13 Finance 9:30 am Mews' Bible Study 2 pm Cong. Book St. 6:30 pm Boy Scouts Roundtable Meeting 7 pm	14 Clothes Closet 9 am Food Pantry 9 am Romans Bible St. 10 am	15 Clothes Closet 10 am	COMMUNION 16 Worship Service 5:30
17 COMMUNION Worship: 9:00 am & 11:00 am Adult Bible Study 10 am	18 Finance 8:00 am Life W/ God 6:30 pm Boy Scouts 6:30 pm Church Doctors Staff Consultation 9am – 3pm	19 Food Pantry 9 am Trustees 6:30 pm Church Doctors Staff Consultation 9 am – 3pm	20 Mews' Bible Study 2 pm Cong. Book St. 6:30 pm	21 Clothes Closet 9 am Food Pantry 9 am Romans Bible St. 10 am	22 Clothes Closet 10 am	NON-COMMUNION 23 Worship Service 5:30
NON-COMMUNION 24 Worship: 9:00 am & 11:00 am Adult Bible Study 10 am <hr/> COMMUNION 31 Worship: 9:00 am & 11:00 am Adult Bible Study 10 am	25 Finance 9:30 am Life W/ God 6:30 pm Boy Scouts 6:30 pm	26 Food Pantry 9 am	27 Mews' Bible Study 2 pm Cong. Book St. 6:30 pm	28 Clothes Closet 9 am Food Pantry 9 am Romans Bible St. 10 am Parish Planning 6 pm	29 Clothes Closet 10 am	COMMUNION 30 Worship Service 5:30 

