

Bethany Lutheran Church Council Report

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2. Organization: Bethany Lutheran Church
3. Date: January 7, 2010
4. Report Purpose and Scope:
Financial Report for December

5. Summary for Council:

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- General Fund giving for the month of December was \$66k behind budget - \$289k actual versus \$355k budgeted.
- Disbursements (excluding capital expenditures/FC savings) for the month were \$166k which was the same as budgeted disbursements.
- Operating gain for the month was \$123k versus a budgeted gain of \$189k. Including the capital expenditures, the net gain for the month was \$93k compared to a budgeted gain of \$161k.
- Total operating expenses less benevolence and principal/interest was \$123k for the period versus the \$114k budgeted for the month.
- Cash flow for the General Fund increased by \$115k.
- Compared to last year, we received \$55k less in contributions while operating expenses were \$17k less than last year. Including capital expenditures, our net gain for this December was \$54k less than last year (\$93k net gain in 2009 versus \$147k net gain in 2008).

Fiscal year-to-date results

- General Fund giving for the year is \$991k which is \$148k less than budget of \$1,139k.
- Disbursements (excluding capital expenditures/FC savings) through December are less than budget by \$23k. Operating gain for the year is \$105k versus a budgeted gain of \$230k. Including the capital expenditures/FC savings, the net loss for the year is \$69k compared to a budgeted gain of \$62k.
- Total operating expenses less benevolence and principal/interest is \$116k/month (on average) for the first six months versus \$116k/month budgeted.
- Cash flow for the year in the General Fund has decreased by \$69k during the first six months of the fiscal year.
- Compared to last year, our contributions are \$129k less than last year and our operating expenses have decreased by \$126k. Our total expenses (including capital expenditures/FC savings) have decreased by \$19k. Our net financial position has decreased by \$109k compared to last year at this same time.
- For the six months ended Dec 31 2009, our actual cash disbursements were \$960k compared to the \$990k received. This cash surplus is due to the significant "charges" to the General Fund for benevolence and Founders Campaign savings that are not yet approved for disbursement (and remains in the Temp Restricted Fund). Managing the cash flow from this perspective is an important element of our fiscal management with the financial structure we have created at Bethany.

6. Detailed Plans or Next Steps:

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By approving an allocation from the bequest fund to eliminate this deficit, we are "filling" the Founders Campaign Savings funds so that the intended use of the campaign and associated savings is possible - program, property and outreach. I feel it is important that we remain on track with these commitments as long as we have the financial means to do so.

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Treasurer's Report
Budgeted Financial Statement for Period 06 December(*) 50.00%

	Month			Year-to-Date		
	Actual	Budget	Fav. (Unfav.) Variance %	Actual	Budget	Fav. (Unfav.) Variance %
Contributions	\$ 289,319	\$ 355,699	\$ (66,380) -18.7%	\$ 990,666	\$ 1,139,326	\$ (148,660) -13.0%
Expenses						
[1] Pastoral Ministry	\$ 27,690	\$ 26,652	\$ (1,038) 3.9%	\$ 154,285	\$ 156,700	\$ 2,415 -1.5%
[2] Benevolence Ministry	\$ 32,624	\$ 39,262	\$ 6,638 -16.9%	\$ 121,218	\$ 136,083	\$ 14,865 -10.9%
[3] Music Ministry	\$ 14,367	\$ 12,164	\$ (2,203) 18.1%	\$ 79,500	\$ 78,735	\$ (765) 1.0%
Faith Formation Ministry	\$ 11,833	\$ 12,826	\$ 992 -7.7%	\$ 67,701	\$ 74,614	\$ 6,913 -9.3%
[4] Life Support Ministry	\$ 7,594	\$ 1,800	\$ (5,794) 321.9%	\$ 15,735	\$ 14,215	\$ (1,520) 10.7%
[5] Communication Support	\$ 9,801	\$ 7,851	\$ (1,949) 24.8%	\$ 40,507	\$ 39,389	\$ (1,118) 2.8%
[6] Administration Support	\$ 33,259	\$ 29,069	\$ (4,191) 14.4%	\$ 187,199	\$ 184,083	\$ (3,116) 1.7%
Facilities Support	\$ 18,132	\$ 23,821	\$ 5,689 -23.9%	\$ 147,141	\$ 147,534	\$ 393 -0.3%
Debt Service	\$ 10,945	\$ 12,834	\$ 1,889 -14.7%	\$ 72,827	\$ 77,618	\$ 4,791 -6.2%
Operating Expenses	\$ 166,245	\$ 166,278	\$ 32 0.0%	\$ 886,112	\$ 908,970	\$ 22,859 -2.5%
Operating Gain (Loss)	\$ 123,074	\$ 189,421	\$ (66,347)	\$ 104,554	\$ 230,356	\$ (125,801)
Capital Expenditures	\$ 30,145	\$ 28,255	\$ (1,889) 6.7%	\$ 173,640	\$ 168,846	\$ (4,794) 2.8%
Net Gain (Loss)	\$ 92,929	\$ 161,166	\$ (68,237)	\$ (69,085)	\$ 61,510	\$ (130,595)

Notes:

- [1] Over for the month re: CE & Sound / under overall YTD
- [2] Under for the month & YTD due to actual contributions under budgeted amount
- [3] Over for month/YTD re: Instrument Maintenance & Service
- [4] Over for the month re: Servery, Stephen Ministry & XYZ
- [5] Over for month/YTD re: Beacon and Bulletins
- [6] Over for the month/YTD re: Misc Disbursements which include KE expenses/Xmas staff bonus (grocery cards)
- [7] Over for the month / YTD re: Xcel Energy expenses

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Month		Year-to-Date	
Actual	Last Year	Actual	Last Year

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Contributions \$ 289,319 \$ 344,623 \$ (55,304) \$ 990,666 \$ 1,119,293 \$ (128,627)

Expenses

Pastoral Ministry	\$ 27,690	\$ 28,733	\$ 1,043	\$ 154,285	\$ 169,201	\$ 14,916
Benevolence Ministry	\$ 32,624	\$ 34,284	\$ 1,660	\$ 121,218	\$ 111,749	\$ (9,469)
Music Ministry	\$ 14,367	\$ 15,588	\$ 1,221	\$ 79,500	\$ 88,513	\$ 9,013
Faith Formation Ministry	\$ 11,833	\$ 16,693	\$ 4,860	\$ 67,701	\$ 99,565	\$ 31,864
Life Support Ministry	\$ 7,594	\$ 1,946	\$ (5,648)	\$ 15,735	\$ 30,884	\$ 15,149
Communication Support	\$ 9,801	\$ 8,297	\$ (1,504)	\$ 40,507	\$ 38,756	\$ (1,751)
Administration Support	\$ 33,259	\$ 33,690	\$ 431	\$ 187,199	\$ 179,105	\$ (8,094)
Facilities Support	\$ 18,132	\$ 24,470	\$ 6,338	\$ 147,141	\$ 165,270	\$ 18,129
Debt Service	\$ 10,945	\$ 21,322	\$ 10,377	\$ 72,827	\$ 128,624	\$ 55,797
Operating Expenses	\$ 166,245	\$ 185,023	\$ 18,778	\$ 886,112	\$ 1,011,667	\$ 125,555

Operating Gain (Loss)

\$ 123,074 \$ 159,600 \$ (36,526) \$ 104,554 \$ 107,626 \$ (3,072)

Capital Expenditures

\$ 30,145 \$ 12,614 \$ (17,531) \$ 173,640 \$ 67,360 \$ (106,280)

Net Gain (Loss)

\$ 92,929 \$ 146,986 \$ (54,057) \$ (69,085) \$ 40,266 \$ (109,351)

\$ 1,059,751 \$ 1,079,027 \$ 19,276

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Total Cash

Budgeted Financial Statement for Period 06 December(*) 50.00%

Ending	Net Incr.	Ending
30-Nov-10	(Decr.)	31-Dec-10

Fund					
General Fund	\$	(249,760)	\$	114,930	\$ (134,830)
Temporary Restricted Fund	\$	571,245	\$	49,114	\$ 620,360
Memorial Garden Fund	\$	60,135	\$	(1,426)	\$ 58,709
MOPS Fund	\$	4,529	\$	(270)	\$ 4,259
BECC	\$	179,817	\$	985	\$ 180,802
BECC - Temp Restricted	\$	98,813	\$	185	\$ 98,998
Agency Fund	\$	6,365	\$	2,205	\$ 8,570
Total Cash	\$	671,145	\$	165,723	\$ 836,868

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Receipts and Expenses Explanations

1.) Giving/Building Use Receipts

Includes pledged and non-pledge giving (including loose change)

2.) Expenses

3.) Pastoral Ministry

Includes salaries for pastors, sound, nursery + benefits, continuing ed., worship supplies, flowers

4.) Benevolence Ministry

Includes Synod benevolence, Sr Pastors Discretionary, Benevolence Task Force and Global Missions allocations

5.) Music Ministry

Includes salaries for Music department + benefits, continuing ed., music supplies, soloists, Wednesday night program, less Music revenues

6.) Christian Education

Includes salaries for Education department + benefits, continuing ed., education supplies, VBS, 1st Communion, Lenten Retreat, less Education revenues

7.) Youth Ministry

Includes salaries for Youth department + benefits, continuing ed., youth supplies, mission trips, Spark, less Youth revenues

8.) Life Support Ministry

Includes salaries for Life Support and Parish Nurse department + benefits, continuing ed., life support supplies, WELCA, Stephen Ministry, Senior Center, Servery Food costs, less Life Support revenues

9.) Communication Support

Includes salaries for Communications department + benefits, continuing ed., publicity, yellow pages, bulletins

10.) Administration Support

Includes salaries for Administration department + benefits, continuing ed., general office supplies, copiers, computer hardware and software, bank and legal fees less interest income from our checking account.

11.) Facilities Support

Includes salaries for Facilities department + benefits, continuing ed., utilities, telephone, insurance, equipment leases, building R&M, ground maintenance, snow removal, less Building Use revenues

12.) Debt Service

Includes interest payments of church debt

13.) Operating Expenses (Total)

Total of all operating expenses (lines 3 thru 12). Note: this includes both benevolence and interest expenses.

14.) Operating Gain/Loss

Contributions (line 1) less Operating Expenses (line 13)

15.) Capital Expenditures

Includes principal payments on mortgage and captial leases as well as property repair/maintenance and furnishings/equipment expenditures that exceed \$1,500 (or capitalization threshold).

16.) Net Gain/Loss

Operating Gain/Loss (line 14) less Capital Expenditures (line 15) to summarize the total net financial impact for the period