

CEMETERY SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT – 2021

Burials at St. John Cemetery in 2021:

Eloise Earlene Grunewald	March 6, 2021
Arleen Ellen Meyer	March 10, 2021
Mary Ann Moege	November 9, 2021
Phyllis Schmanke	February 10, 2021



Inurnments in St. John Cemetery:

Willis Henry Herren	January 27, 2021
Mildred Nadine Herren	October 8, 2021
Thomas Fredrick Watkins	October 13, 2021
Melvin Lewis Herren	December 8, 2021

There were eight lots sold in 2021.

Cemetery Superintendent, Adolph Moege

MEMORIAL GIFT SUGGESTIONS

The following list has been approved by the Voters' as suggestions for the designation of memorial money. Being pre-approved by the Voters', donors do not need Voters' approval before designating their funds for these purposes. Before providing any of these, however, donors are to inform the pastor or church secretary so that duplication of gifts may be avoided. This list is not limited to memorials only. Any memorial money left in the church treasury for over six months without designation for a certain gift or gifts may be used at the discretion of the Voters without family approval.

Church:

Church Exterior Upkeep
Church Computer upgrades
Youth counseling package
Church Workers Scholarship Fund
Retirement of debt
Music, Maintenance & additional Handbells
Mission Endowment / Vicarage support
Memorial Hall - Finish basement
Organ Fund
Cemetery Surveyor Fund
Exterior Lighting Fund
Sound System Upgrades

School:

Playground Equipment and Fence
The St. John Endowment Fund
Computer upgrades
Educational software
Childcare / Daycare
Chairs for Kindergarten / Primary
Church Worker Care (Retreats/Workshops)
Energy Efficient Lighting
150th Anniversary Projects & Events

Highlights from Voters' Meetings and Activities in 2021

Four regular Voters' Meetings were held on January 24th, April 25th, July 25th, and October 31st. The Annual Budget/Election Meeting was held November 22nd.

January 24th – The Voters’ Meeting was held with 26 members and 0 visitors attending. 1) COVID restrictions and changes were discussed. 2) Update on funding for exterior rock repairs \$28,000 raised of \$40,000 goal.

April 25th - The Voters’ Meeting was held with 27 members and 1 visitor attending. 1) Attendance is up as COVID restrictions have been removed. 2) Upcoming 150th anniversary celebration and installation of Christian Schultz. 3) Prayers for Trinity McFarland as Pastor Vossler holds a call to Sanford, Michigan. 4) Membership additions – Mackenzie Howey, Wendy Miller (Tatum & Bristol, Dustin Sievers (Hannah, Alannah, Noah). 5) Motion to proceed with organ cleaning and repairs at a cost of \$21K.

July 25th - The Voters’ Meeting was held with 30 members and 0 visitors attending. 1) Things returning to “normal” as most COVID restriction were lifted last quarter. 2) Discussed new Giving Plus program for online and auto giving. 3) Rock repair bids came in below estimates (\$15,600). 4) Success and follow up of VBS and possible future family activities. 5) Membership additions – Lindsey Wertzberger, Corey & Christa Kraus, Taylor & Courtney Giefer (Chet). 6) Insurance change adopted – less expensive for congregation and employees.

October 31st - The Voters’ Meeting was held with 26 members and 0 visitors attending. 1) Elders discontinuing tuition discount for church attendance. 2) Finances discussed – borrowed \$50k this year (internal) with \$5k repaid at this point. 3) Projects ongoing – exterior rock, organ and asphalt repairs. 4) Suicide Awareness a positive event with 60+ in attendance. 5) Budget presented and discussion on possible short fall.

November 22nd - The Voters’ Budget/Election Meeting was held with 27 members and 0 visitors attending. 1) Proposed budget was approved. 2) Newly elected officers are: Ervan Steuwe, President; Don Frank, Elder; Kip Meseke, Elder; Cheryl Buppenhoff, Board of Christian Education; Rita Zeller, Board of Education; Dale Peterson, Trustees; Christa Kraus, School Board; Ryan Theel, Stewardship –Financial Secretary.

Respectfully submitted, Julie Butler - Secretary