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A NEW BASIS FOR SOCIETY

This month our country celebrates the semiquincentennial (250th) anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence. This document laid out a justification for separation from British rule, based on 27 complaints against the tyranny of King George III, asserting the self-evidence that “all men are created equal” with “certain unalienable Rights,” including those of “Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness.”



It is a challenging year to arrive at this celebration. The current President’s administration has been working to seize and consolidate power. Recent Supreme Court decisions undermined protections of the Voting Rights Act, and Southern states were prepared to act immediately to gerrymander districts to eliminate Black leadership.

We are made to recognize that what hasn’t been self-evident over 250 years – at least to those in power – is whether all people are created equal, or just White men with property, like those who drafted the Declaration of Independence. The struggle through the Civil War, the later civil rights

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movement, and the women's movement has been to expand the understanding of "all men created equal" to embrace men and women, people of every race and ethnicity, ultimately all people without distinction. Clearly, on this 250th anniversary celebration of the Declaration, that question is still not resolved.

We who are baptized into Christ live in the tension of this moment as people whose primary citizenship belongs to the realm of God. Jesus, who demonstrated that reality by his life and ministry, sent out his disciples to proclaim the good news, "The kingdom of heaven has come near" (Mt 10:7).

On a recent Sunday we heard again the story of Jesus' call of the tax collector Matthew to follow him. Later in the day, Jesus is at the table with his disciples and many tax collectors and sinners who have joined them. The teachers of God's Instruction to Israel ask why he is sharing table fellowship with such an unworthy group. Jesus turns them back to their own scriptures with a reference to the prophet Hosea: go and learn what this means, "I desire mercy, not sacrifice." (Mt 9:9-13)

The prophet Hosea spoke against the fickleness of Israel's love, a love that evaporated like the morning dew. Burnt offerings and sacrifices were not the heart of God's Instruction, he argued; instead, that heart is mercy or steadfast love. Jesus demonstrated such mercy by sharing a wide embrace. His healing welcome reached out to those who had been pushed to the edges, even rejected. The realm of God looks like this, a society that offers mercy and healing to one another in the same way that God has committed to us in love.

The realm of God takes us beyond the mere assertion of equality. In the realm of God, the least are lifted up and given value and honor. *All people are precious* in God's sight.

As our country becomes more deeply divided in a power struggle that increasingly values White Christian men above all others, it is not for us a matter of merely taking sides but of giving witness to the possibility of something altogether different. The gospel shows a way of being that doesn't rely at all on power exerted by some over others. Jesus's death on a cross is the ultimate sign of this.

The Declaration of Independence makes an argument against tyranny, based on fundamental human rights. The gospel goes further, envisioning a community that empowers the least, relinquishes violence, and creates space at the table for all.

What does it mean for you to commit yourself to such a vision of beloved community? 🕒

FINDING YOUR PLACE

Groups at First Lutheran

Would you like to build your faith? Help within the church? Serve others in our community and around the world? We welcome your involvement in any of our groups for faith, fellowship and fun. Walk together with us in life's journey.

FAITH BUILDING

Centering Prayer: Mon, 8-8:30pm, Zoom

This prayer of silence quiets your mind to experience God's love, inner healing, and peace.

Login Link: <https://tinyurl.com/2p89n5sc>

Meeting ID: 816 1696 9038

Passcode: 224107

Circle Ministries: Meet monthly for Bible Study & Fellowship, and prepare kits for Lutheran World Relief.

- **Joanna Circle:** 2nd Wed, 1pm, Member's Homes
- **Mary/Ruth Circle:** 2nd Tues, 9:15am Sept-May, Member's Homes
- **Martha Circle:** 2nd Tues, 6:30pm, Member's Homes
- **Rachel Circle:** 2nd Tues, 9am, Member's Homes

Masterpiece: Group for adults with cognitive disabilities. For more detailed information contact Aubrey McMeen at amcmeen@flcj.org.

Men of Iron: Open to men of all ages.
Oct-May, Good Shepherd
1st Tues of the month, 6:30pm

Wednesday Bible Study: 10-11am, Good Shepherd (not meeting in July)

Women's Bible Study: For more detailed information contact Aubrey McMeen at amcmeen@flcj.org.

Young Adults: High school graduates. The group plans fellowship time and activities approximately monthly. Continue to grow your faith, serve, and enjoy socializing.

Youth Group: Grades 6-12, meets weekly during school year, summer activities. Grow your faith and participate in activities, mission trips, and service projects.

FELLOWSHIP

Biking Group: Participates in the Pie Ride and rides the bike trails once a month from May-Sept.

Break Bread: Sept-Nov, Feb-April, June-Aug
A small group who gathers in a restaurant (sometimes in people's homes) for a meal. For more detailed info contact Christine Smith at golfgrl51@gmail.com.

Men's Softball Team: Plays at Dawson Field on Mon nights May-Aug

Page Turners Book Club: 1st Tues of the month, 6pm, Karen Grimsrud's Home (not meeting in July)

Pickelball: Sat, 10am-Noon, Jan-Mar

SERVING FIRST LUTHERAN, OUR COMMUNITY, AND THE WORLD

Altar Guild: Provides reverent preparation of the communion elements and cares for the communion ware. Currently for 10am service at Good Shepherd.

Decorating Team: Decorates the sanctuary and gathering space for holidays and special events.

Fair Task Force: Organizes parking in our lot during the Rock Co. 4-H fair. Proceeds benefit First Lutheran.

FLC-Women (FLCW): 1st Wed of every month except Feb/Nov, 4:30pm, First Senior Housing
All women are invited to participate in any of their many ministries.

Card Ministries: Mail cards to homebound and to members ages 90 and up.

Funeral Luncheon Team: Offers set-up and clean-up help for catered meals.

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PARKING LOT VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Fair Week



We're looking for volunteers to help out in the parking lot during Fair Week, July 28–Aug 2! Shifts are just 3 hours long, and are available in a variety of roles, including:

- **Cashiers:** Collect parking fees and monitor various parking passes.
- **Parking Assistants:** Direct cars in and out of the lot, keep lanes clear, and guide guests to parking stalls.
- **Point Person:** Direct cars to Parking Assistants and direct cars to the exit

If you enjoy being outdoors and meeting people, this is a fun and rewarding way to support FLC. We'd love to have you join us!

Online sign-ups:
tinyurl.com/yd99nswx

Contact: Mike Drinkwater,
 608.359.1626 ☎

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Knitters: Tues, 9am, First Senior Housing
 Smiles & laughs & lots of knitting

Mission Sew: 1st, 3rd, 5th Wed, 8:30am, First Senior Housing
 Cut, sew, pin, & tie quilts, lap quilts, and more. Major focus on sewing quilts for Lutheran World Relief.

Prayer Chain: Supports our community with prayer

The BGs: Tues, 8-11am, FLC
 Retired guys who have coffee, socialize, and do many outdoor jobs and indoor maintenance.

ASSISTING COMMUNITY SUPPORT AGENCIES

Crop Hunger Walk: End of April, Cargill Church
 Walk or support a walker to fight hunger locally and across the globe.

G.I.F.T.S. Mens Shelter: Provide meals and overnight chaperones at their building twice a year, for two consecutive weeks.

Meals on Wheels: Provide pick up and delivery of lunches in Janesville twice a year, for two consecutive weeks.

Second Harvest: Mobile Food Pantry
 3rd Thursday, 2:30pm For Set-Up & Food Distribution at First Lutheran.

MUSIC GROUPS

Chancel Choir: Rehearse Suns, Time TBD, Good Shepherd
 Sings at worship several times a month, and for seasonal worship celebrations. All ages who like to sing are welcome!

Drop In Choir: Rehearse Suns, once per month, 9:20-9:45am and sing at the 10am service. All Are Welcome!

Hand Bell Ensemble: Rehearse Tues, Sept-May, 4:15-5pm
 Come ring with us! The group is geared for ages 12 through adult, and all ability levels are welcome!

Hymn Sing (Monthly): Once a Month, Times and Location Vary
 Join us in singing favorite hymns at different nursing homes in the Janesville community.

Worship Team (all year): Rehearse Wed, 6-7:15pm, Good Shepherd
 A dynamic multi-instrumental and singing group, who lead and enhance worship music. All instrumentalists and vocalists are welcome! ☎

SCHOOL BAGS FOR LWR

School Supplies That Make a Difference

It's time once again to begin collecting supplies for the school bags sent through Lutheran World Relief. During July and August, many school supplies go on sale, making it a great time to purchase items that are often much more expensive during the rest of the year.

Each school bag should include:

- 4 spiral notebooks (70 pages each)
- 5 ballpoint pens (no gel pens), secured with a rubber band
- 5 unsharpened pencils, secured with a rubber band
- 1 eraser (approximately 2 inches)
- 1 pair of school scissors
- 1 pencil sharpener
- 1 ruler with both inches and centimeters (placed inside a notebook)

A collection tote will be placed in Good Shepherd's entryway for donated supplies. Beginning August 1, school bags will also be available for anyone who would like to fill a complete bag. Collection boxes will

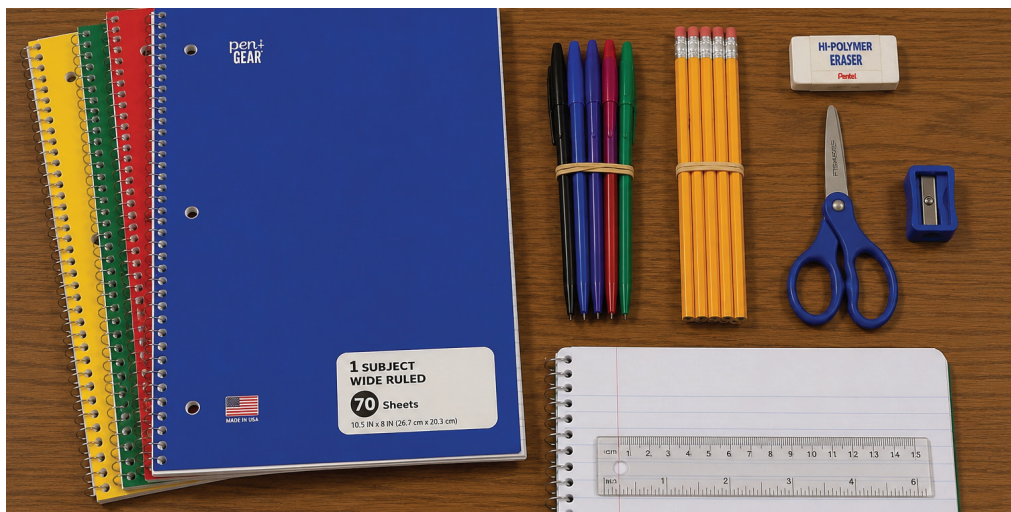
also be located at the church office and parsonage.

Jeanette Beard is currently sewing the bags. Members of the Martha/Mary Circle will be threading the drawstrings and shoulder straps, filling bags with donated supplies, and preparing completed bags for shipment in September.

Each bag requires 4 yards of clothesline or macramé cord of similar weight for the drawstrings. Donations of clothesline or cord may be placed in the donation box, given to Barb Clem, Ann Thomas, or any member of the Martha/Mary Circle, or left at the church office/parsonage. A list of Circle members can be found in the FLCW Program Book.

Thank you for supporting this meaningful ministry. By working together, we can provide children affected by poverty, war, floods, and other disasters with the basic school supplies they need to learn and succeed. 🌱

— Jeanette Beard



MEN'S SOFTBALL

2026 Schedule



Come and cheer on the First Lutheran men's softball team this summer! All games are on Mondays at Dawson Softball Complex, 920 Beloit Ave, Janesville.

Any questions, contact Eric at eengen@flcj.org.

- **July 13 - 7pm**
Bethel Dingers
- **July 20 - 8pm**
Central Christian
- **July 27 - 7pm**
Resonate Reborn
- **Aug 3 - 8pm**
Hope Church 🌱

MONTHLY BIKE RIDES

Come Ride with First Lutheran



Join us on the third Saturday of the month for a bike ride. For all rides, except the Pie Ride, we will meet at FLC at 8am. Here is the link to the Janesville Trail Map <https://tinyurl.com/386af8ua>

All rides are approximately 20 miles round trip and we travel at an average speed of 10 miles/hour.

- **July 18**
Take the bike trail north to Milton. Refreshments at The Milton Family Restaurant.
- **August 15**
Head South on the bike trail to Riverside Park. We can see Michael Palmer's work on the old brewery along the way.
- **September 19**
Take the bike trail south through Palmer and Monterey Parks, follow the river past the Water Treatment Plant to Afton. 📍

FLOOD RECOVERY UPDATES

During the past month:

- We have developed a plan for discernment involving three retreat days for leadership. The first retreat has been set for June 27 to envision the kind of spaces needed to serve our future life and mission. Additional retreat days are tentatively set for July 25 and August 29. The discernment process will include strategies for engaging congregational input and feedback.
- Work to recondition the parsonage for office space has been completed. Michael Palmer retrieved a good set of office furniture that Blain's Supply was replacing. Several of our new staff offices are well furnished as a result. One of the main floor rooms has been set up as a conference room, and the living room has comfortable seating for conversation and small group gatherings.
- The staff has enjoyed being back together in shared space again. It's working well, and we are deeply grateful to the many who helped with the cleaning, painting, and renovation work! Stop by and see us during regular office hours: Mon-Thurs, 8:30am-4pm and Fri, 8:30am-Noon.
- Temporary electric service to the main building was established, so that we no longer need to rent a generator. This temporary service will power fans and dehumidifiers, security lighting in the building and parking lot, the electronic sign, and other things needed to maintain the climate and safety within the building while it remains shut down.
- Generous donations have been received. We are not planning a formal appeal for funds until we have developed a building plan and can share a strong story with our whole community about the ways we will pursue our mission in our new or renewed space. In the meantime, generous people have desired to contribute to our recovery efforts. We have received donations from congregations in our synod and beyond and from individuals in our congregation, the wider Janesville community, and even other states. The total amount, as of the middle of June, was \$154,473. Though some invoices are still outstanding, these contributions have so far met our costs related to flood remediation and the reconditioning of the parsonage. 📍



In 2024 or 2025, approximately 25 large pieced quilt squares were donated to the Mission Quilters. Each square was made from a variety of fabrics from family clothing. Jeannette Beard took the squares home, washed and repaired them, and assembled them into a quilt top that Margaret Drinkwater quilted on her longarm machine. The remaining squares and the finished quilt were not at the church when the flood occurred.

The origins of these quilt squares remain a mystery, and we are hoping the congregation can help identify them. If you recognize the squares or know anything about their history, please contact Jeannette at 608.868.4240.

We are especially interested in learning:

- What garments were used to create the fabric pieces?
- Were they made for everyday wear or special occasions?
- Who originally created the quilt blocks?
- Was the maker a longtime quilter?
- Where might the blocks have been stored before they were donated?

A photo of the completed quilt accompanies this article. Any information you can provide would be greatly appreciated.

SUMMER WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Now-Aug 30

- **8am:** Drive-In at FLC
- **9am:** Coffee Hour by the Parsonage
- **10am:** Worship at Good Shepherd
- **No Sunday School in July**
- **11am:** Coffee Hour with Good Shepherd

Communion is served at both services.



Enjoy the 10am service from home on Facebook & YouTube. [📺](#)

VBS
COLLECTION
Lutheran World
Relief School Kits



This year, our Vacation Bible School participants will help collect supplies for Lutheran World Relief School Kits. These kits provide children with essential school supplies when their education has been disrupted by poverty, natural disasters, conflict, or displacement. *A detailed list can be found on pg. 5.*

School Kits offer more than pencils and notebooks—they provide encouragement, opportunity, and a reminder that children are loved and supported by people around the world. Through this mission project, our congregation can share God's love in a practical and meaningful way.

Thank you for supporting this important VBS outreach effort. Together, we can help equip children with the tools they need to learn, grow, and look toward a brighter future. 🌱

VBS/

Kingdom Quest: An Epic Journey to Discover God's Kingdom

This year's program will be held at Craig High School.

We've also adjusted the dates to **August 3-5**. That's right — three days instead of four... but don't worry, we're packing all the excitement of four days into three unforgettable days!

We're looking for volunteers to join the **Hospitality Team** & help families find their way from the Craig parking lot to check-in and activity areas.

We've been busy this spring! Thanks to Stacey Adams, Sierra Spiering, Ben Spiering, and Kent Shea, counselors have been training weekly in:

- Positive classroom management
- CPR
- Standards of behavior
- Safety procedures
- VBS and Day Camp themes

Be sure to:

- Register using the QR code below or this link: flcj.org/vbs
- Check out our donations list at the QR code below
- Join our 21-Day Prayer Challenge for VBS and Day Camp by contacting Renee 📞



Scan to check out our donation list



Scan to Register for
VBS / Day Camps

DAY CAMP



7 Things Your Child Will Experience During VBS/Day Camps

Our Vacation Bible School (VBS)/Day Camps are popular programs for children during the summer. Here are seven things your child will experience during VBS/Day Camps:

1. Exciting Bible Stories & Lessons:

Kids dive into interactive stories that teach timeless values like kindness, courage, and faith in fun, age-appropriate ways.

2. Creative Crafts & Hands-On

Activities: Children express themselves with daily crafts that reinforce the theme and give them something to proudly bring home.



3. Energetic Music & Dance:

Uplifting songs with easy-to-learn motions fill the day with joy, helping kids memorize scripture and feel connected.

4. New Friendships:

Your child will meet peers from different backgrounds, forming new friendships and learning how to work as a team.

5. Games & Outdoor Play:

Whether it's relay races or water

balloon tosses, physical activity is a huge part of the fun and encourages healthy habits.

6. Character-Building Moments:

Each day offers lessons in patience, gratitude, sharing, and more, helping to build strong moral foundations.

7. A Lasting Spiritual Impact:

Many kids leave VBS/day camp with a deeper understanding of God's love and a heart full of joy and purpose.

These activities aim to create a fun, educational, and spiritually enriching experience for children.

Don't delay, register today!

www.flcj.org/vbs 

MEMORIALS

May 2026

MEMORIALS RECEIVED

Jon Garvin Memorial

General: Catherine Garvin

Jerry Wells Memorial

General: Barbara

Hendrickson, Audrey
McNatt, Dave & Mary
Peterson, Steven Falk, Lori
Wetzel, Jeanette Beard, Don
& Joan Brovick, Vern & Leola
Schultz, William & Katherine
Schendt, Thomas & Lynn
Kevern, Darlene Becker,
Stuart & Suzanne Hamilton,
Michael & Nina Peterson,
Doug & Sue Goike, Mary
Derouin, Richard & Carol
Halom, Peg & Mat Haeger,
Ron & Rhoda Sanderson

Foundation: Orland &

Connie Fredrick, Leo &
Susan Johnson

Building Fund: Terry & Barb
Ryan

Flood Recovery: Jerry &
Linda Nedland

Bethyl Johnson Memorial

Flood Recovery: Karla Kuhls

Charles & Carol Smith Memorial

Flood Recovery: Pam Rowe

Jim McCarthy Memorial

General: Diane & Richard
Brady

GIFTS RECEIVED

ECHO: Frances & Vincent
Kessenich, Jim & Karla
Vriezen, Catherine Garvin,
Magda Nelson, Kathryn
McCumber ☺

COUNCIL MINUTES

Highlights of June Minutes

These are the highlights from the June 2026 Church Council Minutes. If you would like to read the full minutes please visit: www.flcj.org/council

- The Relationship Building Team is planning to hold the annual First Fest celebration on Sept 13 and it will be held on the FLC grounds.
- The Worship Team is planning to have "Worship in the Park" on one Sunday in August. More information to follow once details are finalized.
- Very good turnout for the Annual Meeting at Craig High School. Over 130 members attended, and the opportunity for congregational input regarding our flood recovery efforts seemed to be appreciated.

Next meeting: July 21, 2026, 6:30pm

Respectfully Submitted, Tom Dorscheid, Secretary ☺



WE LOVE YOU BEARY MUCH!

Have you missed seeing someone at First Lutheran lately? Our Sunday School would like to help share a little love and encouragement with those who may not have been able to attend church for a while.

Pick up a special **Teddy Graham gift package** and deliver it to someone you haven't seen recently. This small gift is a simple way to let them know they are remembered, cared for, and missed by their church family. A friendly visit, phone call, or note along with the package can make a meaningful difference and help strengthen our connections with one another.



HYMN SING

Thurs, July 16 at 2pm at Willowick

Join us for our monthly Hymn Sing on Thurs, July 16, at 2pm at Willowick, 2860 Liberty Ln, Janesville. Spend the afternoon singing beloved hymns, sharing fellowship, and enjoy-

The Teddy Graham gift packages have been provided by the Sunday School and are available for members and friends to share. If you notice someone who hasn't been around, you can also let the church office know and we can arrange a delivery.

Teddy Grahams packages available in the church office, at coffee hour after the 8am service, or in the fellowship hall at Good Shepherd.

For more information, contact Renee at 608.359.9685. *Sponsored by the Relationship Building Team* ☺

ing time together in community. Whether you have attended before or are joining us for the first time, all are welcome. We hope you'll come lift your voice with us! ☺



SUMMER

FIRST LUTHERAN STUDENT MINISTRIES

**630PM
800PM**
6th-12th grade

**JUNE 17TH: HIKING CLUB
24TH: HIKING CLUB**

**JULY 8TH: HIKING CLUB
15TH: HIKING CLUB
22ND: DEVIL'S LAKE
28TH: 4HFAIR**

**AUGUST 3RD: DAYCAMP/VBS
5TH: SWIM PARTY
12TH: COOKOUT**

Join us Wednesdays for hiking, friendship, and time outdoors!

Location: First Lutheran Church, Door 8

What to expect: Easy to moderate hiking. 1-2 miles each week. Campfire after every hike. Friends welcome!

Celebrate a summer of hiking, friendships, exploring, and fun with a special cookout on August 12th.



ANY QUESTIONS CONTACT:
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HIKE CLUB

Join us for Summer Hike Club as we explore local trails, enjoy God's creation, and spend time in fellowship together! Families and friends of all ages are welcome.

We will meet at 6:30pm at the church by Door 8 on the north end of the building. If you prefer, contact Renee and meet us directly at the trailhead at 6:45pm. Most evenings, we will hike approximately 20 minutes out and 20 minutes back, returning to church by 8pm.

Hike Schedule

July 8: Storrs Lake

July 15: JSOL

Each hike will be easy to moderate in difficulty and cover approximately 1–2 miles. After each hike, stay and enjoy a campfire with the group.

Please bring water, wear comfortable walking shoes, and consider using bug spray. Whether you're an experienced hiker or just looking for a relaxing evening outdoors, we'd love to have you join us!

Join us on a Special Day Trip to Devil's Lake on July 22.

For more info, contact Renee. ☎

MONTHLY READINGS

July



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.

July 5 (Pentecost 6):

Zechariah 9:9-12
Psalm 145:8-14
Romans 7:15-25a
Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30

July 12 (Pentecost 7):

Isaiah 55:10-13
Psalm 65:[1-8] 9-13
Romans 8:1-11
Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

July 19 (Pentecost 8):

Isaiah 44:6-8
Psalm 86:11-17
Romans 8:12-25
Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43

July 26 (Pentecost 9):

1 Kings 3:5-12
Psalm 119:129-136
Romans 8:26-39
Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52 ☎

JULY 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
			8:30a Mission Sew (FSH) 4:30p FLCW (FSH) 5p Flood Recovery Team (Zoom) 6p Worship Team (GS) 7p Youth Group (D)	3p Communication Team (Zoom)		
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
8a Drive-In (PL) 9a Coffee Hour (P) 10a Worship (GS) 11a Coffee Hour (GS)	8p Centering Prayer (Zoom)	8a BG's 9a Knitters (FSH) 11a Staff Mtg (P) 5:30p Masterpiece	1p Joanna Cir (MH) 5p Flood Recovery Team (Zoom) 6p Worship Team (GS) 7p Youth Group (D)	10a Worship (Rock Haven) 11:15a Worship (Oak Park Place)	PROGRESS ARTICLES DUE	9a Stamping (GS)
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
8a Drive-In (PL) 9a Coffee Hour (P) 10a Worship (GS) 11a Coffee Hour (GS)	5:30p Building & Grounds Team (GS) 7p Men's Softball (DC) 8p Centering Prayer (Zoom)	8a BG's 9a Mary Ruth Cir (MH) 11a Staff Mtg (GS) 5:30p Worship Collective (GS) 6:30p Youth & Fam Team (GS) 7p Discipleship Team (GS)	8:30a Mission Sew (FSH) 5p Flood Recovery Team (Zoom) 6p Worship Team (SA) 7p Youth Group (D)	2p Hymn Sing (W) 3:30p Second Harvest (PL) 6:30p Young Adults (C)	6:30p Young Adults (C)	6:30p Young Adults (C)
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
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26	27	28	29	30	31	
8a Drive-In (PL) 9a Coffee Hour (P) 10a Worship (GS) 11a Coffee Hour (GS)	7p Men's Softball (DC) 8p Centering Prayer (Zoom)	4-H Fair 8a BG's 9a Knitters (FSH) 11a Staff Mtg (GS)	4-H Fair 5p Flood Recovery Team (Zoom) 6p Worship Team (GS) 7p Youth Group (FAIR)	4-H Fair	4-H Fair	


Abbreviation Key:

B = Backyard
C = Campout
CHS = Craig High School
D = FLC Door 8
DC = Dawson's Complex
DL = Devil's Lake
FSH - First Senior Housing
GS = Good Shepherd
KH = Karen Grimsrud's Home
MH = Member's Homes
P = Parsonage
PL = Parking Lot
W - Willowick

**All locations are correct at time of printing.
Please check with your group leader for the most up-to-date locations.
Thank You!**

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-April 2026. This chart follows the treasurer's report for April in the council minutes. The financial reports are re-organized to reflect the transition to the new teams. The Discipleship Development,

Inclusion and Integration, Relationship Building, Worship and Youth and Family Engagement teams fall under the category of church programs. 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 - April 2026

	Memorials	YTD Actual	YTD Budget	\$ Over/(Under) Budget
Revenue				
Contributions		\$648,015.35	\$703,802.50	(\$55,787.15)
Rentals		\$33,365.45	\$33,881.20	(\$515.75)
Weddings/Funerals		\$1,525.00	\$900.00	\$625.00
Other Receipts		\$65,959.79	\$41,850.80	\$24,108.99
4-H Fair		\$41,730.96	\$44,300.00	(\$2,569.04)
Memorials and Gifts	\$169,708.45			
Total Revenue	\$169,708.45	\$790,596.55	\$824,734.50	(\$34,137.95)
Mission Spending				
Benevolence	\$0.00	\$9,000.00	\$9,000.00	\$0.00
Personnel	\$6,318.48	\$538,712.06	\$546,186.30	(\$7,474.24)
Administration	\$93.77	\$31,007.69	\$37,038.34	(\$6,030.65)
Buildings and Grounds	\$66,784.01	\$145,230.24	\$151,167.00	(\$5,936.76)
Communication	\$1,103.70	\$4,849.20	\$6,330.00	(\$1,480.80)
Church Programs	\$16,781.16	\$39,095.03	\$49,391.66	(\$10,296.63)
Community Connections	\$3,592.17	\$165.50	\$290.00	(\$124.50)
Memorial Miscellaneous	\$4,060.85			
Total Mission Spending	\$98,734.14	\$768,059.72	\$799,403.30	(\$31,343.58)
Total Net Income (loss)	\$70,974.31	\$22,536.83	\$25,331.20	(\$2,794.37)

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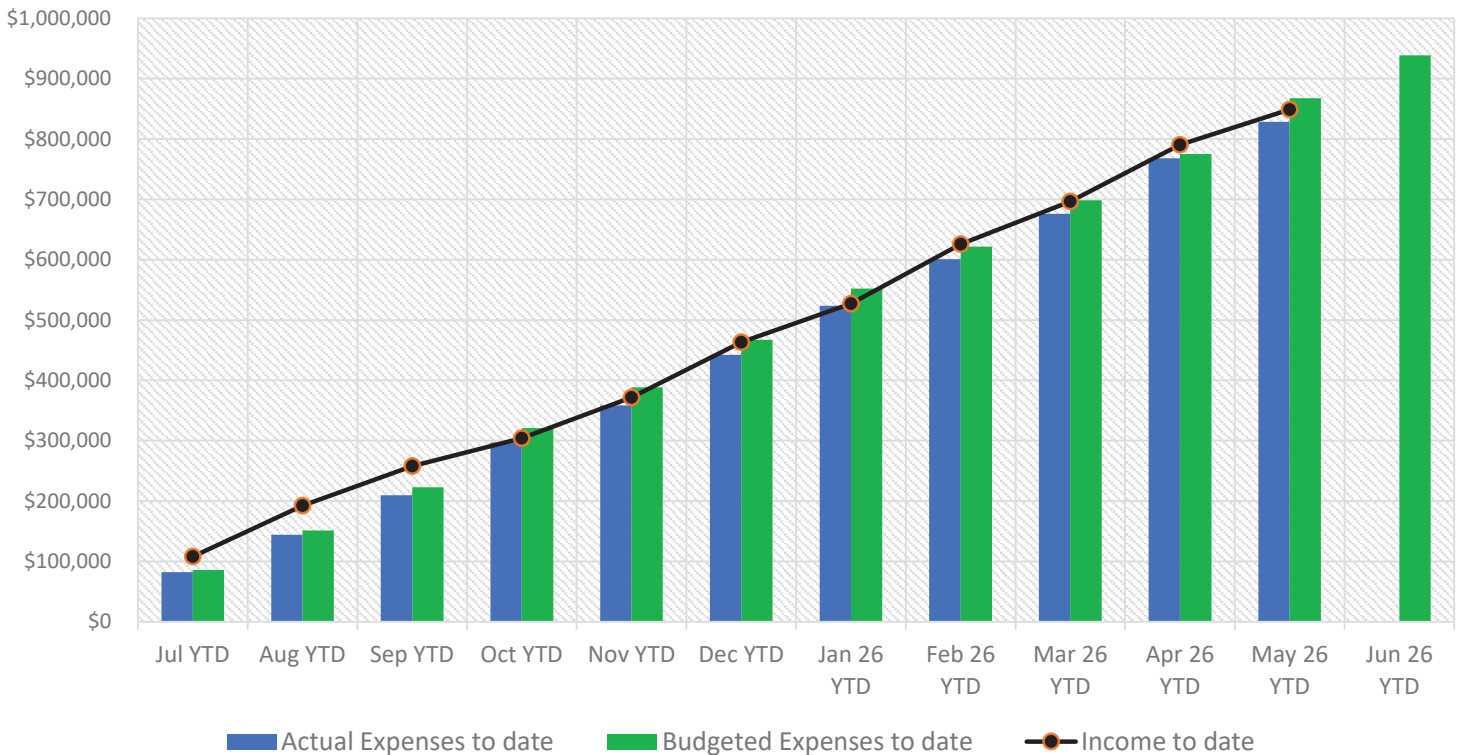
The financials for the fiscal year to date, July-May 2026, are shown below. The weekly need is calculated by averaging the total budgeted expenses for 12 months (from July 2025 through June of 2026). The weekly average YTD is the total income received, divided by the number of weeks in this fiscal year, 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 May was below budget, however, regular budgeted expenses remain lower than anticipated, so year to date net income continues to be higher than monthly expenses. ⓘ

Weekly need	\$18,198	Budgeted Income: \$55,946	Budgeted Expense: \$68,368
Weekly average YTD	\$17,687	Actual Income: \$58,437	Actual Expense: \$60,561

		Received to date	Difference	% Difference
YTD income needed	\$867,722	\$848,982	(\$18,739)	98%
12 month income needed	\$938,539	\$848,982	(\$89,557)	90%

YTD income and expenses





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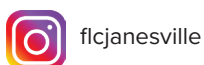
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