



**SAINT JOHN LUTHERAN CHURCH**

**2227 North Downing Road**

**Angleton, Texas 77515**

**ANNUAL REPORTS FOR 2022**



# **Annual February Meeting and Annual Reports**

February 12, 2023

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Adjourn



**St. John Lutheran Church  
Congregational Meeting  
February 13, 2022**

Pastor Pete Lopez began the meeting with prayer at 11:03 am.

A motion to approve the minutes from the past three congregational meetings, February 7, 2021, May 16, 2021, and November 14, 2021, was made by Cathy McDaniel and seconded by Alice Harrington. Motion carried.

A financial review was done by Ruth Brown on January 23, 2022 and the finances are in good order.

Treasurer's Report and Balance Sheet were discussed. Patrick explained the money going in and out for the repairs of the church after the freeze and flood. A motion to accept the reports was made by Sheila Walters and seconded by Ruth Brown. Motion carried.

Meeting was adjourned at 11:14 am.

Submitted by  
Amanda Boykin, Council Secretary

**St. John Lutheran Church  
Congregational Meeting  
November 13, 2022**

Called to order with prayer at 11:02 am.

Proposed budget for 2023 was presented. Sheila Walters moves to accept the budget, Kevin Hughes seconded. Motion passed.

Don Fuchs recommended looking into bylaws and constitution.

Alice Harrington volunteered for a member-at-large position on council. Preston Brown agrees to move to council President. JoAnn Fuchs offered to move to Vice President position. Tessa Williams volunteered for a member-at-large position. Patrick Walters agreed to stay on as council Treasurer until a replacement can be found. Amanda Boykin agreed to stay on as council Secretary until a replacement can be found. Pastor moved to accept the new members to their new council positions, Nancy Davis seconded. Motion passed. The following will be the 2023 council:

Preston Brown – President  
JoAnn Fuchs – Vice President  
Patrick Walters – Treasurer  
Amanda Boykin – Secretary  
Carol Sebesta – Member-at-large  
Tessa Williams – Member-at-large  
Alice Harrington – Member at-large

Meeting was adjourned at 11:19 am.

Submitted by  
Amanda Boykin, Council Secretary

## **President's Report**

2022 was filled with some changes at St John. A few things come to mind which are listed below.

The shared ministry with St. Peter in Bay City stopped. Pastor Pete no longer travels there and of course, we no longer get any income from that shared ministry.

There is no longer a full choir, though Ruth Brown would encourage you to sing with a small group or by yourself. She will practice & accompany you if that is what you want.

It's been a joy to see a few more youngsters join in with lighting the candles at church services. If your child wants to do this, then please see Charles Schulze. He will give them a quick tutorial.

It's also been great to hear Amanda Boykin play her clarinet! If you haven't heard her, then please keep coming to church! It will make you feel good all over. St. John also has another pianist, Amanda Fuller. She's only played once, though we all hope she will play once every so often. Nancy Housewright, wife of retired Pastor Grant Housewright has also offered to fill in when needed.

Even though the church bell was dedicated in October 2021, it's neat to hear Pastor ring the bell as a sign that church is about to begin!

Now, here are some statistics over the past 5 years beginning with 2018. The average attendance has continued to fall from 2018 to present date. The average each year includes high attendance dates of Christmas and Easter. Here are the following highs, lows and average of each of the last 5 years.

	<u>Average</u>	<u>High</u>	<u>Low</u>
2018	60	188	34
2019	71	156	41
2020	48	161	13
2021	43	168	22
2022	39	104	21

The Sunday's with the highest attendance were either Christmas or Easter Sunday.

What does this mean? We need to invite people to church & welcome back members we haven't seen in a few years. We've got to encourage members to bring a friend.

Some better things happening at St John include: The Food Pantry— thanks to Richard Kolonko, Helen & Pat Patterson, Don & JoAnn Fuchs, Cathy McDaniel, Kevin & Julie Hughes, Connie Brewer, Pastor Pete, and other friends of the food pantry for volunteering every first Monday of the month, 10:00 am-12:00 pm as they hand out food. If you have some free time, I'm sure they would welcome you.

BYOB, better known as Bring Your Own Bible. The group meets every third Sunday evening at 7:00 pm at the Church and enjoy desserts & coffee. Pastor Pete leads the study group and if you would like to join, please do so. Everyone is welcome!

Also, if you would like to be an Usher, Reader, Cantor, or Assistant Minister, please let JoAnn Fuchs know. As you may know I volunteer to be the Cantor, Usher, and Reader only! If you can only be a Reader four times a year, then please let us know. All volunteers are most welcome.



The Church Council is still inquiring about selling the property next door and when we have more information on it we will pass that on to the Congregation.

We have two trees that fell on the adjacent property & if you have a chain saw or a tractor & can help cut some of the trees into smaller pieces, please consider doing this.

It's been a pleasure serving as your Church Council President these last few months & hope we can continue to do more positive things to make St. John more active & grow.

Respectfully,  
Preston Brown, Council President

### Proposed GENERAL FUND BUDGET for 2023

	Year To Date Aug-22	Approved Budget 2022	Proposed Budget 2023	Change From Last Year	2022 Final Estimated
<b>SUPPORT AND REVENUE:</b>					
GENERAL FUND CONTRIBUTIONS	\$ 150,770	\$ 232,000	\$ 215,685	0.0%	\$ 214,274
Plus OTHER INCOME =	\$ 3,053	\$ 7,000	\$ 4,500	0.0%	\$ 6,000
<b>TOTAL SUPPORT AND REVENUE</b>	<b>\$ 153,822</b>	<b>\$ 239,000</b>	<b>\$ 220,185</b>	<b>0.0%</b>	<b>\$ 220,274</b>
<i>St Peter's Contract Payments</i>	\$ 24,779	\$ 42,478			
<b>BENEVOLENCE:</b>					
TX-LA GULF COAST SYNOD	\$ 5,600	\$ 8,400	\$ 8,400	0.0%	\$ 8,400

#### PASTORAL MINISTRY AND ADMINISTRATION:

CHURCH LEADERSHIP & STAFF	\$ 67,370	\$ 100,681	\$ 109,350	8.6%	\$ 107,000
PENSION & INSURANCE	\$ 23,602	\$ 36,000	\$ 46,020	27.8%	\$ 39,000
PASTOR'S MILEAGE	\$ 2,274	\$ 2,500	\$ 2,500	0.0%	\$ 3,200
PASTOR'S CONTINUING EDUCATION	\$ 93	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,000	0.0%	\$ 93
SUPPLY PASTOR	\$ 226	\$ 1,200	\$ 1,200	0.0%	\$ 226
SJLC SS/MEDICARE CONTRIBUTION	\$ 1,440	\$ 2,200	\$ 2,340	6.4%	\$ 2,300
Supplies and Services	\$ 3,087	\$ 4,800	\$ 4,800	0.0%	\$ 3,087
St Peters Contract Expenses	\$ 18,648	\$ 31,080			18648

#### WORSHIP AND SERVICE:

CHURCH/ALTAR SUPPLIES	\$ 68	\$ 500	\$ 500	0.0%	\$ 68
SYNOD LEADERSHIP EVENTS	\$ 330	\$ 1,300	\$ 650	-50.0%	\$ 330
MUSIC MINISTRY	\$ -	\$ 200	\$ 200	0.0%	\$ -
SPECIAL MUSCIANS	\$ 747	\$ 2,500	\$ 1,000	-60.0%	\$ 747
ADVERTISING	\$ 525	\$ 780	\$ 900	15.4%	\$ 900
ED. SUPPLIES & Youth	\$ 245	\$ 750	\$ 400	-46.7%	\$ 750

#### OUR CHURCH HOME:

ENERGY SERVICE	\$ 5,760	\$ 9,500	\$ 9,500	0.0%	\$ 9,340
TELEPHONE/COMMUNICATION	\$ 1,966	\$ 2,520	\$ 2,800	11.1%	\$ 2,870
WATER	\$ 412	\$ 600	\$ 600	0.0%	\$ 813
INSURANCE	\$ 8,287	\$ 25,000	\$ 26,275	5.1%	\$ 25,515
ROUTINE MAINTENANCE	\$ 505	\$ 1,750	\$ 1,750	0.0%	\$ 1,250
CUSTODIAN	\$ 2,600	\$ 4,200	\$ -	-100.0%	\$ 3,900

#### OTHER:

MISCELLANEOUS	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -		
VAN OPERATION & MAINT.	\$ 406	\$ 500		0.0%	\$ 406
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>\$ 144,191</b>	<b>\$ 237,961</b>	<b>\$ 220,185</b>	<b>0.0%</b>	<b>\$ 228,844</b>

#### Notes:

- 1.No Salary Increases, Custodian moved to staff salaries
2. Maintaining Pastor's health benefit plan.
3. Insurance with 5% increase. Includes Building/liability and Windstorm.
4. Donations/fees cover Congregational Care & Altar Guild
5. Youth cost other than camp included in Ed. Supplies

Description		Year to Date			
Dedicated Funds 1/1/2023		Jan. 1, 2022	Current	Credit	Debit
Benevolence	Disaster Relief	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 400.00	\$ 400.00
	Wine to Water/Water to Thrive	\$ 100.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 100.00
	Lutheran World Relief	\$ 100.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 100.00
Community	Congregational Care	\$ 4,985.60	\$ 5,325.60	\$ 340.00	\$ -
	School Supplies	\$ 234.00	\$ 234.00	\$ -	\$ -
	VBS	\$ 569.10	\$ 476.11	\$ -	\$ 92.99
	Food Pantry	\$ 140.00	\$ -	\$ 440.00	\$ 580.00
Worship and Missions	Altar Guild	\$ 2,906.38	\$ 2,906.38	\$ -	\$ -
	Bible Camp/Youth Events	\$ 2,136.00	\$ 2,336.00	\$ 200.00	\$ -
	Memorial Scholarship Fund	\$ 7,859.25	\$ 7,859.25	\$ -	\$ -
	Memorial Unspecified	\$ 1,100.00	\$ 2,505.00	\$ 1,405.00	\$ -
	Scholarship Clarence Estelle Roesler	\$ 500.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 500.00
	Music Ministry	\$ 12,493.50	\$ 12,493.50	\$ -	\$ -
	Pastor's Discretionary Fund	\$ 19,981.94	\$ 19,981.94	\$ -	\$ -
Church Home	Building Contingency	\$ 1,113.04	\$ 1,153.04	\$ 40.00	\$ -
	Church Insurance	\$ 1,583.00	\$ 48.00	\$ 132.00	\$ 1,667.00
	Office Computer	\$ 120.00	\$ 120.00	\$ -	\$ -
	Playground Project	\$ 600.00	\$ 600.00	\$ -	\$ -
	Landscaping	\$ 376.64	\$ 576.64	\$ 200.00	\$ -
Special Projects	Electric Sign	\$ 620.00	\$ 620.00	\$ -	\$ -
	Mid Week Lent	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Liability	Local BF 2 DF Loan	\$ 3,254.00	\$ 10,520.59	\$ 7,266.59	\$ -
	Special Project	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 818.00	\$ 818.00
General Fund Reserve		\$ 8,003.63	\$ 4,197.03	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 6,306.60
Growth Income	Thrivent Choice	\$ 1,433.99	\$ 704.60	\$ 179.00	\$ 908.39
	Interest DF <i>Texas Gulf Bank</i>	\$ 1,532.90	\$ 340.11	\$ 7.21	\$ 1,200.00
Dedicated Fund	Total Less LFSW Retained Earni	\$ 71,742.97	\$ 72,997.79	\$ 13,927.80	\$ 12,672.98
Dedicated Account Summary					
Texas Gulf Bank	Account Balance	\$ 1,965.42	\$ 3,720.24	\$ 13,927.80	\$ 12,172.98
ELCA Growth Fund A	**Account Balance	\$ 76,763.81	\$ 68,285.17	\$ -	\$ -
	Fund Balance	\$ 78,729.23	\$ 72,005.41		
Building Fund Summary					
		Jan. 1 2021	Balance	Credit	Debit
Texas Gulf Bank	contributions			\$ -	\$ -
Texas Gulf Bank	Interest			\$ 27.86	\$ -
Texas Gulf Bank	Expended/Refunded			\$ -	\$ 1,000.00
Texas Gulf Bank	ASSET Local Loan BF to DF	\$ 3,254.00	\$ 10,520.59	\$ -	\$ 7,266.59
Texas Gulf Bank	Totals	\$ 15,876.65	\$ 7,637.92	\$ -	\$ -
ELCA Growth Fund A	**Account Balance	\$ 69,472.78	\$ 54,676.72	\$ -	\$ -
BUILDING FUND TOTAL		\$ 85,349.43	\$ 72,835.23		
Other dedicated funds located in General Fund TGB					
	Altar Guild Flowers	\$ 620.19	\$ 932.35	\$ 1,560.06	\$ 1,247.90

# 2022 GENERAL FUND REPORT

<b>SUPPORT AND REVENUE</b>	<b>BUDGET</b>	<b>ACTUAL</b>	<b>VARIANCE (Actual-Budget)</b>	<b>% of Budget Rec'd</b>
TOTAL OFFERINGS		\$ 208,683		
Minus DEDICATED & BLDG FUND =		\$ 1,012		
GENERAL FUND CONTRIBUTIONS	\$ 232,000	\$ 207,671	\$ (24,329.26)	
Plus OTHER INCOME =	\$ 7,000	\$ 5,979	\$ (1,021.40)	
TOTAL SUPPORT AND REVENUE	\$ 239,000	\$ 213,649	\$ (25,350.66)	89%
St. Peter's Contract (included in offerings)	\$ 42,478.00	\$ 24,779		

  

<b>EXPENSES</b>	<b>BUDGET</b>	<b>ACTUAL</b>	<b>VARIANCE budget-actual</b>	<b>% of Budget Spent</b>
<b>BENEVOLENCE</b>				
TX-LA GULF COAST SYNOD	\$ 8,400.00	\$ 8,400	\$ -	100%
<b>PASTORAL MINISTRY AND ADMINISTRATION</b>				
CHURCH LEADERSHIP & STAFF	\$ 100,681	\$ 102,663	\$ (1,982)	102%
PENSION & INSURANCE	\$ 36,000	\$ 38,589	\$ (2,589)	107%
PASTOR'S MILEAGE	\$ 2,500	\$ 3,304	\$ (804)	132%
PASTOR'S CONTINUING EDUCATION	\$ 1,000	\$ 93	\$ 907	9%
SUPPLY PASTOR	\$ 1,200	\$ 226	\$ 974	19%
SJLC SS/MEDICARE CONTRIBUTION	\$ 2,200	\$ 2,249	\$ (49)	102%
OFFICE SUPPLIES	\$ 4,800	\$ 4,415	\$ 385	92%
St. Peter's Contract Direct Cost	\$ 31,080.00	\$ 18,647	\$ 12,433	60%
<b>WORSHIP AND SERVICE</b>				
CHURCH/ALTAR SUPPLIES	\$ 500	\$ 135	\$ 365	27%
SYNOD LEADERSHIP EVENTS	\$ 1,300	\$ 330	\$ 970	25%
MUSIC MINISTRY	\$ 200	\$ -	\$ 200	0%
SPECIAL MUSCIANS	\$ 2,500	\$ 747	\$ 1,753	30%
ADVERTISING	\$ 780	\$ 780	\$ -	100%
ED. SUPPLIES	\$ 750	\$ 245	\$ 505	33%
<b>OUR CHURCH HOME</b>				
ELECTRICAL & GAS SERVICE	\$ 9,500	\$ 8,160	\$ 1,340	86%
INTERNET/COMMUNICATION	\$ 2,520	\$ 3,000	\$ (480)	119%
WATER	\$ 600	\$ 655	\$ (55)	109%
INSURANCE From Insurance Dedicated Fund	\$ 25,000	\$ 14,367	\$ 10,633	57%
ROUTINE MAINTENANCE	\$ 1,750	\$ 630	\$ 1,120	36%
CUSTODIAN & SUPPLIES	\$ 4,200	\$ 3,900	\$ 300	93%
<b>OTHER</b>				
MISCELLANEOUS	\$ -	\$ (496)	\$ 496	
VAN OPERATION & MAINT. & INSUR	\$ 500	\$ 406	\$ 94	81%
TOTAL BUDGET EXPENDITURES	\$ 237,961.00	\$ 211,445		
ALTAR FLOWERS		\$ 1,248		
FELLOWSHIP		\$ 27		
GENERAL FUND RESERVE (TO) FROM		\$ 3,807	\$ (3,807)	
		\$ 211,445	versus budget	88.9%
<b>OFFERINGS - EXPENDITURES</b>		\$ 2,205	versus income	1.0%
<b>GENERAL FUND BALANCE</b>				
BEGINNING FUND BALANCE CHECKING ACCT.		\$ 4,289.39		31-Dec-21
TRANSFER TO/FROM GENERAL FUND RESERVE		\$ 3,806.60		
ENDING FUND BALANCE CHECKING ACCT.		\$ 7,180.31		December 31, 2022
GEN FUND RESERVE Balance		\$ 4,197.03		
<b>ENDING TOTAL BALANCE</b>		\$ 11,377.34		

Ruth M Brown  
1304 Glenview Lane  
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February 2, 2023

St. John Lutheran Church  
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The review of St. John Lutheran's 2022 financial records will be scheduled with Patrick Walters after his return from vacation within the next month.

Sincerely,  
Ruth Brown

## **Annual Pastor's Report**

2022 was another difficult year, we slowly started worshipping together again and we still posting worship on-line. We have changed our expectations about "normal" attendance and we have had to adjust our church budget because offering is no longer "normal". Congregations in Angleton are also experiencing the slow return to "normal" and I know that most Lutheran congregations in our Synod are struggling to achieve more than 50% of their pre-CoVid attendance.

St. John will be facing economic challenges in the next coming years. Our congregation has suffered significant losses in membership due to death, lack of attendance and families moving away (for work or retirement.) But we also feel the other loss, which is that those people are more than just economic resources, they are husbands, wives, fathers, mothers, grandparents, and friends. We mourn their absence, but we must keep going. The council will have to make plans and some difficult decisions. We will do the best that we can and trust the Holy Spirit will continue to guide us to places where we are needed. There is hope. Prayerfully we hope that new families will step in to bless this church. The ministry of the church will continue and God's work will continue.

My thinking strategy is not odd, but rather, faith-full and hope-full. In reflecting the good and bad times, hindsight is, as they all say, 20-20. It's equal in clarity because each experience is perfect for our evolution as disciples of Christ.

The greatest thing that humankind brings to the world is hope. Mistakes happen. Miracles happen. It's how we respond to the mistakes and miracles is important. Dwelling on the bad times long after they are over is wasted time. Let that mistake sink in, ask God for forgiveness, then turn that mistake into wisdom...and keep going. Rejoicing in the moment when a miracle happens is fulfilling. Trying to recapture that miracle is wasted time. Let that joy sink in, thank God for the gift, turn that joy into peace...and keep going.

Writing today, as I think of St John, I recall Matthew 5:14-16 *"You are the light of the world. A town built on a hill cannot be hidden. Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bowl. Instead they put it on its stand, and it gives light to everyone in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven."*

As long as we see ourselves this way, we can have hope that God has a purpose for us. We can use the energy from the Holy Spirit to provide light for everyone. Keeping Jesus in front of us we will keep moving together so that others can see our good deeds and glorify our Father in heaven.

#### PASTORAL ACTS of 2022:

##### Baptisms:

Cody Austin Bennett	04/24/2022
Carolyn Rose Douthit	05/22/2022
Melody Rose Faulkner	11/06/2022

##### Funerals:

Albert Elo Dvorak	05/16/2022
Billie Jean Matheson	10/02/2022

##### New Members:

Mathew Hughes	11/09/2022
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## TREASURER'S REPORT - Year Ending December 31, 2022

**BALANCE 12/31/2021** **2,587.73**

### RECEIPTS

Circle Offerings	354.00
January	
February	105.00
March	
April	40.00
May	45.00
June	22.00
July	
August	37.00
September	25.00
October	80.00
November	
December	
Postage for Christmas Boxes	110.00
Garage Sale	100.00
Pancake Dinner	131.00
<b>TOTAL RECEIPTS</b>	<b>695.00</b>

### DISBURSEMENTS

298 Jan Janosky (Easter Bags)	81.00
299 CCSCC	200.00
300 Samaritans Purse	250.00
 SWO Quarterly	0.00
271 1st Quarter	
2nd Quarter	
3rd Quarter	
4th Quarter	
Community Food Pantry	0.00
 SWO	0.00
Convention Registration	
Delegate hotel room	
Physical Offering	
Convention Offering	
Golden Girls Luncheon	

**TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS** **531.00**

**CASH BALANCE AS OF 12/31/22** **2,751.73**

Less Convention Fund Balance	(447.18)
Operating Cash	2,304.55

WOMEN of the ELCA CONVENTION FUND				
Date	Description	In	Out	Balance
1/1/2009	Balance Forward			1,025.00
6/22/2009	Garage Sale (3/4 receipts)	1,240.00		2,265.00
6/27/2009	Conv/Camp Allen (9 attended)		1,935.00	330.00
7/10/2009	Conv Attendees reimburse	585.00		915.00
8/13/2010	Conv/Pasadena (8 attended)		440.00	475.00
8/16/2010	Conv Attendees reimburse	240.00		715.00
10/2/2010	Garage Sale (3/4 receipts)	1,105.00		1,820.00
1/29/2011	Triennial Registration (3 attend)		900.00	920.00
6/18/2011	Garage Sale (3/4 receipts)	1,309.00		2,229.00
9/16/2011	Conv/W.Columbia(10+2 attend)		1,695.00	534.00
9/16/2011	Conv Reimburse (10 attended)	470.00		1,004.00
11/14/2011	Garage Sale (3/4 gold sales)	47.80		1,051.80
7/30/2012	Garage sale (1/2 receipts)	611.33		1,663.13
8/22/2012	Convention (11attend+2)		1,100.00	563.13
11/19/2012	Conv T-shirts	165.00		728.13
8/9/2013	Garage Sale	1,000.00		1,728.13
8/26/2013	C.S. Conv (7attend @\$50ea)		350.00	1,378.13
6/19/2014	Garage Sale	200.00		1,578.13
6/29/2014	2 Attendees to Triennial		300.00	1,278.13
9/2/2014	Baton Rouge Conv (6attend)		270.00	1,008.13
10/9/2014	Conv Rep Hotel		112.95	895.18
6/23/2015	Garage sale	900.00		1,795.18
8/28/2015	7 Attendees to Convention		350.00	1,445.18
6/20/2016	Garage sale			1,445.18
8/28/2016	2 Attendees to Convention		150.00	1,295.18
9/18/2016	Reimburse JoAnn for Registration		75.00	1,220.18
9/18/2016	Convention Delegate Hotel		136.00	1,084.18
6/15/2017	Help with hotel costs (JoAnn/Deanna)		200.00	884.18
6/15/2017	Garage Sale			884.18
7/28/2017	Registration 4 attendees to Convention		180.00	704.18
8/18/2018	Registration 4 attendees to Convention		200.00	504.18
9/15/2018	Delegate Hotel Room		57.00	447.18

Respectfully submitted,

*Ruth Brown, Treasurer*

Mission Investment Fund (MF1R) as of October 31, 2022 - \$69.59  
Mission Investment Fund (MFS2) as of October 31, 2022 - \$675.55



## **WELCA Annual Report 2022**

WELCA meets on the third Wednesday of the month at 11:00 am. Some women bring a light lunch to eat while meeting. We discuss any business that needs to be decided and have a devotion. The meeting usually ends around noon.

Because of CoVid, not many projects were done this year. We did the following:

- Held a pancake supper on Shrove Tuesday
- Filled goodie bags to hand out on Easter
- Repaired Chrismons
- Packed and sent 25 boxes for Operation Christmas Child (a project of Samaritans Purse)
- Donated to the Columbia Christian Sr. Citizen Center
- Decorated the Chrismon Tree

We invite women of the congregation to join us. We try to live up to the mission statement of Women of the ELCA of “mobilizing women to act boldly of their faith in Jesus Christ.”

Your sister in Christ,  
JoAnn Fuchs

## 2022 Church Property Report

Routine property maintenance was the main issue this year with several big trees coming down. Started working on small limbs for removal. If anyone wants firewood, help yourself. Rose beds still producing great blooms when trimmed and fertilized.

Our John Deere lawn tractor continues to operate efficiently. However, the mower deck finally began to rust out and one good bump cause a 10-inch crack causing a shaft drop to out of position and hit the side housing. Thought about repairs, but rust was too bad. Looking for a replacement unit but it is expensive. Located the last 3 units available in Georgia and looking at getting one. Finally, the blower continues to operate efficiently after 12 years of use. Will be adding a new piece of equipment to help clean up excess grass and leaves during the growing season.

Work on upgrading the lighting throughout the narthex by Patrick, Amanda, Pastor Pete, and other helpers is being done.

Upgrades on the communication system are underway. Began replacing the landscaping timbers around the cross's flowerbed with new timbers. I would like to thank the council for letting the Friends of the Community Food Pantry have space to keep a freezer and storage space for storage racks to house supplies for our drive through distribution. We started by helping 12 people and in the last 2 months we provided food items to over 40 families or 140 plus people. Thanks to all the volunteers that helped during the giveaway day.

Hoping for a mild season and easy work schedule. We are always looking for new helpers for any outside work or assistance and ideas.

Workers in Christ,

Richard and Beverly Kolonko

## **Fellowship Report 2022**

This year was a slow start because of COVID. But as we all know COVID will be here the rest of our lives just like the flu, pneumonia, sinus, allergies, etc. All we do is take a shot or a pill and we feel better. Started off 2022 with fellowship and gatherings once again.

January, we had a small group of people get together at Bella Roma where we celebrated Elida Lopez and Richard Kolonko's birthdays. February dinner night out was at La Casona in Angleton. Fun was had by all. March dinner night out was at B. J. Brewhouse in Pearland. Celebrated St. Patrick's Day. Didn't meet for dinner in April because of Easter. May we celebrated Pastor Pete's birthday at Olive Garden. June was a fun night at Dirty South. Lots of entertaining. July we met at the Wurst Haus in Lake Jackson. German food was excellent. August was at Chili's in Lake Jackson. Had lots of fellowship and good food. September we adventured out a little farther than local. We went to Margarita Jones in West Columbia. Very good food. October, November and December was left as is. I usually don't scheduled dinner night out towards the end of the year because of the holidays, parties, and family gatherings.

I appreciated all the wonderful gatherings we did have in 2022 and hope that next year will be even better. Everybody has to eat so why not eat with friends and have a great fellowship together.

Fellowship Manager,  
*Beverly Kolonko*