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Oct 10 at 6:30pm

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Starting Oct 12

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October 5

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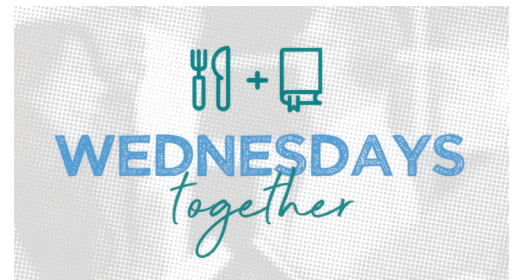
Oct 19 from 5:30-7pm



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

WEDNESDAYS TOGETHER

This September 30, I will have been engaged in pastoral ministry for 35 years. My education and training for this work prepared me to preach, teach, baptize, confirm, and accompany people through their life's journey. An assumption was that, wherever I was sent, there would be a community ready for me to lead and serve and care for.



One of the many big changes in our world over the course of these years is that we can no longer make that assumption. The ELCA has declined in number, and many congregations have closed. Connecting people to community and building relationships is now foundational for all that we do. Though some people still come to our congregation looking for community, most are not seeking us out. While relationship building has always been important, it now requires active intention. It is vital for us to reach out and to invite, engage, encourage, and welcome people into a community that will live as Christ to one another.

One element of this community-building work for us at First Lutheran has been our Wednesday evening gatherings in the first week of the month. These

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ENJOY WEDNESDAYS TOGETHER

Potluck meal, faith stories,
and Communion
6-7:30pm

Oct 1:

Abraham and Sarah

Nov 5:

Isaac and Rebecca

Dec 3:

Jacob

Jan 7:

Rachel and Leah

Feb 4:

Joseph



A potluck meal will be shared during Wednesdays Together.

opportunities to share a meal together and to play a bit, learn and pray together have provided an easy space for new people to enter in and for all of us to connect and build relationships across generations.

As we begin this fall, I'm excited to return to these Wednesday gatherings together. And for simplicity's sake, that's what we're going to call them now – "Wednesdays Together." We will meet 6-7:30pm on the first Wednesday of each month until the start of Lent. Each gathering will begin with a potluck meal – time to relax, connect informally, and enjoy good food. We'll take a few minutes to clean up together afterward and then return to our tables.

The second part of the evening will give us a chance to explore both the hope and the challenge of building healthy community, as we explore together some of the foundational stories of Genesis. The account of Abraham and Sarah and the first few generations of their family reveals both the messiness of humanity and the faithfulness of God's love. We will consider how these

stories speak into our own lives and the world we live in today. Despite the many differences between our world and the world of Genesis, we will encounter common human questions and challenges. Listening to the stories and to each other, we will consider what God may be inviting us to become or to do together.

Our conversation and learning together will lead us to pray for each other, our community together, and our world. Then we will conclude by sharing Communion with each other at our tables. Jesus invited us into community with one another by sharing his life with all of us. He encouraged us to know that he would be present with us whenever we gather in this way, eating and drinking the promise of his life with us.

I'm excited to offer this opportunity for learning and prayer and communion together outside of Sunday morning. And we get to share a meal together too! I hope that many of you will take part in one or more of these evenings and that you will invite others to join you. ☺

PATH TO DISCIPLESHIP

Carry The Cross: The Cost of Discipleship



In Luke 14:25–33, Jesus delivers a sobering message: true discipleship demands total surrender. He challenges the large crowds following Him—not with promises of comfort, but with a call to count the cost. “Whoever does not carry their cross and follow me cannot be my disciple” (v. 27). This isn’t a metaphor for minor inconvenience; it’s a radical invitation to die to self, abandon worldly security, and place Christ above all else. YIKES!

In a culture that prizes comfort and ease, Jesus’ words cut deep. He doesn’t sugarcoat the demands of the cross. But in surrender, we find something far greater—true life, purpose, and intimacy with the Savior. Am I willing to leave my comfort zone and follow Christ fully, no matter the cost? The call remains: count the cost, carry your cross, and follow Jesus. I trust that it’s worth the effort. How about you? ☺

—Renee Engen



MASONRY CLEANING

The Building & Grounds board has contracted with Sutterlin Restoration to do a week of trial cleaning along the east façade masonry. This work is in addition to structural masonry tuckpointing that is also being completed incrementally. Check out the new, clean look the next time you are at church! ☺



YOUTH

Wednesdays



Oct 1: Wednesdays Together
Gathering Space, 6pm

Oct 8: Youth Group
Youth Rm, 7pm

Oct 15: VanGo
Youth Rm, 7pm

Oct 22: Youth Group
Youth Rm, 7pm

Oct 29: Service Night: Bags
of Doom, Youth Rm, 7pm

Oct 31: Treat Street
Fellowship Hall, 5:30pm



High School Service Trip
Elliot County, Kentucky
June 21-27, 2026

We have 8 spots available. Cost is \$550. Deadline is Oct 19 with a \$50 deposit and signed agreement to hold your spot.

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MS: Renee, 608.359.9685
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TALK WITH LEADERSHIP

Sun, Oct 12

LEADER TALKS

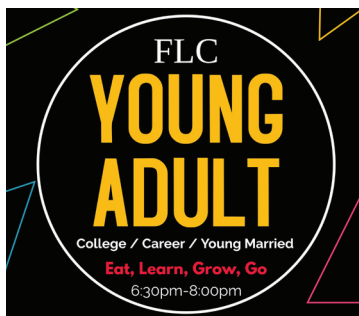
You are warmly invited to our next Talk with Leadership in the Chapel between services on Sun, Oct 12. This is an opportunity to share updates, and plans for the months ahead and engage in open dialog through your thoughts and questions.

We really appreciate your presence and participation, and we hope you will join us.



YOUNG ADULTS

Oct 2, 9, 16, 23, 30
6:30-8pm
Youth Room



For college, career, and young married, nights include a free meal, trivia, Bible study & worship.
Contact: Eric, 608.290.7083
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FIRST FEST SUNDAY

Thank You

Thank you to everyone who worked to give us a wonderful kick-off to our fall schedule. The worship team led our one service with the congregation reuniting after summer. It's good to fill the sanctuary and have an opportunity to catch up with each other. Sunday School also gathered for the first time for fall!

Service was followed by a delightful potluck lunch. Thank you to everyone who put in the time to make the day a success. Youth Board organized the day and arranged the children's

activities, staff handled set-up and tear-down. The pot luck was well managed by Christine Smith & Dean Copp, Tom & Kathy Dorscheid, Margaret Drinkwater, Pam Adams, and grill masters Jon & Kane Bjoin. Thanks of course the great cooks who brought their best dishes. Witness Board provided and served drinks, and Masterpiece provided raffle baskets to begin the flurry of fun.

First Fest left us with energy to go into fall and memories to last until next year. ☺



DESSERT THEATER VARIETY SHOW



Join us for an intimate, Cabaret-style Dessert Theater Variety Show! We'll enjoy a variety of entertainment while sharing in delicious desserts. We will supply drinks, but please bring a dessert to share! Nothing is off limits, but label your dessert if it contains peanuts or tree nuts, and bring it ready to serve. See you there!

**FIRST LUTHERAN
GYM STAGE**



**10.10.2025
6:30pm**

ANCORA STRING QUARTET

Oct 21 at 7pm

Join us on Oct 21 at 7pm for a performance by Ancora String Quartet. Members Sahada Buckley, Wes Luke, Robin Ryan, and Benjamin Whitcomb will perform F.J. Haydn's rousing quartet Op. 74 No. 3 in G

minor, nicknamed "The Horsemen," followed by Jean Sibelius's ingenious and profound quartet in D minor, nicknamed "Intimate Voices." Come and enjoy a special night of music! 🎻



FIRST COMMUNION CLASS

First Lutheran welcomes children of all ages to the communion table. The Holy Meal is a place for community, spiritual connection, and deep meaning. It's God's free gift to us.

Children and their parents/sponsors are welcome to register for Communion Class. Communion Class is Sun, Oct 19, at 5:30-7pm. This class is specifically designed for children who can read. A pre-reader class is available by request.

If your child is preparing for their first communion, or if your child is already eating the bread and drinking the wine at holy communion, we welcome you to class.

At the end of class, we will set a First Communion Celebration date that is meaningful to you.

This year, our preparation includes some learning as a family at home, some online videos, a movie, and, of course, our class together.

Please register for class before Oct 12. To register, please contact Renee at rengen@flcj.org. 📧

PASTOR / MINISTER APPRECIATION

October 5



The Witness Board is sponsoring a **Pastor/Minister Appreciation Day** on **Oct 5** to honor Pastor Michael, Pastor Jim, and Eric Engen. There will be special treats during coffee time between services and cards of appreciation from the congregation. Cards can be sent to the church (612 Randall Ave, Janesville, WI 53545) or dropped off at the church on Sunday or during the week.

We hope you will join us in appreciation by giving a card. ☺



Pastor Jim Johnson, Pastor Michael Mueller, and Minister Eric Engen

JOIN OUR FIRST STEPS DISCIPLESHIP COURSE

We invite you to join us for First Steps, a welcoming and engaging discipleship course designed to help you grow in your relationship with Jesus, deepen your understanding of the Christian faith, and find your place in the life of the church. No matter where you are on your spiritual journey, these classes offer a solid foundation and a supportive community to walk alongside you.

Whether you are new to church, new to First Lutheran, a longtime member, or simply curious about growing in your faith, First Steps is for you.

Session 1 - A Way Worth Living Oct 12, 10:45am-12:15pm

We are people formed by grace and called into the life we see in Jesus. This session explores what it means to walk by faith and live as part of God's ongoing work in the world.

Session 2 - The Lutheran Way Oct 26, 10:45am-12:15pm

Rooted in Scripture and centered in the gospel, the Lutheran tradition invites us to live freely and trust boldly in God's grace. This session explores how God's promises, not our performance, shape a life of faith, freedom, and purpose.

Session 3 - Our Church, Our Mission Nov 9, 10:45am-12:15pm

At First Lutheran, we are a work in progress—gathered in love, shaped by Word and Sacrament, and sent to serve. This session shares our mission, values, and how we live them out together.

Session 4 - Made to Make A Difference Nov 23, 10:45am-12:15pm

We believe generosity is a way of life. In this session, we'll talk about how your time, skills, and presence can support the mission of First Lutheran and help shape our shared future.

One-Day Retreat Option at Lutherdale Feb 21, 9am-3pm

Prefer to take all four sessions in one day? Join us for a special retreat experience where we'll explore each class together, enjoy community, and share a meal—lunch included

Come as you are. Together we will learn to walk more closely with Jesus.

Please use the QR code to register or contact Renee at 608.359.9685 or rengen@flcj.org. ☺





CARE PACKAGES FOR RECENT GRADS

Return by Oct 19

Our recent graduates are out in the world going to school, working, doing internships, or in service to the military. Let them know their congregation at First Lutheran is thinking about them.

Grab a box with the name of a recent grad from the table in the Gathering Space and fill it with microwave popcorn, hot chocolate, snacks, chap-stick, tissues, gift cards, more

snacks, gum, fuzzy socks, hand sanitizer, cough drops, disinfectant wipes, and even more snacks! Plan to spend between \$15-20 on your care package. Include an encouraging note! Return that box by October 19 and the Youth Board will send it out.

The Youth Board thanks you for your care and commitment to young people at First Lutheran. Please contact Renee with any questions. ☺



FALL WORK DAY

Oct 11



Join us for our fall work day at 8am on Sat, Oct 11. 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 Noon in Fellowship Hall. ☺

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

Oct 19, 7pm

Aubrey's House



Join us for a 5-week study of the book *It Is Well: Walking Away From Anxiety And Into God's Word*. Is there hope in Christ for us when anxiety swells within? Can we find peace in God when our circumstances are anything but peaceful? The answer to these questions is yes! Key themes: worry, anxiety, peace, hope. You won't want to miss this study! ☺

HOW CAN YOU HELP?



Our committee could really use your help. There are many opportunities to help:

- First of all, please come and support the event. There is something for everyone!
- We need many items for the bakery! Norwegian baked goods are very popular! Can you donate a dozen or two of something tasty?
- Donate a bottle or two of wine for the wine pull? \$10 or more value please. (pictured above)
- Can you or a business you know donate an item for the raffles or a raffle basket?
- Can you help set up before or clean up afterward?

Please contact Barb Clem at 608.247. 3006 if you can help in any way.

HOLIDAY

October 18 from 9am-2pm

The Annual Holiday Craft Fair is on its way for 2025! Mark your calendars for October 18 from 9am-2pm.

Lunch will be available, we will offer pulled pork, mac and cheese, veggies and dip, and FLC's homemade pie by the slice, and more.

Children's Activities: Rock painting, cookie decorating, and mini pumpkin decorating will be available. All Free!

Shopping: We fill our entire first floor, including Fellowship Hall, the hallway, and the gym, with vendors.

Crafters: Start your Christmas shopping with an original gift!

Authors: Local authors with a wide variety of original stories.

Direct Sales: a wide variety of quality items for you and your home, or for great gifts!

Bake Sale: Bring home some freshly baked goods made by the members of First Lutheran Church.

Wine Pull: \$10 wine pull, and you're guaranteed a bottle of wine!

Raffles: Many nice baskets and vendor donations! We also have a quilt raffle; the quilt was made by a member of FLC. ①



CRAFT FAIR



There will be a variety of arts, crafts, baked goods, raffles, and children's activities at the fair.

QUILT RAFFLE

Quilted by Sawyer Drinkwakter

Sawyer Drinkwater has been donating handmade quilts to the Holiday Craft Fair raffle for four years now. He enjoys giving back to First Lutheran through quilting. Sawyer graduated from Craig High School last June and is now an apprentice working at JP Cullen.

The drawing will be on Oct 18 toward the end of the Holiday Craft Fair. Raffle tickets are \$10.

The quilt measures approximately 76" x 96".



Sawyer Drinkwater and his donated quilt.



CHILDREN'S ACTIVITIES

All Free!

- Rock Painting
- Cookie Decorating
- Mini Pumpkin Decorating



Margaret Drinkwater and Jeanie Pomplun helping at the cookie decorating station.

MEMORIALS

July 2025



MEMORIALS RECEIVED

Gerald Roehl Memorial

General: Timothy Roehl,
Jeanette Beard

Barb Abraham Memorial

Foundation: Jeanette Beard

Mary Russell Memorial

General: Mike & Nina
Peterson

GIFTS RECEIVED

ECHO: Marlys Carlson,
Frances & Vincent Kessnich,
James & Karla Vriezen,
Catherine Garvin, Kathryn
McCumber, David Romstad

Safe Families: Nina Peterson



COUNCIL MINUTES

Highlights of Aug Minutes

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

Financial Report (Jarod Wasson)

- People continued to give toward the matching campaign in July. Combining both the regular and matching donations, we were under budget by about \$5,000. The fair income was also under budget by about \$3,500 and total income for July was under budget by \$5,616. Other giving will include the visitation pastor donation (which will match Pr. Jim's monthly pay).

Ministry Report - Pr. Michael

- 4H Fair
 - » Trained new supervisors
 - » Had great volunteers
- VBS
 - » Well attended - both participants and volunteers
 - » Reunion planned for families who participated

New Business

- November Council Meeting
 - » Moved to Tuesday, Nov 11 to accommodate members attending the Exponential Central Conference in Naperville, IL on Nov 18-20.
- Email from Pastor Jim Johnson
 - » Pastor Jim emailed President Evert to express his appreciation for his pay increase and the opportunity to serve the congregation.

Unfinished Business

- Plans for First Fest
 - » Table set up with ministry team definitions and information on team membership roles
 - » Council to man the table
 - » QR code for more information and a link to sign-up
- Staff Appreciation
 - » Scheduled for Nov 11

For the Good of the Church

- Thankful for VBS staff and volunteers
- Thankful for fair volunteers
- Becky Haider, Suzanne Hamilton and others involved with planting and maintaining the planters in front of the church.
- Aubrey for working to find the best answer for Masterpiece
- Renee and all of her work as she starts to prepare for the start of Sunday School.

Next meeting: Sept 16, 2025, 6:30pm

Respectfully Submitted, Elisa Ried, Secretary 

GET TO KNOW THE MUSIC DEPARTMENT

Meet Sierra Spiering

One of FLC's newer Worship Team members is Sierra Spiering, a lovely soprano! She has shared her beautiful voice for Christmas and other special worship services, and it's a treat having her vivacious spirit as a regular part of worship! She brings along her son Max to team rehearsals, and we are joyfully getting to know him and her husband Ben, as they hang out at rehearsal, often singing and playing along.



students through various subjects. She cares deeply about her students, her faith journey, and her family. Sierra is leading (with lots of support!) FLC's new group, the Worship Collective - a group of worship leading participants who are interested in diving deeper into all aspects of worship. We are so glad she is a part of the FLC family! 🕊

You'll also find Sierra with the Young Adult group, and she fearlessly and gracefully lead VBS week, encouraging FLC youth as they learned more about their faith. Sierra is a teacher at Kennedy Elementary School in Janesville, where she nurtures



HYMN SING

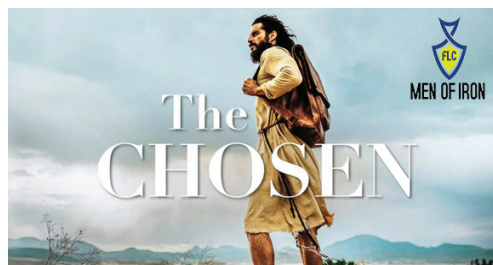
Join us for our monthly Hymn Sing on Wed, Oct 22, at 1:30pm at Cedar Crest Assisted Living: 1706 S River Road, Janesville. All are welcome!



MEN OF IRON

Oct 7, 6-8pm, Youth Room

Open to men and boys of all ages. We will use "The Chosen" TV series and curriculum to discuss and explore the Bible in a unique way. Meal provided!



MONTHLY READINGS

October



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

Oct 5 (Pentecost 17):
Habakkuk 1:1-4; 2:1-4
Psalm 37:1-9
2 Timothy 1:1-14
Luke 17:5-10

Oct 12 (Pentecost 18):
2 Kings 5:1-3, 7-15c
Psalm 111
2 Timothy 2:8-15
Luke 17:11-19

Oct 19 (Pentecost 19):
Genesis 32:22-31
Psalm 121
2 Timothy 3:14—4:5
Luke 18:1-8

Oct 26 (Reformation):
Jeremiah 14:7-10, 19-22
Psalm 84:1-7
2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18
Luke 18:9-14 🕊

OCT CALENDAR

If you have an article idea for the Progress, please submit it to christals@flcj.org by the first of the month so the layout can be planned. The actual articles are due the 10th of the month.

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
			1	2	3	4
Abbreviation Key: CH = Chapel CR = Choir Room DR = Discover Room FH = Fellowship Hall FHL = Fellowship Hall Lounge FHK = Fellowship Hall Kitchen	GS = Gathering Space MP = Masterpiece SA = Sanctuary SS = Sunday School Room YR = Youth Room 301 = Room 301 302 = Room 302		8:30a Mission Sew (FH) 10a Bible Study (302) 4:30p FLCW (FHL) 6p Wed Together (GS) 6p Worship Team (SA) 6p Youth Gp (GS)	6p Smart Recovery (302) 6:30p Young Adults (YR)		1p Big Brother Big Sister Carnival (FLC)
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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 2025. This chart follows the treasurer's report for July 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 July 2025

	Memorials	YTD Actual	YTD Budget	\$ Over/(Under) Budget
Revenue				
Contributions		\$56,966.15	\$61,760.25	(\$4,794.10)
Rentals		\$3,610.02	\$3,764.02	(\$154.00)
Weddings/Funerals		\$100.00	\$0.00	\$100.00
Other Receipts		\$6,487.89	\$3,847.08	\$2,640.81
4-H Fair	\$2,800.00	\$40,890.96	\$44,300.00	(\$3,409.04)
Memorials and Gifts	\$120,555.53			
Total Revenue	\$123,355.53	\$108,055.02	\$113,671.35	(\$5,616.33)
Mission Spending				
Benevolence	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Rostered Leaders	\$3,600.00	\$13,412.88	\$12,778.19	\$634.69
Administration	\$2.99	\$14,315.87	\$14,628.38	(\$312.51)
Buildings and Grounds	\$0.00	\$19,487.35	\$21,553.54	(\$2,066.19)
Stewardship	\$0.00	\$176.48	\$250.00	(\$73.52)
Witness	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$20.00	(\$20.00)
Worship	\$975.00	\$9,425.47	\$9,651.36	(\$225.89)
Youth and Family	\$25.00	\$25,238.54	\$26,848.64	(\$1,610.10)
Life Together	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$25.00	(\$25.00)
Memorial Miscellaneous	\$0.00			
Total Mission Spending	\$4,602.99	\$82,056.59	\$85,755.11	(\$3,698.52)
Total Net Income (loss)	\$118,752.54	\$25,998.43	\$27,916.24	(\$1,917.81)

CHURCH FINANCIALS

The financials for the fiscal year to date, July-August 2025, are shown below. The weekly need is calculated by averaging the total budgeted expenses for 12 months (from July 2025 through June of 2026). 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. Total income for July through August is above budget by \$12,534. Expenses are slightly lower than anticipated, so income continues to be higher than monthly expenses for the first 2 months of the fiscal year.

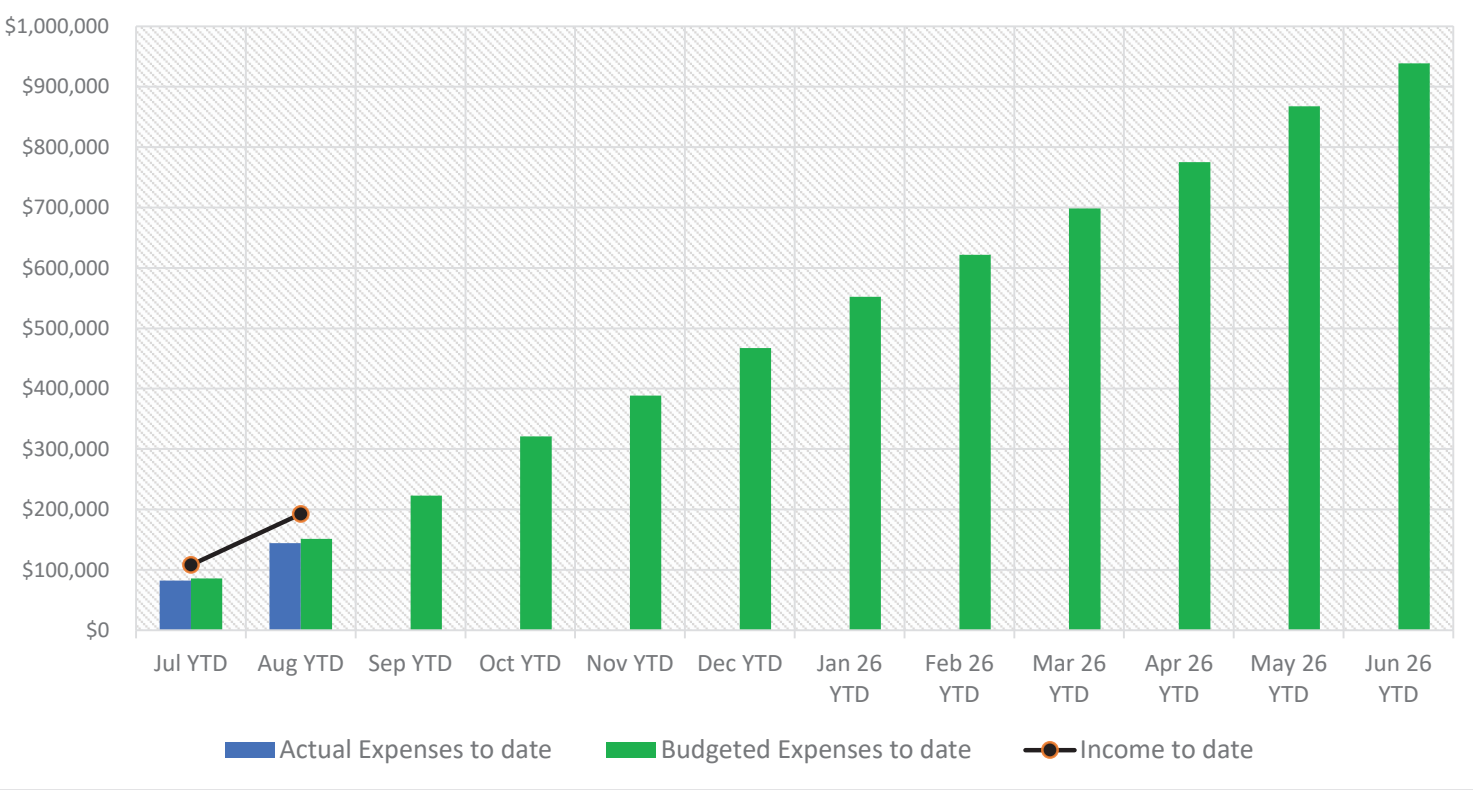


August 31, 2025

Weekly need	\$18,045	Budgeted Income: \$66,246	Budgeted Expense: \$65,653
Weekly average YTD	\$24,056.42	Actual Income: \$84,396	Actual Expense: \$62,301

		Received to date	Difference	% Difference
YTD income needed	\$151,408	\$192,451	\$41,043	127%
12 month income needed	\$938,539	\$192,451	(\$746,088)	21%

YTD income and expenses





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