ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

St John UCC
Sunday, February 15, 2026

1. Call to order by Council President, Chris Bushman @ 9:07 AM
2. Convening Prayer by Chris Bushman
3. Establishment of Quorum:17 members present and signed in*
4. Adoption of Previous Minutes: Motion by Carol Maynard 2nd by Julieann Bushman
5. Adoption of the Agenda: Motion by Colleen Holz and 2nd by Julieann Bushman
6. New Business:
    A. Budget
        a. Mission Outreach expenses were generous in 2025
        b. We have been paying down our savings/investments to pay our monthly bills.
    B. Ministry Outreach
        a. $5700 left in the Halliday Fund
            i. The fund was directed to be used for social justice or mental health to honor Keith Halliday who championed these causes.
            ii. Carol Maynard made a motion to utilize the Halliday Fund to donate ½ of the $5700 balance to NAMI and ½ of the balance to Esther, 2nd Bruce Miller. Motion passed
        b. Other funds available for missions
            i. Annuity coming due in Spring/Summer with dividend payout of $6590.44 (could change)
                1. At that point, the congregation could reinvest the full $200K or decide to reinvest $100k and put $100K into savings.
            ii. CD coming due in early 2027-Music Fund
                1. @$9400 (could potentially be $10,000)
        c. Possible Mission Outreach ideas
            i. Old Glory/911 survivors (NYC flights)
            ii. Help scouts who want to go to camp
        d. Bigger ideas? Leaving a legacy
            i. Housing for the unhoused
                1. “St. John Heating and Cooling House”
                    a. Collaborate with other organizations
                    b. Apply for a Catalyst Grant
    C. How can we grow as a church and spread the word?
        a. Billboard
        b. TV Ad
        c. Attend functions in the community
        d. Timber Rattler-tailgate
        e. T-shirts with St. John name and rainbow comma
        f. Table at Fox Valley Pride event this summer in Jones Park.

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g. Possible slogan “We see you”
h. Banner to put out on Saturday night/Sunday mornings at the Tauber Family Center (with Valley Funeral Home’s permission)
i. Trunk or Treat with/at Valley Funeral Home
j. Create cards to hand out to people (i.e., at Vets and Friends meals)
    i. Tracy will work on putting together a card that would be printed at Office Depot
k. Help people with transportation to worship at the Tauber Center on Sunday mornings

D. Congregation would be interested in having a separate meeting to discuss these ideas
    a. After worship on a Sunday morning

Adjournment 9:47 AM with motion by Jeanne Senner and 2nd by Renee Hein

Respectfully submitted by Council Secretary, Jeanette Johnson

* Karen Grosnick, Renee Hein, Julieann Bushman, Chris Bushman, Jeanne Senner, Tom L. Krueger, Bob Schnabl, Bruce Miller, Carol Maynard, Gary Holz, Colleen Holz, Karen Kuhn, Harold Carlson, Jeanette Johnson, Pastor Lynn Martin, Yvonne Kaphingst and Linda De Bruin.

*Non-member attendees: Tracy Dollevoet, Lucretia Fehrmann, Nanci Huntington, Dale Hintz

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