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MISSION: Reach, Nourish, and
Empower people with the Good
News of Jesus Christ!

SEEKING WISDOM IN A TIME OF INFORMATION OVERLOAD

Those of us who have been walking through these days of Lent, guided by *A Different Kind of Fast*, keep returning to a theme of presence. Each week, Christine Valters Paintner, the author of the book, invites us to engage in a different kind of fast. One week we fasted from multi-tasking and inattention, the next week had us fast from the anxiety of a scarcity mindset, each week a call to some aspect of deeper presence.



The experience is making me much more aware of the difficulty of staying fully present in this moment, now. I sit down to eat, and I begin reading email or looking up something on my phone. Then I remember something I forgot to do, and I jump up to take care of it. Before I realize it, I have finished my meal, and I don't recall tasting it. My mind was elsewhere the whole time I was eating. It's possible to go through the whole day that way, never fully conscious or paying attention to what is most immediate.

The first gift that appears with this Lenten practice is exactly that awareness. We come to see with new clarity how we are living and what we have been missing. This awareness opens space to choose something different.

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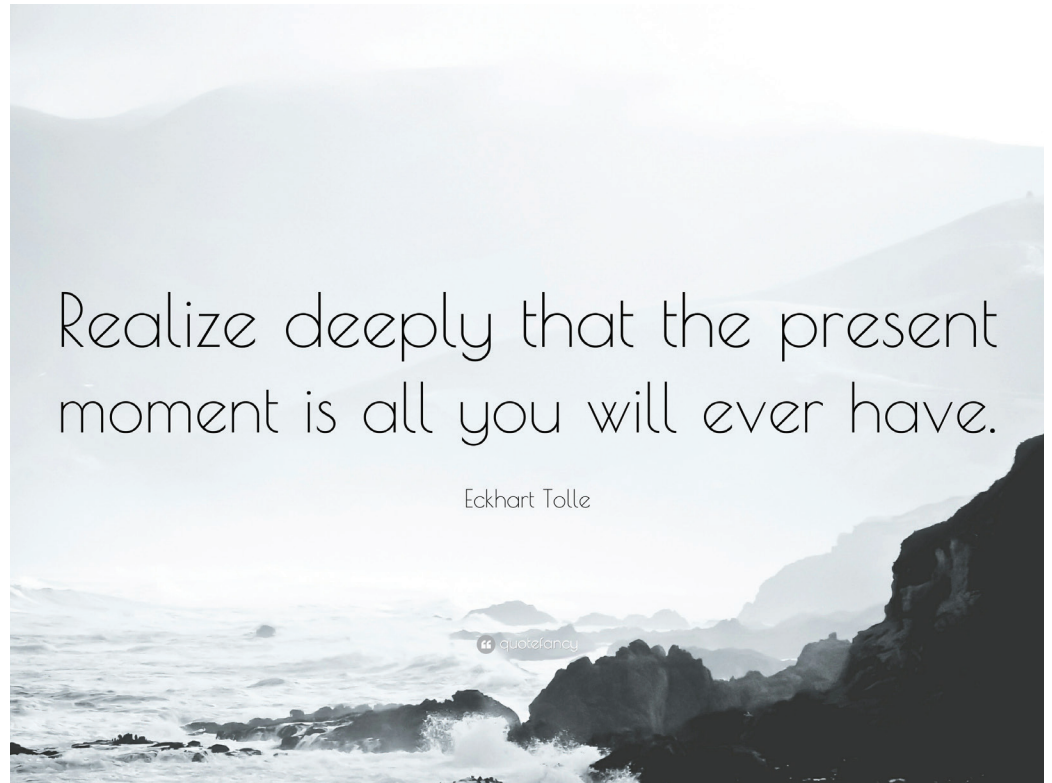
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Paintner's invitation to a different fast each week has been accompanied by the encouragement to pay attention and notice what our true hunger might be, the deep hunger that we have been trying to satisfy by shallower means. For me at least, presence seems a good name for that deep hunger – to become generously attentive, courageously open, and vibrantly aware of all my senses, as I encounter other people, the natural world, and the ordinary moments of daily life.

So many things draw me out of this simple, attentive presence to life:

- The distractions of email, text messages, and



- other online information sources.
- The pursuit of reliable news sources and an informed understanding of what's happening in the world.
- My goal-oriented behavior and over-developed sense of responsibility.
- The felt need to appear competent to others.
- Fear of failure.
- The desire to have unassailable answers, a clean and well-ordered home, and otherwise be in control of my life.
- My tendency to ignore limitations and keep taking on more.

This list is far from exhaustive, and I'm sure you have your own version of it.

Presence is vulnerable and challenging. It can't be grasped. We come to it only by letting go all that gets in the way of presence. It's easier to seek whatever will comfort our fears and to chase after the dopamine boost that comes by satisfying cheaper desires. It's more comfortable to fill our lives with all kinds of things than

to experience the deeper, true hunger.

As we approach the celebration of cross and resurrection, we are confronted by the presence of Jesus. He holds himself fully present to the moment -- deeply present to the people he encounters, to the power dynamics of the world, and to the all-embracing mercy of God's love. His attentive, open awareness attunes him to the powerful life at work through him, shaping his words and guiding his actions.

Such profound presence in a human being leaves an imprint on everyone who experiences it. The life and love that are released through such presence – this, I believe, is what we truly hunger for in this time of anxiety, uncertainty and information overload.

Fasting from all the things that draw us out of presence opens space for us to become attentive to the movement of Love among us, ready for courageous action. 🕉

WHY SHOULD WE FORGIVE?

- To be free of painful memories and destructive impulses.
- To build creative relationships.
- Helps us to see the wrongdoer in a new light, possibly even with empathy.
- Frees us to move forward with our lives.
- Encourages love and gratitude to radiate from the space in us formerly filled with anger, fear and hate.
- Fosters maturity as a person
- Benefits emotional health. Replaces anger and misery with new freedom. Improved peace of mind, decreased negative emotions, allows development of purpose for the future. Increased empathy.
- Supports physical wellness. Relieves stress that can create tense muscles, high blood pressure, heart disease, impaired immune system, reduction of harmful hormones such as cortisol.
- Increases new pathways connecting the neurons of the brain that reflect plasticity rather than rigidity. Gives control over one's life
- Gives new life as a gift to one's self

The Elements of Forgiveness: Some of the Steps in the Process

- Acknowledge what happened,

affirm the pain and hurt, identify the real problem. This always has to start at a cognitive level. You might begin by journaling or writing down the story in all its detail and ugliness. The story may be shared with a trusted and good listener.

- Consider the consequences of not forgiving. How has your life been impacted?
- Forgive the other, whether they are alive or dead. Let go of an "eye for an eye" perspective.
- You may or may not want to tell the person that you have forgiven them, and you may not want to resume a relationship with the person. This is not necessary.
- Offer blessings for yourself and the other, opening your heart to grow in love and compassion. Note the positive effects-less stress, more confidence in controlling your own behavior, new purpose.
- Celebrate your act of forgiveness, even if you can take only a few steps toward it. Do something special for yourself!
- John Monbourquette describes forgiveness as inner conversion, a pilgrimage of the heart, and introduction to loving your enemies.



ADULT EDUCATION

April Topics




Apr 6: Spring Talk to the Leadership

Our church council offers a second opportunity for us to collectively consider the many decisions and challenges facing our congregation in the years ahead. They value our input and open communication.

Apr 13 & 20: No Adult Education

Apr 27: Open Table Update *Laurie Sheldon*

Come and see how Open Table has been implemented at First Lutheran. Hear from our first-year Open Table Team members, along with the startup team for our second Table. Open Table works with Project 16:49 individuals or families who are experiencing life challenges. The Open Table model is a reflection of the human potential of every person. Through relationships and accessing social networks, Table members are trained to empower an individual or family with challenges to implement life plans. 



SPRING WORK DAY

April 13



Join us for our spring work day after the 8am and 9:30am services on Palm Sunday, April 13. As we gather together to care for the Church's building and property, our aim is to create a time of fellowship, serve practical needs, and have fun being together. A simple lunch for all those who helped will be served at 12:30pm in Fellowship Hall.

The work day is a way to accomplish many maintenance tasks from our ongoing to-do list. We will be working on the landscape, cleaning, general repairs, and a list of other miscellaneous assignments. All you need to bring is yourself and come to church dressed for cleaning and yard work! We will provide the tools and supplies necessary to complete the tasks. There will be ways of serving that are appropriate for every age. Bring the whole family and let's join together for a time of work, fellowship, and food. ☺

SPRING SALAD LUNCHEON

Sat, April 26 at Noon

The Spring Salad Luncheon is a social function for the women, men and any friends of First Lutheran Church. It is a time to get to know other members of our congregation and invite people that might be interested in joining the church to gather over a meal.

The meal will be served at NOON this year. The cost will be \$10, the same as last year. Members interested in decorating a table (their meal is free), can call the church office 608.752.7434 x10, to sign up. Jeanie will convey that information to those in charge of tables. Several men and women have already put their names on the list to decorate a table. Thank you so much.

Attendees may bring a salad if they choose. Hot chicken salad, hot pineapple salad, salad and rolls from Texas Roadhouse and cupcakes will be the main menu. Mary Peterson has agreed to head the kitchen staff once again. Yeah, for Mary!

Tickets will be available April 1 in the FLC office. People may call the office to reserve a ticket and pay for it when they arrive 11:30-11:55am on April 26. Tickets will also be sold between services the two Sundays preceding the luncheon. Please consider attending this social affair. There is no formal program planned. Table hosts will be asked to give a brief history of their table. All are welcome. ☺



CLASSICAL MUSIC SHOWCASE

April 11 at 6:30pm



It's time for First Events' annual Spring Classical Showcase! This year we are featuring singers of all ages, saxophone, strings, flute, lyrical tuba, piano, and more, and introducing a harpsichord. This instrument was a gift to Ms. Hartsough from her dear friend and mentor, Gary Lewis. It was built by his father in the 1950's, and she had it refurbished last year. It currently lives in her office, but will come down for its debut with Emily Nie, Peter Irvine, and our own Pr. Michael as part of a

recorder/harpsichord ensemble. This evening promises to be full of drama and music!

Details:

Friday, April 11 at 6:30pm
First Lutheran Church Sanctuary

Free and open to the public - freewill donations always are appreciated! ①

—Amy Hartsough
Music Director



DULCIMER FOLK JAM & FESTIVAL

Apr 4-5



The Southern Wisconsin Dulcimer Club is excited to be at First Lutheran Church for its annual Dulcimer Festival, featuring instructors:

- Lil' Rev (mountain dulcimer)
- Karen Mueller (mountain dulcimer)
- Ilace Mears (hammered dulcimer)

Friday, April 4, 6-8pm

There will be a folk jam with instructors Karen Mueller, Lil' Rev & Ilace Mears. The jam is free and open to the public. All acoustic instruments are welcome, and in fact, listeners and folks who are curious are also welcome!

Saturday, April 5, 5-6pm

Saturday will be the all day classes for dulcimer enthusiasts!

Concert by instructors Ilace Mears, Lil' Rev, & Karen Mueller. The concert is free and open to the public. ①

2025-26 MINISTRY PLAN

Join the
Conversation!
Sunday, May 4

It's time for all of us to talk together about FLC's Ministry Plan for the new fiscal year that begins on July 1. We encourage our whole community to share in **discussion and a meal together on Sunday, May 4**. After joining in a **single shared worship service at 9:30am**, we will continue in the Fellowship Hall for the meal and conversation.

You will learn about priorities that are being discerned this month at the April 5 Vision Retreat. We will look together honestly at the challenges of funding ministry and maintaining our expansive building and surrounding campus. We will talk about options for creating and growing new revenue streams. Together, we will begin building a strategy to invest in our ministry goals, use our building effectively, and create the funding to meet these goals.

So, please save the date.
We want to hear your ideas!



SAVE THE WEEK ROCK COUNTY 4-H FAIR

Consider volunteering for First Lutheran during the 4-H Fair. It can be a wonderful way to serve your community while supporting the church and the fair. Proceeds from these endeavors go toward the youth program, community outreach, church building maintenance, and other church projects (just to name a few).

JULY 22-27

Volunteer Opportunities:

- Food Booth
- Parking Lot
- Pie Baking
- Donate money or supplies



HS YOUTH GROUP

Join us for High School Youth Group on Sun, April 27 from 6-8pm in the

Youth Room. If you have questions contact Eric at eengen@flcj.org.



First Lutheran's 2024 Team

CROP HUNGER WALK

April 27, 1pm, Cargill Church

The Janesville CROP Hunger Walk is on Sunday, April 27. You can make a difference in local and world hunger by participating in this event. The steps we take and the funds we raise support programs that provide food, water, and long lasting solutions to hunger. Please consider participating in this fight against hunger. Here are some ways you can participate:

1. Register to walk with the First Lutheran Church team.
2. Make a donation to a member of the First Lutheran Church Team.



3. Participate in the silent auction that began on March 30 and goes to April 13. Bid on services that will be provided by First Lutheran Church members. Services like raking leaves, cleaning windows, Easter treats, yard clean up, trimming bushes, etc.

4. Grab a mason jar at church and collect loose change at home for the month and return on April 27.

Let's show our solidarity with people in Janesville and around the world who are walking daily for food, for water, for firewood that we care. Please contact Mat Haeger, team captain, at 608.449.4250 with any questions. ①

MEN OF IRON

Tues, Apr 1



MEN OF IRON

Join us on Tues, Apr 1 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. ①

COME TO HOLY WEEK

As April begins, we approach at the goal of our 40-day Lenten journey. Our Teacher, Jesus, offers his quintessential lesson. The Son, who is close to the Father's heart, gives himself freely in love to the end, making known the heart of God.

Palm/Passion Sunday introduces Holy Week. Our worship includes a palm procession, the drama of Jesus' passion, communion and prayer.

On Maundy Thursday we gather around tables in the Gathering Space to experience Jesus' summary of his teaching on the last night with his disciples.

Good Friday invites our contemplation at the cross. In his dying Jesus identifies with all our suffering world.

Finally, after waiting in the space of grief through Holy Saturday, we arrive at the joy and celebration of Easter morning.

Come this year to Holy Week. Follow Jesus on the way to the cross and then to resurrection. Listen to him. Learn from him. ☪



HOLY W



EEK SCHEDULE



April 20 at 6am, 8am, & 9:30am

A festival of new life celebrating Christ, risen from the dead

RISE, O CHURCH, LIKE CHRIST ARISEN

Easter is, of course, our celebration of the resurrection of Jesus. On the third day, as he promised his disciples (Luke 9:22; 18:33; 24:7), the tomb was found empty. The one who had been crucified in their sight, whose dead body had been laid in the tomb, now appeared to them alive, risen beyond death.

Yet, this resurrection is more than Jesus' own defeat of death. By rising from the dead he brings the rest of us with him. In the Apostles' Creed we profess that, before rising, Christ "descended to the dead". He lifted up from the

tomb Adam and Eve (as depicted in the Orthodox icon), and as Paul declared to the Corinthians: "since

death came through a human being, the resurrection of the dead came through one too. In the same way that everyone dies in Adam, so also everyone will be given life in Christ." —1 Corinthians 15:21-22 CEB



At Easter we celebrate with the Apostle Paul that we all have been crucified with Christ and no longer live. Rather, it is Christ who lives in us. The life that we now live in our bodies, we live by faith, indeed, by the faithfulness of God's Son, who loved us and gave himself for us. Hallelujah! —adapted from Galatians 2:20 CEB ⑦

MEMORIALS

February 2025



GIFTS RECEIVED

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



DO YOU WANT TO BE BAPTIZED?

April 27



The next Baptism Date is April 27. If you are interested in a baptism for yourself or a family member, please contact the church office at 608.752.7434 x10. ☺

COUNCIL MINUTES

Highlights of February Minutes

These are the highlights from the February 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 -\$46,940.53 and is below last fiscal year (including the matching campaign amounts) by -\$98,721.8. Total income for July through January is below budget by -\$39,035.48. Because of the matching campaign last year income was lower than what was brought in for the 23-24 fiscal year by -\$92,423.36.

Ministry Report - Pr. Michael

- Community Life
 - » EPLP Gatherings - next will be May 7
 - » Eight new friends were at the New Members/Friends Brunch - four were received into membership
- Worship
 - » 25 people participated in a Winter Worship Retreat
 - » Lent: 11am prayer, 5:30pm potluck meal and 6:30pm prayer. A potluck meal at 5:30pm will precede the evening worship service. A short learning time at 6pm will introduce the ritual of practices of Lent. The Wednesday prayer series will explore themes of shelter, refuge, and safety in the Psalms.
- Outreach
 - » First Events: Luther College's Nordic Choir in concert at FLC on Feb 4 was a success
 - » Red and White Dance (Masterpiece and others) on Feb 8, had over 100 in attendance of all ages
- Building
 - » Wi-Fi upgrade to the second floor is complete
 - » Eric Engen's moved from 1st floor to 2nd floor office is complete

New Business

- Prioritize of Foundation requests
- Child's First Lease Cost Changes
 - » Tasked a group to meet, look over numbers, meet with Child's First, and bring back a proposal to the Council
- 2025 Vision Retreat, April 12
- 2025 Ministry Plan, May 4 - meeting presentation planning

Unfinished Business

- Reconciling in Christ
 - » Witness Board continues to research
 - » Planning to meet with St. John's in Evansville as they are the closest church to us who have completed the process

Next meeting: Mar 20, 2025, 6:30pm

Respectfully Submitted, Elisa Ried, Secretary ☺

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*Church Council meets every third Tues
of the month at 6:30pm in Rm 301. Ⓢ*

MONTHLY READINGS

April



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

Apr 6 (Lent 5):

Isaiah 43:16-21
Psalm 126
Philippians 3:4b-14
John 12:1-8

Apr 13 (Palm Sunday):

Isaiah 50:4-9a
Psalm 31:9-16
Philippians 2:5-11
Luke 22:14—23:56

Apr 20 (Easter 1):

Acts 10:34-43
Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24
1 Corinthians 15:19-26
Luke 24:1-12

Apr 27 (Easter 2):

Acts 5:27-32
Psalm 118:14-29
Revelation 1:4-8
John 20:19-31 Ⓢ




APRIL CALENDAR

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
		1	2	3	4	5
		8a BG's (FHL) 9a Knitters (GS) 11a Staff Mtg (302) 1:30p Smart Recovery (302) 4:15p Hand Bells (SA) 4:30p Witness Bd (FHL) 5p Page Turners (GS) 6p Men of Iron (YR)	8:30a Mission Sew (FH) 10a Bible Study (302) 11a Lent Service (CH) 4:30p FLCW (FHL) 5:30p Lent Dinner (GS) 6p Worship Team (SA) 6:30p Lent Service (CH) 7p MS Youth Gp (GS)	6p Smart Recovery (302)	5p Dulcimer Gp	8a Dulcimer Gp 9a Vision Retreat (FLC)
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
8a Worship (SA) 9a Masterpiece (YR) 9:15a SS (SS) Adult Ed (CH) 9:30a Worship (SA) 10:30a Choir (CR) Children's Choir (SR) Confirmation (CH) 6p Women's Bible Study (Aubrey's)	1p Noteables (CR) 6p Boy Scouts (FH) 8p Centering Prayer (Zoom)	8a BG's (FHL) 9a Knitters (GS) Mary Ruth Circle (FHL) 11a Staff Mtg (302) 1:30p Smart Recov (302) 4:15p Hand Bells (SA) 4:30p Girl Scouts (FH) 5:30p Worship Bd (GS) 6:30p Youth Bd (YR)	10a Bible Study (302) 11a Lent Service (CH) 1p Joanna Circle (FHL) 5:30p Lent Dinner (GS) 6p Worship Team (SA) 6:30p Lent Service (CH) 7p MS Youth Gp (GS)	10a Worship (Rock Haven) 11:15a Worship (Oak Park Place) 6p Smart Recovery (302)	6:30p Classical Showcase	9a Stamping
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20	21	22	23	24	25	26
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27	28	29	30	Abbreviation Key: CH = Chapel CR = Choir Room DR = Discover Room EPLP = Eat, Play, Learn, Pray FH = Fellowship Hall FHL = Fellowship Hall Lounge FHK = Fellowship Hall Kitchen FSH = First Senior Housing GS = Gathering Space PL = Parking Lot SA = Sanctuary SR = Story Room SS = Sunday School Room YR = Youth Room 301 = Room 301 302 = Room 302		
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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-January 2025. This chart follows the treasurer's report for January 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 January 2025

	Memorials	YTD Actual	YTD Budget	\$ Over/(Under) Budget
Revenue				
Contributions		\$416,437.00	\$464,675.00	(\$48,238.00)
Rentals		\$21,908.75	\$21,005.00	\$903.75
Weddings/Funerals		\$500.00	\$600.00	(\$100.00)
Other Receipts		\$10,581.90	\$7,175.00	\$3,406.90
4-H Fair	\$2,800.00	\$45,491.87	\$40,500.00	\$4,991.87
Memorials and Gifts	\$55,732.63			
Total Revenue	\$58,532.63	\$494,919.52	\$533,955.00	(\$39,035.48)
Mission Spending				
Benevolence	\$0.00	\$6,000.00	\$6,000.00	\$0.00
Rostered Leaders	\$90.00	\$100,616.56	\$88,523.55	\$12,093.01
Administration	\$2,641.90	\$95,379.99	\$98,596.54	(\$3,216.55)
Buildings and Grounds	\$25,579.84	\$139,617.30	\$147,966.32	(\$8,349.02)
Stewardship	\$0.00	\$1,306.37	\$1,875.00	(\$568.63)
Witness	\$1,794.09	\$126.18	\$450.00	(\$323.82)
Worship	\$7,824.91	\$75,521.28	\$85,277.42	(\$9,756.14)
Youth and Family	\$17,613.54	\$102,939.80	\$104,600.30	(\$1,660.50)
Life Together	\$138.45	\$328.95	\$450.00	(\$121.05)
Memorial Miscellaneous	\$8,060.34			
Total Mission Spending	\$63,743.07	\$521,836.43	\$533,739.13	(\$11,902.70)
Total Net Income (loss)	(\$5,210.44)	(\$26,916.91)	\$215.87	(\$27,132.78)

CHURCH FINANCIALS

The financials for the new fiscal year through February 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

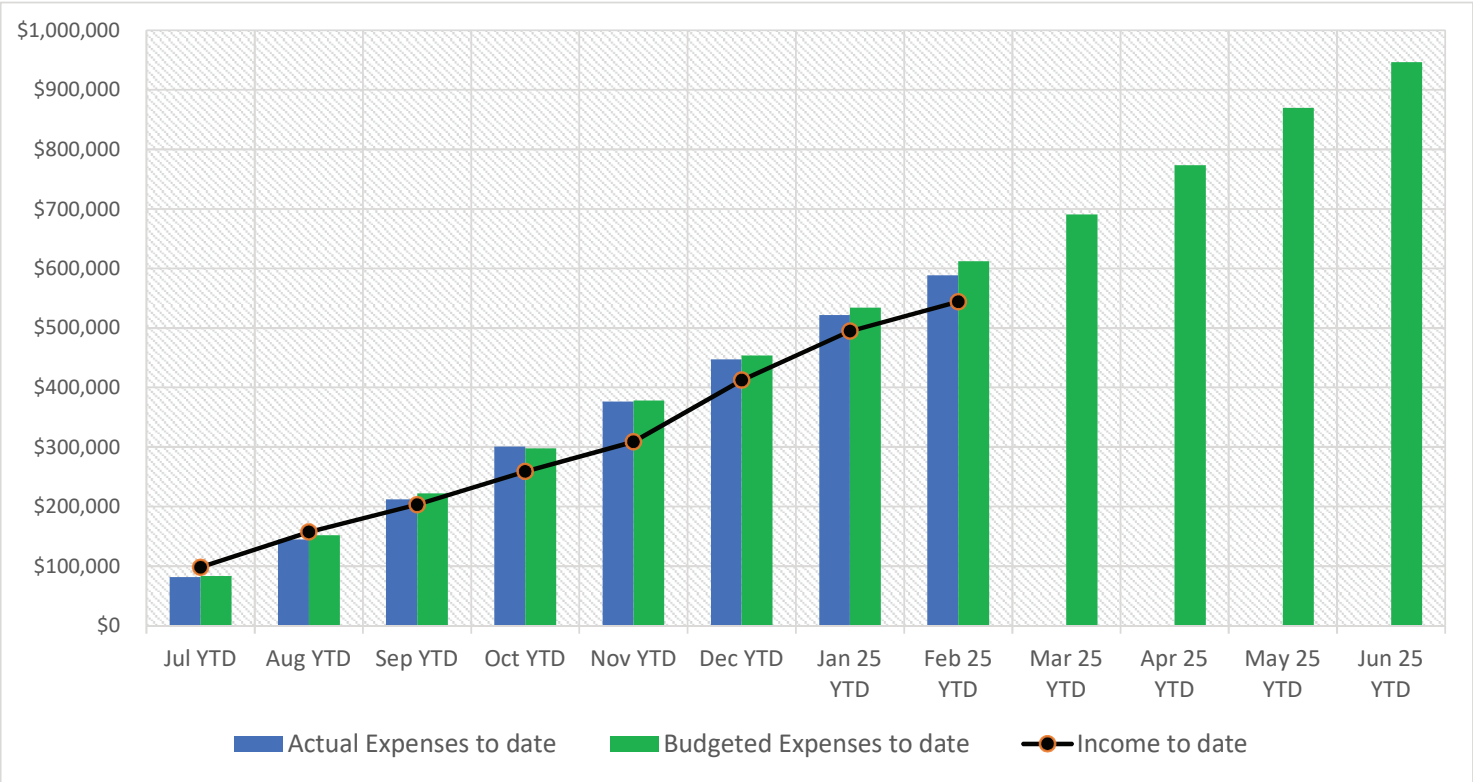
expenses in blue and the monthly income received as a black dot and line. Following the trend from the last few months, giving is below budget for July through February 2025. Expenses have been just a few thousand under budget, so FLC now has a net loss of -\$44,397 for the fiscal year to date. ①

February 28, 2025

Weekly need	\$18,198	Budgeted Income: \$59,785	Budgeted Expense: \$77,457
Weekly average YTD	\$16,007	Actual Income: \$49,321	Actual Expense: \$68,187

		Received to date	Difference	% Difference
YTD income needed	\$611,836	\$544,241	(\$67,595)	89%
12 month income needed	\$946,119	\$544,241	(\$401,878)	58%

YTD income and expenses





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