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# AN EAST UNION EPISTLE\*

## CHURCH FINANCIAL UPDATE

Your **Church Council** met virtually on Tuesday, Oct. 20<sup>th</sup>

Here is a snapshot of the financial condition of EULC for the first nine months of the year. Please contact anyone on the Church Council if you have any questions. Thanks for your support.

Total income	\$170,157	Budgeted income	\$174,656
Total expenses	\$160,079	Budgeted expenses	\$214,587

### NOTES;

Income is slightly behind our budgeted amount. Although giving usually increases in November and December, remember we will not have income from the chicken dinner this year.

Expenses look great against the budget, but we have not yet paid for the new church doors. The door expense is approximately \$35,000. There are also some items in the property budget that we will not incur in 2020, for example the kitchen upgrade.

## IN OUR PRAYERS

Continued healing for **Kennedie Haas, Carol Kolodejchuk, Taylor Breimhorst, and Tom Steers.**

For all our members that live in Care Facilities: **Bev Anderson** (Auburn Manor, Chaska); **Rich Hurlig** (Excelsior); **Vangie Stai** (Waconia); **Peter Sterbonic** (Carver); and at the Lutheran Home in Belle Plaine--**Marilyn Loge, Don & Evelyn Atkins, Curt & Esther Lundquist and Duane Lenz.**

If you have a prayer concern or personal need – please contact Pastor Sarah at anytime.

## WORSHIP

**This Sunday**, October 25<sup>th</sup>, we will celebrate the Reformation as well as these 7 students make their Confirmation:

**Brianna Jady Berg  
Brayden James Berg  
Sean Wayne Haas  
Mellanie Mae Heikkila  
Rebecca Rae Sandeen  
Connor Alan Schueren  
Cole Donald Trimbo**

**Next Sunday**, November 1<sup>st</sup>, we will remember the Saints that have gone before us. Please light a candle in your home as we join together to give God thanks for our Saints.

**Trunk or Treat**, Come in costume to the All Saints' Worship. Afterwards, kids will play a couple outdoor games and then the costume parade, candy bonanza will begin. Masks and gloves are required.

## APPRECIATION

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**Road clean-up crew**—Back on Oct 11<sup>th</sup> we had a great crew and good weather. 16 folks got everything done in an hour. Way to go, Team East Union! And thank you to our new coordinators, Shannon and Darin Berg

**The Doors**—The new doors look so great and everyone is delighted to have this upgrade nearly complete. Many thanks to all those East Unioners that helped see this project through. Gary Lokken, Marvin Grimm, Kent Hasse, Jason Wieland, Josh Bugbee, Ron Hitzeman and all those who contributed financially.

**Grounds Clean-up** A big leaf-blown thanks to Dwight Schultz who prepped our church yard before the early snowfall.

### Did you know, OCTOBER IS PASTOR APPRECIATION MONTH?

*"And now, friends, we ask you to honor those leaders who work so hard for you, who have been given the responsibility of urging and guiding you along in your obedience. Overwhelm them with appreciation and love!" 1 Thessalonians 5:12-13.*

It is easy to think a Pastor's job is easy. Show up on Sunday, preach a nice sermon, go home, repeat next week. What we don't see is the late-night phone calls and texts, the many visits to the hospital where their support is so important, the hours spend visiting and praying with folks who can't join us on Sundays, consulting with our youth about their fears and insecurities, finding volunteers to help with all that needs to be done, all the administrative tasks, the responsibilities of being a spouse and parent, and trying to live a normal life away from work.

If anyone has been lucky enough to receive a "thank you" note from Pastor Sarah, remember how good it made you feel. We can do the same for her, not only in October but all year long. Write a note, make a call, send a card, think of a way to show her how much she is appreciated.

Showing appreciation is good for the soul.  
--Kent Hasse, Council President

## LOOKING AHEAD

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Please know your Church Council is working on plans for inside Sunday services, Christmas services, and how to conduct the annual meeting. At this time, we are still exploring the safest way to make this all happen but please know we are giving it our highest priority. Thanks for your patience and understanding.