

St. John
American Lutheran

September 2018



HARVEST FESTIVAL

Saturday, September 29, 2018
10:30 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

CRAFTS – COUNTRY STORE – BAKED GOODS
SILENT AUCTION – KUCHEN – LEFSE

LUNCH: Soup - Sandwich - Pie

11:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Age 12-Adult: \$8.00; Age 3-11: \$4.00; Under 3: free



It's Harvest Festival time!
This is a special day in the life of our congregation, and we want everyone to participate by bringing items to sell, food to serve, and yourselves to work and enjoy the festivities of the day.



Sign-up sheets at the Welcome Center!

Don't forget your fresh produce and baked goods for the Country Store / Bake Sale, crafts for the Craft Room, and items for the Silent Auction!

Bring Crafts & Silent Auction Items to the church
by **Monday, September 24.**

Bring produce for the Country Store, Baked Goods, and Pies on
Friday, September 28
or by 8:00 a.m. on Saturday, September 29.

The church will be open at 7:00 a.m. on Sat., September 29

Harvest Festival Chairpersons

General Chair, WELCA Executive Board

Gladys Beck
Barb Buchanan
Karen Dirksen
Theresa Emigh

Paula Koller
Lois Lundberg
Ann Mortenson
Mary Remmark

Kitchen

Jarid & Lara Kvale
Linda Weber

Dining Room

Jeff & Jane Nyhaug

Country Store & Baked Goods

Mary Johnson

Crafts

Kay Stephenson
Barb Peterson

Silent Auction

Jan McDonald
Carol Landsverk

Pie Room

Nancy Plenis

Rusk making

Barb Buchanan

Lefse Making

Lori Meyer

Publicity

Ryan McCormick

Greeter/Tickets

John MyIntyre

Finances

Lois Lundberg

Turkey Preparation – 10:00am, Saturday, September 15
Vegetable Preparation – 9:00am, Saturday, September 22
Please bring soup ingredients to the kitchen by Thursday, 9/20/18

*****SILENT AUCTION*****

Please consider donating a “new” or “slightly used” item or a gift basket for the silent auction. In accordance with church policy, please do not include any alcohol-related items. Silent auction donations may be left in the coat closet in the east entrance. Please mark them for the Silent Auction with a suggested minimum bid and your name, if you wish. Contact Jan McDonald or Carol Landsverk for more information.

ALL HARVEST FESTIVAL PROCEEDS BENEFIT LOCAL
AND WORLD HUNGER RELIEF



SUNDAY SCHOOL RALLY DAY! September 9th 9:45 am in the big room upstairs for ages 3 years - 5th grade.

Parents please attend with your children that morning. Each class and their parents will get a personal tour of our St. John Library that day!

Hopeful Journey Support Group



Hopeful Journey is a 10-week program for separated and divorced individuals. This support group is led by trained facilitators who have been through the program and found hope and healing. Loneliness, trust, life changes and the grieving process will be explored.

Hopeful Journey provides a safe and confidential environment. You are not alone. People are encouraged to share their own feelings of loss in a safe and comfortable setting.

Registration: Tuesday, September 11th, 7:00 PM at St. John
10-week program – Tuesday evenings - 7:00 to 9:00 pm
Cost: \$55.00 for materials

For more information: Doris O'Dea 605-361-7228 or
Tondi Sorenson 605-759-3881



The Harvest Festival is scheduled for Saturday, September 29, 2018. All proceeds benefit local and world hunger. It's a big day and takes many willing hands. So please see where you can help by signing up to serve and to donate the necessary items for a successful day. See the

newsletter insert and bulletin announcements for more details on the day's festivities and ways you can help. To help advertise the Festival, you can also pick up a poster in the church office to display at your work place, etc. Ice cream buckets are needed, as well as borrowing ice chests on Friday and Saturday, Sept. 28-29.

Thank you to ALL who came on August 11th for Church Cleaning Day. There was a nice turnout.

September is our month for election of 2019 officers, and we still do not have candidates for Coordinator, Associate Coordinator, and Financial Recorder. So will WELCA continue in 2019? That is the question! We need officers on the Executive Board in order to promote the overall purpose of Women of the ELCA, to plan the annual program, to transact the necessary business, and to promote events and activities for the women of St. John. So please if interested in serving on the Board, let me know – don't wait for that phone call. Also, there is a training for officers in September. The WELCA Crossroads Conference is having a Fall Leadership Training for current and potential officers on September 27th from 5:00-8:30pm, beginning with a light supper at East Side Lutheran Church.

'Repentance' is the theme of the Fall Bible Study series. In September we will be studying 'Time after Time: Turning to God'. The focus verse is "Return to the Lord, your God, for He is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love". With these words, the prophet Joel reminds us that repentance is nothing to be afraid of – for when we turn to God, we find grace.

The next Executive Board meeting is scheduled for Monday, September 24 at 5:00 p.m. in the church library.

Paula Koller, St. John WELCA Coordinator

WELCA Bible Study Opportunities

Sunday, September 16 at 9:45 AM
Thursday, September 20 at 10:00 AM
(We will meet in the church Library)

LWR (Lutheran World Relief)

Stores have school supplies on sale, so in September we will be gathering items for School Kits. Items needed to complete kits we have started are the following:

- 4 –70 sheet notebooks (wide or college ruled} for each kit
- 1- 30 centimeter ruler or a ruler with centimeters on one side and inches on the other
- 1 box of 16 or 24 Crayola Crayons
- 1 – 2 1/2" pink eraser
- 1 pencil sharpener
- 1 small blunt scissor

It costs LWR about \$2.25 to ship each School Kit overseas, so you may make a monetary donation for shipping costs if you are not a shopper.

You can still furnish items for any of the other kits at any time. We are in need of sturdy combs, nail clippers, cloth diapers, baby shirts, sleepers (no feet,) jackets with a hood and gowns.

Last month we shipped 10 quilts and 29 School Kits to LWR and we have 11 more School kits packed and ready to be shipped. If you have items to donate they may be taken to church and placed in the box by the office door or left in the office with Joanne. Our goal is 50 School Kits, (or more)!! Thank you so much for your continued support to these projects.

Barb Buchanan and Ann Mortenson
Co-Chairs of Mission Action Service Group

WELCA has **greeting cards** for sale in the church office. There are Birthday, Sympathy, Thinking of you, Encouragement, Get Well, etc. at \$6.00 for a box of twelve. There are also pretty **table napkins** for \$3.50 per package.



All men welcome!

* **Men's Saturday Morning Bible Study** is held the 3rd Saturday of each month at 8:00 a.m. at the Fryn' Pan at 12th St. and Western Ave. This is a great time of fellowship for men of all ages!

FROM PASTOR PAUL

Hope comes. Hope can be lost. How hope grows among any people is determined to some degree by how that people uses its gifts. But because circumstances often demand and push us to use our gifts in new and creative ways, a prior, more important decision may very well be *whether we will use our gifts and talents at all*. In case anyone may have forgotten, let me remind you that every one of us has a place of service to be filled, a gift to give, a witness to proclaim. Some, like Peter and Paul, may do their proclaiming in the limelight. My guess is that most of us do what we do in the background, out-of-sight, quietly but enormously useful. The point is this: ALL are needed.

We are people of faith. That might be to otherwise say we have something to hope in. But faith doesn't just orient one toward the future. It ought also inspire us to be radical change agents of Christ where we live right here, right now. Each one of us needs to be asking ourselves daily, "What is it that Jesus would have me do with the gifts he has given me so that we can have hope not only for tomorrow but for THIS DAY, as well?" Said Thomas Carlyle, "In the final analysis, our main business is not to see what lies dimly at a distance, but to do what lies clearly at hand."

You don't have to be at the pinnacle to make a contribution. We all need to have you right where you are, digging in, doing what God has called you to do and be. Anthropologists report that in certain primitive tribes in South America, the most important community role is that of the "keeper of the flame." Fire was so important to the community's life and well-being that only the most trusted members of the village were given the responsibility. All during the night the "keeper of the flame" added wood to the fire, keeping it alive while the rest of the members of the community slept.

Let that picture lean against you through the month of September. It is not an exaggeration to say that every one of us is the keeper of some flame. How brightly burns the light of Christ in and around St. John is in no little way dependent upon the work we all do together, and that depends upon whether each one of us responds to our respective callings.

Thank you for your continued partnership in ministry through St. John.



We return to our Fall worship schedule on
September 9, 2018 – Worship 8:30 a.m.
and 11:00 a.m. Sunday School 9:45 a.m.



*Choirs resume on Wednesday,
September 12th! No experience
necessary, it's free, it's fun, it's
fellowship at its finest! Meet
upstairs in the choir room! Bells at
6:00 PM and Adult Choir at 7:00 PM.*

St. John American Lutheran Church Council Highlights August 2018

- VBS had 35 students that went on a Time Travel Journey.
- The car show had over 250 visitors attend.
- Need help with Sunday School – teachers, substitutes and music leaders. Please contact Cari Spier.

OLDER & WISER LUTHERANS

*The Owls (Retirees) meet the second Monday of each month at
10:00 a.m. Be sure to join the group ... even if you are not a
regular attendee. Come for coffee & fellowship.
This month they meet on Monday, September 10th in the
St. John Fellowship Hall. All are welcome!*



- In memory of DK Koller: \$350-Capital Fund; \$350-Endowment Fund; \$50-Angel Foods; \$215-The Banquet; \$100-Barnabas; \$110-Choir Fund; \$50-Food to You; \$110-Library; \$125-Lutheran World Hunger;

\$154-Mission Globe for Outreach t-shirts; \$540-Organ/Piano Fund toward keyboard purchase; \$120-Quilt Makers; \$50-Rosebud Ministry; \$50-St. Dysmas; \$50-Project Car

- In memory of Delpha Dumke: \$100-Capital Fund

Other Gifts: \$1000-Outreach t-shirts; \$510-Angel Foods; \$30-St. Dysmas; \$20-Rosebud; \$1270-Gifts for Youth; \$891-Mission Globe for Outreach t-shirts

HIGH SCHOOL NEWS

Wednesday, September 5th: Mandatory Meeting at 6:00 p.m. for High School Students and Parents in Fellowship Hall.

Wednesday, September 5th: Youth Board meeting at 7:00 p.m. in the library, everyone is welcome.

Monday, September 10th: **Pizza Ranch – Brandon -** 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Looking for 5 volunteers, please let me know if you can work.

Sunday, September 16th: **'Thank you brunch'** I would like you there at **9:00 a.m.** to get set up. We will have Taco John's cater breakfast burritos and we will get fruit. I would like everyone to bring 2 gallons of juice. We will be thanking the congregation for all their support in making the summer trip a success.

Saturday, September 29th: Harvest Festival – we will be helping in the pie room and with cleaning the kitchen. We will be working **10:30 to 4:00 p.m.** Let me know if you can help.

Belva Kurtz | Youth & Family Ministry Director
St. John American Lutheran Church
p. 605.214-7539 Call | Text e. bkurtz@vastbb.net

MIDDLE SCHOOL NEWS

Wednesday, Sept. 12th, 7:00 PM Conversation and B&G Ice Cream. Bring money if you would like to go to B&G

Sunday, Sept. 16, 10:00 AM, we will be having our beginning of year meeting between services to talk about service projects and events and your responsibilities in our upcoming year! Both parents and youth recommended to be present.

Wednesday, Sept 19th, 7:00 PM Conversation & Team Building Activities

Sept 23 - Yogi Bear Corn Maze – 2PM

Friends and family are welcome for this fun afternoon outing at the Yogi Bear Maze. Please bring \$8 for maze and \$2 for mini golf if you would like to play a round. They also have a bouncing pad. Please let me know if you are able to attend.

Wednesday, Sept 26th, 7 PM Servant Project – We will be walking the neighborhood around St. John and gather trash for our Fall Clean-Up efforts. Also, during this walk we will be promoting our Harvest Festival by putting up door signs to remind our neighbors of the event.

Dutch Mill Bulb Fundraiser: Adding God's beauty to the earth soil one bulb at a time! This month we will be selling Fall flower bulbs...please let me know if you would like a packet to sell. 50% of proceeds go to your account, which goes toward your summer Bible Camp trip.

Ryan McCormick | Youth & Family Assistant Ministry Director
St. John American Lutheran Church
p. 605.201.7870 Call | Text e. ryan.youthdirector@gmail.com



I would like to thank everyone who attended our 2018 car show on July 29th. A special thanks to those of you who brought a classic vehicle, food to serve, helped in the kitchen and to the Hughes boys for cooking. The comments I heard were all positive and that the food was great. I know you cooks were kind of thrown in the lion pit but you did a wonderful job and everyone enjoyed the burgers and hot dogs, thanks again. We will do this again next year, I'll let you know as soon as we set a date. Any comments or questions about the show feel free to call me.

Ken Buchanan 605-212-2821

Thank you all for the visits, cards, gifts and prayers since I was hospitalized and moved in to the Good Samaritan Center. It is all appreciated. I would love a visit!

Geneva Kluck

Pastor Paul & all staff of Time Lab VBS, My 7 year old twins were anxious and unsure as I dropped them off Sunday at 6 pm to start their week of "church camp." When I picked them up at 8:30 pm that first night, they were filled with stories and excitement to tell me! They had totally forgotten their nervousness. This is a true reflection of the amazing, dedicated staff & volunteers for this program. When we left tonight at the close of the week, they were sad it was done and proudly said, "see ya next year!" My deep gratitude to all of you for your spirit and energy to create such a fun and memorable week for them. We attend St. Mark's Lutheran Church and feel so blessed to be invited to St., John for this week. Our hearts are full and eager to visit again!

Blessings upon each of you, Megan, Dallas & Presley

Thanks to everyone that donated items to our rummage sale, we took in a profit of \$1144.00 to help with summer youth trip. Thanks to all the youth, parents and congregation members that helped setup, spend your day with us, and those that helped tear down. Thanks to Dave and Su for cleaning, Nancy, Julie and Barb for all your help.

Belva Kurtz and the High School Youth

St. John Endowment committee:

Thank you to the Endowment committee for the scholarship I received for my second year of animal science.

Tyler Kurtz



From the From the Library

www.librarything.com/catalog/stjohnchurch

Welcome to autumn. I can hardly believe summer is nearly over and school has started. I hope you had a chance to do some reading during the lazy summer days. Perhaps you will find time to read now that the weather is getting cooler. That is a nice evening or early morning activity out on the patio. Remember that the St. John library has many good books for all ages.

On rally day, September 9, I will be giving a children's word to introduce the youngsters (of all ages) to the library. During the Sunday school hour the teachers will bring their class down to the library. I will be there to show them where they can find age appropriate books and materials. So, all of you parents out there, watch for your children to bring home a library book. Please help us by reading to them or with them. Also, please help them remember to bring it back to the library so they can check out another one. Parents are welcome to come down with your kids, if you would like. (You could check out a book for yourself, too!)

Remember, you can check for books online at the website at the top of this page. I will be happy to help you find something, also. I do not have regular library hours, but if you see me around, I will gladly help you find something interesting. Of course, you can always browse any time.

Don't forget, the library has a nice selection of DVDs, for those of you who prefer that. Please remember to return any library materials as soon as you are finished with them. Thank you to all who have been returning books.

Stop by the library and CHECK IT OUT!

Linda the Librarian (Linda Weber)



The **deadline** for the monthly Newsletter is 8:00 a.m. on the 20th of the preceding month. This month it will be 8:00 a.m. Thursday, September 20th.



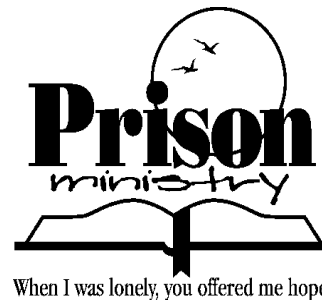
Potluck & Movie

Saturday, September 8, 2018

5:00 Potluck

6:00 Movie - "The Shack"

Come for food, fellowship & fun!

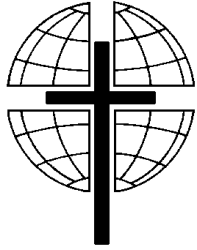


Save the Date

WORSHIP AT
ST. DYSMAS

Thursday, December 20th

We would like to take 20 worshippers
from St. John that evening.



September Mission Globe

Our **August and September Mission Globe** gifts will be given to The Banquet Capital Campaign that will allow The Banquet to build and equip a new facility in the Northwest section of Sioux Falls. You are welcome to make a contribution, *above and beyond your regular giving*, in the globe at the back of the sanctuary. Please make checks payable to St. John Special Funds. Thank you.



Brandon Pizza Ranch on Monday, **September 10th** from 5 - 8pm. High School Youth service project. Let the youth of St. John pick up your dirty dishes and help them raise funds for summer camps. Thank you.

Gift Cards for a number of local businesses/restaurants are available for purchase on Sunday mornings at the Welcome Center in the east entryway of the church. (Cards are also available weekdays in the church office.) Gift Cards may be purchased in varying denominations allowing you to purchase merchandise at their respective businesses up to the face value of each card. In most instances, Gift Cards purchased at St. John result in a 5% profit from participating businesses to our St. John Youth to help with summer camps and servant events.

THANK YOU FOR PURCHASING GIFT CARDS AT ST. JOHN.



Third class mail cannot be forwarded. If you change your address, let us know so you receive your next Newsletter. **You will also save the church the 59¢ cost of address corrections.**



St. John Prayer Ministry & Prayer Box – Pastor Paul and prayer ministers would like to pray for you. Prayer requests are received in a secure prayer box in the back of the St. John sanctuary and are kept in strictest confidence before, during, and after prayers are said on your behalf. It is of utmost importance to the St. John congregation that all our members and friends are prayed for on a routine basis. Please help your pastor and prayer ministers to be faithful and effective in this undertaking by sharing with us whatever you may have in your heart to share.



**Family
Support Group**

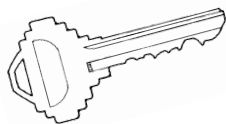
NAMI Family Support Group is a peer-led support group for family members, caregivers and loved ones of individuals living with mental illness.

Gain insight from the challenges and successes of others facing similar circumstances. NAMI's Support Groups are unique because they follow a structured model, ensuring everyone has an opportunity to be heard and to get what they need.

- Free of cost to participants
- Designed for adult loved ones (18+) of individuals living with mental illness
- Led by family members of individuals living with mental illness
- Meets the first Sunday of the month in the library 6-7:30 PM
- No specific medical therapy or medication is endorsed or recommended
- Confidential

For more information about the NAMI Family Support Group at St. John, contact Kari Clark at klwin@sio.midco.net or 605-351-4785. We meet at St. John the first and third Sunday of each month at 6:00 PM in the church library.

Church office hours are normally 8-12 and 1-5 Monday through Friday. It is church policy to have the entrance doors locked during business hours if there is only one staff person in the building. If you need entry after hours for meetings, etc., please check with the office to check out an entrance key.



Project CAR Drivers Needed

You Are The Key!

*Volunteers are the key to independence
and quality of life for seniors.*

Project CAR (Call **A** Ride) offers transportation to Sunday church services, and other church functions, and medical appointments for the elderly members of six different churches. This transportation is a crucial element in their ability to remain connected to their church and community. Project CAR provides vehicles, gas, etc. **Please** call the Project CAR office (332-2777) and visit with Kate or Wanda for more information. **Men, women, retired, working, young, young at heart ... We Need You!**



Meals-On-Wheels

St. John is responsible for **Meals-on-Wheels** drivers and helpers for **Tuesdays**. If you are interested in helping out with this important community activity, please use the sign-up sheets at the Welcome Center (east entry of church). The meals are picked up at the Center for Active Generations. Thank you!

Remember – you can sign up for just one Tuesday if you wish. Any and all help is needed and appreciated!

THURSDAY EVENING WORSHIP CONTINUES

Worship with Holy Communion is offered the first, second, third, and fifth Thursdays of each month at 5:30 p.m., in the St. John sanctuary. (Services are suspended the fourth Thursday of each month to accommodate “Food-to-You” Mobile Food Pantry.) If you’re heading out of town for the weekend, have to work on Sunday, or are otherwise unable to worship on the weekend, please take advantage of this additional opportunity to worship Thursday evening.

IT COUNTS!

Thrivent Choice

The Thrivent Choice® program is a charitable grant program that allows members to recommend where Thrivent Financial distributes a portion of its charitable grant funds each year. It is a joint program of Thrivent and its member chapters.

Choice Dollars® – Eligible benefit members can help direct Thrivent Choice Dollars to thousands of nonprofit organizations, including congregations, two of which are St. John American Lutheran and Project CAR. (*St. John is one of the sponsoring congregations of Project CAR.*) If your Choice Dollars are not designated, they will be distributed as Thrivent chooses.

When the time comes for you to make your Thrivent designations, please consider St. John and Project CAR. Those funds will be directly deposited in St. John and Project CAR bank accounts. Thank you.



Families	387
Baptized Membership	687
Confirmed Membership	568

(Statistics as of 8/22/18)

BAPTISMS

Jakub David Johnson, August 5, 2018

CHANGES FOR YOUR DIRECTORY:

Deane & Darlene Johnson, 3010 7th Street W. #114, West Fargo, ND 58078-7779

Geneva Kluck, 909 S. Clover Ave., Sioux Falls, SD 57110-3140 (this is her daughter’s address) (Geneva is at Good Sam at 2nd & Minnesota)

Dorothy Thompson, Bee Hive Homes, 6330 Hazeltine Blvd., Excelsior, MN 55331

Randy & Shirley Uhl, 2501 E. Winston Cir. Sioux Falls, SD 57108-4823

ST. JOHN GENERAL FUND – July 2018

Karen Scarborough, Treasurer

Cash Balance on Hand 7/1/18	\$ (729.45)
Total Receipts for July	+ 31,314.92
Less Expenses for July	<u>- 27,998.87</u>
Cash Balance on Hand 5/31/18	\$2,586.60

EXPENSES	THIS MONTH PAID	YEAR TO DATE PAID	ANNUAL BUDGET
Our World Mission	\$ 1850	\$12,400	\$ 21,200
Pastoral Ministry & Staff	21,683	150,636	272,715
Worship & Service	1,414	16,143	36,450
Our Church Home	3,052	29,209	49,625
Total Expenditures	\$ 27,999	\$208,388	\$379,990

Special Funds – July 2018

Joanne Pesicka, Treasurer

Adult Ed	\$ 19.68	Fellowship	\$ 3459.46
Angel Foods	\$ 586.20	Food To You	\$ 1453.39
Banquet	\$ 3029.75	Library	\$ 617.99
Barnabas	\$ 1777.58	Organ/Piano/Keyboard	\$ 6023.10
Choir Fund	\$ 3045.21	Rosebud Ministry	\$2526.56

Capital Fund Statement

Mary Johnson, Treasurer

SAVINGS BALANCE		August 1, 2018					\$107,752.78
RECEIPTS							
8/6/18	In Memory of DK Koller		\$350.00				
	In Memory of Delpha Dumke		\$100.00				
			\$0.00				
			\$0.00				
			\$0.00				
	Interest		\$0.00				
	TOTAL RECEIPTS				\$450.00		
EXPENSES AND WITHDRAWALS							
			\$0.00				
			\$0.00				
	TOTAL EXPENSES & WITHDRAWALS				\$0.00		
SAVINGS BALANCE		August 31, 2018					\$108,202.78
CHECKING BALANCE							
RECEIPTS		August 1, 2018					\$110.81
			\$0.00				
	Interest		\$0.00				
	TOTAL RECEIPTS				\$0.00		
EXPENSES AND WITHDRAWALS							
			\$0.00				
			\$0.00				
	TOTAL EXPENSES & WITHDRAWALS				\$0.00		
CHECKING BALANCE		August 31, 2018					\$110.81
CERTIFICATE OF DEPOSIT							
Mission Investment Fund; 2.23%; maturity 1/25/24			\$100,549.86				
American State Bank; 2.7%; maturity 3/3/21			\$100,000.00				
American State Bank; 2.14%; maturity 10/3/19			\$50,000.00				
TOTAL CERTIFICATE OF DEPOSIT							\$250,549.86
TOTAL CAPITAL FUNDS		August 31, 2018					\$358,863.45
PAYABLES							
	Transfer from General Funds (end of year)		\$38,000.00				
	Transfer to General Fund		-\$8,000.00				
	TOTAL PAYABLES				\$30,000.00		
DESIGNATED FUNDS							
	Elevator Funds for maintenance		\$6,853.08				
	TOTAL DESIGNATED FUNDS				\$6,853.08		
TOTAL AVAILABLE CAPITAL FUNDS		August 31, 2018					\$322,010.37
5% of 2018 budget			\$18,999.50				
St. John Policy #5: The Capital Funds Account shall maintain a minimum balance amounting to 5% of the annual congregational budget. Any transfer of money from the Capital Fund to the General Fund shall have Council approval.							