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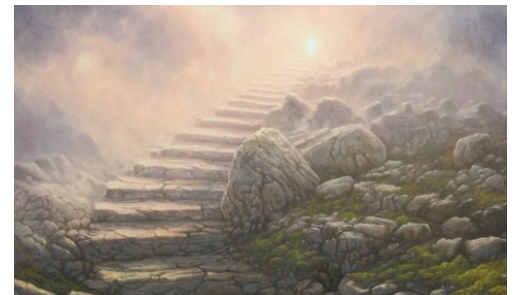
Faith in Action



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

GOD'S KINGDOM OF JUSTICE AND MERCY

My first call as a pastor was to Prairie Lutheran Parish, a yoked trio of congregations in east central South Dakota. The towns and congregations my wife and I served there were located on the ancestral lands of the Lakota people. There I was introduced to Lakota spirituality and history.



Lakota prayers often conclude with the words, “Mitákuye Oyás'iy,” which translates into English as “all my relatives” or “we are all related.” It is a prayer all by itself, expressing the awareness and desire to be in unity and harmony with all people, all forms of life, and even the waters, the rocks, and the wind. All of creation is one. We are all related.

That's the idea that shapes my understanding of the word “justice,” as used in the prayer we said on Sunday, July 26:

“Beloved and sovereign God, through the death and resurrection of your Son you bring us into your kingdom of **justice** and mercy...”

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Justice, at least in this context, is not the narrowly focused matter of punishing criminals or getting revenge for wrongs done. It's rather about broad attention to all our relationships. If we are related to all that God has made, how do we honor and respect the full circle of our relations in the daily decisions and actions of our lives? God's kingdom is one of justice and mercy, calling us to engage all our relatives with grace, care, and respect.

The prayer above names that through Christ God brings us into God's kingdom of justice and mercy. During the past month we have heard Jesus' teaching about the kingdom of heaven in a series of Sunday Gospel



readings from Matthew 13. Jesus uses a variety of stories and images to describe the kingdom of heaven.

What does “the kingdom of heaven” suggest for you?

Is it a place? If so, where is it located? Perhaps the term suggests a place outside of this world. It may sound like a synonym for “heaven,” a place of eternity beyond this world, beyond the life that we experience here.

Yet, Jesus announced that the kingdom of heaven has come near. He sent the Twelve out to make that same announcement in villages throughout Galilee. If the kingdom of heaven is a place, it seems that Jesus doesn't think of it as a place far away, but near.

Further, he taught his followers to pray, saying “your kingdom come; your will be done, on earth as in heaven.”

Perhaps, more than a place, the kingdom of heaven is the rule or reign of God. In that sense, the kingdom is

present whenever and wherever God's will is done, a will characterized by mercy and justice.

I recently heard an interview of two friends of Vincent Harding, the civil rights leader who wrote the original draft of “Beyond Vietnam,” a controversial speech delivered by Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. in April 1967 at Riverside Church in New York City. In the context of the world of 1967, King called for attention to justice, in the broad sense of “all my relations.” His concerns led beyond the confines of the Black civil rights movement to the war in Vietnam and then beyond Vietnam. Reflecting on the themes of that speech and thinking about the needs of our own time, the interview draws out from these two students of Vincent Harding their best hopes for our world.

I invite you to join me, 8-9:30am, on Saturday, August 22, at the parsonage, for a conversation about this interview, the meaning of justice, and the kingdom of heaven. ☺

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Thank you

T H A N K S F O R Y O U R S U P P O R T

MISSION TRIP

Through the Lens



KENTUCKY SERVICE TRIP

We were privileged to travel to eastern Kentucky from Sunday, June 21, through Saturday, June 27. Eight high school students and two adults participated in the service trip.

Every service trip is different. We go to serve in whatever way is needed. Before we leave, I tell the youth that on this trip, everything is our favorite. No matter what situation we encounter, we serve with willing hearts and positive attitudes. Whatever the task may be, it becomes our favorite because we are there to serve.

We had the pleasure of working on Ron and Stella's farm.

Ron and Stella are originally from Indiana and moved to Kentucky about two years ago because they felt God was calling them there. Their 400-acre farm is nestled in the beautiful hills of eastern Kentucky and is home to all kinds of animals. The youth especially enjoyed spending time with them.

Our project was to carefully dismantle a greenhouse that would be relocated to a local elementary school, where it will help educate students of all ages about plants and farming. Ron and Stella were incredible hosts. It never felt like we were working on a

stranger's farm—it felt like we were helping family.

We spent a day and a half carefully taking the greenhouse apart. When it came time to remove the wooden framework, we discovered that the structure was no longer salvageable. Disappointment naturally set in, but we reminded ourselves that everything is our favorite. Even

though the project did not turn out the way we had planned, our purpose was still fulfilled. We came to serve, and serve we did. The silver lining is that many parts of the greenhouse can still be reused in the new structure. Even more importantly, we

left Kentucky with new friends who feel like family. Ron and Stella told us we are welcome to come back and visit anytime.

Thank you to the congregation of First Lutheran for your continued support of our youth ministry and the young people who are part of it. Our building may be messed up for a while, but our congregation remains strong, faithful, and committed to serving others. Your prayers, encouragement, and generosity make opportunities like this possible, and we are truly grateful. 🙏



During the service trip, members of FLC served at Ron and Stella's farm. As a special gift, our Mission Sew group donated a handmade quilt to them.

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 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 at the 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



BREAK BREAD SMALL GROUPS

Fall Sign-Up



Break Bread is sponsored by the Relationship Building Team. It is a fellowship ministry of FLC where small groups, usually 6-8 people, gather for meals and conversation. Break Bread offers a way to strengthen relationships within our church community and allows members to get to know each other better.

Both new and long-time members are encouraged to participate. Options are available for weekdays or weekends with various mealtimes. You may opt to dine in members' homes or eat out at restaurants. Each group will meet once a month, September through November, at places and times determined by each group.

Scan the QR code to sign up. **The deadline is Tues, Sept 1.** Please

contact Christine Smith for questions or suggestions at 608.692.6521. 🌱



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.

- **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. ⑤

WORSHIP IN THE PARK

Sun, Aug 9 at 10am, Riverside Park

Join us for Worship in the Park on Sunday, Aug 9, at 10am at the South Pavilion in Riverside Park, Janesville! Everyone is invited to gather for a joyful outdoor worship service surrounded by the beauty of God's creation.

The South Pavilion is fairly easy to access, with street parking, and plenty sidewalks leading to the worship area - that will have a gorgeous view of the Rock River!

Whether you are a longtime member of First Lutheran Church, a friend, or someone looking for a welcoming faith community, we hope you'll join us for this special morning.

The idea for Worship in the Park began with the Worship Collective as a way to bring worship beyond the church walls, connect with young families, and welcome people who may be enjoying the park that day. It's an opportunity to share God's love in a relaxed, inviting setting

while building new friendships and strengthening our church community.

After worship, the Worship Collective will provide some light snacks and beverages, and everyone is encouraged to bring a picnic lunch to enjoy together. A playground is located near the pavilion, and offers a fun place for children to play, making this a wonderful event for families.

The celebration also serves as the kickoff to a new year of Sunday School and provides an opportunity to welcome our Vacation Bible School families into the life of First Lutheran Church. This is a great way for members of First Lutheran and Good Shepherd to connect and enjoy fellowship together.

More details will be shared as plans come together. For now, mark your calendar, invite your friends, and join us for a meaningful morning of worship, fellowship, and fun. All are welcome! ⑤

—The Worship Collective



Playground at Riverside Park →

← South Pavilion at Riverside Park





SAVE THE DATE

One Church, One Table Worship & Potluck

Mark your calendars for Sunday, Sept 27, and plan to join us for One Church, One Table Worship & Potluck, formerly known as First Fest.

This special day will bring together the congregations of First Lutheran Church and Good Shepherd for a combined outdoor worship service at 10am in the greenspace at the First Lutheran parsonage. Following worship, everyone is invited to stay for a picnic-style potluck and a time of fellowship. In the event of inclement weather, the gathering will be held at Good Shepherd Church.

Our vision is a relaxed, family-friendly afternoon where people can enjoy good food, meaningful conversation,

and time together. We encourage everyone to bring lawn chairs, blankets, or other picnic essentials to make themselves comfortable. Activities are being planned for all ages, and additional details about the potluck, food, and other festivities will be shared in the coming weeks.

While plans are still being finalized and may be adjusted, the date, time, and location are set. For now, simply save the date and look forward to a wonderful opportunity to worship together, share a meal, and celebrate being one church gathered around one table.

More information will be coming soon! ⓘ

SUMMER WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Now-Sept 20

8am: Drive-In at FLC

9am: Coffee Hour by the Parsonage

10am: Worship at Good Shepherd

10am: Sunday School
(starting Aug 16 -9:45am)

11am: Coffee Hour with Good Shepherd

Communion is served at both services.



Enjoy the 10am service from home on Facebook & YouTube. ⓘ



Faith in Action: The Many Ministries of FLCW

Hello everyone! We wanted to take the time to explain to the members of First Lutheran Church (FLC), what the First Lutheran Church Woman (FLCW) do in the church. Let me start by stating we have four different Circle groups which meet monthly for Bible Study and Fellowship. Other Circle Groups can be created if there is a group of Ladies that would like to start their own group.

- **JOANNA CIRCLE** meets the second Wednesday of the month at Good Shepherd at 1pm.
- **MARY/RUTH CIRCLE** meets the second Tuesday of the month at Senior Housing Building #2 at 9:15am.
- **MARTHA CIRCLE** meets the second Tuesday of the month at 5:30pm, rotating between member's homes.
- **RACHEL CIRCLE** meets the second Tuesday of the month at 9am, rotating between member's homes.

Each of these circles, along with the help of the entire congregation, also put together Lutheran World Relief Kits annually, which takes place in the Fall. There are School Kits, Fabric Kits, Baby Care Kits, and Personal Care Kits. Each of these kits require donations of many

different items before assembling them for delivery and then they need to be loaded and driven to Madison WI for delivery and unloading.

There are special interest Ministries, such as the **Tuesday Morning Knitters**. They make a variety of things, but mainly baby blankets and children's hats. There is also a **Mission Sewing Group**, whose main focus is to make quilts for the Lutheran World Relief. They are not doing it this year due the flooding and the loss of many of their quilts, but are still meeting to sew and prepare for next year and other donation opportunities. There is the **Sunshine Committee**. This group sends out cards to Home Bound

members. They include "Thinking of You" messages so the individuals know they are thought about. There is also a group that sends out **Birthday cards** to anyone who is 90 years old and over.

The Ladies also provide **Altar Guild**. This group exists to assist the Pastors by helping with set up and clean up of communion. They also assist with polishing altar pieces. The more people involved, the less work and amount of times needed to volunteer!

There is also a **Funeral Service Team** that would prepare and serve meals at Funerals. There is uncertainty of how this will work foregoing with the flooding of FLC.



Mission Sew Group

WOMEN



Lutheran World Relief Packing

There is a **Decorating Committee** also. This group would be responsible for decorating the sanctuary, the tables in the Gathering Space, and the pots outside by the Parking Lot front doors. This group did decorate the flower pots but the inside decorating is currently on hold since the Flooding at FLC.

There is a **Phone Call Prayer Chain** and an **E-mail Prayer Chain**. It starts with a person calling or emailing the church and asking for a specific prayer for a person, event, etc. For the Phone Call Prayer Chain, this prayer request is sent to the first person on the list who then calls the next person on the list. If the person does not answer on the Phone Call list, then a message is left and the next person is called on the list until you reach a live person. Then that person will continue to call the next person on the list. For the E-mail

Prayer Chain, the prayer request is emailed to each of the members all at once. There is no need for any additional calls or "passing it on" in this group. These are both easy ways to help people with only a small amount of time.

There are events that the FLCW put on annually to raise funds to donate back to fixing things within the church and donating back to the community. There is a **Soup and Sandwich Luncheon** that also has a short presentation. The food is bought and prepared and served by members. There is the **Salad Luncheon in the Spring**. The members also prepare the food. Tables are decorated individually and offers a nice chance for people to share their creativity on decorating, baking or making up salads of all kinds. The Fall **Holiday Craft Fair** takes a lot of preparing, planning, serving, setting up, tearing

down, and working day of, time. It is the main fundraiser. Again, the more people helping the less work for each individual!

The FLCW is instrumental in planning **First Fest** and working at it. They encourage donating to the Synod by the **November Thank Offering**, they assist with **Graduation Sunday**, the **Blessing of the Quilts**, and the selling of **Jams and Quilts**.

The FLCW meets monthly, except, February, July, and November. They meet the first Wednesday of the month, currently at the Senior Housing Building #2 at 4:30pm. Anyone can come. Please consider attending a meeting and checking it out. Or feel free to call the church to inquire about details. You can also call Jill Housker, FLCW Board Secretary, to ask questions (608.289.7458). ①

MEMORIALS

May 2026



MEMORIALS RECEIVED

Hilme & Mary Utterberg

General: Gary Utterburg

Ned Thornton Memorial

General: Karen Peterson, Rodney Montanye, Linda St. Clair, Maureen Thornton, James Draheim, Gary & Kathleen Beal, Robert Metzger, Karen Kirkpatrick, Dean & Adele Montanye, Gerald & Jamie Machkovech, Bob & Kathy Rickards, Bernard & Mary Healy, Richard & Eileen McCarten, Arra Lasse, James & Kathy Meier, Richard Howell, Ann & Ronald Reese, Robert & Linda Kilas, Tami & Daniel Sell

Ted Norder Memorial

General: Gloria Norder

Joan Meister Memorial

General: Ross & Judith Zanto, Daniel & Marie Konopacky, James & Connie Winter

COUNCIL MINUTES

Highlights of July Minutes

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

- Worship in the Park at 10am on Sunday, Aug 9, at the south pavilion in Riverside Park. This will be a fun gathering for FLC families and VBS kids and their families to connect.
- 8am drive-in worship services will continue through Sept 20.
- A one-service festival on Sunday, Sept. 27 will be called "One Church, One Table" (formerly Flrst Fest), a worship and potluck gathering for FLC and Good Shepherd, hosted outdoors behind the parsonage. The nearby parking pad will hold tables and some chairs for those with limited mobility. Others are invited to bring lawn chairs. We will serve the potluck from a serving line inside the parsonage, and eat together outdoors.

Next meeting: Aug 18, 2026, 6:30pm

Respectfully Submitted, Tom Dorscheid, Secretary ①

PAGE TURNERS

Upcoming Books

The Page Turners meet on the first Tuesday of each month at 5pm at Karen Grimsrud's home. Come every month or simply when you can—everyone is welcome! **Contact:** Sally Schuenke, 608.754.0407

Aug 4: *Gone Before Goodbye* by Harlan Goben

Sept 1: *The Sweet Blue Distance* by Sara Donati ①



GIFTS RECEIVED

ECHO: Frances & Vincent Kessenich, Jim & Karla Vriezen, Catherine Garvin, Magda Nelson, Kathryn McCumber, Grace Murray, Joseph & Karen Runde, David Romstad

Pastor's Discretionary Fund: Jim & Kathy Meier

Music: Jim & Kathy Meier

Youth: Jim & Kathy Meier

Building Maintenance: Terry & Barb Ryan ①



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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CROP WALK RESULTS



In 2026, a new record was set with \$73,128 being raised. This surpasses the previous high of \$71,951 set in 2025. First Lutheran Church raised **\$7,047!** ①

MONTHLY READINGS

August



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.

Aug 2 (Pentecost 10):

Isaiah 55:1-5
Psalm 145:8-9, 14-21
Romans 9:1-5
Matthew 14:13-21

Aug 9 (Pentecost 11):

1 Kings 19:9-18
Psalm 85:8-13
Romans 10:5-15
Matthew 14:22-33

Aug 16 (Pentecost 12):

Isaiah 56:1, 6-8
Psalm 67
Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32
Matthew 15:[10-20] 21-28

Aug 23 (Pentecost 13):

Isaiah 51:1-6
Psalm 138
Romans 12:1-8
Matthew 16:13-20

Aug 30 (Pentecost 14):

Jeremiah 15:15-21
Psalm 26:1-8
Romans 12:9-21
Matthew 16:21-28 ①

AUG CALENDAR

If you have an article idea for the Progress, please submit it to crystals@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 4-H Fair
2 4-H Fair 8a Drive-In (PL) 9a Coffee Hour (P) 9:45a SS (GS) 10a Worship (GS) 11a Coffee Hour (GS)	3 9a VBS (CHS) 7p Scout Mtg (GS) 8p Centering Prayer (Zoom) 8p Men's Softball (DC)	4 8a BG's 9a VBS (CHS) 9a Knitters (FSH) 11a Staff Mtg (P) 5p Page Turners (KH) 5:30p Masterpiece (GS)	5 9a VBS (CHS) 10a Bible Study (GS) 4:30p FLCW (FSH) 6p Worship Team (GS)	6 3p Communication Team (Zoom)	7	8 9a Stamping (GS)
9 8a Drive-In (PL) 9a Coffee Hour (P) 9:45a SS (GS) 10a Worship at the Park (Riverside Park) 10a Worship (GS) 11a Snacks (Riverside Park) 11a Coffee Hour (GS)	10 PROGRESS ARTICLES DUE 5:30p Building & Grounds Team (GS) 7p Scout Mtg (GS) 8p Centering Prayer (Zoom)	11 8a BG's (FLC) 9a Mary Ruth Cir (MH) 11a Staff Mtg (P) 5:30p Worship Collective (GS) 6:30p Youth & Fam Team (GS) 7p Discipleship Team (GS)	12 10a Bible Study (GS) 1p Joanna Cir (MH) 5p Flood Recovery Team (Zoom) 6p Worship Team (SA) 7p Youth Group (D)	13 10a Worship (Rock Haven) 11:15a Worship (Oak Park Place)	14	15 8a Bike Ride (FLC)
16 8a Drive-In (PL) 9a Coffee Hour (P) 9:45a SS (GS) 10a Worship (GS) 10a Drop In Choir (GS) 11a Potluck (GS)	17 9a Safe Families (GS) 7p Scout Mtg (GS) 8p Centering Prayer (Zoom)	18 8a BG's (FLC) 9a Knitters (FSH) 11a Staff Mtg (P) 6:30p Church Council (P)	19 8a Mission Sew (FSH) 10a Bible Study (GS) 6p Worship Team (GS)	20 3:30p Second Harvest (PL)	21	22
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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-May 2026. This chart follows the treasurer's report for May 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. Flood donation and expenses are reflected in the memorial income and expense column. 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. ^①

Year to Date Financials July - May 2026

	Memorials	YTD Actual	YTD Budget	\$ Over/(Under) Budget
Revenue				
Contributions		\$701,911.61	\$753,345.75	(\$51,434.14)
Rentals		\$33,365.45	\$37,236.72	(\$3,871.27)
Weddings/Funerals		\$1,525.00	\$1,000.00	\$525.00
Other Receipts		\$70,449.16	\$44,797.88	\$25,651.28
4-H Fair		\$41,730.96	\$44,300.00	(\$2,569.04)
Memorials and Gifts	\$316,096.93			
Total Revenue	\$316,096.93	\$848,982.18	\$880,680.35	(\$31,698.17)
Mission Spending				
Benevolence	\$0.00	\$9,000.00	\$9,000.00	\$0.00
Personnel	\$6,318.48	\$586,423.52	\$595,507.65	(\$9,084.13)
Administration	\$103.76	\$35,194.66	\$40,296.17	(\$5,101.51)
Buildings and Grounds	\$91,004.45	\$152,553.72	\$161,514.50	(\$8,960.78)
Communication	\$1,103.70	\$5,420.03	\$6,915.00	(\$1,494.97)
Church Programs	\$19,241.16	\$39,752.91	\$54,218.33	(\$14,465.42)
Community Connections	\$3,592.17	\$165.50	\$320.00	(\$154.50)
Memorial Miscellaneous	\$4,060.85			
Total Mission Spending	\$125,424.57	\$828,510.34	\$867,771.65	(\$39,261.31)
Total Net Income (loss)	\$190,672.36	\$20,471.84	\$12,908.70	\$7,563.14

CHURCH FINANCIALS

The financials for the fiscal year to date, July-June 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

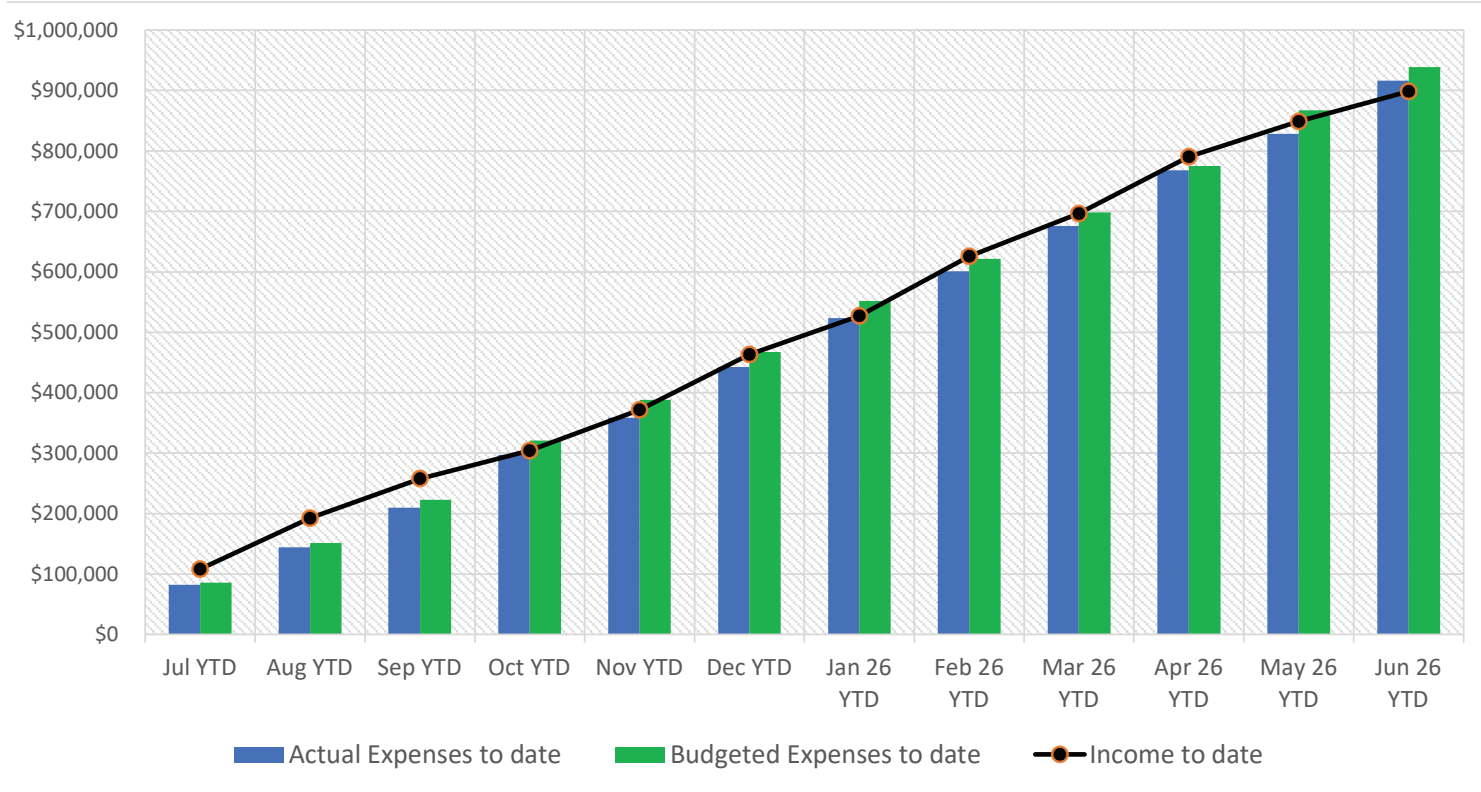
through June was below budget, however, regular budgeted expenses were almost \$40,000 lower than anticipated, this was due to less support staff hours, less spent on office equipment and supplies, lower electric, insurance and plumbing costs, less spent on programming such as First Fest, the food booth, Easter flowers and devotional materials. Overall the fiscal year ended with a net positive of \$18,154.Ⓜ

May 31, 2026

Weekly need	\$18,198	Budgeted Income: \$57,859	Budgeted Expense: \$70,676
Weekly average YTD	\$17,275	Actual Income: \$66,578	Actual Expense: \$71,202

		Received to date	Difference	% Difference
YTD income needed	\$938,539	\$898,321	(\$40,218)	96%
12 month income needed	\$938,539	\$898,321	(\$40,218)	96%

YTD income and expenses





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