



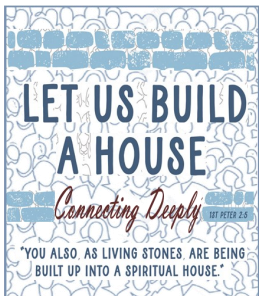
Worship

- In-person worship—**9:30 AM Sundays**
- Online worship is live-streamed to our [YouTube](#) and [Facebook](#) pages



Church Council 2026

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High School Mission Trip to San Diego

41 youth and 7 adult leaders spent last week in San Diego, serving in the community, connecting with others, and growing in their faith. Watch for more pictures, stories, and memories in the coming weeks!



Conscience and Conversation

The ELCA has put out the Study **Conscience and Conversation: A study during the reconsideration of the social statement, "Human Sexuality: Gift and Trust."** We invite you to join Pastor Tim going through this material on **July 28, August 11, 18, and 25 at 7:00 PM** each evening as we look at and help the church as a whole move forward when we disagree with each other.



This study is not about sexuality as much as it is how we deal with deeply held Biblical convictions that contradict each other as a church. At the end we will be able to give feedback on how we talk about disagreement to the ELCA to help them craft the final reconsideration of the Human Sexuality study. (Any proposals for changing the Human Sexuality document would be proposed in 2027 and voted on in 2028).

We would ask you to sign up at this link (<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30E0848A9A72AAAF85-64717952-conscience>) and **attend all four** of these sessions because the discussion will build from week to week.

Thanks, *Pastor Tim*

Love INC Birthday Ministry

Pictured are the July Birthday Ministry volunteers, Beth Coulombe and Vicki Noetzelman, who assembled the August birthday bags for Love INC. Please pray for the kids who receive these birthday bags. Thank you for your faithful support of this ministry—it truly makes a difference!



LOC youth, Lexi Thomas, created and donated these awesome birthday banners for the Birthday Ministry! They will be given out to the monthly birthday bag recipients through Love INC. Thank you so much for sharing your time and talent, Lexi!

Neighbors in Need Ministry Update

Thank you, Light of Christ! Through your generosity, our **Neighbors in Need** ministry continues to share Christ's love in practical and meaningful ways with immigrant families in our community. Working alongside our local immigrant aid partners, we help provide staple food items and other essential needs, reminding our neighbors that they are seen, valued, and loved.



This past Sunday, volunteers completed another outstanding packing effort. Together we prepared:

- 84 bags of rice
- 48 bags of pinto beans
- 45 bags of black beans
- 7 bottles of cooking oil

Because of your generous donations and the work of many helping hands, this month's packing produced enough food for **both the July and August distributions**.

A special thank you to everyone who donated food, helped pack, organized supplies, or lent a hand in any way. We continue to collect rice, beans, and cooking oil, which can be left in the receptacle in the narthex.

Your generosity is making a real difference for dozens of families each month. Thank you for helping Light of Christ continue to be a church that puts Christ's love into action.

"Let us not love with words or speech but with actions and in truth." — 1 John 3:18



Do You Like to Play Board Games?

Join Pastor Tim this summer for fun and fellowship at Board Game Night! Meet in the fellowship hall on

Wednesdays, July 29 and August 19, from 6:00-8:00 PM. Pastor Tim will bring a variety of games to enjoy, and you're welcome to bring a favorite game of your own. **All ages are welcome!**

2027 Offering Envelopes

A growing number of members contribute weekly or monthly using electronic giving methods. However, we understand that many prefer placing an offering envelope in the plate. To eliminate the ***purchased-but-unclaimed*** envelopes that are wasted, we're asking each family that wants pre-printed envelopes to request them from the church office by **AUGUST 14th**. Either email [Terri in the church office](#) or call 763-972-2400. This "OPT IN" method will greatly benefit the office supplies budget. Thank you!

If you've already been receiving pre-printed envelopes each year, you will remain on the list until you request otherwise.



Worship with Confirmation Faith Statements

Over the summer, the upcoming 10th grade confirmands will be giving their faith statements. Those worship services are:

- **Wednesday, August 12** at 6:30 PM
- **Sunday, August 16** at 9:30 AM
- **Sunday, September 20** at 9:30 AM

Please attend or watch online to support these youth sharing their faith! You can rewatch previous services on your YouTube page at this link: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/>

Stay Informed!

The current Church Council meeting minutes can be found on the [church website](#).



Help Needed

Learn what's involved in caring for our church and get to know staff by volunteering for **1 hour, two days a week every 5-6 weeks**. Duties involve emptying waste-baskets, filling towel dispensers, and vacuuming the office entryway as needed. We welcome men or women with availability on Monday and Wednesday mornings. Contact Terri in the office if interested.

Free Outdoor Concert

Roe Family Singers
August 13th 6-7:30PM

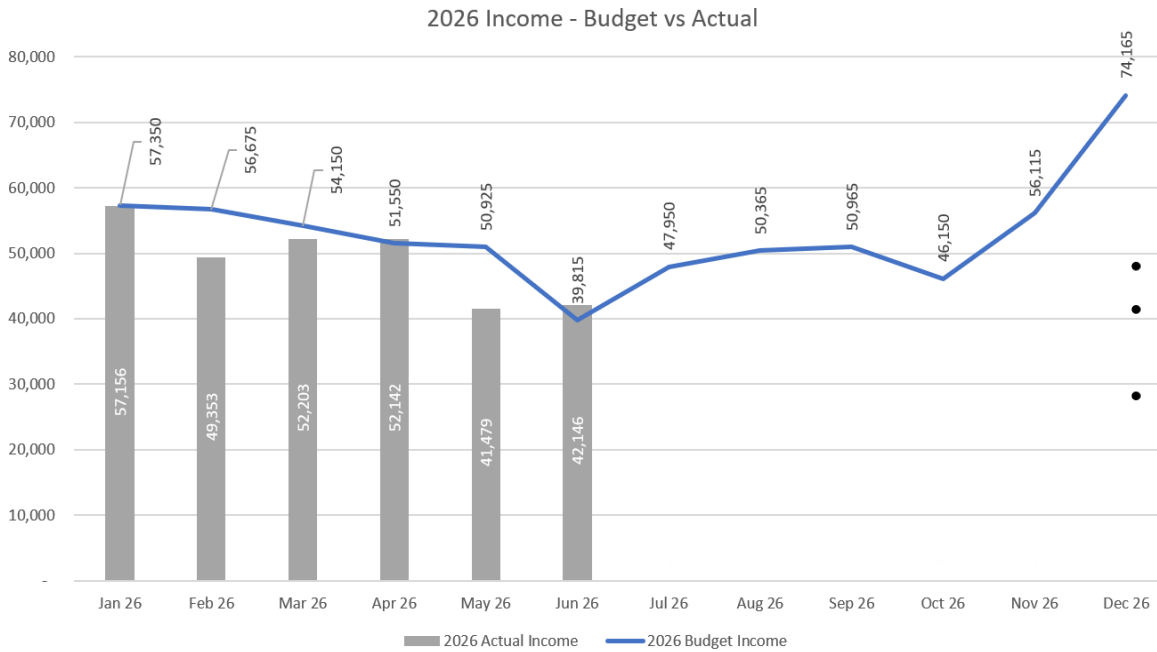
Bring Your Family & A Chair
Snacks and Drinks for Purchase

2019 Entertainers of the Year, Best Band, and Best Band Overall, BMAI
2018 Entertainers of the Year AND Album of the Year, BMAI
2017 Jig-dance Competition Winner Old-Time Music & Ozark Heritage Festival, Kim Roe
2016 Entertainers of the Year, BMAI
2012 MBOTMA Duet Competition Winners



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LOC Monthly Income - Actual versus Budget



YTD Summary June 2026

- YTD Budget \$310,465
- YTD Actual \$294,480
- Year to Date Actual is **\$15,985** below budget



More than Numbers

As you review these budget figures, remember – they are more than numbers. They represent lives touched, faith nurtured, and ministry made possible through your ongoing support.

The Generous Life: Six Practices that Shape Our Faith



The Generous Life: Give Regularly

Generosity grows strongest when it becomes a rhythm.

Throughout Scripture, giving is not just a one-time act—it's a steady, ongoing practice. Regular giving helps shape our hearts and sustains the ministry we share together.

When we give consistently, generosity becomes part of our spiritual life, much like prayer, worship, and serving.

What this looks like in everyday life:

A household commits to giving weekly or monthly. Some set up recurring gifts; others build it into their weekly routine. Instead of occasional or reactive giving, **generosity becomes steady and dependable**. And the reality is that that feels good...right.

Regular giving isn't about obligation—it's about forming a life anchored in faith and trust.

“On the first day of every week, each one of you should set aside a sum of money...” – 1 Corinthians 16:2

(We will feature a new practice every couple of weeks)

The GIVING CORNER



Donate appreciated stock instead of writing a check

Many people give in cash because it feels simplest. But if you own stock or mutual funds that have grown a lot over time, donating shares directly can be even more efficient. When you give appreciated shares you have held long enough to be treated as long term, you can generally claim a charitable deduction for the fair market value and avoid paying capital gains tax that would have been due if you sold first. That can mean more dollars going to the causes you care about and less going to taxes. This works especially well for those “big winners” in a portfolio, and it can also help with rebalancing if one holding has become too large. The important part is to transfer the shares directly to the charity. Selling first and then donating the cash usually gives up the capital gains benefit.

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