

FINANCIAL GIVING OPTIONS AT ST JOHN'S

'THANK YOU!!' for the generous support of your church - our people's faith journey and mission in God's world. Christ is the Vine - We are the branches.

Available options for your giving:

Mail in, or drop off at our church office. Online Giving at our web site: www.alliancestjohns.org

Automatic withdrawing from your Bank Account – You are able to arrange for an automatic draw from your bank account by picking up and completing a form from the church and returning it to the church office; our Financial Secretary, Harold Roller, will complete the transaction according to your specifications. Please be sure to include a voided check with the form.

Finances:

Actual Expenses through 12/18/22:	150,761.17
Giving through 12/18/22:	143,596.36
Giving under actual expenses 12/18/22:	(7,164.81)
(50 WEEKS BUDGETED EXPENSES \$187,018.50)	
Giving under budgeted expenses	(43,422.14)

ALTER GUILD FOR JANUARY:

OPEN

CHURCH MARQUEE:

Krestie & Jerry Tolstedt

ALTER GUILD FOR FEBRUARY:

Kathy Bell & Tracy Lambert

CHURCH MARQUEE:

Melinda Ewing

January 1	9:00am
Reader	Mary Crawford
Lay Assistant	Luayne Weisgerber

January 29	9:00am
Reader	Patricia Jones
Lay Assistant	Earl Jones

January 8	9:00am
Reader	Kevin Horn

February 5	9:00am
Reader	Jim Bonsall
Lay Assistant	Mary Crawford

January 15	9:00am
Reader	Jody Mischnick
Lay Assistant	Melinda Ewing

February 12	9:00am
Reader	Jody Mischnick

January 22	9:00am
Reader	Brian Johnson

February 19	9:00am
Reader	Melinda Ewing
Lay Assistant	Jess Wimmer

February 26	9:00am
Reader	Kevin Horn

Prayer Requests - You may send a message on the Alliance NE St Johns Lutheran Facebook page, or on the webpage Alliancestjohns.org, or call the church office at 762-1883.

SERVING AT COMMUNITY TABLE

THANK YOU!! Please know that our congregation faithfully serves at Community Table several times a month. We are serving meals on Monday, January 16th & 23rd, & February 20th & 27th. Are you able to help? Also, if you are able to prepare a meal with others, there may be other open days. (See Alliance Community Table Facebook page.) Contact the church office if you are available to help.

CONTACT US: Email– stjohnsalliancene@gmail.com or contact@alliancestjohns.org

Phone– 308-762-1883

NURTURING OUR FAITH

MINI-REVOLUTION– The Mini-Revolution has resumed! **Sunday School @ Home** has resumed!

BIBLE STUDY ON WEDNESDAYS: Our Women’s Bible Study is meeting Wednesdays with prayers and praises at 9:30am. A study of 1 & 2 Corinthians will start soon. All are welcome. Contact Jody Mischnick.

PASTORAL CALL COMMITTEE

Please contact the Congregational Council if you are interested in being on the Pastoral Call Committee. Volunteers are needed to finish filling the committee so a call can be sent out for a pastor.

Head Start Backpacks - We are collecting individually packaged food items. Thank you for your donations!

Piecemakers– The quilting ministry is work, “and we always have room for more helpers” – Tuesdays, 9:00am. Co-ordinators are Carol Rockwell and Carol McDermott.

Update from the Alliance Community Task Force: Creating Opportunity. This group continues to meet once every two months to review what is being provided in Alliance for those who are food insecure or face other problems related to poverty. The next meeting is January 4 at 1:00 pm at 723 Flack.

Bridges: Continuing the Conversation meets the third Wednesday of every month at 9:00 am at 723 Flack. This group is focusing on offering the Bridges program Getting Ahead in a Just-Gettin'-By World, with classes beginning as soon as they have a funding source. In a facilitated group setting, Getting Ahead in a Just-Gettin'-By World takes participants step by step through a discovery process. It’s not just about how someone got where they are now. It’s also about what comes next to build the life, the future they want. Classes will meet weekly for sixteen weeks. Stipends are offered to participants. Sign up at www.uwwn.org/gettingahead. Or contact Karen Benzel at United Way, 308-763-8031; kbenzel@uwwn.org.

Bridges: Train the Trainer program will be offered in Alliance April 18-20, 2023. This workshop prepares individuals to present the information from Bridges Out of Poverty to individuals in their own organizations. Participants must have attended at least two Bridges workshops. These have been offered during the last two years in Alliance and Scottsbluff, but people may have attended in other locations or they may go through online training. There must be forty participants, and United Way is seeking funding to cover a portion of the cost.

The Music and Worship committee thanks Pastor Karen Rupp and all the volunteers who have helped lead the Sunday, Wednesday, Christmas Eve and Christmas services in the absence of a full time pastor. We look forward to having a transitional pastor to lead us forward.

PIECEMAKERS QUILTING NEWS

This was a good year for the Piecemakers. Our work for 2022 produced 129 quilts, 29 lap robes, 30 baby quilts, 20 sewing kits and 3 dog beds. Three pillows and a heavy blanket were donated and we included them.

In January we sent quilts to victims of the Marshall fire in Colorado. We sent 112 quilts and 20 sewing kits to Lutheran World Relief. The other quilts and lap robes were distributed to local nursing homes, assisted living, Bro. Mink, the Mission Store, Capstone, Doves and Western Community Health. Our group works with the Mission Store by giving them quilts that they can sell. This year one of our members used fabric unsuitable for quilts and made dog beds. The beds were filled with fabric scraps and other discards from the construction of quilts. The beds were then donated to the Mission Store to be sold as well.

In November we found fabric in one of our donations that was for constructing a soft cloth book of the Christmas Story. One member of our group took the fabric and made 3 books that we placed on the “Tree of Warmth” and distributed with the Christmas food boxes.

Thank you for all the generous donations of fabric and sewing equipment. We feel very blessed! We are looking forward to another good year!

In Christ’s Service-Carol Rockwell.