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### **The McHenry County Community Foundation Awards Grant to St. John's Lutheran Church at August Ceremony**

The McHenry County Community Foundation has named **St. John's Lutheran Church, Hebron**, as a recipient of a **\$1,455** grant at the Foundation's Grants Luncheon held August 22, 2017 at Boulder Ridge Country Club, Lake in The Hills, Illinois. **St. John's** will use the grant money to **purchase an Automated External Defibrillator (AED) for their building**.

**St. John's** is among 34 health and human services organizations serving McHenry County that received grants totaling \$330,000 from the Foundation in this granting cycle.

The McHenry County Community Foundation connects the generosity of local donors with community needs through grants to organizations working to create a better quality of life throughout the county.

This brings the Foundation's annual grant distributions for the 2017-18 fiscal year to \$1.7 million – this highest in the organization's 16 year history. For the past three years, the Foundation has provided funds to more than 70 organizations, protecting the human services safety net for those hardest hit by the economy, developing new audiences to sustain our county's arts and education organizations, and improving conditions for healthy and active lifestyles.

"I'd like to congratulate **St. John's Lutheran Church, Hebron**, for their work in our community," said Robin Doeden, Executive Director of The McHenry County Community Foundation.

"The ultimate goal of the Foundation is to ensure that financial support from our generous donors goes to the most deserving nonprofits in our county. **St. John's Lutheran Church, Hebron**, and others receiving grants today are doing great work to enrich the lives of McHenry County residents. The Foundation is honored to partner with them in the coming year," added Doeden.

Foundation grant recipients underwent a thorough application and review process and demonstrated their nonprofit's needs, goals, reach and potential to members of the Foundation's grant committee.

**“In addition to purchasing the AED,” said the Rev. Sarah Wilson, “we’re partnering with the Hebron-Alden-Greenwood Fire and Rescue Department to provide multiple CPR/AED training to those in the church and in the community.”**

The McHenry County Community Foundation distributes funds to Health and Human Services organizations in the early fall and awards Arts, Education, Environment and Economic Opportunity grants in the spring. Local nonprofits interested in applying for funds should visit [www.mccfdn.org](http://www.mccfdn.org) or call Margaret Miller at 815.338.GIVE (4483).

McHenry County residents seeking to make a difference locally by contributing to The McHenry County Community Foundation can contact Robin Doeden at [robin@mccfdn.org](mailto:robin@mccfdn.org) or call 815.338.GIVE (4483) or visit [www.mccfdn.org](http://www.mccfdn.org).

### **About The McHenry County Community Foundation**

The McHenry County Community Foundation is a trusted community leader, sponsor and participant encouraging philanthropy and welcoming partnerships to create a positive difference in the quality of life in all of McHenry County.

The McHenry County Community Foundation is a tax-exempt public charity created by and for the people of McHenry County. We work with you to help you fulfill your charitable interests and goals. We play a key role in addressing community needs, opportunities and dreams – now and in the future – in order to help make giving as effective as possible.

For more information please contact The Foundation at 815.338.GIVE (4483) or connect with us: [www.mccfdn.org](http://www.mccfdn.org)

### **About St. John's Lutheran Church, Hebron, IL**

St. John's has served the Hebron community and beyond for 125 years. In addition to worship and Christian education for all ages, they also offer groups for middle and high school students. Golden Diners, a program through the Salvation Army, serves hot lunches to seniors on Wednesdays and Fridays from 11am-noon. Celebrating Seniors meets on Fridays from 9-11am and includes chair exercises, fellowship time, and bingo. For more information, please call 815-648-2671 or visit our website at [www.stjlutheran.com](http://www.stjlutheran.com).