

Operations Summary **November 2020**

Year-to-Date

Receipts

Envelopes/Plate	174,116.26
Realm Giving	83,605.50
Parsonage	22,000.00
PPP Loan	39,700.00
Other Receipts	7,607.45
Total Receipts	327,029.21
Disbursements	291,056.14
Net	35,973.07

The first words of a local church financial summary should always be “Thank you!” So, **Thank you!** A tremendous level of generosity brings us to the end of the year in a reasonable state of hopefulness for the future. Covid-19 will likely continue to disrupt the normal flow of the church’s life well into 2021. Barring any fatigue or significant losses, LUMC will enter the new year with purpose and determination. We’ll dedicate ourselves to learn from the recent pandemic emergency experience and begin planning for a ministry God has prepared for us. Our ministry will include vital **outreach** to the new apartment complex coming to the neighborhood, **nurture** of all ages in practicing the means of grace like prayer, study, worship, and **witness** to the community and the world through generous action and giving.

Your **Urgent Appeal Packet** has arrived! We must keep our eye on the church’s finances to make the right decisions and use resources well. The total budget projection for **2021** is \$355,916, a reduction of 8.6% over 2020. By far, the significant decrease was in programming dollars. We must learn to accomplish ministry with fewer dollars and less for the foreseeable future. To keep our Ark afloat, we’ll need everyone on board to be on deck and ready to serve.

The **numbers** above tell the story. As of **November 30**, we’ve produced \$327,029 in total revenue. Of that number, \$257,721 is your giving. The other sources are a portion of the yearly parsonage rental, a Paycheck Protection Program grant from the Small Business Administration, and miscellaneous revenue. Bottom line: We didn’t support the **2020 budget** with regular offerings. Looking into 2021, if the giving stays the same, we won’t support the **2021 budget** with regular offerings even though we project spending less. We’ll have to look for additional sources of income.

For today, the word is this: **Prayerfully maintain or increase your current level of giving**, if it’s at all possible. The future does hold great possibilities for growth in 2021. For now, we need to stay afloat. Can we count on you to keep our ark afloat? Praising God, we’ll all do our part! All hands on deck!

Pastor Bill Lentz

