

Embracing Love's Adventure Together

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FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH

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

A TIME FOR FAITH ACTIVE IN LOVE

"... in spite of persecution you received the word with joy inspired by the Holy Spirit, so that you became an example to all the believers in Macedonia and in Achaia. For the word of the Lord has sounded forth from you not only in Macedonia and Achaia, but in every place your faith in God has become known..."

–1 Thessalonians 1:6-8



"Grief and joy. Gratitude and devastation. Division and collaboration. Death and new birth. Life is a mixture of both/and. We don't live in joy without sorrow or in hope without the threat of despair."

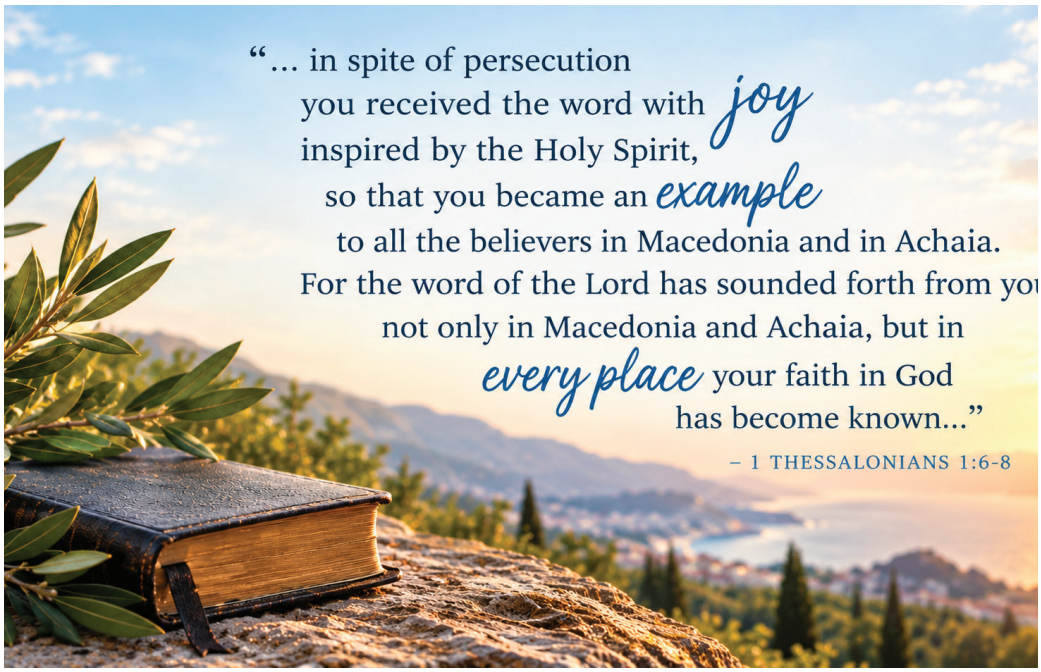
So began my November newsletter article three years ago. The summer had brought news of floods, drought, and forest fires. Signs of global climate change had become increasingly evident. Now, three years later, we ourselves have had direct experience of an overwhelming storm, and we can't forget its lasting effects.

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A new war had started in Israel and Gaza. Other wars continued. I noted then how humanity seems impossibly divided, unable to cooperate in the important ways needed to nurture the life and beauty we most need and desire.

It is important and necessary to make space for lament and grief. But that is not all. More is at work, even now. As we have been recovering from our April disaster, we have seen signs of the Spirit's joy, much as Paul identified those signs among the Thessalonians. Here is the conclusion of what I wrote three years ago:

Headlines tend to focus on breakdown, conflict, and disaster. They give the impression that all is negative, but even in real tragedy and loss, healing and love are also at work. The whole truth of this moment also includes the signs of new life springing up. Even as some refuse to seek common ground, others are actively building community and finding common purpose amid differences. Even as we lament, there is room in our spirits and our life together to celebrate what is good and beautiful and life-giving.

Both/And. It is exactly this that Paul names to his community in Thessalonica. Where they faced hostility and experienced ill-treatment, they also found joy. Led by the Spirit, they received the word of life in Christ. Joy broke out, as the Spirit opened them to new possibilities not limited by suffering. Together they embodied the love of the gospel and became an example to others.

An example even to us. A small group of people, committed to a path of honesty and truth, living the way of love with openness to the Spirit's leading, can change the world.

Indeed, the world in front of us will not be like the world we have known. Humans are connected across the globe like never before. Technology continues to move in new directions, altering the ways that we communicate and challenging us with questions about how to use these new tools wisely. The climate is changed and changing. Fear and anxiety have led many into destructive action. We lament and grieve all the losses we have already experienced and those we still anticipate. But even as we lament, there is room to give thanks for and celebrate the life that is moving among us, the adventure of love that we have embraced.

Take time this month to identify and give thanks to all those whose love and commitment to hope brings light to you and to our community.

May the word of the Lord sound forth also from you, not only in Janesville and Rock County, but in every place your faith in God and your love for others becomes known!

ONE CHURCH, ONE TABLE

A Wonderful Day of Worship and Fellowship

Thank you to everyone who joined us for our One Church, One Table Worship & Potluck on Sunday, September 27! It was a wonderful day of worship, fellowship, delicious food, and plenty of creative Jello creations.

Congratulations to our Jello Competition winners!

Best Overall: Kathy Dorscheid
Best Tasting: Sally Schuenke
Best Jiggle: Mande Zierath

Thank you to everyone who participated, brought food, and helped make the day such a success. We're grateful for the joy and fellowship we share!









THANK OFFERING

Nov 22 & 29

The women of the ELCA are offering envelopes for collecting Thank-Offerings again this year. They will be distributed to members of each circle and will be available by the weekly church bulletins for anyone interested. This special collection will benefit the National Organization of Women of the ELCA, funding their administrative, instructional, and missionary goals. All of the donations collected in the Thank-offering envelopes should be brought to church on November 22 and 29, or sent with your regular donation in November. Members may also send in checks to the church office, noting they are to be added to the Thank-offering collection.

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

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

COOKIE WALK

Dec 6
Starting at 7:30am



The Discipleship Team is bringing you the 6th Annual Cookie Walk on Dec 6. Here is a great way to get a lovely variety of holiday cookies to share with family and friends. From 7:30am until after the second service, you can fill your box with as many cookies as you want. It will be weighed and you pay accordingly.

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



CUT-OUT COOKIE WORKSHOP

Nov 7 at 9am-Noon

Looking ahead to the holidays, Sue and Jer Carpenter are hosting a workshop to learn how to make cut-out cookies. Join us Nov 7 from 9am-Noon at Cargill United Methodist Church.

Since cut-out cookies are always a favorite at the Cookie Walk, we'll be baking plenty



to freeze for the event. Then, on Dec 5 at 10am, we'll frost and decorate them together at Good Shepherd.

Please bring a rolling pin and a few cookie cutters.

Come join the fun and help us get ready for the Cookie Walk!

CARDS FOR HOMEBOUND FLC MEMBERS

The Relationship Building Team invites you to help us reach out to our homebound members and send an encouraging note to remind them we are thinking of them. Packets of four holiday/seasonal cards with addressed and stamped envelopes will be available for pick up at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church between the services in November. Contact Christine Smith (608.692.6521) for additional information.





UNDERSTANDING THE QUESTIONS

The 2026 General Election is scheduled for Tuesday, November 3. On the ballot this fall are several referendum questions, including two local questions and three more related to proposed state constitutional amendments.

It can sometimes be difficult to understand the meaning and impact of referendum questions on the ballot. If you have not already taken part in early voting, here are a couple resources that can help you to understand the context of each of the questions and the implications of a yes or no vote.

1. The City of Janesville has an "Election and Voter Information" web page that includes links to explanations of each of the statewide and local referenda https://tinyurl.com/3nm98ffb
2. The Lutheran Office for Public Policy in Wisconsin has posted a constitutional amendment voter guide that offers context and explanation of the statewide questions, based on principles, values, and commitments of ELCA social teaching. It provides a framework for thinking about these questions in light of our church's faith understanding. https://tinyurl.com/35r8pvax

Voting is a civic participation in the process of choosing local, state, and national leaders, as well as directly making decisions that shape our community life and the welfare of our neighbors. As Christ's church in the world, we are called to embody the love of Jesus and care for our neighbors and all of God's creation. Our calling is both personal and public, individual and communal. What is the world that you envision? What policies will help to shape a community that looks like the world you want to see?

Make a plan to vote on November 3. Use these and other resources to help you make informed choices that reflect your core values.

YOUNG ADULT

Nov 5, 12, 19, 26
6-7:30pm
Good Shepherd



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

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

CRAIG CARES
Holiday Program

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

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

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

Drop-off location:
Craig High School

Monetary donations (mail):
Craig Cares
Attn: Heather Last
Craig High School
401 S Randall Ave
Janesville, WI 53545

Please indicate your affiliation with First Lutheran when donating. Questions? Contact Jer Carpenter at 920.209.1378.

PRACTICING THE WAY
Aubrey's Story

Aubrey has been a Christian for most of her life, but her understanding of faith has changed quite a bit over the years. Growing up in a nondenominational church, she was taught a version of Christianity that often felt very black and white. There were right and wrong answers, clear expectations, and not always much room for questions. As she got older, she began to see faith differently. She realized that asking questions, having doubts, and not always knowing the answers didn't mean her faith was lacking. Instead, those things could be part of growing closer to Jesus.

Today, Aubrey and her husband, Sam, are raising two children and continuing to figure out what it means to follow Jesus in their everyday lives. In 2024, Aubrey began working with Masterpiece at First Lutheran, helping create opportunities for people of all abilities to build friendships, enjoy community, and learn about Jesus. Her work has been a reminder that faith isn't just about what we believe or what we say, but also about how we treat others, build relationships, and make people feel loved and valued.

When Aubrey and Sam were invited to take part in Practicing the Way, they saw it as a chance to spend more time focusing on their faith together. Between marriage, parenting, work, and everything else that comes with daily life, it's easy to let that part of life fall into the background.

One thing Aubrey appreciated about the course was its focus on not just learning about Jesus, but actually learning to live more like Him. Through conversations, reflection, and different spiritual practices, the course encouraged them to think about how they could make more room for God in their daily routines.

For Aubrey, it was also a reminder that growing in faith doesn't have to mean following another set of rules or checking things off a list. It can be as simple as slowing down, being more present, asking questions, and making an effort to listen to what God might be teaching her.

Practicing the Way didn't give Aubrey all the answers, and she doesn't expect to ever have them all. What it did offer was a chance to keep learning and growing, both individually and alongside Sam. She's come to appreciate that following Jesus isn't about doing everything perfectly or having faith completely figured out. It's about being willing to learn, make mistakes, ask questions, and keep trying to love people the way Jesus taught us to.

For Aubrey and Sam, Practicing the Way has been a meaningful part of that ongoing journey and a reminder that faith is something we continue to grow into, one day at a time.



CHRISTMAS WORSHIP

Dates, Times, and Places

The traditional season of Advent begins four Sundays before Christmas. It is a focused time of anticipation when we look for God's coming among us, which leads to the Christmas celebration of God's birth as the Christ child.

This year, as we remain displaced from our building, we are making alternative plans for our Christmas celebration. First Presbyterian has graciously invited us to use their building on Jackson Street downtown. They have a beautiful worship space with seating for about 300, which we have arranged with them to use for "Christmas for All Ages" and again on Christmas Eve.

"Christmas for Ages," a pageant that engages participation from children and adults to tell the birth story of Jesus, has become a tradition at First Lutheran Church. We will gather at First Presbyterian for one service at 10am on Dec 20, the fourth Sunday in Advent. The service concludes with prayer and Holy Communion.

On Christmas Eve we are adding a third service to ensure that we can accommodate our usual worship attendance. In addition, to the usual 4pm and 7:30pm times, we have added an earlier 2pm celebration.

Advent Sundays

- **Nov 29, Dec 6 & 13:** 8am and 10am worship at Good Shepherd, 700 N Wright Rd

- **Dec 20:** Christmas for All Ages, 10:am at First Presbyterian, 17 N Jackson St, Janesville

Christmas Eve, Dec 24
2pm, 4pm and 7:30pm: Christmas Eve Worship at First Presbyterian, 17 N Jackson St

First Sunday of Christmas, Dec 27
10am worship: A Service of Lessons and Carols at Good Shepherd, 700 N Wright Rd

MAIN STREET MARKET DAY

Thank You!



October 11 was our first Main Street Market Day and what a day it was! I wanted to say thank you to everyone who helped and there are many people to thank!

Market day started with an idea, a twofold need, and other people to push it forward, with a goal of raising funds for FLC's disaster recovery. God provided us with a beautiful day and away we went. The day included food by Pam Adams and Bob Engstrom, music by the talents of FLC members, home canned goods, honey and eggs by Karen & Steve Brown, quilts form the Mission Sew Group, 30 raffle baskets from FLC members and the community and so many donations from the congregation, with many volunteers to put it all together! Our total income for the day was $6,533. I call this a success event! Thank you again FLC!

—Jeanie Pomplun and Margaret Drinkwater

CONFIRMATION CELEBRATION

Sun, Nov 1 at 10am

The First Lutheran Youth and Family Team welcomes you to celebrate the Affirmation of Baptism on Sun, Nov 1, at the 10am service.

We recognize and congratulate the commitment and accomplishments of the confirmation class of 2026. May the Lord bless you and keep you as you continue to grow in faith.

Thank you to our parents and families for sharing faith with their children and for their commitment to the confirmation ministry.



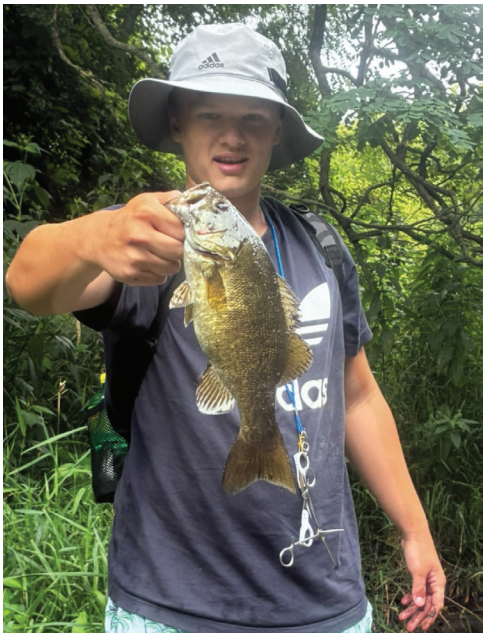
Owen Cresswell
Psalm 46:1



Alison Kablar
Isaiah 40:31



Jordyn Shefka
Matthew 19:26



Ben Smith
Philippians 4:13



BIBLE SUNDAY CELEBRATES YOUNG LEARNERS

Bible Sunday was a special day of celebration for our Sunday school children, from birth through sixth grade, as they received Bibles to encourage them in their faith journey. The presentation took place on Sunday, October 25, during the 10am worship service.

Each family had the opportunity to choose a Bible from a selection of editions designed to meet children at different ages and stages of development. Options included the *Frolic First Bible* for our youngest children, the *Spark Bible for Children*, the *Adventure Bible*, *The Action Bible*, and the *Boys and Girls Life Application Bible*.

The gift of a Bible is more than a book; it is an invitation to discover God's love, learn the stories of faith, and build a lifelong relationship with Jesus. We hope these Bibles will become treasured companions as children explore Scripture at home, share it with their families, and continue learning through Sunday school. May each Bible inspire curiosity, strengthen faith, and remind every child that they are deeply loved by God.

Gift bibles made possible through a generous gift from a FLC member.

MEN OF IRON

Tues, Nov 3
Good Shepherd



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 5-7:30pm

- **5pm:** Watch episode together (or watch before you come)
  6-7:30: Meal and discussion.

Upcoming episodes:

- **Nov 3:** Season 3, Episode 3
- **Dec 1:** Season 3, Episode 4

Contact Eric at 608.290.7083 or eengen@flcj.org.

MEMORIALS
Sept 2026



MEMORIALS RECEIVED

Kathy Engstrom Memorial
General: Bob Engstrom

Edward & Dorothy Knutson Memorial
Disaster Recovery: Anonymous Donors

Wilmer & Mary Utterberg Memorial
Disaster Recovery: Gary Utterberg

Nada Rupnow Memorial
General: Linda Waters, Maria & Steven Caya, Dorine McCarthy, Mark & Jean Simmons, Claire Green, Henry & Mary Jo Helbing
Foundation: Phylis Olson, Darlene Becker, Dale & Doris Henning

Betty Johnson Memorial
Mary Circle: Audrey McNatt

GIFTS RECEIVED

ECHO: Jim & Karla Vriezen, Catherine Garvin, Magda Nelson, Kathryn McCumber, David Romstad, Lois Burggraf
Quilters: Norman & Kay Alpers

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**

- Church Council approved a scope of work for the FEMA-related repairs, restoration and remediation of the church building
- We have two applicants for the Musical Director position already
- There is a Capital Campaign work session scheduled for Saturday, Nov 14 from 9-11am

Next meeting: Nov 17, 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



Nov 3: *Eleanor Oliphant is Completely Fine* by Eleanor Oliphant
Dec 1: *The Thursday Murder Club* by Richard Osman

WOMEN'S CIRCLES
Join a Circle Today!

We have four women's circles that meet monthly for Bible study and fellowship, and each one would be happy to welcome new members. As a woman in this congregation, you're already part of FLC-Women. If you're interested in joining a circle, feel free to ask one of your friends in the group—we'd love to have you with us!

First Lutheran Student Ministries

NOVEMBER

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

NOV. 4 — VANGO / THANKSPOSSIBLE

NOV. 11 — YOUTH GROUP

NOV. 18 — THANKS MEAL
Eat together/ Karaoke / Games

NOV. 25 — NO YOUTH GROUP
Happy Thanksgiving!!

*Meet at First Lutheran Parsonage / 740 N. Randall Ave,



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MONTHLY READINGS
November



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

Nov 1 (All Saints):
Revelation 7:9-17
Psalm 34:1-10, 22
1 John 3:1-3
Matthew 5:1-12

Nov 8 (Pentecost 24):
Amos 5:18-24
Psalm 70
1 Thessalonians 4:13-18
Matthew 25:1-13

Nov 15 (Pentecost 25):
Zephaniah 1:7, 12-18
Psalm 90:1-8 [9-11] 12
1 Thessalonians 5:1-11
Matthew 25:14-30

Nov 22 (Christ the King):
Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24
Psalm 95:1-7a
Ephesians 1:15-23
Matthew 25:31-46

Nov 29 (Advent 1):
Isaiah 64:1-9
Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19
1 Corinthians 1:3-9
Mark 13:24-37

NOV 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 **8a** Worship (GS) **9a** Coffee Hour (GS) **9:45a** SS (GS) **10a** Worship (GS) **11a** Coffee Hour (GS)	**2** **5:30p** Youth & Fam Team (P) **8p** Centering Prayer (Zoom)	**3** **8a** BG's (P) **9a** Knitters (FSH) **11a** Staff Mtg (P) **4:30p** Handbells (FP) **5p** Page Turners (KH) **5p** Men of Iron (GS)	**4** **8:30a** Mission Sew (FSH) **10a** Bible Study (GS) **4:30p** FLCW (FSH) **5p** Disaster Recovery Team (Zoom) **6p** Worship Team (GS) **7p** Youth Group (P)	**5** **9a** Practicing the Way (GS) **3p** Communication Team (Zoom) **6:30p** Practicing the Way (GS) **6:30p** Young Adults (GS)	**6**	**7** **9a** Cutout Cookie Baking (C)
8 **8a** Worship (GS) **9a** Coffee Hour (P) **9:15a** Living with Dementia (GS) **9:45a** SS (GS) **10a** Worship (GS) **11a** Coffee Hour (GS) **4p** Scout Mtg (GS)	**9** **5:30p** Building & Grounds (P) **8p** Centering Prayer (Zoom)	**10** **PROGRESS ARTICLES DUE** **8a** BG's (P) **9a** Mary Ruth Cir (MH) **11a** Staff Mtg (P) **4p** Relationship Team (P) **4:30p** Handbells (FP) **6:30p** Youth & Fam Team (GS) **7p** Discipleship Team (GS)	**11** **10a** Bible Study (GS) **1p** Joanna Cir (MH) **6p** Worship Team (GS) **7p** Youth Group (P)	**12** **9a** Practicing the Way (GS) **10a** Worship (Rock Haven) **11:15a** Worship (Oak Park Place) **5:30p** Safe Fam (P) **6:30p** Practicing the Way (GS) **6:30p** Young Adults (GS)	**13**	**14** **9a** Stamping (GS)
15 **8a** Worship (GS) **9a** Coffee Hour (P) **9:45a** SS (GS) **10a** Worship (GS) **11a** Potluck (GS) **4p** Scout Mtg (GS)	**16** **8p** Centering Prayer (Zoom)	**17** **8a** BG's (P) **9a** Knitters (FSH) **11a** Staff Mtg (P) **11:30a** Volunteer Appreciation Lunch (GS) **6:30p** Church Council (P)	**18** **8:30a** Mission Sew (FSH) **10a** Bible Study (GS) **5p** Disaster Recovery Team (Zoom) **6p** Worship Team (GS) **7p** Youth Group (P)	**19** **9a** Practicing the Way (GS) **3:30p** Second Harvest (PL) **6:30p** Practicing the Way (GS) **6:30p** Young Adults (GS)	**20**	**21** Young Adults (Chicago)
22 **8a** Worship (GS) **9a** Coffee Hour (P) **9:45a** SS (GS) **10a** Worship (GS) **11a** Coffee Hour (GS)	**23** **8p** Centering Prayer (Zoom)	**24** **8a** BG's (FLC) **9a** Knitters (FSH) **11a** Staff Mtg (P)	**25** **10a** Bible Study (GS) **6p** Worship Team (GS)	**26** **BUILDING CLOSED**	**27** **BUILDING CLOSED**	**28**
29 **8a** Worship (GS) **9a** Coffee Hour (P) **9:45a** SS (GS) **10a** Worship (GS) **11a** Coffee Hour (GS)	**30** **8p** Centering Prayer (Zoom)					

Abbreviation Key:
A = Aubrey's Home
C = Cargill Methodist Church
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
0 = Outside Parsonage
P = Parsonage
PL = Parking Lot
SA = Sanctuary

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 August 2026. This chart follows the treasurer's report for August 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

August 2026

	Memorials	YTD Actual	YTD Budget	$ Over/(Under) Budget
Revenue				
Contributions		$133,847.36	$135,420.50	($1,573.14)
Rentals		$566.50	$0.00	$566.50
Weddings/Funerals		$200.00	$150.00	$50.00
Other Receipts		$10,618.35	$9,421.66	$1,196.69
4-H Fair		$25,951.28	$28,500.00	($2,548.72)
Memorials and Gifts	$32,445.65			
Total Revenue	$32,445.65	$171,183.49	$173,492.16	($2,308.67)
Mission Spending				
Benevolence	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00
Personnel	$5,126.96	$105,156.24	$103,039.38	$2,116.86
Administration	$19.98	$5,848.18	$7,404.36	($1,556.18)
Buildings and Grounds	$80,052.66	$10,270.09	$27,308.48	($17,038.39)
Communication	$172.67	$39.84	$1,080.00	($1,040.16)
Church Programs	$200.00	$4,259.76	$9,505.00	($5,245.24)
Community Connections	$0.00	$0.00	$50.00	($50.00)
Memorial Miscellaneous	$1,352.00			
Total Mission Spending	$86,924.27	$125,574.11	$148,387.22	($22,813.11)
Total Net Income (loss)	($54,478.62)	$45,609.38	$25,104.94	$20,504.44

CHURCH FINANCIALS

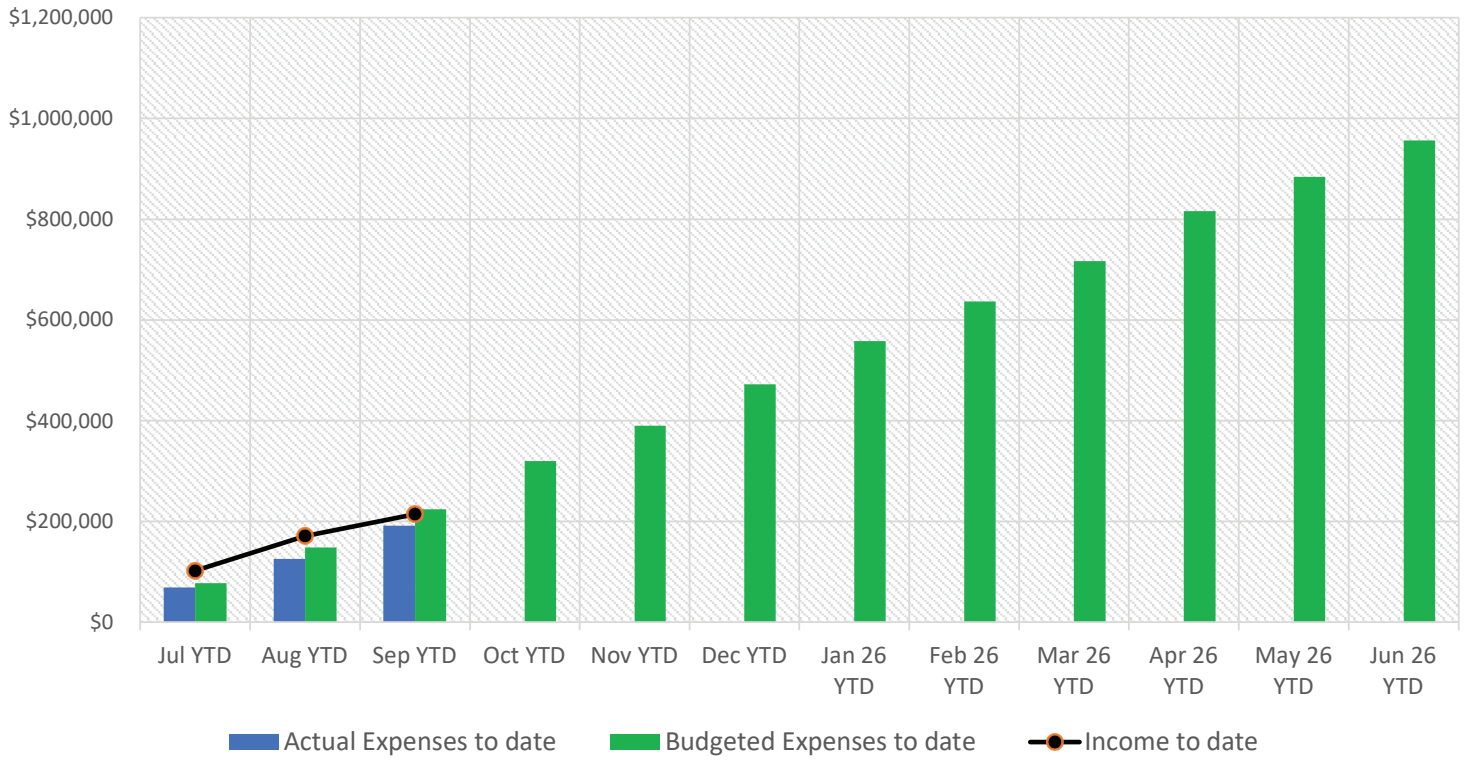
The financials for the new fiscal year to date, July-September 2026, are shown below. The weekly need is calculated by averaging the total budgeted expenses for 12 months (from July 2026 through June of 2027). The weekly average YTD is the total income received, divided by the number of weeks in this 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 is lower than budget, however regular budgeted expenses are also lower than anticipated, this is due to less spent on building expenses, the food booth, VBS and First Fest. Net year to date income is still positive at $22,104. 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.

September 30, 2026

Weekly need	$18,573	**Budgeted Income:** $69,174	**Budgeted Expense:** $75,765
Weekly average YTD	$16,487	**Actual Income:** $43,220	**Actual Expense:** $66,589

		Received to date	Difference	% Difference
YTD income needed	$224,152	$214,326	($9,825)	96%
12 month income needed	$956,320	$214,326	($741,994)	22%

YTD income and expenses





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SHARE A POINSETTIA



The Decorating Committee invites you to help beautify the church for Christmas by donating a poinsettia. If you'd like to take part, please complete the form and return it with $20 to the church office (612 N Randall Ave, Janesville, WI 53545) by Mon, Dec 8.

(PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY) # of Plants_____

In memory/honor of _____
(circle one)

_____

GIVEN BY _____

_____

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

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

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