

# PROGRESS

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

## WHOSE DAILY BREAD?

In his Small Catechism, Martin Luther taught that “daily bread” includes all that we need to live from day to day – not only food but clothing, shelter, money, property, loving family members, good government, favorable weather, health, peace, good friends and neighbors, and more.



We tend to hear this petition for daily bread as an appeal to God that our own personal needs would be met. And certainly, our own needs are a legitimate concern and are not hidden from God. Jesus assures us that, as well as God cares for the ravens and the wildflowers, God knows what we need and will provide for us abundantly (Luke 12:22-31).

Interestingly, though, directly after teaching his disciples how to pray, Jesus tells a parable that focuses on *bread for a guest*.

Jesus describes how a friend arrives late at night, and the host has no bread to offer (Luke 11:5-13). He knocks on his neighbor's door until the neighbor shares some bread to meet his need. The need in this case is to provide hospitality to the guest. In contrast to the reluctant neighbor, who is slow to get out of bed in the middle of the night to answer his friend's request,

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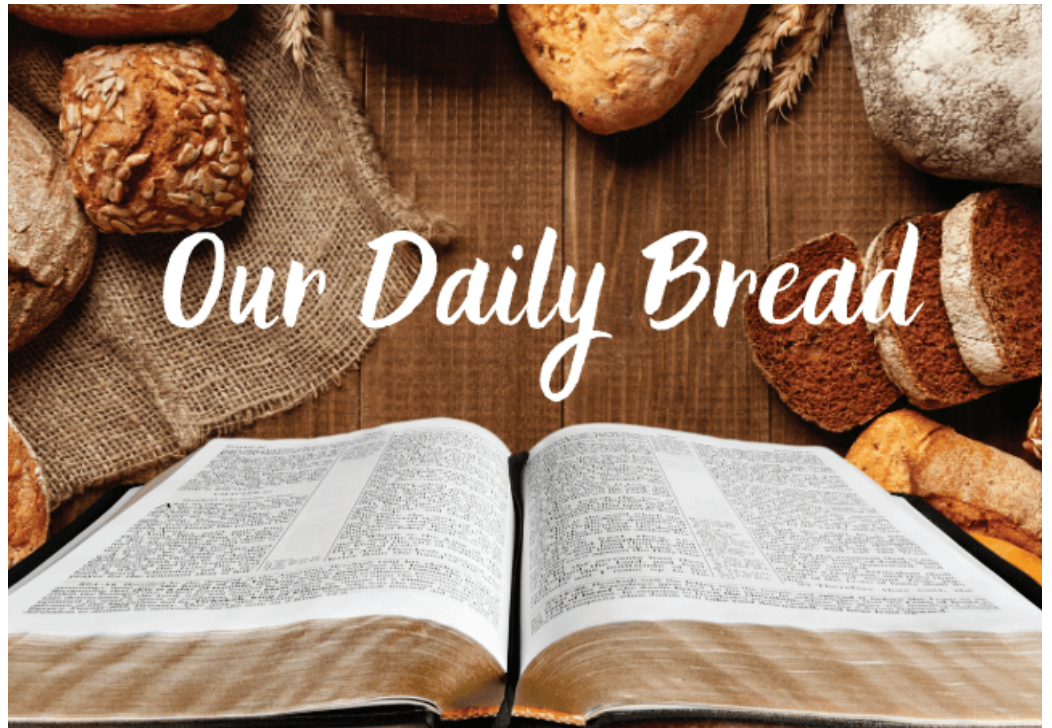


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God does not need to be convinced to respond to us. Ask, seek, and knock, Jesus concludes, “for everyone who asks receives, and everyone who searches finds, and for everyone who knocks, the door will be opened.”

This parable opens our imaginations to consider the abundant and eager generosity of God. Even more, it reveals the communal quality of God’s kingdom and will. Within the order of God’s kingdom, where God’s will is done, our whole lives will be oriented to God in loving trust. Our care and attention will be as much for our neighbor’s need as for ourselves.



Awareness of God’s generous heart opens our eyes to the many daily gifts that we take for granted. To see clearly all that we have already received allows us to breathe out our persistent fears of scarcity. We become free then to align ourselves with God’s own joy in giving. “Seek God’s kingdom and all the rest will be given to you as well.” When that truth sinks in, we begin to realize the freedom we have to share generously. Perhaps, as the parable suggests, our deepest need for daily bread is that we would have it to share with others.

Since mid-September, the Sunday preaching series has focused on “What We Can Do” in response to God’s rich generosity. That series concludes Nov 16, when you will be invited to offer a personal response.

Consider the ways you have encountered God’s generosity in your own life. How have you experienced abundance in the form of compassion,

healing, opportunity, joy, or resources? How are you moved to share what you have received?

We will make an offering of these things on Sunday, November 16. Gifts of time, skills, and leadership are valuable expressions of gratitude. What would you like to offer of yourself? How do you feel called to give yourself for others? It may be through a ministry of the congregation or some other opportunity in the community. Financial commitments made to FLC will empower us together to provide a community of safety for children and families, a place of grace, hospitality, and love for all. Your gifts will also support service among our neighbors in the community and in the world beyond.

The bread we share with others ensures that all have plenty. What bread have you received that you can now share? ①

# PATH TO DISCIPLESHIP

## Together on the Road: Community and Accountability



Discipleship isn't a solo journey. It takes a community. The New Testament is full of reminders that Christians grow when in community.

Proverbs 27:17- "As iron sharpens iron, so one person sharpens another."

Galatians 6:2- "Carry each other's burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ."

James 5:16- "Therefore confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous person is powerful and effective."

Jesus approach to ministry was relational, focused on a small group of followers to pour his life into. This small group allowed for intimate and consistent instruction, spiritual modeling, and personal transformation. The goal of Jesus ministry was to produce disciples that could make more disciples. By pouring his life into twelve men, Jesus established a solid group of men (a community) that would spread his message to the world. The model of community and accountability found in Jesus small group of followers lets

us know that discipleship is not just a study of beliefs but a way of life lived out together.

Just as Jesus mentored his disciples, every Christian is called to receive guidance and wisdom from more mature believers.

Ecclesiastes 4:9-10- "Two are better than one, because they have a good return for their labor: If either of them falls down, one can help the other up."

The cycle of discipleship is completed when we invest in the spiritual lives of others. This is a command from Jesus himself, who instructed his followers to "go and make disciples", Matthew 28:19. As you help someone grow, you strengthen your own spiritual walk. Mentoring is not just for Bible experts; anyone who is a follower of Christ can point others to Jesus. This mentoring process strengthens the entire community. Being mentored and mentoring others, creates a cycle of spiritual multiplication that builds the church and makes our community stronger. ①

—Eric Engen

## THANK OFFERING

### Nov 23 & 30

The women of the ELCA are offering envelopes for collecting Thank-Offerings again this year. They will be distributed to members of each circle and will be available by the weekly church bulletins for anyone interested. This special collection will benefit the National Organization of Women of the ELCA, funding their administrative, instructional, and missionary goals. All of the donations collected in the Thank-offering envelopes should be brought to church on November 23 and 30, or sent with your regular donation in November. Members may also send in checks to the church office, noting they are to be added to the Thank-offering collection.

All the money collected, as part of the Thank-offering effort, will be calculated by Peggy Nimmo, Treasurer of the FLC-Women Board. She will then send out one check to the Women of the ELCA head office.

Thank you in advance for your generosity in supporting the Women of the ELCA!

## CRAIG CARES

### Holiday Program

With her heartfelt dedication to helping others, Jan Pinnow introduced us to the Craig Cares Holiday Program. In honor of her memory, FLC hopes to match—or even surpass—the care we provided to the over 40 students last year. Student program lists aren't available yet, but the program will be similar to past years. Watch the weekly bulletins for updates.

Craig Cares programs accepting donations year-round include the Hygiene Closet, Clothing Closet, and general Craig Cares Donations.

**Immediate needs:** toilet paper, paper towels, laundry soap, dish soap, hygiene items, monetary donations, and backpacks.

#### Drop-off location:

Craig High School

#### Monetary donations (mail):

Craig Cares  
Attn: Heather Last  
Craig High School  
401 S Randall Ave  
Janesville, WI 53545

Please indicate your affiliation with First Lutheran when donating. Questions? Contact Phylis Olson at 608.752.7793. ☎

## LIVING THE MESSAGE

### The Gift of Giving

On Sunday, Oct 5, guest Pastor Anne reminded us in her sermon that true wealth lies in our ability to share. The congregation of First Lutheran continues to embody that message in meaningful ways.

When called upon to support Lutheran World Relief's school kit initiative, our members responded generously—filling 15 complete school bags. Alongside those, donations poured in: notebooks, backpacks, rulers, pencils, pens, erasers, scissors, pencil sharpeners, and crayons. In total, 67 school bags were prepared and sent in September.

Our giving didn't stop there. Members also donated a variety of school supplies—crayons, markers, pencils,

scissors, notebooks, and more—for students at Adams Elementary School. Jeanette Beard delivered three boxes of these supplies to the school office in late September. The school secretary received them warmly and placed them in a room where teachers can access what they need throughout the year.

To paraphrase Pastor Anne's message: if you have much but don't share, you are poor. But if you are able to share, you are truly rich.

Thank you, First Lutheran Church, for your generosity—no matter how big or small. ☎

—Jeanette Beard  
LWR School Kit Coordinator

## CUT-OUT COOKIE WORKSHOP

### Nov 15 at 10am

Looking ahead to the holidays, Sue and Jer Carpenter are holding a workshop to learn how to make cut-out cookies. It will be held on Nov 15 at 10am in the Fellowship Hall Kitchen.

Since cut-out cookies seem to be what people are looking for at the Cookie Walk, we



will be baking a bunch for that event. We will freeze them and frost and decorate them on Dec 6 at 10am.

Sue will share her recipe, which Jer says is "the best he has ever had," and he was raised in a family that owned a bakery! Come and join the fun. ☎



# NOVEMBER

6th - 12th / 7-8:30pm

*First Lutheran Student Ministries*

**5** **Wednesdays Together**

6:00-7:30 Meal at 6pm, 6:40 Clean up,  
6:50 Story/Questions, 7:20 Communion

**Cooking**  
for Gifts Men's Shelter

**12**  
7:00

**19**  
7:00

"A Bank of Blessings"  
Youth Group Meal of Thanks  
**Bring food to share!!**

**No Youth Group**

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For more information contact:  
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## WOMEN'S CIRCLES

Join a Circle Today!

We have four women's circles that meet monthly for Bible study and fellowship, and each one would be happy to welcome new members. As a woman in this congregation,

you're already part of FLC-Women. If you're interested in joining a circle, feel free to ask one of your friends in the group—we'd love to have you with us! ☺

## SAFE FAMILIES FOR CHILDREN

Info & Breakfast  
Nov 16, 10:45-11:45am



Safe Families  
for Children

On Sunday, Nov 16, from 10:45-11:45am, Safe Families for Children will be hosting an informational adult forum, along with a continental breakfast, in the Gathering Space. This will be a time where you can learn more about this non-profit that First Lutheran partners with in Rock County and ask your questions.

We will have some fun demos, testimonials, and stories about families that have been helped by Safe Families For Children.

**ANYONE is welcome and encouraged to attend!**

Please consider joining us to see how First Lutheran and other faith organizations have come together to partner with Safe Families for Children, and how else you might be able to support this wonderful mission in your community! ☺

## COOKIE WALK

Dec 7

Starting at 7:30am



The Witness Board is bringing you the 5th Annual Cookie Walk on Dec 7. Here is a great way to get a lovely variety of holiday cookies to share with family and friends. From 7:30am until after the second service, you can fill your box with as many cookies as you want. It will be weighed and you pay accordingly.

We need lots and lots of donated cookies so when you bake, please plan an extra few dozen for your church. The proceeds go to the youth to help pay for their mission trips. ⑦



# MAKING MEANINGFUL CONNECTIONS

One Story at a Time



Connections is a new initiation designed to deepen relationships within our church family. Each week, members and friends are invited to sit down for a brief, casual interview where they'll share a bit about their journey—faith, family, life lessons, or just favorite hobbies.

### Why Connections?

Our church is full of incredible people, but many of us only know each other in passing. Connections helps break the ice, spark conversation, and remind us that we're part of something bigger than ourselves.

### What to Expect:

- 10-20 minute interview with a student, family, or church member
- Friendly, guided questions—no pressure!

- Opportunities to be featured in the service, church newsletter, or social media
- New friendships and stronger bonds

### Who Can Participate?

Everyone! Longtime members, new visitors, youth, seniors—this is for YOU.

### Get Involved:

Sign up in the church lobby or contact Renee at [rengen@flcj.org](mailto:rengen@flcj.org) or 608.359.9685

Or just say “yes” when we ask!

Let's make meaningful Connections—one story at a time. ⑦

## First Lutheran Student Ministries:

# SILENT AUCTION

Proceeds benefit First Lutheran Student Ministries

**Sunday, November 9, 16**

*Auction Begins @ 7:30am, Ends @ 10:40am*

Pick up and pay for items @ 10:40am on Nov. 16th

Two  
Weekends



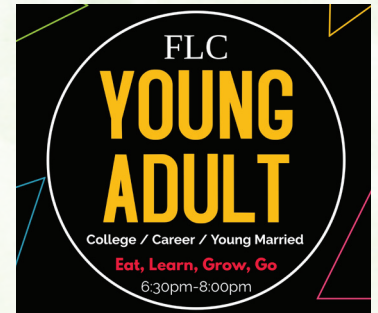
? **QUESTIONS or to DONATE Contact Eric**  
608-290-7083, [eengen@flcj.org](mailto:eengen@flcj.org)

## YOUNG ADULTS

Nov 6, 13, 20

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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## WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

Nov 2 & 9, 7pm

Aubrey's House



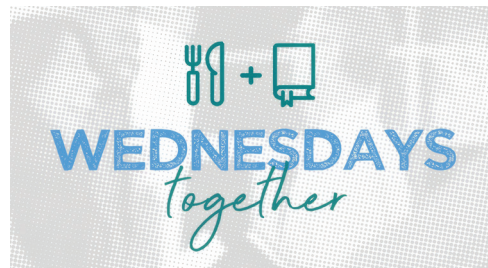
Join us for a study of the book *It Is Well: Walking Away From Anxiety And Into God's Word*. Is there hope in Christ for us when anxiety swells within? Can we find peace in God when our circumstances are anything but peaceful? The answer to these questions is yes! Key themes: worry, anxiety, peace, hope.

## WEDNESDAYS TOGETHER

Nov 5, 6-7:30pm

**W**ednesdays Together begin each new month at First Lutheran with food, fellowship, and fun for all ages. The evening begins at 6pm with a potluck dinner, followed by a chance to grow and connect among children, youth, and adults.

This fall, we're adding a special time of Communion at our tables. This



month, we'll explore the story of Isaac and Rebecca. Come enjoy a delicious meal and meaningful conversation—we'd love to see you there! ①

# CONFIRMATION

The First Lutheran Youth and Family Team welcomes you to celebrate the Affirmation of Baptism on Sun, Nov 2, at the 9:30am service.

We recognize and congratulate the commitment and accomplishments of the confirmation class of 2025. May the Lord bless you and keep you as you continue to grow in faith.

Thank you to our parents and families for sharing faith with their children and for their commitment to the confirmation ministry. A huge thank you to Vern Morris and Mike Drinkwater for creating the excellent confirmation video. ①



Hayden Chapman



Katarina (Kitty) Collins



Luke Schultz



Bradyn Shefka

# CELEBRATION



Rowan Kjornes



Mason Newberg



Taya Ripley



Brayden Stahl



Jamie Twitchett



# MEMORIALS

Sept 2025



## MEMORIALS RECEIVED

### Gerald Roehl Memorial

Foundation: Lynn Kevern

### Mary Russell Memorial

Foundation: Lynn Kevern,  
Curt Nodolf, Steve Falk

General: Judith Grunzel,  
Karla & Larry Nitz, Carol  
Polarski, Patricia Cameron,  
Vern & Leola Schultz, Jamie  
Kent, Darlene Becker,  
Stephanie Schlueter, Peter  
& Denise Skelly, Bill & Jean  
Matthews, Karen Kirkpatrick,  
Elaine & James Goodger,  
Family of Mary Russell

Kitchen: Jeanette Beard

## GIFTS RECEIVED

ECHO: Frances & Vincent  
Kessenich, James & Karla  
Vriezen, Catherine Garvin,  
Karen Winn, Barbara &  
Dennis Franke

Building: Barb & Terry Ryan

Craig Lunch Fund: Kandace  
& David Whittlinger ☺

# COUNCIL MINUTES

## Highlights of Sept Minutes

These are the highlights from the Sept 2025 Church Council Minutes. If you would like to read the full minutes please visit: [www.flcj.org/council](http://www.flcj.org/council)

### Financial Report (Jarod Wasson)

- People continued to give toward the matching campaign in August. Combining both the regular and matching donations, we were over budget by about \$14,652. With the monthly donation for the visitation pastor, we are over budget for total income by \$18,150 in August.
- Giving was above budget by \$9,227 and is above last fiscal year (including the matching campaign amounts and loose giving) by \$28,059. Total income for July through August is above budget by \$12,534. Income is above what was brought in for the 24-25 fiscal year by \$34,818.

### Ministry Report - Pr. Michael

- Visioning Priorities were updated
  - » Implement the new organizational model
  - » Develop a coordinated financial strategy
  - » Discipleship development
- Wednesdays Together - taking a new format
- Exponential Central Conference in Naperville - Nov 18-20

### New Business

- Forward Janesville - presented on the benefits of a \$500 membership
- Rhyme Contract - the current contract is set to expire. The new 5 year contract is for less money with a new copier. Jeanie and Arwen are very happy with their services.

### Unfinished Business

- Staff Appreciation - November 11, 2025 before council meeting
- Need to make the safety of our building a priority moving forward
  - » Action Item: Arwen will write a letter to Child's First stressing the importance of keeping the doors locked at all times.
  - » Action Item: Buildings and Grounds will continue to move forward with the process of determining the best route for the church to be able to communicate in an emergency.
  - » Action Item: Building and Ground will reach out to Angus Young to discuss options and plans for moving staff for building safety.

### For the Good of the Church

- Steve Shulta - for so many things! Knowledge, support, forward thinking, time, energy and so many things that cannot be listed!
- Ron Sutherland for his work on cleaning the building exterior.
- Jarod Wasson for his coordination of the Men of Iron trip to the monastery.

**Next meeting:** Oct 21, 2025, 6:30pm

Respectfully Submitted, Elisa Ried, Secretary ☺

# GET TO KNOW THE MUSIC DEPARTMENT

## Meet Dave & Donna Schroeder

When I first came to FLC in 2021, I was greeted by a kind gentleman who said he played the hammer dulcimer. I hadn't heard that instrument in decades...

This was Dave Schroeder, and we've been having fun on the Worship Team ever since! You'll also find Dave singing tenor in the Chancel Choir. Dave and his wife Donna introduced us to "free pie Wednesdays" at Milton Family Restaurant, after which we make music with folks living at various assisted living facilities around Janesville, Milton, and even McFarland.

Donna sings and plays the baritone ukulele, and Dave sings and plays his autoharp at the hymn sings. Donna is also part of FLC's quilting group. They both play in the Southern Wisconsin Dulcimer Club, along with Rev. Peter Irvine.

When Dave began playing the hammered dulcimer on a whim (in his

mid-50s with no musical training) he had no idea it would be a life-changing experience, opening up a world of welcoming people who make music together for fun. After he and Donna retired (Dave was an Air Force pilot and then a chemistry professor and Donna a nurse), they lived and travelled full time in an RV, meeting musicians all over the country. After they settled in Milton and looked for a church home, they were attracted to First Lutheran's joy in worship and community involvement.

When they aren't at FLC, they are usually traveling to visit their three children and families, who live in Chicago and East Coast. 



## MONTHLY READINGS

November



Take a few moments each day to connect with God through His Word. You'll be amazed at how your relationship with Him deepens and grows.

### Nov 2 (Pentecost 21):

Isaiah 1:10-18  
Psalm 32:1-7  
2 Thessalonians 1:1-4, 11-12  
Luke 19:1-10

### Nov 9 (Pentecost 22):

Job 19:23-27a  
Psalm 17:1-9  
2 Thessalonians 2:1-5, 13-17  
Luke 20:27-38

### Nov 16 (Pentecost 23):

Malachi 4:1-2a  
Psalm 98  
2 Thessalonians 3:6-13  
Luke 21:5-19

### Nov 23 (Pentecost 24):

Jeremiah 23:1-6  
Psalm 46  
Colossians 1:11-20  
Luke 23:33-43

### Nov 30 (Advent 1)

Isaiah 2:1-5  
Psalm 122  
Romans 13:11-14  
Matthew 24:36-44



## MONTHLY HYMN SING

Join us for our monthly Hymn Sing on Wed, Nov 12, at 1:30pm at Rock Haven - 3400 N County Rd F, Janesville. All are welcome!



# NOV CALENDAR

If you have an article idea for the Progress, please submit it to [christals@flcj.org](mailto: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                                                            |
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## 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

# 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-August 2025. This chart follows the treasurer's report for August in the council minutes.

The full balance sheet and profit and loss reports can be viewed online ([www.flcj.org/financials](http://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](mailto:busadmin@flcj.org). 

## Year to Date Financials July - August 2025

|                                | Memorials           | YTD Actual          | YTD Budget          | \$ Over/(Under)<br>Budget |
|--------------------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------------|
| <b>Revenue</b>                 |                     |                     |                     |                           |
| Contributions                  |                     | \$130,157.63        | \$120,520.50        | \$9,637.13                |
| Rentals                        |                     | \$6,887.29          | \$7,103.04          | (\$215.75)                |
| Weddings/Funerals              |                     | \$450.00            | \$100.00            | \$350.00                  |
| Other Receipts                 |                     | \$14,065.45         | \$7,894.16          | \$6,171.29                |
| 4-H Fair                       |                     | \$40,890.96         | \$44,300.00         | (\$3,409.04)              |
| Memorials and Gifts            | \$117,708.70        |                     |                     |                           |
| <b>Total Revenue</b>           | <b>\$117,708.70</b> | <b>\$192,451.33</b> | <b>\$179,917.70</b> | <b>\$12,533.63</b>        |
| <b>Mission Spending</b>        |                     |                     |                     |                           |
| Benevolence                    | \$0.00              | \$0.00              | \$0.00              | \$0.00                    |
| Rostered Leaders               | \$3,600.00          | \$26,638.74         | \$24,576.34         | \$2,062.40                |
| Administration                 | \$13.85             | \$25,947.33         | \$27,274.20         | (\$1,326.87)              |
| Buildings and Grounds          | \$17,998.00         | \$33,760.97         | \$38,039.12         | (\$4,278.15)              |
| Stewardship                    | \$0.00              | \$352.96            | \$500.00            | (\$147.04)                |
| Witness                        | \$278.84            | \$0.00              | \$50.00             | (\$50.00)                 |
| Worship                        | \$1,168.23          | \$19,295.42         | \$19,832.72         | (\$537.30)                |
| Youth and Family               | \$715.55            | \$38,265.74         | \$41,061.08         | (\$2,795.34)              |
| Life Together                  | \$0.00              | \$96.67             | \$75.00             | \$21.67                   |
| Memorial Miscellaneous         | \$82.65             |                     |                     |                           |
| <b>Total Mission Spending</b>  | <b>\$23,857.12</b>  | <b>\$144,357.83</b> | <b>\$151,408.46</b> | <b>(\$7,050.63)</b>       |
| <b>Total Net Income (loss)</b> | <b>\$93,851.58</b>  | <b>\$48,093.50</b>  | <b>\$28,509.24</b>  | <b>\$19,584.26</b>        |

# CHURCH FINANCIALS

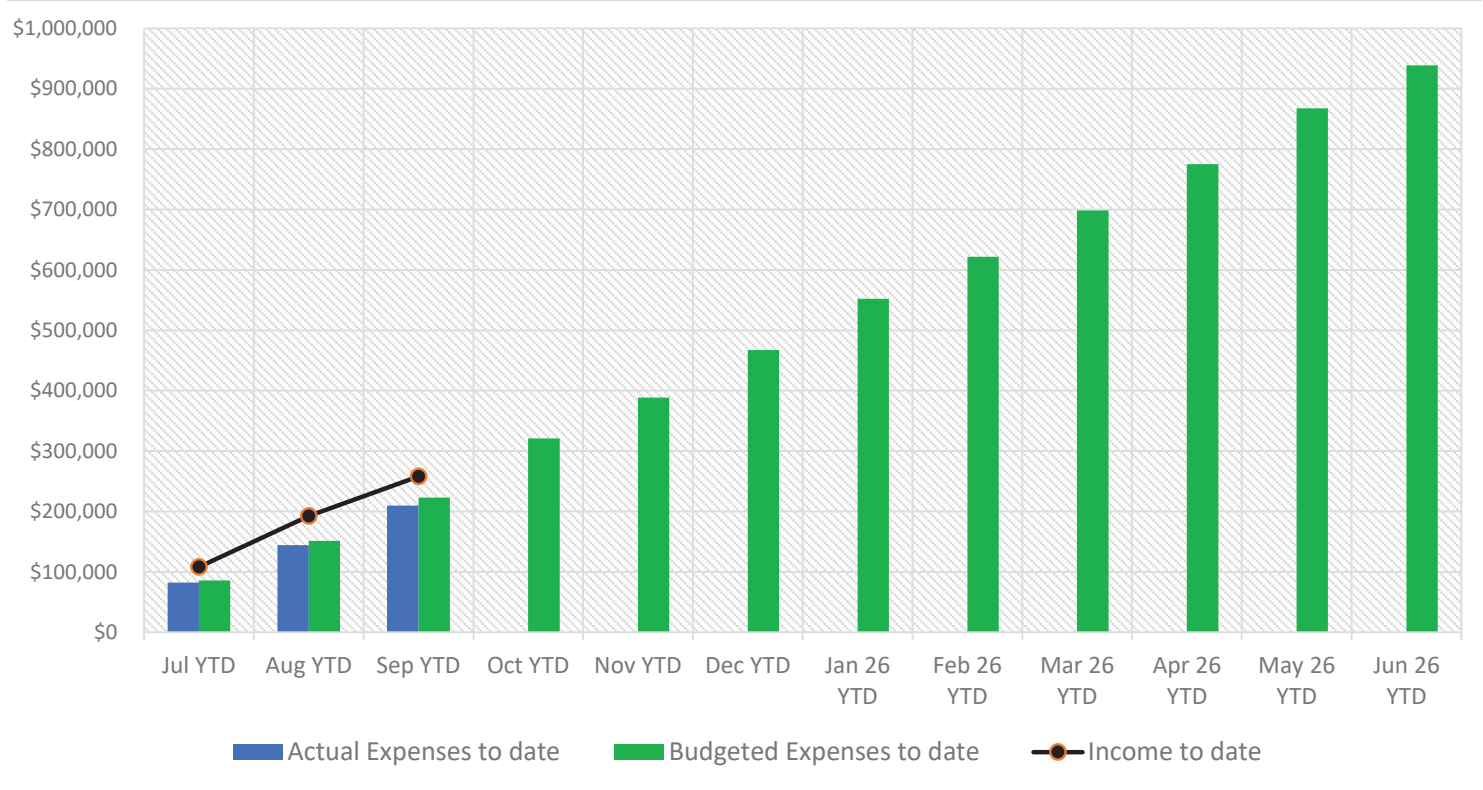
The financials for the fiscal year to date, July-September 2025, are shown below. The weekly need is calculated by averaging the total budgeted expenses for 12 months (from July 2025 through June of 2026). The weekly average YTD is the total income received, divided by the number of weeks in this fiscal 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 September is above budget by \$14,933. Expenses are slightly lower than anticipated, so income continues to be higher than monthly expenses for the first 3 months of the fiscal year. ⓘ

## September 30, 2025

|                        |             |                           |             |                            |
|------------------------|-------------|---------------------------|-------------|----------------------------|
| Weekly need            | \$18,045    | Budgeted Income: \$63,056 |             | Budgeted Expense: \$71,443 |
| Weekly average YTD     | \$32,238.38 | Actual Income: \$64,829   |             | Actual Expense: \$65,602   |
|                        |             |                           |             |                            |
|                        |             | Received to date          | Difference  | % Difference               |
| YTD income needed      | \$222,852   | \$257,907                 | \$35,055    | 116%                       |
| 12 month income needed | \$938,539   | \$257,907                 | (\$680,632) | 27%                        |

## YTD income and expenses





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The Decorating Committee invites you to help beautify the church for Christmas by donating a poinsettia. If you'd like to take part, please complete the form and return it with \$18 to the church office (612 N Randall Ave, Janesville, WI 53545) by Mon, Dec 8.

**(PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY)** # of Plants \_\_\_\_\_

In memory/honor of \_\_\_\_\_  
(circle one)

GIVEN BY \_\_\_\_\_

Pick-up your flowers after the 7:30pm service on Tues, Dec 24.

Volunteers are needed to deliver poinsettias to the homebound. Cards (with and without addresses) will be available on Dec 24 to go with each delivery. Cards will stay in the Gathering Space all week for those able to help. Please wait until after the 7:30pm service before taking any flowers. Thank you for helping us share the joy of Christmas!



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9:15am: Sunday School