



Connecting people to God and to each other.

FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH

CONNECT We warmly welcome and invite everyone to participate and engage in ministry, with a special focus on hospitality, small group ministry, and service.

WORSHIP We strive for worship to be invitational, contagious, and relational. We want more people to hear the message of Jesus, and we will do anything to erase any barrier that prohibits people from a spirit of worship.

IMPACT We will make a difference in this world as Jesus-followers. We will engage in impactful acts of service, encourage generosity, and strive to leave a long-lasting impact on the next generation.

CONNECT | WORSHIP | IMPACT

Welcome!

We are glad you're here.

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WELCOME TO CELEBRATION WORSHIP

SUNDAY - 9 & 10:30 A.M. | JANUARY 25, 2026

PRELUDE: FIRST LUTHERAN

CHAMBER ORCHESTRA

Chorale for String Orchestra - Stella Sung

Light of Mine - Arr. by Marcus D. Dowty

Mary Weisser, Conductor

WELCOME

SONGS:

Living Hope

The Jesus Way

CONFESSION

SONG: *King of Kings*

SCRIPTURE: Luke 11:5-12

MESSAGE: Pastor Marty Tollefson

OFFERING

SONG: *There Was Jesus*

PRAYERS FOR GOD'S PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER

BENEDICTION

SONG: *Rattle!*



WELCOME TO SANCTUARY WORSHIP

SUNDAY - 9:30 A.M. | JANUARY 25, 2026

PRELUDE:

Air-Suite No. 3 – I.S. Bach
Gather Us In – arr. James Biery
Gene Okerlund, trumpet; Bill Tweten, organ

WELCOME

OPENING PRAYER & INVOCATION

CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS:

(Green Hymnal Pg. 77)

L: Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name: through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

L: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Moment for silent reflection

L: Most merciful God,

C: We confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

L: Almighty God, in his mercy, has given his Son to die for us and, for his sake, forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the Church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

OPENING HYMN: **(Blue Hymnal #783)**

Seek Ye First the Kingdom of God

CATHEDRAL CHOIR ANTHEM:

Seek and You Will Find –
David Ferreira, conductor; Bill Tweten, accompanist

GREETING & KYRIE: **(Green Hymnal pg. 78)**

HYMN OF PRAISE: **(Green Hymnal pg. 79)**

PRAYER OF THE DAY:

L: Let us pray,

C: Dear Lord, teach us to pray not just with our words, but with the persistence of the friend at midnight. When our needs feel desperate and our resources are empty, give us the 'shameless audacity' to keep knocking at Your door, knowing You never sleep, and Your heart never tires. In your name we pray, Amen.

SCRIPTURE: (Elliot Thompson):

Galatians 6:1-9

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

(Green Hymnal pg. 83)

GOSPEL: Luke 11:5-12

MESSAGE: Pastor Marty Tollefson

HYMN OF THE DAY: **(Green Hymnal #464)**

You Are the Way

APOSTLES' CREED **(Green Hymnal pg. 85)**

OFFERING

SPECIAL MUSIC

And Can It Be That I Should Gain – Thomas Campbell
Phil Salberg, vocalist; Bill Tweten, accompanist

OFFERTORY HYMN: **(Green Hymnal pg. 96)**

Create in Me a Clean Heart

Create in me a clean heart, oh God, and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from your presence, and take not your Holy Spirit from me. Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and uphold me with your free Spirit.

PRAYERS OF GOD'S PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

BENEDICTION

SENDING HYMN: (Blue Hymnal #780)

What a Fellowship, What a Joy Divine

POSTLUDE

Psalm 19 – arr.

Bill Tweten, organist



WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sunday, January 25

- 9 a.m. Worship, Celebration Center
- 9:30 a.m. Worship, Sanctuary
- 10:30 a.m. - 12 p.m. Micah's Mission Food Prep, Kitchen
- 10:30 a.m. Worship, Celebration Center
- 10:30 a.m. Kids@First (age 3 - Gr. 4), Lower Level
- 10:30 a.m. Adult Education, Adult Ed. Room
- 4 p.m. Snowshoe Sundays, 505 66th Ave. N. Moorhead, MN

Monday, January 26

- 9 a.m. - 12 p.m. Quilters, Adult Ed. Room

Tuesday, January 27

- 8 - 9 a.m. Men's Bible Study, Luther Room
- 1 - 3 p.m. Knit and Crochet Group, Bethany
- 2 - 3:30 p.m. Fit & Strong Exercise for Seniors, Gym
- 5:30 - 7:30 p.m. Tae Kwon Do, Gym
- 6:30 - 8 p.m. BeFriends Meeting, Luther Room
- 7 - 8:30 p.m. Men's Group, Fellowship Hall
- 7 - 8:30 p.m. Women's Group, Adult Ed. Room

Wednesday, January 28

- 1:30 - 3:30 p.m. Weds. Fellowship, Chapel, Great Hall
- 4:45 - 5:45 p.m. Wednesday Supper, Great Hall
- 5:30 - 6 p.m. Crusader Choir, Choir Room
- 5:30 - 5:55 p.m. Joyful Noise Choir, Chapel
- 6 - 7 p.m. 56ers, Adult Ed. Room
- 6 - 7 p.m. Kids@First (age 3 - Gr. 4), Lower Level
- 6 - 7 p.m. Bell Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary
- 6 - 7 p.m. Worship, Celebration Center
- 7 - 8 p.m. Confirmation (Gr. 7 - 8), Great Hall
- 7:10 - 8:10 p.m. Cathedral Choir Rehearsal, Choir Room
- 8 - 9 p.m. Young Life/High School, CrossTalk

Thursday, January 29

- 9 - 11 a.m. Helping Hands, Great Hall
- 12 - 1 p.m. Small Group Bible Study, CrossTalk
- 2 - 3:30 p.m. Fit & Strong Exercise for Seniors, Gym

Sunday, February 1

- 9 a.m. Worship, Celebration Center
- 9:30 a.m. Worship, Sanctuary
- 10:30 a.m. Worship, Celebration Center
- 10:30 a.m. Kids@First (age 3 - Gr. 4), Lower Level
- 10:30 a.m. Adult Education, Adult Ed. Room
- 4 p.m. Snowshoe Sundays, 505 66th Ave. N. Moorhead, MN

SUNDAY, JANUARY 25, 2026

THE WAY TO JESUS

“I AM THE WAY, THE TRUTH, AND THE LIFE.
NO ONE COMES TO THE FATHER EXCEPT THROUGH ME” JOHN 14:6

YOUR COMMUNITY OF FAITH

YOUR PASTORAL TEAM

Pr. Stephanie Tollefson	stollefson@flcfargo.org
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Pr. Jessica McEvers	jmcevers@flcfargo.org
Rollie Johnson	rjohnson@flcfargo.org

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Karen Carlson, President
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GENEROSITY



In-Person Giving: offering plate during worship
Online Giving: flcfargo.org/generosity/
Text to Give: Text dollar amount to 701.354.1495
Mail a Check: 619 Broadway N, Fargo, ND 58102
Scan to Give: Scan the QR code

CELEBRATE PRAYER

We believe in the power of prayer. As God’s people, please pray for these publicly-requested individuals and their families:

Albert Topolski, Bill Parker, Bonnie Lyczewski, Brian Tessman, Bruce Jorgensen, Caitlyn O'Reilly, Chet Leverson, Claryce Iverson, Cora Lieb, Curt Tjon, Dallas Boatright, Darrell Moon, David Anderson, Dawn, Del Herrmann, Delores and Allen Brynjulson, Diana and Glenn Baisley and family, Dick Leverson, Donna, Eldon, Faith Simonson, Gene, Jan Baldner, Jan Stoffel, Janice Ames, Jim Hulberg, Joanne Herrmann, J.R. Gentz, Kay Maden, Kristie Sundell, Laola Rakotomahenina, Larry Swanson, Laurie Bjornson, Linda Johnson, Lea Vacha, Lois Altenburg, Makenna Mattesi, Mary Ann Berg, Maika Knudson, Matt Walters, Mavis Bennett, Mike, Naya, Patrick, Paul Hulberg, Phyllis and Donald Sutherland, Ruth Dunicliff, Selso, Solen, Susan, Thomas Berg, Todd McComb

SYMPATHIES

First Lutheran Church sends sympathies and prayers to the friends and family of:

Velma Schneider
Odell Krohn, father of Kristy Albrecht

*On Sundays, **large print bulletins** are available upon request (please see ushers)



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CONNECT - WORSHIP - IMPACT

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Sundays

9 a.m. - Celebration Center

9:30 a.m. - Sanctuary*

*The FLC radio broadcast is on KFGO AM790 and FM104.7 at 9:30 a.m.

10:30 a.m. - Celebration Center

Wednesdays

1:30 p.m. - Wednesday Fellowship

6 p.m. - Celebration Center

WOMEN'S RETREAT— BREATHE: MAKING ROOM...

March 20 - 22

Mount Carmel

Ministries

Alexandria, MN

Get away from the noise, deadlines, and endless checklists and step into a sacred space with God. This women's retreat is an invitation to breathe and to prepare yourself to make room for what God already has planned for you. Together, we will explore rest as a gift, an intentional time rooted in complete trust in God as our provider and sustainer. We'll make room for reflection, worship, meaningful conversation, and rest for both body and soul. Your calendar becomes your invitation. Come as you are and allow God to meet you there.

Cost: \$200. Register and Pay at the Welcome Desk.

Questions? Contact Alyssa Holmen: aholmen@flcfargo.org

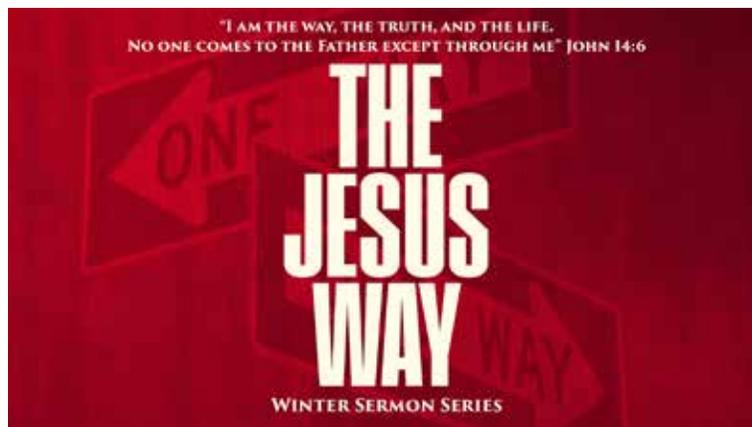


JOURNEYS OF PAUL & THE GREEK ISLANDS

June 6 - 16, 2026 | Hosted by Elias Tours

Join Pastor Marty Tollefson for a life-changing journey through Greece and Turkey! Follow in the footsteps of the Apostle Paul—exploring historic sites like Philippi, Corinth, and Ephesus. Sail to the Island of Patmos, where John received his Revelation, and stand atop the Acropolis in Athens. For more info. (including cost) and registration, scan the QR code. **Sign up Deadline: Feb. 7.**

Questions? Contact Alyssa Holmen: aholmen@flcfargo.org



SERMON SERIES: THE JESUS WAY

The early Christians referred to themselves as followers of "The Way," underscoring their belief that faith was centered on Jesus, who said, **"I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me"** (John 14:6). This is a central tenet of Christian theology and is deeply rooted in the Hebrew Scriptures, which often speak of walking in the ways of the Lord (Psalm 25:4). For believers, the Jesus Way has profoundly practical implications for how we live a life of discipleship. The Jesus Way is an invitation to be transformed in body, mind, and spirit: to recognize our sin, repent, and live in the freedom and forgiveness of God's amazing grace. It is a way of connection— to God and to one another. In the New Year, we'll journey together through the Gospel of Luke, where Jesus' teachings are expressed through parables. Join us in worship and invite a friend to walk in the way of the Lord.

LISTEN TO THE JESUS WAY

Scan the QR to listen "The Jesus Way" by Phil Wickham. It fits perfectly with our Sermon Series!



NEW MEMBER CLASS

Sunday, Feb. 8 | 11:45 a.m. - 1:15 p.m. | Adult Ed. Room

Are you curious about God's mission in and through First Lutheran? Are you looking for a deeper level of engagement within our community of faith? Join Pastor Marty to learn and explore the mission and ministry at First Lutheran and to discern if membership is a good fit for you. Light lunch included. Register at the Welcome Desk or by scanning the QR.



News YOU CAN USE!

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FAITH GROUPS FOR ADULTS

Looking to deepen your faith and connect with others in a meaningful way? Check out a few of our adult small groups and Adult Education opportunities designed to support your spiritual journey.

MEN'S GROUP with Pastor Marty Tollefson

- Tuesdays, 8-9 a.m.
- No registration required

MEN'S GROUP WITH ROLLIE JOHNSON

Tuesdays at 7 p.m.

January 13 - February 17

All men are invited to join Rollie for honest conversation, encouragement, and real-life connection.



WOMEN'S GROUP WITH ALYSSA HOLMEN

Tuesdays at 7 p.m.

January 13 - March 24

Join Alyssa for a Beth Moore Video-Based Study - *Jesus: The One and Only*. Come along on a life-changing journey which will lead you through the hills of Galilee with the Teacher, across the lake with the Master, and finally, on the road toward the cross with the Savior. Get to know Jesus intimately, as though you had walked with Him during His days of earthly ministry. Sign up at the Welcome Desk or by scanning the QR code.



ADULT EDUCATION WITH PASTOR JESSICA MCEVERS

Sundays: Jan. 25 & Feb. 1, 8, 15, & 22

10:30 - 11:30 a.m. | Adult Ed. Room

Join Pastor Jessica McEvers for a 5-week in-depth study on the parables found in the Gospel of Luke.



MISSION TRIP - MARTIN, SLOVAKIA

Our mission partner in Martin, Slovakia, is inviting a teaching team of 4-6 to help with English and special programs (music, art, science, Bible) for K-high school students this **fall 2026**. Interested? Contact Polly Kloster at pkloster@flcfargo.org or 701-414-6716 by **January 30** for an interest meeting in early February.

FEED MY STARVING CHILDREN FARGOPACK

Feb. 23 - 28 | Bulter Arena, West Fargo

Registration now open!

All are invited (ages 5+) to join First Lutheran in packing life-saving meals for children around the world. This year's goal: **pack 2 million meals!**



FLC Volunteer Times:

Monday, **Feb. 23** (6-8 p.m.)

Wednesday, **Feb. 25** (Youth only)

Thursday, **Feb. 26** (6-8 p.m.)

Saturday, **Feb. 28** (9:30-11:30 a.m.)

Saturday, **Feb. 28** (12:30 - 2:30 p.m.)



Sign up to volunteer at the Welcome Desk or by scanning the QR code!



VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY:

MICAH'S MISSION MEAL

Today - Sunday, January 25

10:30 a.m. - 12 p.m.

FLC Kitchen

Every fourth Monday, FLC provides a warm goulash meal for the residents of Churches United Micah's Mission shelter.

We're looking for volunteers to help prepare the meal the Sunday before, from 10:30 a.m. to 12 p.m. in the FLC kitchen. Scan the code to sign up!



SNOWSHOE SUNDAYS

Sundays at 4 p.m.

Jan. 11, 18, 25 & Feb. 1

505 66th Ave. N.

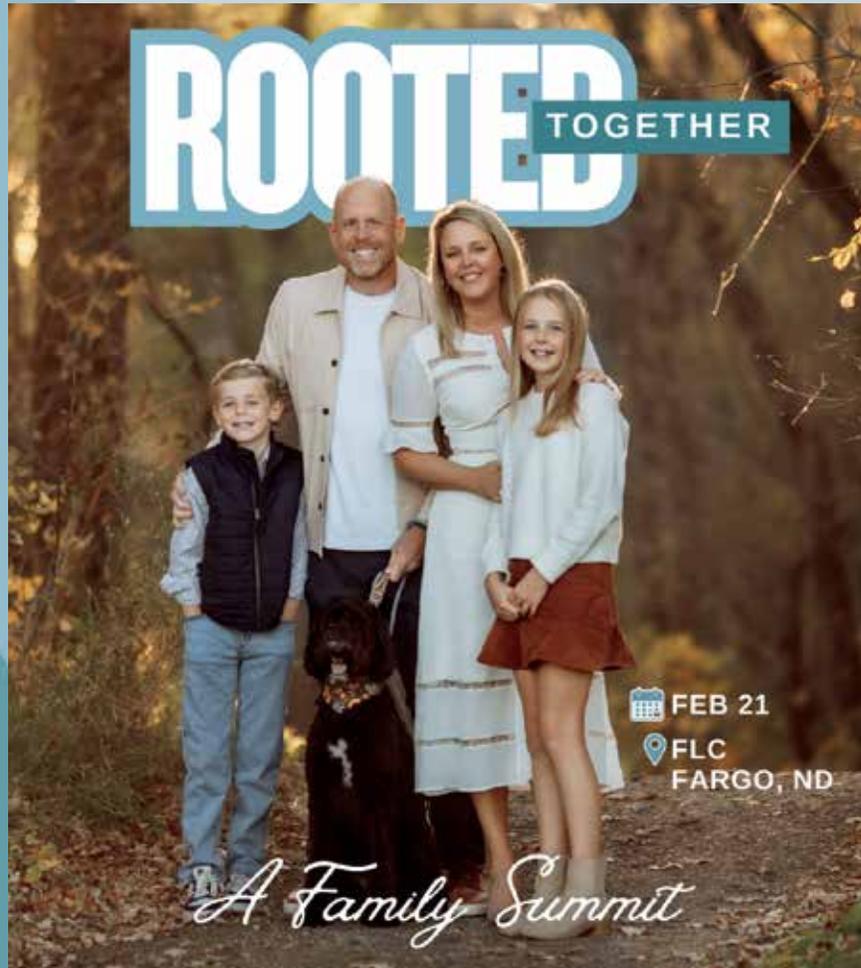
Moorhead, MN

Bundle up and join us for Snowshoe Sundays — a

weekly winter outing that's equal parts fun, fitness, and fellowship. Whether you're a seasoned snowshoer or a total newbie, all are welcome to take part in this outdoor adventure. Contact Rollie Johnson on the day you're coming to reserve a pair: rjohnson@flcfargo.org.

If there's no snow, we'll go for a winter hike instead. All ages are welcome!





Saturday, February 21, 2026 | First Lutheran Church
9 a.m. - 5 p.m. (Doors open at 8:30 a.m.)

Save the date for **Rooted Together** at First Lutheran! This is a one-day gathering for the entire family - parents, kids, grandparents, and guardians. Expect practical tools, meaningful conversations, and more. This event is designed to strengthen family relationships and equip families with practical tools for parenting, marriage, faith, and legacy.

Cost is \$99 for adults and free for kids. Lunch and childcare provided.

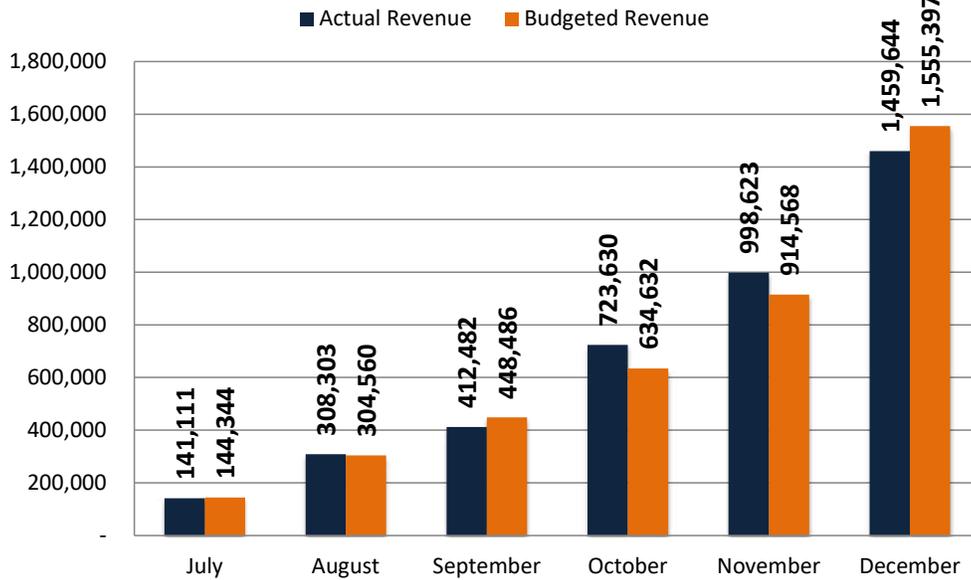
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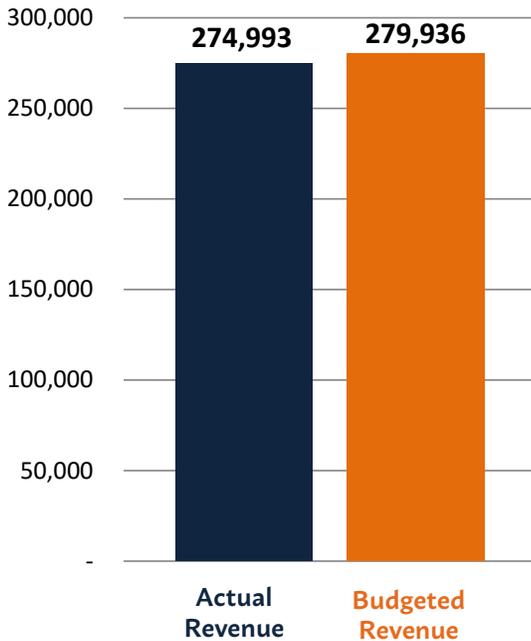


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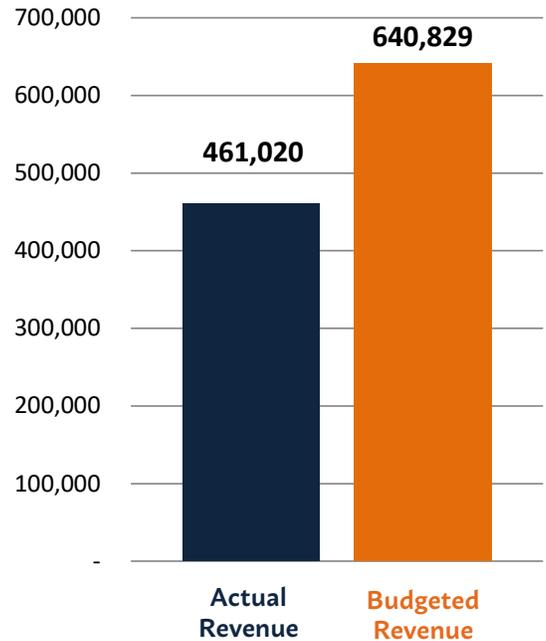
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NOVEMBER STEWARDSHIP



DECEMBER STEWARDSHIP



NOVEMBER MEMORIALS

In Memory of Bernie Altenburg

for Worship & Music from Harold & Judy Thompsen

In Memory of Beth Olson

for Worship & Music from Harold & Judy Thompsen

In Memory of Beverly Hummel (Mother of Jane Nelson)

for Global Missions from Reed & Marianna Malm

In Memory of Carol Feste

for General from Al & Mary Severson

In Memory of Ed Glass

for General from Harold & Judy Thompsen

In Memory of Goodwin Hoff

for Choir from Carol Bjorge

for Worship & Music from Dick & Nancy Garvey

for Worship & Music from Harold & Judy Thompsen

for Quilters from Janice Miller

for General from Myrna & Dale Johnson

for General from Robert & Sandra Hoy

In Memory of Jeff Rye

for Radio from Shannon Rye

In Memory of Judy Lee

for First Lutheran Foundation from Larry & Becky Audette

for Quilters from Tracy Farmer

In Memory of Paul Thompsen

for Cathedral Choir from Brian & Candy Tessman

In Memory of Rev. James Bjorge

for General from Betty Jevne

for First Lutheran Foundation from Blair & Jennifer

Thoreson

for General from Brad & Ann Williams

for Music from Curtis & Mavis Tjon

for Quilters from David & Mary Rasmussen

for General from Dixie Johnston

for Cathedral Choir from Dorian Olson

for General from Doris Callahan

for Music from Duane & Sandra Brasch

for First Lutheran Foundation from Ed & Nancy Schafer

for Samaritan from Elaine Nelson

for Worship & Music from Harold & Judy Thompsen

for Cathedral Choir from Herbert Parker Jr. & Vangie

Johnson Parker

for Chamber Orchestra from Jane Linde Capistran

for Next Gen from Joanne Drenkow

for First Lutheran Foundation from Juliet Thoreson

for General from Ken & Marcia Retzer

for Choir from Laverne Nubson

for First Lutheran Foundation from Linda Briggs

for Youth from Lois Brown

for Outreach from Lowell & Rachael Disrud

for General from Margaret Sellin

for General from Mary & Robert Stenson

for First Lutheran Foundation from Mary Kay Carlson

for General from Mary Weisser

for First Lutheran Foundation from Polly Kloster

for Young Life from Robert & Nancy Perkins

for General from Sheri Jo Strom

for First Lutheran Foundation from Tom & Carolyn Espel

In Memory of Rev. Bill Ahlfeldt

for First Lutheran Foundation from Jeanne & Dale Janssen

for Organ from Reed & Marianna Malm

In Memory of Wini Christensen

for Quilters from Carol Bjorge

for First Lutheran Foundation from Dale & Girls

for General from David & Mary Christensen

for First Lutheran Foundation from Michael & Valerie McClure

for First Lutheran Foundation from Steven & Kimberly Campen

DECEMBER MEMORIALS

In Memory of Arthur Westphal

for Youth from Jim & Sharon Westphal

In Memory of Bradley Lovaas

for General from Eunice Lovaas

In Honor of Daughters Jessica, Michelle & Cassie

for General from Dale Zimprich

In Memory of Doris & Leo Flaming

for General from Pat & Richard Waslien

In Memory of Gail Zimprich

for First Lutheran Foundation from Dale Zimprich

for General from Dale Zimprich

for Global Samaritan Fund from Dale Zimprich

for Helping Hands from Dale Zimprich

for Quilters from Dale Zimprich

for Youth from Dale Zimprich

In Memory of Jerald W Albrecht

for Capital Campaign from Jay & Kristy Albrecht

In Memory of Joan Esser

for General from Joseph & Donna Collinson

In Memory of Judy Lee

for General from Mike & Shelli Gillie

for Samaritan from Richard & Deaune Gray

In Memory of June Weberg

for First Lutheran Foundation from Bernice Wadeson

In Memory of My Parents & Brothers

for General from Todd & Brenda Gross

In Memory of Paul Stark

for General from Joseph & Donna Collinson

for 2020 Club from Marcia Ubbelohde

In Memory of Rev. Bill Ahlfeldt

for Global Missions from John & Marian Hamilton

In Memory of Rev. Jim Bjorge

for Samaritan from Kirsten Feste Taylor

for 2020 Club from Richard & Gayle Larson

In Memory of Shirley Ruud

for General from Reed & Marianna Malm

In Memory of Sonja Teigen

for Music from David Teigen

In Memory of Wini Christensen

for 2020 Club from Richard & Gayle Larson