



First Light

Worship at First

Worship at First - Saturday at 5:30 p.m. and 9:30 a.m. in the Sanctuary
Weekend Worship is livestreamed each Sunday at 9:30 a.m.

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PASTOR STEPHANIE'S NOTE

Dear People of God at First Lutheran Church:

I wrote it to the Council and I'm repeating it to you: it's been a breathtaking six weeks. Between getting to know some of you (not nearly enough yet: keep wearing those name tags, please!), a difficult congregation meeting, a 2026/27 budget, three funerals, and so many meetings, I still feel like the proverbial duck: trying to keep my head above water while paddling like mad underneath. But as you have noticed, while all of this was going on I also made a few modifications to our worship life, and I owe you an explanation for them.

First and foremost, I'm trying to return our worship to the liturgy of the ELW. I tend to think of liturgy as our frame for worship, while what we put into the liturgy – lessons, prayers, etc. – define the Sunday on which we find ourselves. So, we've brought the **Kyrie and Hymn of Praise** back, and instead of just speaking the Words of Institution at Communion I add parts of **Eucharistic Prayers**

to remind us of the context in which we receive these gifts of grace. But there are also the occasions on which we can just have fun in church, and the first of those occasions presents itself on October 4, the Feast Day of **St. Francis of Assisi**. Pets and critters of all kinds are invited to join us in worship and will receive a blessing as they are such a blessing to us. And while your Interim Pastor is fond of all creatures with four legs or fewer, she will also bless tarantulas and hissing cockroaches, but only when contained in secured Otter boxes. We'll remember St. Francis' life and ministry in both services, Saturday afternoon and Sunday morning, so if your cat naps in the morning, bring her on Saturday.

You will have also noticed that we are speaking the **Nicene Creed** and not the Apostles' Creed at the moment. The Apostles' Creed is the personal creed of the church: I believe... The Nicene Creed is the communal creed: We believe... And I think we could do with a few more communal affirmations. But if you find the language of the Nicene Creed expansive and awkward, I invite you to listen for the beauty of it: maker of all that is, seen and unseen. God from God; light from light; true God from true God; begotten, not made – a colleague of mine once called the Nicene Creed the best poetry ever written by committee. I hold to that.

And some of you have asked me why I turn my mic off during **Children's Time**. We expect so much of our children in worship – sitting still for an hour while things around them drone on – that the four or five minutes I have with them is my time with them. It is much too easy to fall into performance mode to the adults, both for the children and for me, especially when the congregation reacts with laughter. I want this to be their time, their place with me and mine with them, even if just for a small moment in a much longer service.

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Lastly, you should know that in my personal reading, I have been spending time in Paul's two **Letters to the Church in Corinth** lately.

When you read them, you know that not much went well in that church. Vegetarians argued with carnivores, divisive Communion practices needed revisiting, and debates over how to forgive an offender seemed frequently on the agenda. And yet, some of the most marvelous theology, and best church practice, can be found in the letters Paul wrote to them. "So, we do not lose heart", he wrote. Let's hold on to that.

See you in church –

Stephanie +

- They respect my views even if they disagree.
- They follow through on what they say.

I pray we can all work together to be better listeners, less judgmental, and see one another as Children of God made in His image. May we work cooperatively to build up the Body of Christ for all generations.

Thank you for your witness of God's grace in the world.

Deacon Korra

FAITH FORMATION NEWS :

For High School Youth: The ELCA National Triannual Youth Gathering

June 28-July 2 in Minneapolis. **Registration is due November 8** with a \$100 non-refundable deposit. All youth entering grades 9-college freshmen are eligible. This is an experience you do not want to miss! This year's gathering theme is,

**IMAGINE
more**

"Imagine!" The ministry of the Gathering seeks to remind young people that God is already at work in them for the sake of the whole world. God invites young people to imagine more, immeasurably more, for their own lives, the city of Minneapolis, the body of Christ and the life of the world. Will you imagine more with us in Minneapolis? See more details by visiting elca.org/gathering.

Calling all High School Seniors:

If you are a high school senior or know someone who is and is connected to First Lutheran Church, please know that we want to accompany you during this time. Please *share your senior picture with us* as we hold you in prayer. Also, The Good Samaritan Committee is planning a celebration brunch in May that includes gifts and scholarship awards. We will also have a special blessing of all graduates and their parents in worship that morning. In order to connect with you prior to graduation, please let Deacon Korra know if you would like to participate. We would love to accompany you and your family throughout the year. korra.looschen@firstluth.org

DEACON KORRA REFLECTIONS

Dear Friends of First Lutheran,

Many times, people come to me with ideas on how to attract young families and teens.



Thanks for your desire to reach these generations. I encourage us, however, to listen to them before making assumptions about what they are looking for or needing. May we remember that "listening is an act of love."

Introduce yourself and get to know the parents of our Sunday School children. Take an interest in their lives and hear what they are seeking in terms of relationships and religion. Introduce yourself to teenagers and get to know them as well. Are you interested in learning **what High School and Middle School Youth are seeking most?** Fuller Institute recently revealed a study explaining what **Gen Alpha** (those born 2010 and after) are seeking. One of the key findings is that **Gen Alpha is seeking adults who are nonjudgmental**. They crave relationships with consistent adults who listen and follow through. 40% of teenagers say having a mentor, guide, or elder they can regularly talk to would help them grow in faith. Here are a few examples of what teens are looking for:

- Someone who expresses that they want to spend time with you and does spend time with you.
- A mentor who sets time aside for you, goes and does something with you, checks in, and remembers what's going on in your life.
- Someone who listens to you talk about things and then responds with wisdom.
- Their actions match their values.

Youth Group Saints and Spirits Party!

Sunday, October 18, 5:00-7:00

p.m. Come dressed as your favorite saint or in your favorite costume. Enjoy ghoulish games, and tasty treats. This is for all middle and high school

youth. This spooktacular event will take place at a family's home at 216 3rd St, Berthoud, CO 80513

Please sign up to bring something to eat.



<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0D48ADA922A2F5C07-66074255-saints>

Confirmation Classes will take place on October 11 at First Lutheran and on October 25 at Bethlehem from 11:45 a.m. - 1:45 p.m.



Fall Family Halloween Festival

Join us for a fun-filled evening of fall festivities, family fellowship, and outdoor adventure!



✿ Enjoy an exciting scavenger hunt that will keep kids and adults on the move.

🔥 Gather around the fire to roast delicious s'mores with family and friends.

🍷 Warm up with hot apple cider and a hearty bowl of homemade chili.

📖 Settle in for engaging storytelling as we celebrate the beauty of the season together.

Bring your family, invite your friends, and make lasting memories under the autumn sky. Everyone is welcome to attend Saturday, October 24 at 6:30 p.m.

GOD'S WORK, OUR HANDS

Thanks to all who participated in God's Work Our Hands Day. Because of your generosity, First Lutheran contributed to the community in the following ways:

- ♦ Donated 365 pounds (about 150 bags of rice and 350 bags of beans) to the OUR Center. The grocery team at the Center was so grateful! Thanks to everyone who donated, organized and packed the bags!
- ♦ Donated hundreds of boxes of adult diapers to the Our Center. Thank you!

- ♦ Donated 20 boxes of craft supplies to the women from Lutheran Family Services.
- ♦ Visited residents at the St. Vrain Manor.
- ♦ Moved medical equipment from the Parish House so that more space can be used for transitional housing.
- ♦ Tied quilts for Lutheran World Relief that will be shipped to folks in need across the world.
- ♦ Visited the Our Center to learn about the family resource center, which provides a safe, welcoming hub to support families and individuals.



RECONCILING IN CHRIST (RIC) UPDATE

Thursday, October 1 at 5pm - Come check out

What does it look like to be a church where people of all identities and backgrounds don't just feel welcome, but truly know they belong?



That's what we're exploring together through Reconciling in Christ (RIC), and we want your input too! Join a meeting, bring your questions, your ideas, your experiences, or just your curiosity. You don't need to know anything about RIC ahead of time. Just come hang out and help us imagine what radical welcome can look like at First Lutheran. We'd love to see you at our next meeting on October 1st at 5pm in the conference room.

EVENTS HAPPENING IN OCTOBER

- ♦ Saturday Worship, – 5:30 p.m.
- ♦ Sundays –Worship Service in person and livestreamed at 9:30 a.m.
- ♦ Nursery Sundays – 9:00 a.m. to 12 Noon
- ♦ Faith Formation Classes – 10:45 a.m., Room 5 – Preschool – Grade 5, Fly Room – Middle School and High School
- ♦ Adult Forum Class, 10:45 a.m. – Conference Room *
- ♦ Brass Angels Bell Choir – Tuesdays, 9:00 a.m., Choir Room
- ♦ Staff Meeting – Tuesdays, 1:00 p.m., Fireside Room
- ♦ Adult Lectionary Study – Thursdays, 10:30 a.m., Fireside Room
- ♦ Reconciling in Christ Meeting, – 5:00 p.m. Thursday, October 1, Conference Room
- ♦ Confirmation Camp – October 2-4, Sky Ranch
- ♦ Prayer Shawl Group – 9:30 a.m., Friday, October 2
- ♦ Interfaith Quilters Fall Boutique, Saturday, October 3, 9:00 a.m., Big Room
- ♦ Homebound Communion – Sunday, October 4
- ♦ Coffee with Council – Sunday, October 4, Fireside Room
- ♦ Blessing of the Animals, – Saturday, October 4, 5:30 p.m. and Sunday, October 4, 9:30 a.m.
- ♦ Council Agenda Planning Meeting – Tuesday, October 6, 4:00 p.m.
- ♦ LWR Sewing Group – Wednesday, October 7, 9:00 a.m., Room USW-B
- ♦ Parish House Return to Housing, – Wednesday, October 7, 9:00 a.m., Conference Room
- ♦ Touch of Craft – Wednesday, October 7, 11:00 a.m., Room 6

- ♦ FLW – 8:30 a.m., Sunday, October 11 Conference Room
- ♦ State of First Lutheran Informational Meeting – Sunday, October 11, 10:45 a.m., Big Room
- ♦ Confirmation Class, – Sunday, October 11, 11:45 a.m..First Lutheran Church
- ♦ Council Meeting – Tuesday, October 13, 6:00 p.m., Conference Room
- ♦ Worship Planning Meeting, – Wednesday, October 14. 10:00 a.m., Conference Room
- ♦ Personnel Committee Meeting – Thursday, October 15, 4:00 p.m., Conference Room
- ♦ Reconciling in Christ Meeting, – Thursday, October 15, 5:00 p.m., Fireside Room
- ♦ Mission and Mahjong –Friday, October 16, 9:30 a.m., Room 5
- ♦ Youth Group Saints & Spirits Party with Bethlehem, October 18, 5:00 p.m., Offsite
- ♦ Seasoned Saints – Wednesday, October 21, 9:00 a.m., Fireside Room
- ♦ LWR Sewing Group – Wednesday, October 21, 1:00 p.m., Room USW-B
- ♦ Fall Family Halloween Festival – Saturday, October 24, 6:30 p.m., Fireside Room and Outside
- ♦ Confirmation Class – Sunday, October 25 11:45 a.m., Bethlehem Lutheran Church
- ♦ Touch of Craft – Wednesday, October 28, 5:00 p.m., Room 6
- ♦ Chalk the Walk – Saturday, October 31, Noon to 1:00 p.m.

*Please note that the Adult Forum will not be held on October 11 and 18.



ENDURING GIFTS ENDOWMENT FUND

During the August Council meeting, Tim King presented an overview of the purpose and goals of this committee, along with providing copies of the updated Enduring Gifts brochure. Copies of the brochure are in the Narthex publications rack. The committee overview is also available upon request.

Thrivent financial planning sessions are being planned for October and/or November of this year.

We are very honored that the church has received a generous gift from the estate of Gerald Mueller. Per its guidelines, the funds will be divided equally between the FELC Endowment Fund and the Parish House Transitional Housing Project. We are blessed and forever thankful for this remarkable ministry legacy gift.



ANN NOBEL ART GALLERY

It is time to change the Art Wall!

First, we want to thank all those who participated in our last art display. Your contributions were much appreciated!



Beginning October 1, we will be creating a Pumpkin Patch of Praise!

To participate, look for the pumpkin shapes on the table outside the sanctuary.

Take one, think about why you praise God and write it on the line provided.

Sign your name and leave it in the box on the table.

We will take your pumpkins and start a pumpkin patch on the Art Wall.

Please take a minute to complete this small task. We want to see our pumpkin patch grow and grow with praise to God for all our blessings!

~Viki Samson and Joyce Crozier

OUR HOUSE FOR NEW BEGINNINGS

Sixteen years ago we began leasing the lower-level apartment of the FELC Parish House to the OUR Center to provide transitional housing to families



they worked with. We now believe it is time to return the entire house to housing, expanding the partnership with the OUR Center.

Our vision is to remodel the Parish House into two separate three-bedroom apartments for families moving from housing instability toward long-term housing stability. The upper unit will have ADA compliant doorways for individuals with limited mobility. This is an opportunity to turn an existing community resource into two temporary homes for families who need a safe place to rebuild and move forward.

First Lutheran and the OUR Center are committed to this partnership to making this vision a reality. Together, we can provide families with a safe, stable, temporary place to live while they work toward permanent housing and greater independence. The current Parish House apartment has housed 3-4 families per year on average over the past 16 years.

Our congregation has already pledged \$125,000 toward the estimated \$500,000 project cost, and we will continue to raise funds within our church community, local grant makers, community partners, and individuals who share our commitment to creating more housing opportunities for families in Longmont. We invite you to help make this vision possible.

Funding Goals: \$500,000

- \$125,000 from First Lutheran members — Pledged to date
- \$375,000 from community grants and individual donors — NEEDED

Proposed Project Timeline

- ☒ Develop floorplans for two efficient, accessible, and easy-to-maintain units
- ☒ Obtain estimates from at least three remodeling contractors
- ☐ Secure remaining project funding
- ☐ Complete permit-ready MEP drawings — December 2026
- ☐ Request construction bids — January 2027
- ☐ Select contractor — March 2027
- ☐ Complete remodel — April - August 2027
- ☐ Celebrate with a community open house — September 2027
- ☐ Welcome two families into stable housing — October 2027

***OUR Center Letter of Support**

***Video of the Home Today**

Where in the world --- is First Lutheran Church in Longmont?

If this is a question best answered with 'Duh!?', join us for a conversation about the recent Report of the Synod Listening Team,

The State of the Transition to First Lutheran's next pastor,

And the next steps we are engaging in

On

October 11, 2026, at 10:45 a.m.

In First Lutheran's Friendship Center, aka 'Big Room'.

Especially for the conversation about the Listening Team Report

It will be helpful if you bring your well used copy –
Though we will have a few extra ones available for you.

See you there!

FAITH IN 2026 ELECTION INTEGRITY

In partnership with Together Colorado, Christ the Servant Lutheran Church in Louisville is hosting a forum with Boulder County Clerk and Recorder, Molly Fitzpatrick. She will talk about the election process and its security, as well as have time for questions. Please share the attached flyer and/or this digital announcement:

Join us to learn more about the role each of us can play in protecting access to the ballot and explore concrete ways to strengthen voter education, voter participation, and election protection.

[Register here](#)

When: Sunday, October 4
6:00 – 7:30 PM

Where: Christ the Servant
Lutheran Church - 506 Via
Appia Way, Louisville, CO
80027

Sign Up:
bit.ly/faithinoureelections



Thanks!

Pastor Stephanie Lord (she/her)

Christ the Servant Lutheran Church

SAVE THE DATE:

CHALK THE WALK, Saturday, October 31, 12-1 p.m.

Plan on coming to the Chalk-the-Walk event on Saturday, October 31st! Meet in front of the church at noon to create a beautiful piece of art that commemorates All Saints Day. No artistic experience is necessary. Everyone is welcome! The artwork will be laid out in a grid and individual squares will be done by each of us. In addition, chalk will be available Sunday morning November 1st for all to create sidewalk memorials for loved ones. Come and join in this meaningful expression of love through chalk art!

150TH ANNIVERSARY COMMITTEE IS PLANNING

Some exciting and special activities are being planned for the coming year as we begin celebrating our 150th anniversary under the theme "Blest Be the Tie That Binds." Watch the Reminder and the First Light for exciting plans that will begin in early 2027 and run through the entire year. Check the Bulletin Board (glass one at the end of the hallway by the offices and leading to the Friendship Center) that will begin to take shape and indicate activities and programs during each of the three-month periods during 2027 culminating in our congregational celebration on January 8-9, 2028 as we celebrate the rich history and discover the possibilities for the coming 150 years. Special speakers, gatherings of members and friends to celebrate the past, present, and future, former sons and daughters of the congregation who are now serving as pastors of the ELCA will preach throughout the year, activities for young and old, and so much more.

NOMINATIONS FOR CHURCH COUNCIL AND COMMITTEES

The nominating committee is already hard at work gathering names for Church Council positions and committees of the church to be voted on at the Annual Meeting in January 2027. Prayerfully consider your participation in a leadership role in the life of this congregation. We need each and every one of us to consider how we can help First Lutheran grow and minister to our congregation and our community. If you receive a call or are interested in serving let Sally Campbell or Barb Mohr know or let Eric or Maria know in the office, 303-776-2800. Thank you for your consideration.

COUNCIL CORNER

Your Church Council had a full agenda at its September meeting, with discussion focused on stewardship, the 2027 budget, our facilities, the Parish House project, and planning for the future of our congregation.

Stewardship for All Seasons. Mary Hall presented plans for this year's Stewardship for All Seasons campaign. The six-week campaign will begin October 18 and conclude with Commitment Sunday on November 22. Council reaffirmed its commitment to participate actively in the campaign.

2027 Budget. Council reviewed the congregation's financial position and approved recommending the proposed 2027 budget to the congregation. An informational meeting will be held September 20 to provide an opportunity for questions and discussion, followed by a special congregational meeting on September 27 after the 9:30 a.m. worship service to consider approval of the budget.

Parish House Transitional Housing. Council took another important step in the Parish House project. Because certain grant opportunities require a long-term commitment to transitional housing, Council designated the Parish House for transitional housing for **15 years**—a period chosen in recognition of First Lutheran's upcoming 150th anniversary.

Caring for Our Building. Council approved \$9,970 for essential replacement of the air conditioner, furnace, and evaporator cooler serving Room 5. Council also approved changing HVAC service providers to Foundation HVAC, with twice-yearly inspections of our systems.

Looking Ahead. The Constitution Committee hopes to complete its proposed constitutional changes by the end of October, with the changes anticipated to come before the congregation at the January annual meeting. Council also discussed future Council membership and the currently vacant youth position. Council received an update regarding the Blue Veil Ministries report and agreed that formation of the Transition Team can wait while Pastor Stephanie continues to observe and reflect on the congregation's progress. The newly developing S.A.F.E. Committee will be chaired by Jeff Satur, with Holly Keenan and Eric Doering serving and Amy Ley acting as Council liaison.

Finally, Council continues to look for creative ways to use our church building in service to the wider community. Eric Doering recently toured the building with a representative of the OUR Center to

explore whether some of our unused South Wing space might be suitable for a child-care program. Discussions are preliminary, but Council will continue exploring possibilities.

There is much happening at First Lutheran as we care for our congregation today while preparing for its future. Thank you to everyone who gives their time, talents, financial support, and prayers to this shared ministry.

STEWARDSHIP FOR 2027

Our **Stewardship for All Seasons** is beginning to take shape and over the next few weeks you will begin to receive information of how you can make a difference in the life of First Lutheran. We will be seeking commitments from members of the church including Temple Talks by members of the congregation talking about why they give, what motivates them, and how they are blessed by being regular in their commitment to First Lutheran Church. You will receive a pastoral letter from Pastor Stephanie Kopsch, our intentional interim transition pastor, as well as commitment cards that we will be asking you to prayerfully consider as you plan your first fruits giving for the coming year.

This will culminate in the gathering of 2027 commitments during worship on November 14 and 15 or being returned to the church office before that date (and even after) and a celebration of those gifts and commitments on November 21 and 22 during worship services. The Church Council members along with Mary Hall are making up the Stewardship emphasis committee. The council members unanimously affirmed that they would be the leaders of this effort for this year. Be watchful for more information, letters, and your opportunity to participate in making a difference and supporting the various ministries of First Lutheran in the year ahead.

We need to build a Foundation for the Future as we enter our 150th year as a congregation ministering to the Longmont area community. Our church has endured and celebrated so much through the years and as we continue to meet the needs of our members and the community your commitments ensure that ministry continues. Our church is a beacon on the hill at Third and Terry and it is your participation in worship, programs, and through your commitment to giving that keeps our opportunities happening. Watch for more in the Reminder, First Light, and your mailbox.

DAILY DEVOTIONALS FOR FIRST LUTHERAN'S 150TH ANNIVERSARY

Share Your Story, Celebrate Our Legacy!

First Lutheran is turning 150—and we want YOU to be part of the celebration!

To mark this incredible milestone, we are creating a special 150th Anniversary Daily Devotional Booklet featuring personal reflections from members and friends of our congregation.

Already, 40 wonderful devotions have been submitted! Thank you to everyone who has shared their faith, memories, and reflections.

There is still time for you to be part of this meaningful celebration! Sample devotionals are available on the table in the narthex for inspiration and guidance. In addition, we have added some Bible verses to help get you started.

Please keep your personal reflection to 300 words or fewer. You may submit your devotional in any of these three ways:

- Online: <https://forms.gle/XtsGQVrcde9rrwx29>
- Handwritten: Place your completed devotional in the drop box on the narthex table. Printed templates are available, and we are happy to type your handwritten submission for you.
- Email: Send your devotional to Holly Keenan or Susan Osberg at the email addresses below.

Submission Deadline: October 31, 2026

Our hope is that this devotional booklet will become a lasting source of comfort, encouragement, faith, and blessing for our church family.

What a beautiful way to celebrate 150 years!

Questions or need assistance? Please contact:

Susan Osberg – sosberg@hotmail.com

Holly Keenan – hekeen77@comcast.net

Blessings,

Susan Osberg and Holly Keenan



Devotionals



“Blest Be the Ties That Bind”

Celebrating our **Past**, our **Present** and our **Future**

Did you know...

...there have been 19 Senior Pastors since 1878?

...there have been 15 sons & daughters of FELC that have become ordained?

...there is someone sitting next to you in the pew that is just waiting to be asked...?

FIRST LUTHERAN WOMEN

Welcome Back from Summer Vacation! We have our sneakers laced and are ready to get back to work.

A Big Thank you to all who volunteered their time, talents and service with the Deacon Bobbitt/Rodney Ahlberg receptions.

Your hard work, from preparing the food, setting up the fellowship hall, welcoming guests with warmth and grace is such comfort in a difficult time.

At the next meeting we will be preparing the monthly calendar for the family services 2027.

It is time to elect new Officers. We have 2 open positions. Please contact Sally Campbell, sallycampbell.music@gmail.com if you would like to throw your hat in the ring.

We meet the 2nd Sunday of the month @ 8:30 in the conference room. Please feel free to join in!



OCTOBER 2026 CALENDAR

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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				10:30 a.m., – Adult Lectionary Study, 5:00 p.m.– Reconciling in Christ Meeting 7:00 p.m., – Chancel Choir Rehearsal,	9:30 a.m. – Prayer Shawl Group October 2-4 Confirmation Camp – Sky Ranch	9:00 a.m. – IFQ Fall Boutique 5:30 p.m.– Worship Service and Blessing of the Animals
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11	12	13	14	15	16	17
8:30 a.m. – FLW Meeting 9:30 a.m.– Worship Service 10:45 a.m. – Transitional Information Meeting 10:45 a.m. – Faith Formation Class 11:45 a.m. – Confirmation Class First Lutheran		9:00 a.m. – Brass Angels Bell Choir, 1:00 p.m.– Staff Meeting 6:00 p.m. – Council Meeting	10:00 a.m. – Worship Planning Meeting	10:30 a.m., – Adult Lectionary Study, 4:00 p.m. – Personnel Committee Meeting, 5:00 p.m.– Reconciling in Christ Meeting, 7:00 p.m., – Chancel Choir Rehearsal	9:30 a.m. – Mission and Mahjong	5:30 p.m.– Worship Service
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FINANCIALS FOR AUGUST 2026

	August 2026 Month-To-Date			August 2026 Year-To-Date			Full Year
	Actual	Budget	Variance Fav/(Unfav)	Actual	Budget	Variance Fav/(Unfav)	Budget
Income	51,074.00	46,483.59	4,590.41	465,185.73	475,563.97	(10,378.24)	702,462
Expenses	71,830.98	60,351.84	(11,479.14)	531,929.48	545,140.58	13,211.10	833,142
Net Income/(Loss):	(20,756.98)	(13,868.25)	(6,888.73)	(66,743.75)	(69,576.61)	2,832.86	(130,679.51)

GIVING OPTIONS

Giving Online is available on our website! Giving online allows you to make one-time or recurring offering contributions with a Credit or Debit Card or ACH bank transfer through Breeze ChMS (our church management system) who partners with Stripe for secure financial services. As with any electronic transaction, our church pays a small transaction fee to process the online payments. If you choose, you October cover that fee for the church at the same time you give which increases your contribution.



<https://firstluth.breezechms.com/give/online>

Thrivent Choice Dollars – Eligible clients with Thrivent membership can recommend where Thrivent distributes some of its charitable grant funds. These recommendations are shared by directing Choice Dollars to enrolled nonprofit organizations, including churches.

Thrivent Action Teams - Thrivent Action Team grants give eligible Thrivent members up to \$250 in seed money for community service projects, fundraisers, or educational events. Benefit members can apply for two grants per calendar year, while associate members get one, and you apply online through your Thrivent account. Grants support a wide range of community needs — from buying supplies for quilts and hygiene kits to serving meals or purchasing food for the Little Free Pantry or blankets for those in need.

King Soopers Community Rewards – This program makes fundraising easy by donating to local organizations based on the shopping you do every day. Once you link your King Soopers Rewards Card to an organization, all you have to do is shop at King Soopers and swipe your Shopper's Card.

Safeway Community Giving Card Program returns 5% of amounts loaded on reloadable grocery gift cards provided to First Lutheran after we meet minimum thresholds. Simply load your gift card at the grocery store, shop for groceries at Albertsons or Safeway using the gift card and reload the card when it gets low. Every time you reload the gift card, we get closer to earning 5% cashback. See Maria in the office to pick up a reloadable gift card that is linked to First Lutheran.

Please contact the office at (303) 776-2800 if you would like more information about any of these ways of sharing your generosity!



Craig Yurish	October 01	Ena Gayer	October 16
Joan Beydler	October 02	Brad Hall	October 16
Elaine Hertz	October 02	Leona Stoecker	October 17
Rich Hoffmann	October 02	Kenneth Struessel	October 17
Anna MacBriar	October 02	Linda Shadduck	October 18
Bella Musser	October 02	Wanda Sherwood	October 19
Matt Nieberger	October 02	Paul Verly	October 19
Caroline Heinbuch	October 03	Linda Green	October 20
Sharon Thorvaldson	October 03	Carol Kepler	October 20
Becky Warriner	October 03	Christina Godwin	October 21
Will Currier	October 04	Linda Jones	October 21
Lindsay Maier	October 04	Lea Gralewski	October 22
Jody McCain	October 05	Rocio Leos	October 22
Ruth Schossow	October 05	Emily Green	October 23
Kristie Venrick	October 07	Rhonda Hovendick	October 24
Julie Lyddan	October 10	Kara Schossow	October 24
Jamie Wolff	October 10	Jonathan Hess	October 26
Anna Dunnell	October 11	Ann Pederson	October 26
Sue Essig	October 11	Susan Bennett	October 27
Becky Casmey	October 12	Patrice Lier	October 27
Sandy Stevenson	October 12	Shira Dobson	October 28
Ginny Appel	October 14	Sandy Carlson	October 30
Chris Hutchings	October 14	Cynthia Keller	October 30
Lori Walker	October 14	Clara Pressey	October 31
Nathan Hopper	October 15	Ron Thomas	October 31
Sherre Boda	October 16		



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