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MISSION: Reach, Nourish, and
Empower people with the Good
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LEARNING TO LIVE LIKE CHRIST

Disciples are students of Jesus' way of life. A simple definition of "disciple" is "an intentional learner of Jesus." The primary goal in First Lutheran Church's Vision is to become intentional about living like Christ; that is, we aim to become a community of Jesus' disciples.



Learning with intention from Jesus means listening deeply to his words and reflecting on his actions. What does Jesus say and do? How do we respond to him?

The disciples in the Gospels learn from Jesus not only when he is teaching the crowds but also when they sit with him at the table and when they are on the way with him between towns, when they observe him interacting with others, and when they talk with him in small groups and engage him one-on-one. They learn from Jesus in all the ordinary moments of daily life together.

If we would be intentional about learning from Jesus, our learning too must stretch beyond our larger gatherings for worship on Sundays to the familiar routines of everyday life.

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A few members of our staff have been reading *Discipleship That Fits* by Bobby Harrington and Alex Absalom. The authors show how various size groups can help us to learn from Jesus in different ways. As we pay attention to Jesus' way of living, while we engage in all the relationships and encounters of our daily lives, we learn to understand ourselves in a new way, claiming new values and changed attitudes that result in intentional choices to live more like Jesus.

The first part of being a disciple is to imitate Jesus. Watching what he does and listening to what he says, we learn to share his mind and

heart. Jesus demonstrated a deep trust in God's love and the healing power of God's presence. He welcomed people generously and did not avoid lepers or those whom others judged as sinners. He invited people to follow him and imitate his trust and his love, so we practice these things in our own lives.

Jesus also sent his disciples out to make other disciples, expanding and multiplying the communities of people learning to love as God loves. The second part of being a disciple is to invite and coach others to become intentional learners of Jesus' way.

This part may feel more intimidating to you. You may think you don't know enough. This may seem like a job for someone with more experience. But in a community of disciples, all of need mentors and someone we can coach. To fulfill our purpose as First Lutheran Church, we must invite others and help

God intends his people to live & thrive as disciples of Jesus in the context of a community

them to live the way of Jesus. It's not just the role of the pastor or a few staff people. It's the role of every disciple to invite others and learn together.

To grow in this, we'll need to make commitments to each other: to give ourselves to prayer and study and to the practices of identifying God's gifts and using those gifts to serve together. It will take some time to grow into these commitments, but if we keep it our goal to become intentional about living like Christ, we will find our way. God is faithful and has called us onto this path.

I look forward to working with the staff to create new pathways for learning the life of discipleship together and sharing it with others. In this way, all of us can be empowered to invite people into this way of life, coaching them and supporting them, even as continue to learn from Jesus. ☺

ADULT EDUCATION

March Topics

Mar 2: A Deeper Dive into our Lessons of the Day

Peg Haeger

Gather in the Chapel to dive more deeply into today's assigned scriptures.

Mar 9: Collaboration - What A Show!

Amy Hartsough

Amy will be discussing her life as a collaborative musician and performing artist, both within the church and in the southern WI area and beyond. She is traveling to Colombia in June with a dear friend and colleague, to present at an international conference the idea of musical collaboration between artists from different cultures and regions, what that experience is like, and the challenges and rewards therein. Collaborating with and learning from others is what brings Amy so much richness and joy in her musical life's journey, and she looks forward to sharing these experiences with you!

Mar 16: Color My Church World

Lynn Kevern

While we likely notice the change of colors in our worship spaces

throughout the year, we may not understand how our church seasons are represented by the colors of our linens and hangings called paraments. Our altar guild, a small and dedicated group of people, work behind the scenes to ensure our paraments are clean, safely stored, and displayed accurately throughout each church year. We will learn about the significance of color in our liturgical church year as part of this essential ministry.

Mar 23: Funerals = Little Easters?

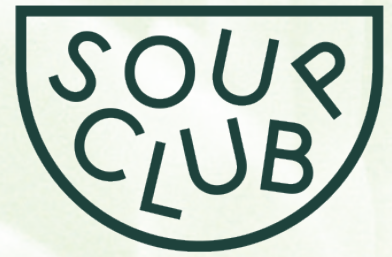
Pastor Jim Johnson

Join us as we reflect on how funerals can be considered "little Easters". Hmm... intriguing comparison!

Mar 30: Living Well With Dementia #3

Peg Haeger

Join us for this year's final opportunity to focus on positive, effective strategies for caregivers and for individuals living with dementia. Our ever-evolving discussion group welcomes newcomers, as those who are impacted by dementia are ever-changing. ☺



Join us for a cozy, delicious time at Soup Club! The last Sunday of March, we meet to share homemade soups, taste new flavors, and enjoy good company.

What to bring:

- Your favorite soup (bring enough to share!)
- Ingredient list
- Bowl and spoon (if you forget we have extra in the Gathering Space Kitchen)
- A friend. Soup is better with friends.
- Can't bring a soup? No problem. Stay and soup anyway!

When: 10:45am on Sunday, March 30

Where: Gathering Space

Why? Because who doesn't love a good bowl of soup? Whether you're a soup master or a first-timer, come for the soup and stay for the soup!

Sign up in the Gathering Space, or just show up—we can't wait to see, you and your soup, there!

Hosted by soup lovers - Arwen, Aubrey, and Renee ☺

ADULT
SUNDAY
SCHOOL

A FAIR PROPOSAL

I know that it probably sounds ridiculous to start talking about preparing for the Rock County Fair this early, but the FLC staff and the Fair Task Force have already begun planning for that very event, held on July 22-27, 2025. I have fond memories of volunteering in the Food Booth with my family and friends over the years, and I would like to encourage all of you to consider signing up for a shift (or two) this year so that you can enjoy a similar experience. If you really want to raise your involvement to the next level, sign up to be a supervisor. It may sound a little daunting at first, but it basically means that you will be working with a supply runner to make sure that the volunteers on your shift have the supplies that they need.

First Lutheran is especially blessed to have a premium location next to the grandstand, and the money we raise not only goes to the church but is also shared with various community partners. Please consider volunteering in the Food Booth or Parking Lot this year, and let's embrace love's adventure together! ①

—Tom Dorscheid
Fair Task Force Chair

MASONRY PROJECT UPDATE

Phase 3 Coming This Spring

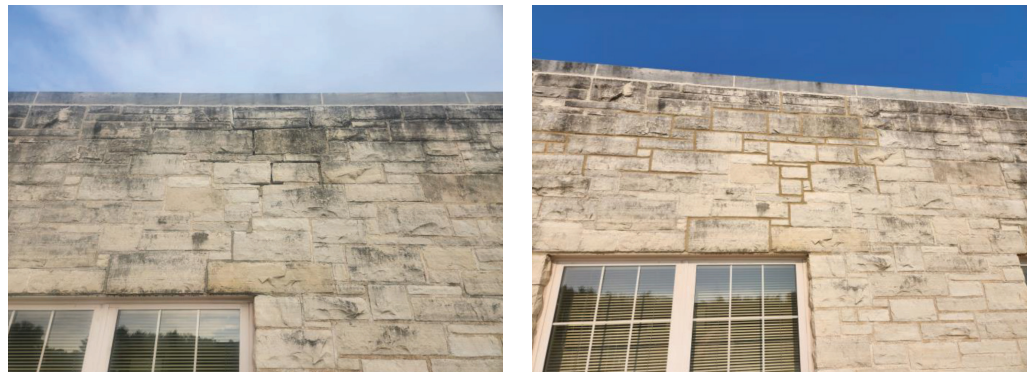
As a result of your matching campaign gifts, Phase 3 of the masonry repair project to the exterior of the building will begin this Spring.

Here are some before and after pictures of Phases 1 and 2, and the area to be worked on in Phase 3. ①

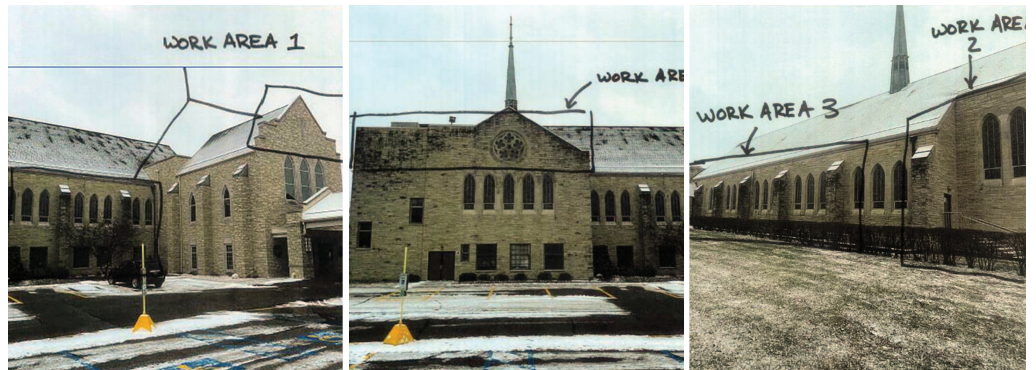
Phase 1: North side Rose Window



Phase 2: Chapel Walls



Phase 3: East side, East Rose Window, South side, West side





UNSUNG HEROES

Sunday School Teachers

I remember Mrs. Johnson well. She welcomed us every Sunday morning with a smile and a hug. She played piano and we sang “Do Lord,” and she could apply a bandaid to a knee while also caring for the soul. She knew exactly what to do when Elizabeth’s hair caught on fire during a birthday cake snafu and she prayed. She prayed that our small ragtag group would grow to know and love the Lord and serve God faithfully. And I guess God listened because five of us from that group serve part time or full time in ministry to this day.

Sunday School teachers are unsung heroes.

in shaping the lives of young learners. These teachers dedicate time, energy, and passion to guiding children on their faith journey, helping them understand important lessons and values that will stay with them for a lifetime.

For all the lessons, wisdom, craft preparation, notes home, silly games, important conversations, and love they pour into their students, we give thanks. They are truly a blessing to our communities and to the generations that will carry the torch of faith forward.

Mrs. Johnson loved me. And I loved her. Mrs. Johnson loved Jesus and I learned to love Jesus too. She quietly and unassumingly helped me become.

Sunday school teachers are unsung heroes. They play an important role

This March we recognize and give thanks for Sunday School, Youth Ministry, and Vacation Bible School Volunteers. Thank you for your life changing work. ⑦

FLC YOUTH FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIP

Due March 15



The First Lutheran Youth Foundation Scholarship is available to any member of the community graduating from high school and entering post high school education. The selection is based upon service performed for both First Lutheran Church and the community foremost, and then upon academic achievement and extra-/co-curricular involvement. This scholarship is funded by the First Lutheran Foundation and recipients are chosen by the Youth, Family, and Education Board of FLC, via a blind selection and majority vote when a quorum is present.

The scholarship application can be found at: flcj.org/youth (at the bottom of the page).

Scholarships are due March 15. Please contact Eric Engen, Youth Minister, at 608.290.7083 or eengen@flcj.org with any questions. ⑦

NEW MEMBERS



Peter Irvine



Becky Heider



Corey Beecher



David Toles, Rayaeye
Wolfer-Toles, Alexis Dawkins

Not Pictured: Judi Mowris

FIRST LUTHERAN'S MUSIC DEPARTMENT

An Update From Amy Hartsough

It has been a wonderful year this far for First Events! We kicked it off with a musical evening at picturesque Genisa restaurant in downtown Janesville. Then we had a marvelous Dessert Theater cabaret-style in FLC's warm gym space. In December, we got into the holiday spirit with Wisconsin's Isthmus Brass Ensemble, and in February, we hosted Luther College's beautiful Nordic Choir.

On April 4-5, we are hosting the Southern Wisconsin Dulcimer Club's annual Folk Jam (Friday) and Festival (Saturday). The 5pm Saturday concert is free and open to the public! More details to come.

We will round out the Spring with our annual Classical Showcase in FLC's Sanctuary on Friday, April 11, featuring musicians of all kinds and all ages.

This summer, we hope to put on our very own FLC outdoor "sip n sing", where folks can gather, have light refreshments, and sing along with a variety of familiar tunes. Details coming in a later Progress.

The Music Department at FLC is rich and diverse! I learn so much from my musical colleagues in the Worship Team, Hand Bell Ensemble, and Chancel Choir. To be able to collaborate weekly with these groups is a joy and privilege. I also enjoy having FLC's musical groups make music with the young musicians I work with in southern Wisconsin.

On Sunday, March 9, I'll discuss more of this during the Adult Education forum: "Collaboration - what a show!" There, I'll discuss my musical endeavors throughout Janesville, Whitewater and Madison, as well as my upcoming trip to an international conference to Colombia in June with my dear friend and colleague, Eric Hung. Dr. Hung and I will be lecturing/performing on the idea of musical collaboration between artists from different cultures and regions, what that experience is like, and the challenges and rewards therein.

First Lutheran is a warm and engaging community, and my primary goal is to create a bridge between us and others through the storytelling of music, and the joy and inclusivity of God's Love! ①





First Lutheran's 2024 Team

CROP WALK 2025

Be The Good

It is time to begin thinking about participating in the 2025 Janesville Crop Walk. This year the Crop Walk will be held on Sunday April 27 beginning at 1pm at Cargill United Methodist Church.

In 2024, the Janesville Crop Walk raised nearly \$50,000. First Lutheran Church's contribution to this total was \$3,186 with a team of 20 adults and youth participating in the walk.

In 2025, First Lutheran Church's goals are 25 walking participants and raising \$4,000. So how can you help in meeting these goals and participate in the Crop Walk?

1. Plan to join the First Lutheran Church Team on Sunday, April 27 and walk in the Crop Walk.

2. Collect pledges from family members and friends to support the Crop Walk.
3. Pick up a Mason jar during Lent this year and collect loose change in your home during the Lenten season.
4. Support a fund raiser in late March, early April where services will be available to bid on in a silent auction. Examples of services include raking leaves, washing windows, spring cleaning of your yard, etc.

Crop Walk registration materials will be available at Church beginning on Sunday, March 9. Please contact Mat Haeger (608.449.4250) with any questions or concerns. Thank you. 📞

MEN OF IRON

Tues, Mar 4



MEN OF IRON

Join us on Tues, Mar 4 at 6pm as we use *The Chosen* drama series and curriculum to discuss and explore the Bible in a unique way. Open to men of all ages and we meet in the Fellowship Hall Lounge. If you have questions contact Eric at 608.290.7083 or eengen@flcj.org. 📞

EVERY QUARTER COUNTS

Quarter Collection for Vacation Bible School



We are excited to announce a fun and easy way to support our upcoming Vacation Bible School and Day Camp! During March join the Sunday School in collecting quarters to help fund VBS supplies, scholarships, and service projects. It's a great way for everyone – young and old – to make this year's VBS a success.

Drop off your quarters in the Quarter Pole located in the Sunday School Hallway or in the front of the sanctuary. Give the quarters to a kid and they will take them to the pole for you! Every quarter collected in the Quarter Pole during March will be matched by an anonymous donor.

Vacation Bible School and Day Camp is August 4-7. We welcome all children ages 3 to kindergarten, grades 1-4, and grades 5-7. ☺

ANNUAL



Why Give To An Annual Campaign?

Why might you give to an annual campaign? Here are some reasons why you might consider giving:

Supporting a Cause: Annual campaigns focus on specific causes or initiatives that aim to make a positive impact in the community. You contribute to these efforts and support causes you care about.

Making a Difference: Donating to an annual campaign can make a tangible difference in the lives of others. Every contribution helps move the needle forward and creates positive change.

Building Community: Annual campaigns bring people together around a common goal or purpose. You feel a sense of connection and belonging to a larger community of supporters who share your values and aspirations.

Ensuring Sustainability: Many churches rely on annual campaigns to fund their operations and programs. You help ensure the long-term sustainability and success of the church, allowing it to continue serving its mission and congregation for years to come.

Maximizing Impact: Annual campaigns often leverage matching funds or other incentives to maximize the impact of donations. You can make your contributions go further and amplify your impact on the causes you care about.

Tax Benefits: Depending on the church and your tax situation, contributions to the annual campaign may be tax-deductible. This can provide a financial incentive for giving and potentially reduce your tax liability.

Personal Fulfillment: Giving to a meaningful cause can bring a sense of fulfillment and satisfaction to you. Knowing that your contribution is making a positive difference in the world can be deeply rewarding on a personal level.

Ultimately, whether or not you choose to give to an annual campaign depends on your individual values, priorities, and circumstances. It's important for you to carefully consider the impact of your donations and choose causes that align with your beliefs and passions. ☺



“Give, And It Will Be Given...”

Jesus speaks to his disciples – his students – about a love without limits. He invites us to imagine a way of living that offers compassion freely. Most people will extend love and forgiveness to those who repay it in kind, but how unusual to give yourself to those who are hostile, undeserving, or unable to return what you offer!

Yet, this is how God loves us. Jesus invites us to enter the flow of that love – to love as God loves. Doing so will completely alter our experience of life. If we are stingy about sharing ourselves and what we have, the

rest of the world seems cold and mean, not to be trusted. But if we share of ourselves generously, we

*If we share
of ourselves
generously
we discover
abundance.*

discover abundance – a full measure (think flour), packed down, shaken together, and overflowing, will be poured right into our lap.

Our congregation’s challenge in 2025 is to commit to live this way together in the face of the uncertainty, confusion, and broken trust that exist in the world around us. The financial resources, time and energy that we give to one another in the name of Christ will circulate a flow of blessings throughout our community and return to us in ways that we cannot anticipate.

How freely will you choose to give of yourself? ⑦

MEMORIALS

January 2025



MEMORIALS RECEIVED

Deborah Coulthard Memorial

Broadcast Ministry: Lonnie Brown

Lee Duesterbeck Memorial

Foundation: Linn & Ann Duesterbeck

Allen Jones Memorial

General: Danelle Hawig, Greg & Shannon Longrie

Dorothy Knutson Memorial

General: David & Candace Thompson, Vern & Leola Schultz, Mary Russell, Ruth Keehn, William & Marion Lindroth

Sue Myers Memorial

Youth: Vern & Leola Schultz

GIFTS RECEIVED

ECHO: Vincent & Frances Kessenich, Magda Nelson, James & Karla Vriezen, Catherine Garvin, David Romstad, Barbara & Dennis Franke

Foundation: Jeanette Beard



COUNCIL MINUTES

Highlights of January Minutes

These are the highlights from the January 2025 Church Council Minutes. If you would like to read the full minutes please visit: www.flcj.org/council

Financial Report (Tim Drinkwater)

- Giving was below budget by -\$60,033.16 and is below last fiscal year (including the matching campaign amounts) by -\$110,055.87. Total income for July through December is below budget by -\$52,124.5. Because of the matching campaign last year income was lower than what was brought in for the 23-24 fiscal year by -\$104,116.28.

Ministry Report - Pr. Michael

- Community Life
 - » Breaking Bread Groups: One new group of seven formed to meet for Sunday brunch in the months of Jan-Mar.
 - » EPLP Gatherings: Next monthly gathering is Feb 5, 6-7:30pm
 - » New Members/Friends Brunch: Sun, Jan 26, 10:45-Noon.
 - » Soup Club: Last Sunday in Jan, Feb, Mar after 9:30am worship
 - » Generation Day: Sun, Feb 2
- Worship
 - » I have received grateful feedback from several people on this year's Christmas Eve worship services, which drew 825 people.
 - » Four children were baptized at our latest baptismal celebration on Sun, Jan 12, the Baptism of Jesus.
- Outreach
 - » Luther College's Nordic Choir in concert at FLC, Tues, Feb 4
 - » Red and White Dance: Sat, Feb 8, Gym/Stage
- Building
 - » Wi-Fi upgrade coming to the second floor on Feb 10-12.
 - » Eric Engen's moved from 1st floor to 2nd floor office

New Business

- West Portico - Buildings and Grounds Project Proposal
 - » Motion to accept the Buildings and Grounds proposal to undertake all three areas of masonry restoration work at the sanctuary in April/May utilizing \$27,000 of masonry match money, not to exceed \$35,000.
- Set date for 2025 Annual Meeting - Sunday, June 22, 2025
- Fair Taskforce update
 - » Tom Dorscheid reports a discussion about discontinuing the food booth
 - » Taskforce is still discussing options

Next meeting: Feb 18, 2025, 6:30pm

Respectfully Submitted, Elisa Ried, Secretary ①

MS YOUTH GROUP

Middle School: March



SUN 02	CONFIRMATION 10:40-11:45am in the Chapel
MON 03	CONFIRMATION MAKE UP SESSION 7-8pm in the Chapel
SAT 05	ASH WEDNESDAY 5:30pm: Supper 6:30-7:30pm: Ash Wednesday Service
SUN 09	BODYWORKS 9:30am Service in the Sanctuary Sign up to greet, usher, serve communion, serve coffee hour, and more!
WED 12	VAN GO 7-8:15pm Meet in the Youth Room Hop in the church van and adventure together. Work together, solve the riddle, find your destination!
WED 19	LENT ART PROJECT 7-8:15pm Meet in the Youth Room
WED 26	SERVICE NIGHT: SOUP FOR EVERYONE 7-8:15pm Meet in the Youth Room
SUN 30	YOUTH MINISTRY VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION / SOUP CLUB 9:30am in the Sanctuary Youth Ministry Volunteer Appreciation during worship 10:30am in the Gathering Space Soup Club! Bring a soup or just bring yourself!

Renee: 608.359.9685, rengen@flcj.org



flcj.org/youth

MONTHLY READINGS

March



Take a few moments each day to spend some time with God reading the Word. You will be amazed to watch your friendship grow.

Mar 2 (Transfiguration):

Exodus 34:29-35

Psalms 99

2 Corinthians 3:12—4:2

Luke 9:28-36 [37-43a]

Mar 9 (Lent 1):

Deuteronomy 26:1-11

Psalms 91:1-2, 9-16

Romans 10:8b-13

Luke 4:1-13

Mar 16 (Lent 2):

Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18

Psalms 27

Philippians 3:17—4:1

Luke 13:31-35

Mar 23 (Lent 3):

Isaiah 55:1-9

Psalms 63:1-8

1 Corinthians 10:1-13

Luke 13:1-9

Mar 30 (Lent 4):

Joshua 5:9-12

Psalms 32

2 Corinthians 5:16-21

Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32



HS YOUTH GROUP

March 9, 6-8pm at Aubrey's Home

Join us for High School Youth Group on Sun, March 9 from 6-8pm at Aubrey McMeen's Home. We will have supper and conversation at Aubrey's.


If you need Aubrey's address please contact Eric at eengen@flcj.org.

MARCH CALENDAR

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
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CHURCH FINANCIALS

The monthly financial report shows the Memorial giving and expenses in the first column, with the actual and budgeted revenue and spending in the last three columns, for July-December 2024. This chart follows the treasurer's report for December in the council minutes.

The full balance sheet and profit and loss reports can be viewed online (www.flcj.org/financials). If you have any questions on the financial reports, please contact Arwen Twitchett at 608.752.7434 x14 or email busadmin@flcj.org. 

Year to Date Financials December 2024

	Memorials	YTD Actual	YTD Budget	\$ Over/(Under) Budget
Revenue				
Contributions	\$15,110.63	\$337,704.34	\$399,050.00	(\$61,345.66)
Rentals		\$18,915.75	\$17,980.00	\$935.75
Weddings/Funerals		\$500.00	\$500.00	\$0.00
Other Receipts		\$9,783.54	\$6,590.00	\$3,193.54
4-H Fair	\$2,800.00	\$45,491.87	\$40,500.00	\$4,991.87
Memorials and Gifts	\$51,422.55			
Total Revenue	\$69,333.18	\$412,395.50	\$464,620.00	(\$52,224.50)
Mission Spending				
Benevolence	\$0.00	\$6,000.00	\$6,000.00	\$0.00
Rostered Leaders	\$90.00	\$87,091.65	\$76,620.97	\$10,470.68
Administration	\$2,638.91	\$81,840.30	\$84,415.00	(\$2,574.70)
Buildings and Grounds	\$24,381.40	\$115,168.17	\$120,190.18	(\$5,022.01)
Stewardship	\$0.00	\$1,110.06	\$1,600.00	(\$489.94)
Witness	\$1,794.09	\$0.00	\$375.00	(\$375.00)
Worship	\$7,733.92	\$64,527.25	\$72,504.52	(\$7,977.27)
Youth and Family	\$8,759.50	\$91,440.18	\$91,498.16	(\$57.98)
Life Together	\$17.92	\$328.95	\$350.00	(\$21.05)
Memorial Miscellaneous	\$6,827.17			
Total Mission Spending	\$52,242.91	\$447,506.56	\$453,553.83	(\$6,047.27)
Total Net Income (loss)	\$17,090.27	(\$35,111.06)	\$11,066.17	(\$46,177.23)

CHURCH FINANCIALS

The financials for the new fiscal year through January 2025 are shown below. The weekly need is calculated by averaging the total budgeted expenses for 12 months (from July 2024 through June of 2025). The weekly average YTD is the total income received, divided by the number of weeks in this fiscal year, to date. The graph shows the budgeted expenses in green, the actual

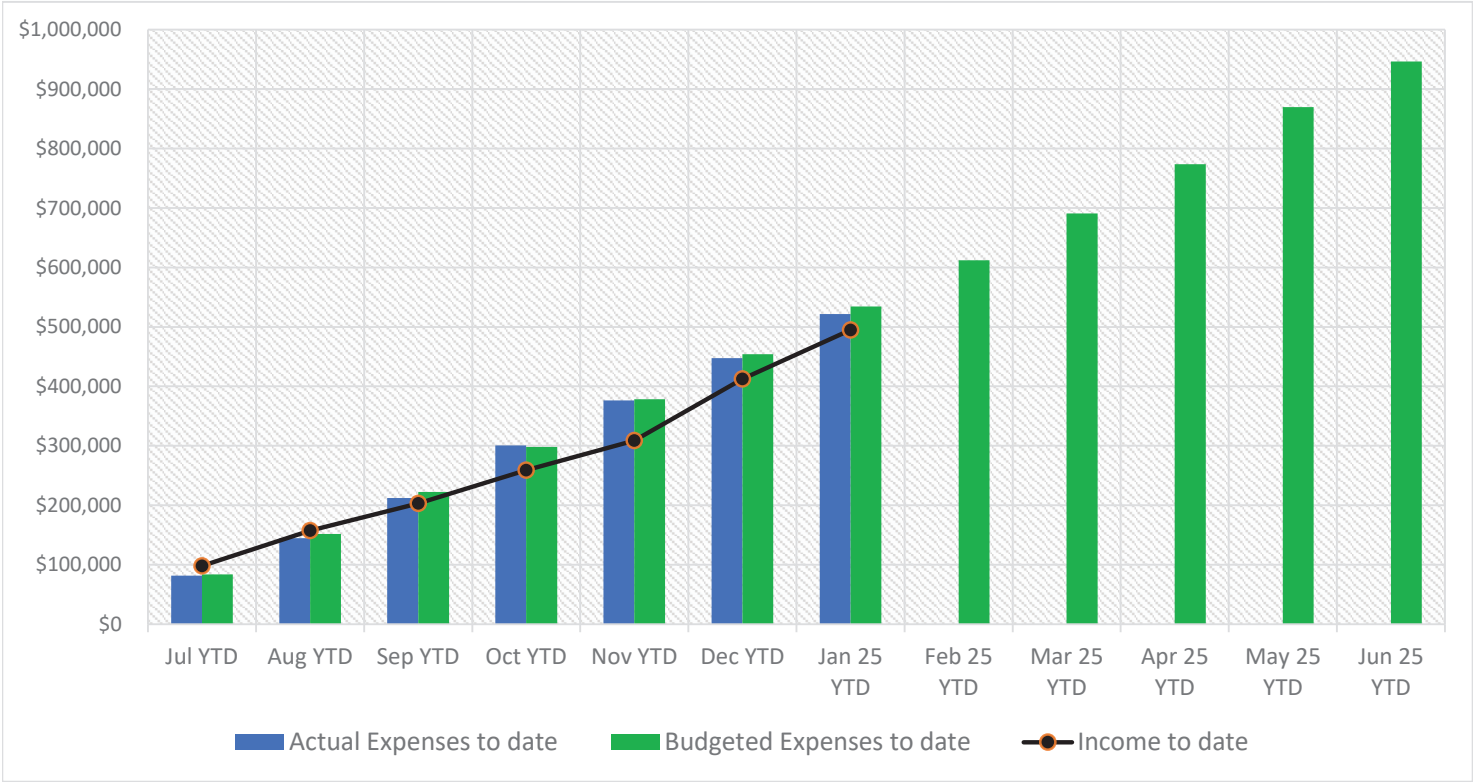
expenses in blue and the monthly income received as a black dot and line. Following the trend from the last few months, giving is below budget for July through January 2025. Expenses have been just a few thousand under budget, so FLC now has a net loss of -\$26,917 for the fiscal year to date. ⓘ

January 31, 2025

Weekly need	\$18,198	Budgeted Income: \$69,335	Budgeted Expense: \$80,185
Weekly average YTD	\$16,497	Actual Income: \$82,424	Actual Expense: \$74,330

		Received to date	Difference	% Difference
YTD income needed	\$534,379	\$494,920	(\$39,459)	93%
12 month income needed	\$946,119	\$494,920	(\$451,199)	52%

YTD income and expenses





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(PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY) # of Plants _____

In memory/honor of _____
(circle one)

GIVEN BY _____

____ I wish to be an anonymous donor

Also please check the appropriate response:

____ I will pick-up my flowers after the last service on Easter Sunday

____ I wish my flowers given to the homebound

____ I can deliver to the homebound the week of April 20*

*Delivery of flowers starts on April 22. You can pick up your flowers at any time.



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