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Sat, Oct 31 from 5:30-7:30pm



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

JONAH, A RECALCITRANT PROPHET

On a recent Sunday we heard the conclusion of the biblical Jonah story. One of the shortest books in the bible, Pr. David Andert invited us all to go back and read it again. So, I did.

Among the other prophetic books, this one stands out because Jonah rejects the call of God. He wants nothing to do with it. He runs the other way. The story is filled with exaggeration: Jonah swallowed by a fish for three days and three nights, the immediate and total response of the people to his warning of Ninevah's destruction, a bush that grows up within a day. Jonah is a stubbornly disobedient prophet, whose message is unaccountably successful, which only makes him angry. All of this indicates that the story of Jonah is not historical but a satire. It's a story that playfully and seriously invites us to look at what's really going on.

At the heart of this story is the confession that God is "gracious and merciful, slow to anger, abounding in steadfast love, and relenting from punishment."



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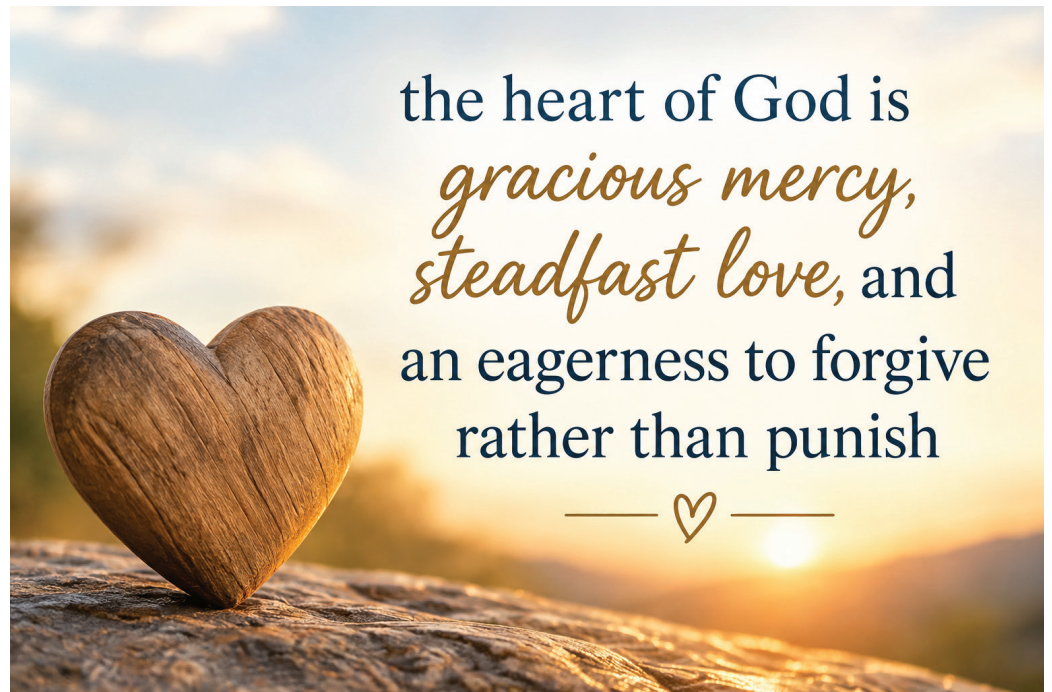


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Here we find the heart and character of God confessed by the people of Israel. These words echo God's own self-description to Moses on Mount Sinai, when the tablets of the covenant were given (Exodus 34:6-7).

The prophet Jonah knows that the heart of God is gracious mercy, steadfast love, and an eagerness to forgive rather than punish. But he rejects that message, at least for the Ninevites. Ninevah was the great city of Assyria, the empire that conquered the northern kingdom of Israel in 722 BCE and made Judah a vassal state. Ninevah is the enemy. Jonah wants nothing to do with calling them to repentance. It's why he



runs the opposite direction at God's first call. After being spit out by the fish, he relents and goes to Ninevah, but his message (just five words in Hebrew) seems to be designed to fail. "Forty days more, and Ninevah shall be overthrown." No explanation of who will do this, no reason why, no call for change – just a bare warning.

The true prophets of Israel (Isaiah, Jeremiah, Ezekiel and others) keep warning their own people of impending disaster, calling them back to their covenant with God. These prophets' efforts are tragically unsuccessful. Kings and people keep going their own way, finding other gods to serve and rejecting the responsibilities of neighbor love. Yet, the Ninevites hear Jonah's spare words of warning, and they all repent, from the least to the greatest. The king calls everyone to prayer and fasting. People and animals alike put on the sackcloth of mourning. God sees this and relents from the intended punishment.

It's just what Jonah feared would happen. He becomes unutterably angry. Just kill me now, Jonah says to God. And God asks in response, "Is it right for you to be angry?"

The question just hangs there.

Jonah gives no answer. He goes outside the city and waits to see what will happen. This satire of a prophet invites us to consider ourselves. Surely, it's a blessed thing to find ourselves on the receiving end of God's mercy and forgiveness. The psalm writer celebrates the same qualities of God's character that have Jonah so riled, saying "bless the Lord, O my soul, and do not forget all his benefits." (Ps 103:2) Is it right then to be angry when God freely gives those same benefits to others – even those we hate or despise?

The question hangs there at the end of the story. It's an apt question for our own times. ①

MEET YOUR NEW CHURCH COUNCIL MEMBERS

New church council members were elected in June 2026, and we're excited to introduce you to those who will be serving our congregation in this new role. Take a moment to meet your new council members who are helping guide and support our church community. 📍



Jarod Wasson
President



Tom Dorscheid
Secretary



Jon Bjoin



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Christina Zink



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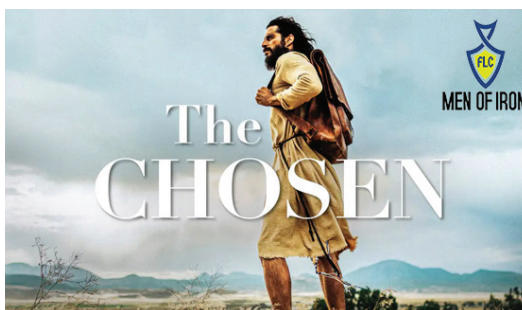
Tues, Oct 6 from 6-7:30pm

Men of Iron meets the first Tuesday of each month at Good Shepherd. Join us for an episode of The Chosen, followed by a meal and discussion from 6:30pm.

Upcoming episodes:

- **Oct 6:** Season 3, Episode 2
- **Nov 3:** Season 3, Episode 3
- **Dec 1:** Season 3, Episode 4

Contact Eric at 608.290.7083 or eengen@flcj.org. 📍



PRAYER VIGIL

Sat, Oct 3
6am-6pm



On Saturday, Oct 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 is in the fellowship area at Good Shepherd. 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. 📍



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.

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All proceeds benefit FLC's mission during our rebuilding effort

Fun for the whole family!

♥ MAIN STREET SHOPS ♥

BOOK STORE  Gently used books	QUILT SHOP  Quilts and other fabric crafts	BAKERY  Baked goods & treats	JELLY & JAM SHOP  Homemade jams, jellies, eggs & produce	HARDWARE STORE  Tools and hardware items	WOODWORKING STORE  Handcrafted wood items
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Sunday OCTOBER 11
11:00 AM – 3:00 PM

LEMONADE STAND  Lemonade & bottled water	JEWELRY STORE  Jewelry & accessories	CRAFT STORE  Craft items & supplies	HOME DECOR SHOP  Home décor & accents	VINEYARD  Wine Pull Fundraiser	TOY STORE  Gently used toys
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GAMING BOOTH  Raffle tickets & games	FOOD BOOTH  Pulled pork, BBQ, hot dogs, chips & more!	 MUSIC ALL DAY!	RAFFLE BASKET DRAWINGS AT 2:30 PM 
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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.





CARE PACKAGES FOR RECENT GRADS

Return by Oct 18 to Good Shepherd

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

Grab a box with the name of a recent grad on Sept 27 at the One Church, One Table event and after that, they will be available at Good Shepherd. Fill the basket with microwave popcorn, hot chocolate, snacks, chap-stick, tissues, gift cards, more

snacks, gum, fuzzy socks, hand sanitizer, cough drops, disinfectant wipes, and even more snacks! Plan to spend between \$20-25 on your care package. Include an encouraging note! Return that box by October 18 and the Youth & Family Team will send it out.

The Youth & Family Team thanks you for your care and commitment to young people at First Lutheran. Please contact Renee with any questions. ①



FIRST COMMUNION CLASS

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

Children and their parents/sponsors are welcome to register for Communion Class. Communion Class is Sun, Oct 18, at 5:30-7pm at Good Shepherd. This class is specifically designed for children who can read. A pre-reader class is available by request.

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

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

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

Please register for class before Oct 12. To register, please contact Renee at rengen@flcj.org. ①

PASTOR / MINISTER APPRECIATION

October 18



Pastor/Minister Appreciation Day on **Oct 18** to honor Pastor Michael, Pastor Jim, and Eric Engen. There will be special treats during coffee time between services and cards of appreciation from the congregation. There is also a potluck after the second service.

Cards can be sent to the church (612 Randall Ave, Janesville, WI 53545) or dropped off at the church on Sunday or during the week.

We hope you will join us in appreciation by giving a card. ①



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

ADULT CLASSES AT FIRST

Membership 201 & Practicing the Way

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.

Membership 201 meets Sat, Oct 17, 9am-Noon at Good Shepherd.



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

Practicing the Way begins Thurs, Oct 1 and meets weekly until Nov 19.

- **Thursday morning sessions** are 9-10am at Good Shepherd.
- **Evening sessions are 6-7:30pm** at Good Shepherd, include a potluck, and child care by request.

Session Topics

- **Oct 1:** Following Jesus
- **Oct 8:** Formation – Part 1
- **Oct 15:** Formation – Part 2
- **Oct 22:** The Practices
- **Oct 29:** Meeting God in Pain and Suffering
- **Nov 5:** Healing from Sin
- **Nov 12:** Crafting a Rule of Life
- **Nov 19:** Life Together

Each participant will use the Practicing the Way Course Companion Guide, which includes guided reflections, discussion questions, weekly exercises, prayers, and additional resources to help you put each session into practice throughout the week.

Whether you're new to following Jesus or longing to deepen your walk with Him, this course provides a practical pathway to intentional spiritual formation in the context of authentic community.

Sign up for Membership 201, Practicing the Way using the QR code or by calling the office at 608.752.7434 x10.

Contact Renee with any questions at rengne@flcj.org or 608.359.9685.

Come and discover what it means to practice the way of Jesus—together. ①





MAKE MUSIC TOGETHER

The OK Factor & Jaerv Return to Janesville

First 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!

Fri, Oct 9: Workshops 4:30-5:30pm

Sat, Oct 10: Workshops 1:30-3:30pm

Sat Concert: 4pm (doors open at 3:30pm)

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! You don't want to miss this opportunity to hear our community make music with these incredible musicians! [🔗](#)

TRUNK OR TREAT

Oct 31, 5:30-7pm



Get ready for a fun and family-friendly Halloween celebration at First Lutheran Church! Join us for Trunk or Treat on Saturday, Oct 31, from 5:30-7pm in the First Lutheran parking lot. Children and families are invited to come dressed in their favorite costumes and enjoy an evening of treats, decorated vehicles, and fellowship with our church community.

We're also looking for volunteers to help make the evening a success! Consider decorating your trunk, handing out treats, or helping with the event. To volunteer, contact Eric or sign up in the church office. Come join the fun! ☎

LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF KITS

Many Hands, One Mission

Thanks to the many generous donations, countless hours of work, and the dedication of the Mary/Ruth Circle and other First Lutheran members, our Lutheran World Relief project was a tremendous success!

On September 12, 2026, 24 boxes of Lutheran World Relief kits from First Lutheran Church were delivered to Good Shepherd Church on Raymond Road in Madison. Randy and Sue Gilbertson transported and unloaded the boxes. Thank you to them and to everyone who helped make this delivery possible!



This year, First Lutheran completed an incredible 16 fabric kits, 139 school kits, and 81 health care kits. The 139 school kits are especially inspiring when compared with last year's total of 43. What a difference a year—and many helping hands—can make!

Some additional school bags were purchased ready-made, and 100

school bags have already been purchased for next year's project. Extra school supplies that meet LWR requirements have been labeled and stored at the church, and the Mary/Ruth Circle will oversee the school bag project again in 2027.



Members are encouraged to continue donating school supplies throughout the year. A collection container is available in the parsonage/office. Supplies that do not meet LWR requirements will be donated to a local school.

From donating supplies and sewing fabric bags to assembling, packing, and transporting the kits, many hands came together to get it done! Thank you, First Lutheran, for your incredible kindness, generosity, time, and commitment to helping our neighbors around the world through Lutheran World Relief. ☎

A MESSAGE FROM THE PRAYER TEAM

As we are moving forward with the process of rebirth, holding on to what we hold dear and moving forward to embrace what lies ahead, many of us are overwhelmed by the size and expense of the project BUT GOD is the master of all things and He will see us through. We only must have faith and ASK for our needs to be filled and Believe for the answer. Listen for His still small voice leading us along the path to renewal. Doubts are the tool of the devil who delights in our failures. Put them behind you and embrace the future in Christ; Reaching, Nourishing and Empowering our community and beyond with the Good News of Jesus Christ.

We are so blessed to have the Welcoming arms of our sister church, Good Shepherd to help hold us together in worship. We have strength in togetherness with our Lutheran Family. Thanks be to God!

Share your ideas and fears with each other and PRAY fervently that our prayers be answered and our needs supplied.

The media would have us believe otherwise but as a nation, we are hungry for Revival and now is our opportunity to fill that need with togetherness, music, Bible Study and small groups. Let our lives reflect the love and kindness of Jesus and grow in His love. ⑦

—Becky Baird



YOUNG ADULT

Oct 1, 8, 15, 22, 29

6-7:30pm

Good Shepherd



The Young Adult Group will be taking the Practicing the Way Course in October.

Practicing the Way Course is an eight-session journey, designed to help you become an apprentice of Jesus by learning to be with Him, become like Him, and do as He did. Through engaging teaching, meaningful discussion, and practical weekly exercises, you'll discover how spiritual formation happens in everyday life.

Evening sessions are 6-7:30pm at Good Shepherd, include a potluck, and child care by request.

Contact: Eric, 608.290.7083
eengen@flcj.org ⑦

MEMORIALS

Aug 2026



MEMORIALS RECEIVED

Dee Dee Miller Memorial

Music: Vern Morris General:
Marcy Weber

Edward & Dorothy Knutson Memorial

Disaster Recovery:
Anonymous Donors

Wilmer & Mary Utterberg Memorial

Disaster Recovery: Gary
Utterberg

Sharleanne Jones Memorial

General: Beverly Adams,
Jennifer Leibl, Danelle
Hawig, Mark Robel, Rachele
Lehr, Funeral Home
Memorium
Building Fund: Joellen
Bradach, Megan Lewis

Bruce Pearson Memorial

General: Thomas & Janet
Carpenter, Theodore &
Joann Swanson, Georgia
Kestol-Bauer
Disaster Recovery: Friends
& Family, Nina Peterson,
Lori & Stephen Sperry, Doris
Robb, Joan Scafe, Michael
& Christine Strait, Steven &
Sara Kelley, William Ryan,
Michael & Shirley Buchach,
Earl & Gwen Schultz, Connie
Goede, Karen Johnston,

COUNCIL MINUTES

Highlights of Oct Minutes

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

- FLC will be posting the job opening for a Music Director in the next couple of days
- There will be a special Congregational Meeting at 6:30 on Tuesday, September 29 at Good Shepherd church for an update on our Disaster Recovery and FEMA funds
- There will be guided tours of the First Lutheran Church building on Sunday, Sept. 27 during the One Church/One Table event
- Christmas services this year will be held at First Presbyterian Church, 17 N. Jackson St.

Next meeting: Oct 15, 2026, 6:30pm

Respectfully Submitted, Tom Dorscheid, Secretary ☺

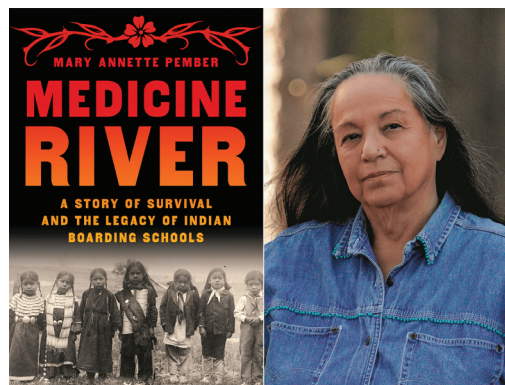
PAGE TURNERS

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

Oct 6: *Medicine River* by Mary Annette Pembe

Nov 3: *Eleanor Oliphant is Completely Fine* by Eleanor Oliphant ☺



Raymond & Cathryn Bray, Eugene & Karen Fuhrmann, Kenneth & Nancy Manthei, Barbara Brown, Kelly & Darrel Moore, Leslie & Elwyn Brunsell

In Honor of Pr Michael Mueller

Disaster Recovery: Susan Mueller

GIFTS RECEIVED

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

VBS: Jim & Mary Gallup, Mat & Peg Haeger Building Fund: Bob Engstrom Foundation: Steven Falk ☺

MONTHLY READINGS

October



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.

Oct 4 (Pentecost 19):

Isaiah 5:1-7
Psalm 80:7-15
Philippians 3:4b-14
Matthew 21:33-46

Oct 11 (Pentecost 20):

Isaiah 25:1-9
Psalm 23
Philippians 4:1-9
Matthew 22:1-14

Oct 18 (Pentecost 21):

Isaiah 45:1-7
Psalm 96:1-9 [10-13]
1 Thessalonians 1:1-10
Matthew 22:15-22

Oct 25 (Reformation):

Jeremiah 31:31-34
Psalm 46
Romans 3:19-28
John 8:31-36 ①

OCT

FIRST
LUTHERAN
STUDENT
MINISTRIES

6TH-12TH GRADE / 7PM-8:30PM

07

★ YOUTH GROUP

How's your Beatitude: Matt. 5:3-12

14

★ YOUTH GROUP

Games / Peacemaking is fun: Matt. 5:9

21

★ YOUTH GROUP

Wierd Brag, Bro: Matt. 5:3

28

★ YOUTH GROUP

Do what is right / Matt. 5:10

★★MEET AT FIRST LUTHERAN PARSONAGE★★740 NORTH RANDALL AVE.

Questions: Contact

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OCT CALENDAR

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

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
				1	2	3
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 SA = Sanctuary		9a Practicing the Way (GS) 3p Communication Team (Zoom) 6:30p Practicing the Way (GS)		6a-6p Prayer Vigil (GS)
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8a Worship (GS) 9a Coffee Hour (P) 9:45a SS (GS) 10a Worship (GS) 11a Coffee Hour (GS) 4p Scout Mtg (GS)	8p Centering Prayer (Zoom) 5:30p Youth & Fam Team (P)	8a BG's (P) 9a Knitters (FSH) 11a Staff Mtg (P) 4:30p Handbells (FP) 5p Page Turners (KH) 5p Men of Iron (GS)	8:30a Mission Sew (FSH) 10a Altar Guild Cleaning (SA) 10a Bible Study (GS) 4:30p FLCW (FSH) 5p Disaster Recovery Team (Zoom) 6p Worship Team (GS) 7p Youth Group (P)	9a Practicing the Way (GS) 10a Worship (Rock Haven) 11:15a Worship (Oak Park Place) 6:30p Practicing the Way (GS)	3p OK Factor & Jaerv Workshop (FP)	PROGRESS ARTICLES DUE 9a Stamping (GS) 1p OK Factor & Jaerv (FP) 4p FLC Main St Market Set Up (PL)
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CHURCH FINANCIALS

The monthly financial report shows the Memorial giving and expenses in the first column, with the actual and budgeted revenue and spending in the last three columns, for July 2026. This chart follows the treasurer's report for July in the council minutes. 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). 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 2026

	Memorials	YTD Actual	YTD Budget	\$ Over/(Under) Budget
Revenue				
Contributions		\$77,728.57	\$75,210.25	\$2,518.32
Rentals		\$566.50	\$0.00	\$566.50
Weddings/Funerals		\$200.00	\$100.00	\$100.00
Other Receipts		\$5,112.67	\$5,003.33	\$109.34
4-H Fair		\$18,416.00	\$20,000.00	(\$1,584.00)
Memorials and Gifts	\$3,322.74			
Total Revenue	\$3,322.74	\$102,023.74	\$100,313.58	\$1,710.16
Mission Spending				
Benevolence	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Personnel	\$0.00	\$53,200.29	\$51,852.92	\$1,347.37
Administration	\$9.99	\$3,424.34	\$3,540.00	(\$115.66)
Buildings and Grounds	\$25,906.00	\$7,900.87	\$15,941.84	(\$8,040.97)
Communication	\$172.67	\$89.52	\$150.00	(\$60.48)
Church Programs	\$200.00	\$4,365.75	\$4,855.00	(\$489.25)
Community Connections	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Memorial Miscellaneous	\$123.00			
Total Mission Spending	\$26,411.66	\$68,980.77	\$76,339.76	(\$7,358.99)
Total Net Income (loss)	(\$23,088.92)	\$33,042.97	\$23,973.82	\$9,069.15

CHURCH FINANCIALS

The financials for the new fiscal year to date, July-August 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 year to

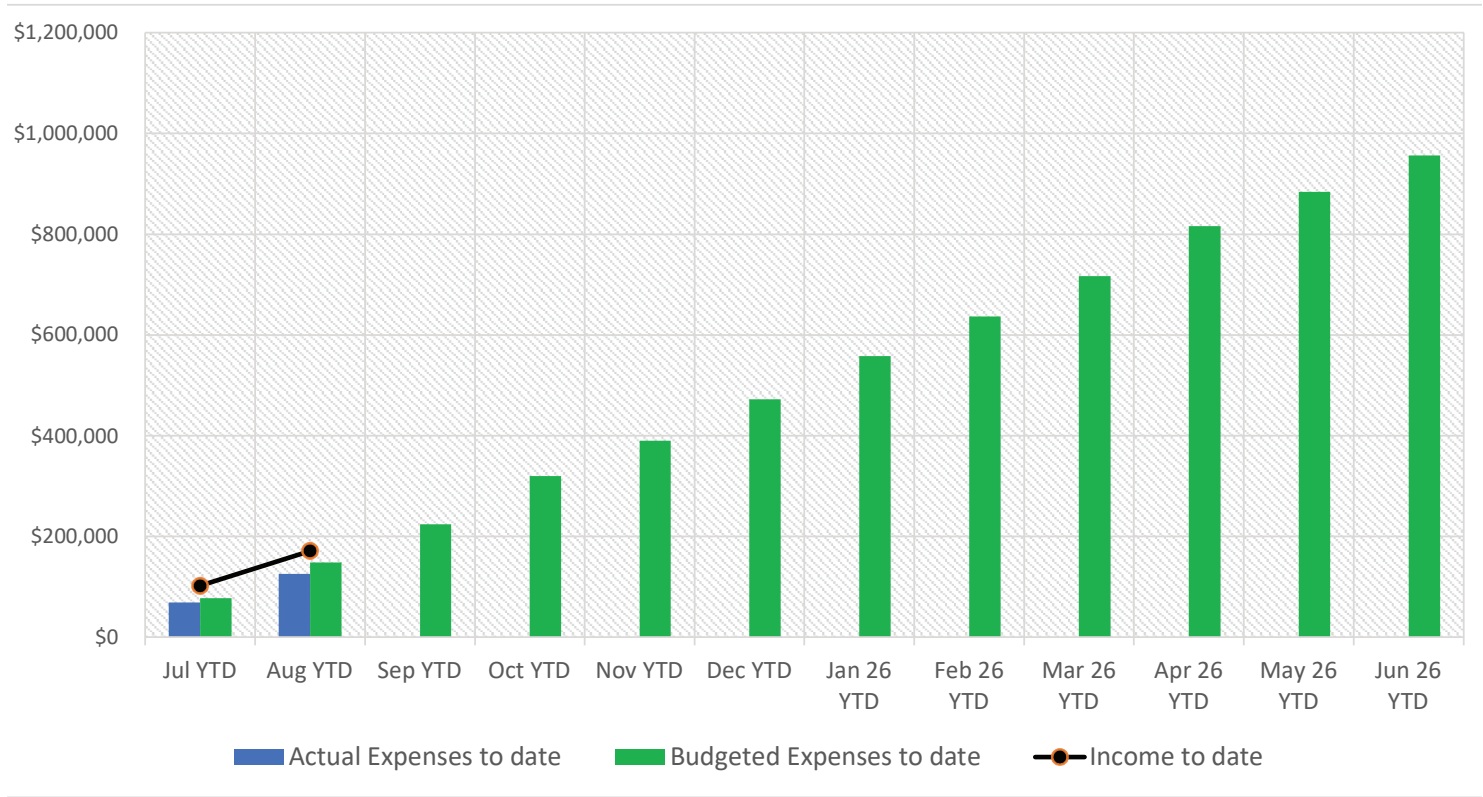
date income was slightly lower than budget and regular budgeted expenses were lower than anticipated, this was due to less spent on building expenses and the food booth. Net year to date income was \$45,609. This fiscal year will be less predictable than normal as income and expenses may fluctuate during this dynamic situation. The finance team and council are carefully considering all financial decisions. ①

August 31, 2026

Weekly need	\$18,573	Budgeted Income: \$73,154	Budgeted Expense: \$71,124
Weekly average YTD	\$19,020	Actual Income: \$69,160	Actual Expense: \$56,646

		Received to date	Difference	% Difference
YTD income needed	\$148,387	\$171,183	\$22,796	115%
12 month income needed	\$956,320	\$171,183	(\$785,137)	18%

YTD income and expenses





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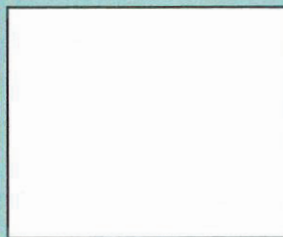
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A festive poster for a 'Trunk or Treat' event. On the left, a car's trunk is open, revealing a ghost, jack-o'-lanterns, and candy. The background is dark blue with a full moon and bats. The title 'TRUNK or TREAT' is in large, stylized orange and purple letters. To the right, an orange banner says 'DROP-IN EVENT • Rain or Shine •'. Below the title, a calendar icon indicates the date 'Saturday, October 31' and time '5:30 - 7:00 pm'. A location pin icon points to 'First Lutheran Church parking lot' and '612 Randall Ave'. Further right, a pumpkin icon is above the text 'Costumes Encouraged!' and 'Fun for the Whole Family!'. At the bottom, a church icon is next to 'Sponsored by: First Lutheran Church'.

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