



# PROGRESS

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### ADULT CLASSES AT FIRST

*Membership 101 & 201  
and Practicing the Way*

### ONE CHURCH. ONE TABLE WORSHIP & POTLUCK

*Sept 27 at 10am*

### FLC MAIN STREET MARKET DAY

*Shop .Eat. Play. Give.*

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### A FOND FAREWELL

*To Amy Hartsough*



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

## LEADING & LEARNING TOGETHER

We've rightly given a lot of attention lately to our building recovery. But in this issue, we take the opportunity to point you toward many important ways you can be engaged this fall in our mission to reach, nourish, and empower others with the gospel. Here are a couple of those ways.



### TEAM LEADERSHIP

A year ago, we established a new team-led ministry structure for First Lutheran Church. We wanted to empower the growth we have envisioned, as well as engage a wider circle of people and their gifts. We established September as the annual time for renewing and making first-time commitments.

Each year, team members are asked to make a one-year commitment, which can be renewed annually. That commitment includes active participation in the ministry team's work and the intent to pursue a few simple practices to grow our attention to the Spirit's leading. ***My encouragement is always to start small and keep returning to the practices.***

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#### Team Commitment

##### 1. Daily bible reading.

Develop or deepen a daily practice of listening to the scriptures, working through a book of the bible or using the Sunday readings or another reading plan of your choice.

##### 2. Daily prayer.

Pray for needs of the church, the world, and creation, and for your own growth in living the way of Christ. Pray daily for the mission and work of your team.

##### 3. Weekly community life.

Share life together with the larger FLC community -- worship, service, learning, communal meals.

4. **Team Meetings.** Make active participation in regular team meetings a priority.
5. **Ministry.** Seek ways to use your energy, skills, and creativity in the team's ministry. Expand your team by inviting others to share their gifts in the work of your team's ministry.

**Do you feel a desire to share your gifts and help us grow forward?** This is the month to make a commitment for the coming year. Contact the church office (office@flcj.org or 608.752.7434) and we'll get you connected with the team of your choice. Here are the opportunities:

- **Discipleship Development:** strengthens the path to discipleship, empowering all to live like Christ
- **Relationship Building:** builds and tends relational connections within FLC
- **Community Connections:** builds and tends relationships with community partners
- **Inclusion and Integration:** grows FLC's understanding and practice of gospel inclusion
- **Youth and Family Engagement:** engages youth and young adult generations in the life and mission of our congregation
- **Financial Strategy and Development:** develops an integrated, long-term financial strategy and the funding to accomplish FLC's mission
- **Building and Grounds:** maintains and develops facilities and grounds to serve the FLC mission

- **Communications Strategy:** builds a strategy for effective communication with both congregation members and the wider community

FALL BOOK STUDY: *SEE NO STRANGER*



FLC's Inclusion and Integration Team will host a fall book study of *See No Stranger* by Valarie Kaur. This book will help us explore the deep meaning of genuine inclusion.

Valarie Kaur tells a personal story that is "rooted in radical honesty, vulnerability, and fierce commitment to building a world in which we all belong" (Michelle Alexander). Her childhood and her religious tradition have taught her to see the world with wonder, saying *You are a part of me I do not yet know*. Using this lens, she shows us how we can love others, even our opponents, and ourselves.

The group will meet 3-4:30pm in the living room at the parsonage. Starting on Sept 20, we will meet three times, on the third Sunday of the month (Sept-Nov). We hope you will join us! For more information and links to purchase the book, go to [valariekaur.com](http://valariekaur.com). 

# VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

## A Celebration of Faith, Fun, & Volunteers

Vacation Bible School at Craig was a tremendous success, especially in the midst of the flooding that affected our church. Nearly 100 kids showed up ready to learn, sing, play, and explore God's love together.

This year, the children journeyed through Orange's Kingdom Quest. Together we explored how Jesus is the way, Jesus is with us, and the Holy Spirit helps us. Each day brought new opportunities to explore Bible truths, build friendships, sing, play, and grow in faith.

VBS at Craig was truly a huge volunteer affair. It took many hands, willing hearts, and countless hours to make the week possible. From

teaching and leading activities to preparing food, organizing supplies, welcoming families, and caring for the children, volunteers stepped up wherever they were needed.

We are incredibly grateful for every person who gave their time, energy, talents, donations, and love to make VBS happen. Their willingness to serve and share made a lasting difference not only in the success of the program, but in the lives of the children who attended.

A special thank you to the School District of Janesville who allowed us 5 days to set up in addition to the three days of VBS. 🙏



## FAIR WEEK

### Community, Service & Fellowship



Another Fair Week has come and gone, and we are so grateful to everyone who gave their time and energy to make it a success!

Volunteers filled shifts in the parking lot, helping provide convenient, nearby parking for Fairgoers. It was also a wonderful opportunity for families and friends to spend time together, with children and grandchildren joining in to help.

Our parking lot fundraiser brought in roughly \$27,000, which will go to First Lutheran's General Fund.

Fair Week is a lot of work, but once again, our congregation showed what it means to show up for one another, our church, and our community.

Thank you to everyone who helped make this year's Fair a success! 🙏



**FLC**  
**MAIN STREET**  
**MARKET DAY**

Shop. Eat. Play. Give.

Our church family is coming together for a fund day of fellowship and fundraising to support our mission in the community as we are rebuilding.

612 N RANDALL AVE.  
JANESVILLE, WI

All proceeds benefit FLC's mission during our rebuilding effort

Fun for the whole family!

### MAIN STREET SHOPS

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| <b>BOOK STORE</b><br><br>Gently used books | <b>QUILT SHOP</b><br><br>Quilts and other fabric crafts | <b>BAKERY</b><br><br>Baked goods & treats | <b>JELLY &amp; JAM SHOP</b><br><br>Homemade jams, jellies, eggs & produce | <b>HARDWARE STORE</b><br><br>Tools and hardware items | <b>WOODWORKING STORE</b><br><br>Handcrafted wood items |
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**Sunday OCTOBER 11**  
**11:00 AM - 3:00 PM**

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| <b>LEMONADE STAND</b><br><br>Lemonade & bottled water | <b>JEWELRY STORE</b><br><br>Jewelry & accessories | <b>CRAFT STORE</b><br><br>Craft items & supplies | <b>HOME DECOR SHOP</b><br><br>Home décor & accents | <b>VINEYARD</b><br><br>Wine Pull Fundraiser | <b>TOY STORE</b><br><br>Gently used toys |
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| <b>GAMING BOOTH</b><br><br>Raffle tickets & games | <b>FOOD BOOTH</b><br><br>Pulled pork, BBQ, hot dogs, chips & more! | <br><b>MUSIC ALL DAY!</b> | <b>RAFFLE BASKET DRAWINGS AT 2:30 PM</b><br> |
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- All items must sell or be donated to Gift Thrift Shop on Monday.
- We will set up tables on Saturday at 4:00 PM.

- ♥ Donations accepted September 8 – October 8.
- Bring donations to FLC or contact the church office.

- Sorting of donations on Thursday, October 8 at FLC entrance.
- Donations of bottled water, lemonade, wine (\$10 value) and raffle baskets.

- Drawings of raffle basket will be at 2:30 PM.
- Clean up at 3:00 PM.
- ♥ All proceeds support our work in the community.



# BACK PACKS FOR LWR

Thank you for your support!



We First Lutheran Church members and their friends have generously supported the School Backpack project. Many notebooks, pens, pencils, scissors, crayons, erasers, rulers and pencil sharpeners have been donated. As of Aug 6, 29 bags have been packed with 27 of those in boxes sealed with packing tape, labeled and ready to ship.

Mary-Ruth Circle is packing more bags at their meeting Aug 11. Thank you to all the people that donated supplies and time to make this project such a great success.

Supplies can continue to be donated in the designated tub at

the parsonage/office and at Good Shepherd church. One does not need a school bag to donate. Notebooks continue to be a need since it takes four for every bag packed.

Please make any donations by Sept 1.

Special thanks to the Bible School children who collected and donated items during their 3-day session. Thanks to people who have shared monetary donations as well.

Jeanette Beard, Mary Peterson and the Mary/Ruth Circle led by Nina Peterson, assisted by Ann Thomas and Barb Clem. It takes a village. 🙏

## 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.

- **September 19**  
Take the bike trail south through Palmer and Monterey Parks, follow the river past the Water Treatment Plant to Afton. 🚲

# ADULT CLASSES *at First*



## MEMBERSHIP 101 & 201 AT FIRST LUTHERAN

Whether you're new to First Lutheran, exploring faith, or have been part of our congregation for years, Membership 101 and 201 are designed to help you connect more deeply with our community and grow in your faith.



### MEMBERSHIP 101

**Sunday, Sept. 20, 11:15am–12pm**  
*at Good Shepherd*

Membership 101 is a gathering for new friends and anyone interested in learning more about First Lutheran. Together we'll share a meal, hear about the mission and ministry of First Lutheran, meet others who are exploring the congregation, and discover ways to get connected.



### MEMBERSHIP 201

**Saturday, Oct 17, 9am–Noon**  
*at Good Shepherd*

Membership 201 is for friends and members who would like to go deeper. Together we'll explore the Lutheran faith, life in Christian community, and what it means to grow as a disciple at First Lutheran. You'll also learn about opportunities to serve, connect, and continue your faith journey within our congregation.

- While we recommend attending Membership 101 before Membership 201, it's not required. You're welcome to attend either class based.

## A GREAT NEXT STEP:



## *Practicing the Way*

In addition to Membership 101 and 201, we encourage everyone to participate in **Practicing the Way**.



Practicing the Way is an 8 week course that helps people intentionally follow Jesus through spiritual practices, meaningful community, and everyday rhythms of discipleship.



Begins Thursday, October 1 and meets weekly until November 19. Choose between evening sessions, **6:30–8pm**, or morning sessions, 9–10am.



Whether you're new to faith, exploring Christianity, or have been following Jesus for many years, this experience offers practical ways to deepen your relationship with Christ and live out your faith in daily life.



No matter where you are in your faith journey—new to First Lutheran, simply curious, returning to church, or a longtime member—you are warmly invited to participate in Membership 101, Membership 201, and Practicing the Way.



## SIGN UP TODAY!

Membership 101, 201, Practicing the Way at [flcj.org](http://flcj.org)





# MAKE MUSIC TOGETHER

## The OK Factor & Jaerv Return to Janesville

**F**irst Lutheran Church is excited to welcome back **The OK Factor and Jaerv to First Presbyterian (17 N Jackson St), Janesville, on Friday AND Saturday, Oct 9 & 10!** This amazing string duo from Minneapolis, alongside the dynamic Swedish folk group Jaerv, will be hosting a workshop for all ages of string players, guitarists, dulcimers, AND vocalists, on Friday evening and Saturday morning/afternoon. Following the workshops, there will be an afternoon performance by everyone, including the workshop participants. The performance is free and open to all!

Jaerv is an innovative folk music quintet, with jazz and pop leanings. They seamlessly weave original songs and music, with captivating Scandinavian folk songs, some dating back upwards of 700 years. These five musicians have

created a vivid sound which has established Jaerv on the folk music scene as well as in many other forums. Rooted in several different musical traditions, Jaerv offers a varied stage performance where vocal, five-voiced tunes blend in with energetic dances and free improvisations. Jaerv is an internationally well-known act and has toured the U.S., Japan, Spain, Scotland, Ireland, Finland, and Norway among other countries.

The OK Factor is cellist Olivia Dierks and violinist Karla Colohan. Playful and unexpected, this new-classical crossover duo writes and performs folk-inspired music influenced by multiple genres and styles, with an artistry that reveals their classical training. Olivia and Karla find great joy in defying expectations and delivering an experience outside of what audiences anticipate

from a cello and violin combo. Their passion for performing and educational outreach has continued to bring them success in communities across the Midwest and abroad, inviting audiences to explore music and cultivate a curiosity about its role in their lives.

This musical experience is underwritten by a generous donor, for which the FLC Music Department is extraordinarily grateful! Please come and join in this musical community-building event on Oct 9 and 10! We all had such a wonderful time in 2024, they asked to return and expand upon our previous event. You don't want to miss this opportunity to hear our community make music with these incredible musicians! Stay tuned for more details. [🔗](#)

## PRAYER VIGIL

Sat, Oct 3  
6am-6pm



On Saturday, October 3, 6am to 6pm, members of First Lutheran and Good Shepherd are invited to be part of a Prayer Vigil held in the Good Shepherd sanctuary. It is open to all members, friends, and the community.

A Prayer Vigil is a chance to stop and spend time with God. You are invited to sign up for a half-hour shift, but you can stay as long as you wish.

A focus for prayer at this year's vigil will be seeking God's direction as decisions are made for the future of both congregations.

A sign-up poster will be in the fellowship area at Good Shepherd, beginning September 6. Can you commit to half an hour or more, listening/talking with God?

If you would like to help, please contact Ruth Demmon 608.302.7893 or Cordy Madorin 608.201.7893. ☎

## ONE CHURCH, ONE TABLE WORSHIP & POTLUCK

Sept 27 at 10am

Join us on Sunday, Sept 27, for One Church, One Table Worship and Potluck—a special day of worship, fellowship, and food as we gather together as one church family.

We will have one worship service at 10am outdoors at the First Lutheran Church Parsonage Greenspace. In the event of inclement weather, worship will move to Good Shepherd Church.

Following worship, stay for a picnic-style potluck meal! Barbecue chicken and shredded pork will be provided as the main dishes. Everyone is invited to bring a dish to pass, such as a side, salad, or dessert.

Since this is a picnic-style event, bring whatever will make you comfortable and ready to enjoy the day. Bring a lawn chair, blanket, shade tent, or

anything else you may need. Some tables and chairs will also be set up on the patio.

And don't forget our Jello Competition! Bring your favorite Jello recipe and enter for a chance to win Best in Show. Prizes will be awarded in three fun categories: Best Jiggle, Best Flavor, and Best Overall Appeal. Get creative and show us what you can do!

This gathering is a wonderful opportunity to worship together, share a meal, enjoy some fun, and strengthen the connections that make our church community special.

Come hungry, bring a dish, and join us around the table! We look forward to celebrating One Church, One Table with you. ☎



# A FOND FAREWELL TO AMY HARTSOUGH



This is really hard news for me to share, because of all the transition First is grappling with....

I've accepted a new position as Director of Music and Worship in Madison, WI at Good Shepherd Lutheran. My final Sunday with First is September 13.

This decision was not easy, and I have been dealing with lots of emotions myself, because I love you all fiercely and deeply. Please know this! We have been through so much together, and you have helped me grow, both as a musician, and as a person.

The OK Factor and Jaerv are very excited to be coming to Janesville on October 9-10, and I am looking

for two people who can help assist with logistics. I will still be the point person for this event, so I hope to see you there!

I also have dreams for future ELCA musical collaborations, so I hope and pray that we can continue to make music together - it will be different, but it will always be from our hearts.

I am going to miss interacting regularly with you, so much, and I pray our paths will continue to cross. I'm praying for each and every one of you, as you continue to embrace Love's adventures together. It has been my honor, joy, and privilege to serve as your Music Director. 🙏

—Amy Hartsough



## SUMMER WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Now-Sept 20

- **8am:** Drive-In at First Lutheran
- **9am:** Coffee Hour by the Parsonage
- **9:45am:** Sunday School at Good Shepherd
- **10am:** Worship at Good Shepherd
- **11am:** Coffee Hour with Good Shepherd

Communion is served at both services.



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

## MEMORIALS

July 2026



### MEMORIALS RECEIVED

#### Dee Dee Miller Memorial

General: Vern & Leola Schultz, Diane Lux, Lauri & Michael Knapton, Lincoln Frelich, Daniel & Jan Ernst, Nancy Long & Randy Hackbarth, Randy & Sue Borman, Mark & Ann Spanton, Judith Grunzel

#### Kathy Engstrom Memorial

General: Kerry Brown

#### Joan Meister Memorial

General: Richard & Patricia Meister

#### Wilmer & Mary Utterberg Memorial

Disaster Relief: Gary Utterberg

#### Gerry Wells Memorial

General: Curt Nodolf

#### Janis Reck Memorial

Music: Lisa Krause

#### Bruce Pearson Memorial

General: Peter Woodward

### GIFTS RECEIVED

ECHO: Jim & Karla Vriezen, Catherine Garvin, Magda Nelson, Kathryn McCumber

VBS: Rick & Mary Jones, Sally Schuenke, Dan Milbrandt ☺

## COUNCIL MINUTES

### Highlights of Aug Minutes

These are the highlights from the Aug 2026 Church Council Minutes. If you would like to read the full minutes please visit: [www.flcj.org/council](http://www.flcj.org/council)

- Fair parking lot operations raised \$18,416 (after expenses) just shy of our 20,000 expectation. This was a slight decrease from last year but still a good result considering all the rain on Friday & Saturday.
- We are sad to hear that Amy Hartsough has announced that she is leaving FLC and has taken a position with Good Shepherd in Madison effective September 14.
- VBS Vacation Bible School was a huge success once again with nearly 100 kids each day.
- Jim Meier and Kevin McMullen shared their expertise and recommendations on the Disaster Recovery Process.

**Next meeting:** Sept 15, 2026, 6:30pm

Respectfully Submitted, Tom Dorscheid, Secretary ☺



## 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

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



# SAVE THE DATES!!!



## Men Of Iron

- Tuesday, September 1, Good Shepard Church**
- 5pm:** Watch "Chosen" Season 3, Episode 1  
(Optional, can watch on your own)
- 6pm:** Meal and discussion of episode and the bible verses that go with the episode.
- 7:30pm:** Depart



## Youth Group Kickoff (6th–12th grade)

- Wednesday, September 2**
- First Lutheran Parsonage**
- 7-8:30pm**



## Young Adult Ministry (High School Senior and Up)

- Thursday, September 10**
- First Lutheran Parsonage**
- 6:30:** Potluck Meal (bring food to share)
- 7:00pm-8:00pm:** Discuss scripture or other topics of the day.
- 8:00pm:** Depart or hangout awhile



## ELCA Youth Gathering (9th–12th grade)

- Sunday, June 27 – Friday, July 2, 2027**
- Minneapolis, Minnesota**
- Down Payment:** \$175.00
- Final Informational Meeting:**  
Sunday, October 11, 11:00am,  
Good Shepard Church

## MONTHLY READINGS

September



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.

### Sept 6 (Pentecost 15):

Ezekiel 33:7-11  
Psalm 119:33-40  
Romans 13:8-14  
Matthew 18:15-20

### Sept 13 (Pentecost 16):

Genesis 50:15-21  
Psalm 103:[1-7] 8-13  
Romans 14:1-12  
Matthew 18:21-35

### Sept 20 (Pentecost 17):

Jonah 3:10—4:11  
Psalm 145:1-8  
Philippians 1:21-30  
Matthew 20:1-16

### Sept 27 (Pentecost 18):

Ezekiel 18:1-4, 25-32  
Psalm 25:1-9  
Philippians 2:1-13  
Matthew 21:23-32



# SEPT 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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|                                                                                                                                                   |                                                                                                             | 8a BG's<br>9a Knitters (FSH)<br>11a Staff Mtg (P)<br>5p Page Turners (KH)<br>5p Men of Iron (GS)                                                                                                                                  | 8:30a Mission Sew (FSH)<br>10a Bible Study (GS)<br>4:30p FLCW (FSH)<br>5:30p Altar Guild Mtg (GS)<br>6p Worship Team (GS)<br>7p Youth Group (P)  | 3p Communication Team (Zoom)                                                                                       |                     |                                                |
| 6                                                                                                                                                 | 7                                                                                                           | 8                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | 9                                                                                                                                                | 10                                                                                                                 | 11                  | 12                                             |
| 8a Drive-In (PL)<br>9a Coffee Hour (P)<br>9:45a SS (GS)<br>10a Worship (GS)<br>11a Coffee Hour (GS)                                               | BUILDING CLOSED                                                                                             | 8a BG's (P)<br>9a Mary Ruth Cir (MH)<br>11a Staff Mtg (P)<br>11a Meals on Wheels<br>4p Relationship Team (P)<br>4:30p Handbells (FP)<br>5:30p Worship Collective (GS)<br>6:30p Youth & Fam Team (GS)<br>7p Discipleship Team (GS) | 10a Bible Study (GS)<br>11a Meals on Wheels<br>1p Joanna Cir (MH)<br>5p Flood Recovery Team (Zoom)<br>6p Worship Team (GS)<br>7p Youth Group (P) | <b>PROGRESS ARTICLES DUE</b><br>10a Worship (Rock Haven)<br>11a Meals on Wheels<br>11:15a Worship (Oak Park Place) | 11a Meals on Wheels | 7a LWR Box Car Loading (M)<br>9a Stamping (GS) |
| 13                                                                                                                                                | 14                                                                                                          | 15                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | 16                                                                                                                                               | 17                                                                                                                 | 18                  | 19                                             |
| 8a Drive-In (PL)<br>9a Coffee Hour (P)<br>9:45a SS (GS)<br>10a Worship (GS)<br>11a Coffee Hour (GS)<br>4p Scout Mtg (GS)<br>6p Bible Study (A)    | 11a Meals on Wheels<br>5:30p Building & Grounds (P)<br>6p Inclusion Team (GS)<br>8p Centering Prayer (Zoom) | 8a BG's (FLC)<br>9a Knitters (FSH)<br>11a Staff Mtg (P)<br>11a Meals on Wheels<br>4:30p Handbells (FP)<br>5:30p Masterpiece (GS)<br>6:30p Church Council (P)                                                                      | 8:30a Mission Sew (FSH)<br>10a Bible Study (GS)<br>11a Meals on Wheels<br>6p Worship Team (GS)<br>7p Youth Group (P)                             | 11a Meals on Wheels<br>3:30p Second Harvest (PL)                                                                   | 11a Meals on Wheels | 8a Bike Ride (FLC)                             |
| 20                                                                                                                                                | 21                                                                                                          | 22                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | 23                                                                                                                                               | 24                                                                                                                 | 25                  | 26                                             |
| 8a Drive-In (PL)<br>9a Coffee Hour (P)<br>9:45a SS (GS)<br>10a Worship (GS)<br>10:30a Confirmation<br>11a Potluck (GS)<br>11a Membership 101 (GS) | 9a Safe Families (GS)<br>8p Centering Prayer (Zoom)                                                         | 8a BG's (FLC)<br>11a Staff Mtg (P)<br>4:30p Handbells (FP)                                                                                                                                                                        | 10a Bible Study (GS)<br>5p Flood Recovery Team (Zoom)<br>6p Worship Team (GS)<br>7p Youth Group (P)                                              |                                                                                                                    |                     | 9a Leadership Mtg (GS)                         |
| 27                                                                                                                                                | 28                                                                                                          | 29                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | 30                                                                                                                                               |                                                                                                                    |                     |                                                |
| 10a Worship (O)<br>4p Scout Mtg (GS)                                                                                                              | 8p Centering Prayer (Zoom)                                                                                  | 8a BG's (FLC)<br>9a Knitters (FSH)<br>11a Staff Mtg (P)<br>4:30p Handbells (FP)<br>5:30p Masterpiece (GS)                                                                                                                         | 8:30a Mission Sew (FSH)<br>10a Bible Study (GS)<br>6p Worship Team (GS)<br>7p Youth Group (P)                                                    |                                                                                                                    |                     |                                                |

## Abbreviation Key:

A = Aubrey's Home  
 CHS = Craig High School  
 D = FLC Door 8  
 FP - First Presbyterian  
 FSH - First Senior Housing  
 GS = Good Shepherd  
 KH = Karen Grimsrud's Home  
 M = Madison  
 MH = Member's Homes  
 O = Outside Parsonage  
 P = Parsonage  
 PL = Parking Lot

# 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-June 2026. This chart follows the treasurer's report for June 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. Disaster donations 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](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 - June 2026

|                                | Memorials           | YTD Actual          | YTD Budget          | \$ Over/(Under)<br>Budget |
|--------------------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------------|
| <b>Revenue</b>                 |                     |                     |                     |                           |
| Contributions                  |                     | \$763,530.98        | \$805,006.00        | (\$41,475.02)             |
| Rentals                        |                     | \$33,365.45         | \$40,592.00         | (\$7,226.55)              |
| Weddings/Funerals              |                     | \$1,325.00          | \$1,000.00          | \$325.00                  |
| Other Receipts                 | \$720.00            | \$76,522.38         | \$47,641.00         | \$28,881.38               |
| 4-H Fair                       |                     | \$41,730.96         | \$44,300.00         | (\$2,569.04)              |
| Memorials and Gifts            | \$368,639.33        |                     |                     |                           |
| <b>Total Revenue</b>           | <b>\$369,359.33</b> | <b>\$916,474.77</b> | <b>\$938,539.00</b> | <b>(\$22,064.23)</b>      |
| <b>Mission Spending</b>        |                     |                     |                     |                           |
| Benevolence                    | \$0.00              | \$12,000.00         | \$12,000.00         | \$0.00                    |
| Personnel                      | \$6,318.48          | \$638,168.33        | \$644,884.00        | (\$6,715.67)              |
| Administration                 | \$113.75            | \$38,743.41         | \$43,950.00         | (\$5,206.59)              |
| Buildings and Grounds          | \$119,579.77        | \$161,045.66        | \$172,980.00        | (\$11,934.34)             |
| Communication                  | \$1,103.70          | \$5,576.52          | \$7,500.00          | (\$1,923.48)              |
| Church Programs                | \$20,973.02         | \$42,621.82         | \$56,875.00         | (\$14,253.18)             |
| Community Connections          | \$3,592.17          | \$165.50            | \$350.00            | (\$184.50)                |
| Memorial Miscellaneous         | \$4,399.10          |                     |                     |                           |
| <b>Total Mission Spending</b>  | <b>\$156,079.99</b> | <b>\$898,321.24</b> | <b>\$938,539.00</b> | <b>(\$40,217.76)</b>      |
| <b>Total Net Income (loss)</b> | <b>\$213,279.34</b> | <b>\$18,153.53</b>  | <b>\$0.00</b>       | <b>\$18,153.53</b>        |

# CHURCH FINANCIALS

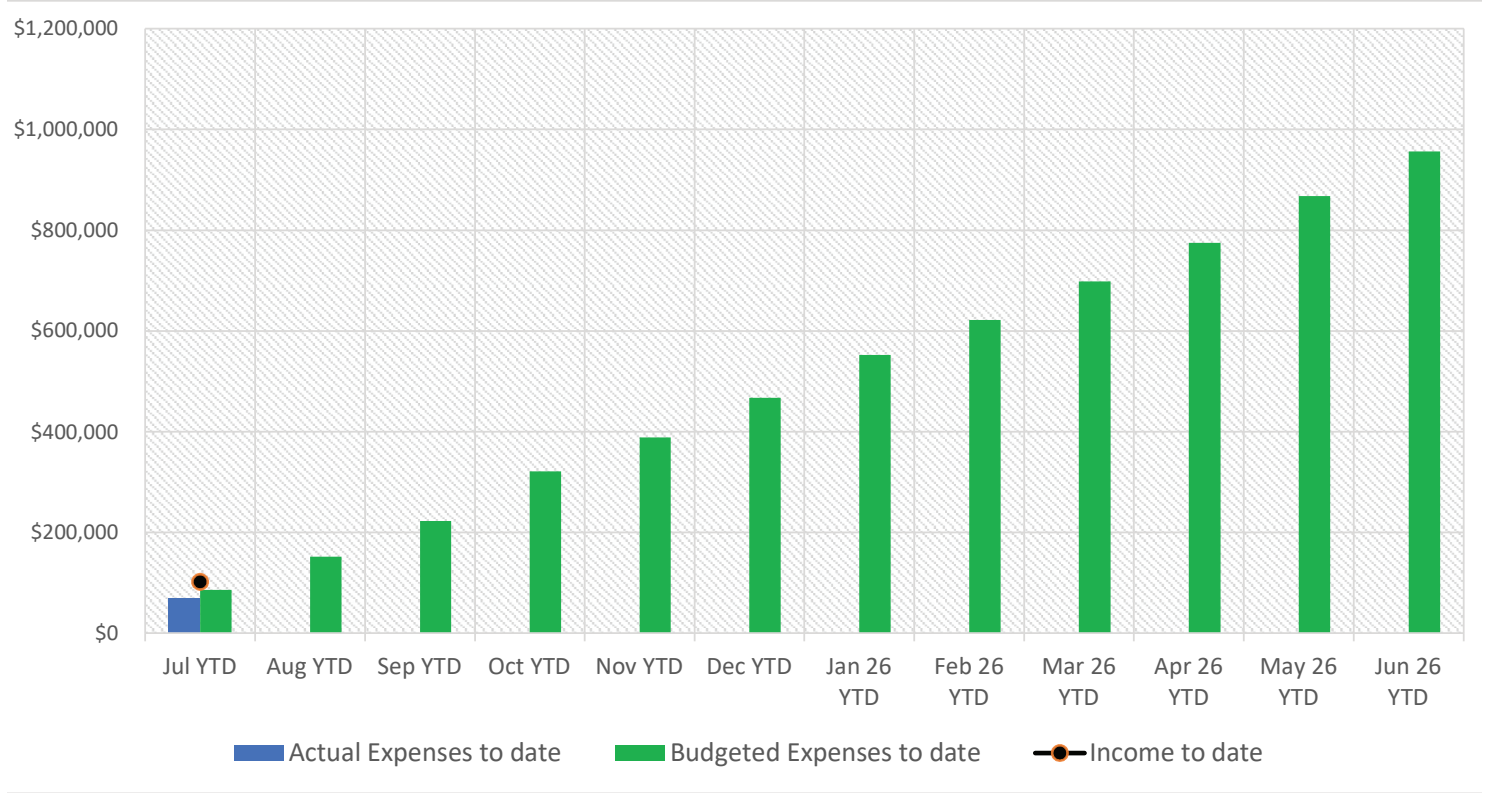
The financials for the new fiscal year to date, July 2026, are shown below. The weekly need is calculated by averaging the total budgeted expenses for 12 months (from July 2026 through June of 2027). The weekly average YTD is the total income received, divided by the number of weeks in this fiscal year, 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 was slightly above budget and regular budgeted expenses were lower than anticipated, this was due to less spent on building expenses and the food booth. Net income was \$33, 043. This is a positive start to the new fiscal year. ⑦

## July 31, 2026

|                        |           |                            |             |                            |
|------------------------|-----------|----------------------------|-------------|----------------------------|
| Weekly need            | \$18,573  | Budgeted Income: \$100,314 |             | Budgeted Expense: \$85,755 |
| Weekly average YTD     | \$25,506  | Actual Income: \$102,024   |             | Actual Expense: \$68,961   |
|                        |           |                            |             |                            |
|                        |           | Received to date           | Difference  | % Difference               |
| YTD income needed      | \$85,755  | \$102,024                  | \$16,269    | 119%                       |
| 12 month income needed | \$956,608 | \$102,024                  | (\$854,584) | 11%                        |

## YTD income and expenses





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