

## Annual Report for Year 2023

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A few really big events happened at St. John's in 2023 and I was in the thick of them! Some of these doings were new learning events for me. There is excitement when you face something new, you find yourself praying a lot, and reaching out to others who might lend a hand. Time goes by very, very, quickly! Here's a summary.

----Bishop Hunn made his regular visitation to St. John's in January. He was trying out a new method of traveling to several churches in one geographic area by pulling a travel trailer. We had an Evensong service with him on a Friday and then a meeting with the Vestry on Saturday. He was off to visit another church by Saturday afternoon!

----On Jan 31 I met with the attorney handling Lloyd Fink's estate. I was asked to be the personal representative, also called the executor, to help get the estate settled. St. John's was the beneficiary. I really didn't know what I was saying yes to! I quickly found out. Thanks to an awful lot of help from the Schultze's, we got through it. The final paperwork was filed with the Probate Court on November 20. It had taken nearly the entire year! Along the way Susan, Tim and I experienced many wonderful moments of reliving stories from people who knew Lloyd. Yes, it was work, but we remember it all with gratitude. And St. John's now has a foundation that should help us see to the future. Thank you Lloyd! Thank you God!

----In July the roof repair project began. It quickly morphed into a multi-contractor project, requiring new electrical wiring and conduit, repairs to several HVAC units, a crane operator, and a resizing of the roof job. Through one of the hottest summers we'd ever had, we made it with good cheer, sometimes worshipping in the parish hall!

----Our Community Kitchen schedule expanded back to its historical and traditional 2 nights a week of serving meals. I am very grateful that St. John's pursues this ministry as it is obviously needed in our community. The bonus part for me is the fellowship that our guests can enjoy, relaxing inside among many others, enjoying conversation and a hearty, nutritious meal. We have also continued and expanded an important feature of our meals, by making enough to share with various community groups.

----I was fortunate to have an opportunity to participate in the DRG Vocations Class. It has been one of the most rewarding experiences of my life and I am so grateful that this diocese offers it. If you feel a call to serve God, I commend this class to you. I'd be happy to share thoughts anytime!