

Spring Finance and Property Update for St Paul

1Q Financial Report

Thank you for your commitment to the ministry at St. Paul. We believe we are on pace to meet our expenses for the year. While our revenues were less than expenses for the first three months, this is explained by the fact that we only had 12 Sundays (below average for a quarter) and 7 pay periods (above average for a quarter). We also are up-to-date with our commitment to the synod. Furthermore, these offerings do not include other designated gifts, such as Lutheran Disaster Response on Mission Sunday or Heifer international during Lent.

General Account 1Q Summary

Regular Offerings	\$113,404.65
Other Receipts	<u>\$14,414.45</u>
Total Receipts	\$127,819.10
Total Expenses	\$130,968.55

Capital Campaign

Thank you also for your generous contributions to the Capital Campaign. Last year we

- Purchased a new boiler
- Resealed the sanctuary stained glass
- Upgraded 7 bathrooms and 12 doors

This year we are undertaking the following projects

- Repainting walls and narthex ceiling
- Re-carpeting and re-tiling education and office wing (to cover asbestos flooring)

As funds become available, the next project will be work on the outside masonry, especially the sanctuary area.

Other Projects: Lounge, Playground equipment and Carving

You may have noticed that our lounge area has been receiving a significant number of upgrades. The funding for this comes from neither the general fund (weekly offerings) nor the capital campaign fund. This is a project funded by money from the "Redcay Library" fund. Years ago we received a sizable bequest intended library purchases. Since that time libraries have evolved into multi-media learning centers. We used a significant portion of the Redcay money to convert our lounge into what a library looks like today, a place where learning and teaching can happen in many formats: books, internet maps or DVDs. This will be finished in early May.

Our playground equipment on the south side of the church has been upgraded. This was a project funded by the CELC to bring their equipment up to safety code.

Lastly, we have a beautiful carving of the Good Shepherd. This was a project jointly dreamed, planned and funded by the CELC and church through a special gift from an individual member family.

Thank you for your support of the ministry. One of the other side of the paper, we have some highlights of what is happening at St. Paul so far this year!

2015-2017 Capital Campaign Gifts	\$394,801.31
YTD Capital Campaign Gifts	<u>\$39,353.00</u>
Total Capital Campaign	\$434,154.31
Total Paid Expenses	\$331,356.10
Anticipated 2Q Expenses	<u>\$79,337.00</u>
Committed Expenses	\$410,693.10

2018 Highlights from Lent and Easter!

We've had a great year so far!! Here are some highlights of the past few months:



Tree Carving: We have an amazing tree carving of the Good Shepherd in the courtyard by the Lounge.

Behind the scenes amazing: This was truly a joint venture of the CELC and church, in dreaming, planning and financing.

Eggstravanga: We had tons of church, CELC and neighborhood kids and families on a cold day with snow still on the ground. The children did not just hunt for eggs but learned about Jesus.

Behind the scenes amazing: This is one more of the many ways in which we have great and growing cooperation between the church and CELC.

Outdoor Palm Procession: We tried our very first outdoor Palm Processional. It snowed. It rocked.
Behind the scenes amazing: Devotion worked behind the scenes using the new mics to pick up sound outside!



Adult Forum on Opioids: 36 people attended, including parents of addicts, doctors, counselors, police officers and mentors of single moms.

Behind the scenes amazing: It is hard to imagine how many people in our community are and continued to be impacted by this.



Community Good Friday: We hosted a wonderful Community Good Friday.

Behind the scenes amazing: The show choir was on a cruise; Ann Ahlers took a huge lead (with Melodie Fair's help) in pulling together the music.

Resurrection Cross: People from our church decorated a cross with flowers on Easter. This was not simply a reminder of Spring but a beautiful reminder of how God brings life out of death!

Behind the scenes amazing: The wood of the cross came from a Christmas tree at our church this December!

Ministry at St. Paul continues to thrive. We thank you for your contributions that allow this ministry to flourish. Thank you also for your time and talents for our many ministries.