



September 11, 2018

Dear St. John's Family,

On Monday, August 27, 2018 the National Weather Service reported, in a 24 hour period, 7.25 inches of rain fell on the West Bend area. For some of us, this was an inconvenience while for others of us; this was a serious water infiltration problem. However, for St John's Ev. Lutheran Church, School and Early Childhood Center (ECC), this was a crippling natural disaster. The lower levels of all three facilities, which covers over 40,000 square feet, were affected by the flooding.

SERVPRO's Disaster Recovery Team was sent out immediately when St. John's leadership contacted them. The church, school, ECC staff and congregational members worked tirelessly for a week to clean, disinfect and sanitize all three buildings that were affected by the flood waters.

While the response was swift and effective, it comes with a heavy financial cost. St. John's leadership has approved emergency spending up to \$125,000 for the cleanup efforts. The repair costs, which are still to be determined, could raise the total even higher. Typically, water seepage and flooding is not covered by insurance, which means a majority of these costs will be borne by the congregation.

The St John's West Bend Foundation is a lay led organization, created to support and advance the mission and vision of St John's. This Foundation seeks to help members and those who come into the St. John's community, to develop a stronger relationship with their Lord and Savior. We offer assistance with Lifetime Stewardship Planning through financial education, will/estate planning workshops, events, and planning for everyday daily living.

We are asking you to prayerfully consider utilizing the financial gifts God has entrusted to you and remember St John's with a gift above and beyond your first fruit giving. Checks may be made payable to the St John's West Bend Foundation, with the word "Flood" on the memo line. You can mail or deliver your gift to the church office or place in your weekly offering envelope. If you wish to gift other assets, such as stocks, bonds, IRA required minimum distributions, etc we ask that you contact Craig Toerpe, Director of Stewardship & Gifting at (262) 334-4901 for direction on how to accomplish your gifting desire.

Romans 8:28 reminds us, "and we know that for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to his purpose." Our time is now.

In Christ,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Derrick Iseler', is written over a light blue background.

Derrick Iseler, Chairman  
St John's West Bend Foundation

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for today's and tomorrow's generations*