

# CROSSWORDS



May 2026

## JUNE

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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7	8	9	10	11	12	13
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# SUMMER SCHEDULE

## JULY

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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## Worship

Wednesdays  
5:45pm

Sundays  
9:30am

## AUGUST

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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30	31					



## Outdoor Worship

Bring a chair & join us on the West lawn \*weather permitting

## Connect with us!

Website: [www.lcc-wf.com](http://www.lcc-wf.com)

Email: [office@lcc-wf.com](mailto:office@lcc-wf.com)

Facebook: [@lutheranchurchofthecross](https://www.facebook.com/lutheranchurchofthecross)

# LCC IN THE PARK

ALL are invited! Come for an evening of good food, community, and fun!



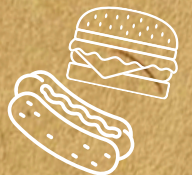
## Wednesday, June 3rd

*Note: No Worship on this night!*

Gather @ 5:00pm | Eat @ 6:00pm

North Elmwood Shelter

500 13th Ave E , West Fargo



# PASTOR'S MESSAGE

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## Call Committee Update

The LCC Call Committee has resumed its work. We have reviewed and resubmitted our Ministry Site Profile for pastors who are interested in learning more about the mission and ministry of LCC. Now, we wait and invite you all to join us in praying for our next partner in ministry!



## Acts Bible Study Fellowship Calendar

### May 20th – Appetizers and Dessert potluck at LCC

Join us after worship on Wednesday, May 20, for our first Act Bible Study Fellowship gathering. The theme for the evening is an Appetizer and Dessert Potluck—feel free to drop off your dish in the kitchen before worship begins. At about 6:30pm, we'll meet in the Cross Way Center for our potluck, and for bible study and discussion on Acts through chapter 9.

### June 3rd – Church Picnic at North Elmwood Park

Our annual Church Picnic will be at North Elmwood Park. People can start arriving at 5pm and we'll serve food at 6pm. We'll have fun, fellowship, and some games! What a wonderful way to experience the joy of Christian community that is at the center of so much of the book of Acts!

# PASTOR'S MESSAGE

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## **June 17th – Theology on Tap**

After worship, we'll reconvene to a local establishment to discuss Acts over a beer, wine, or soda. (More details to come.)

## **July 15th – Campfire at LCC (Grilling available)**

We'll gather at our firepit after worship (6:30pm) to enjoy the outdoors and reflect upon some themes in the book of Acts. We'll have a grill or two going, so you can bring something to grill, or you can simply enjoy the wonderful weather.

## **July 29th – Recreation Time and Bible Study**

Part of Christian community is simply having fun together. At this Acts Bible Study Fellowship, you'll have the opportunity to do some crafts, or maybe some hiking or biking as well as bible fellowship. We'll begin after worship at 6:30pm.

## **August 13th – (Thursday afternoon!!) Service Night - West Fargo Eats Pop Up**

As we read through Acts, many stories tell us how the disciples made a difference in people's lives simply by helping them. At this event, we will have an opportunity to join West Fargo Eats as they have their monthly Pop-Up Food Distribution. A link to the sign up will be available soon.

*Journey through*

# ACTS

*Holy Spirit*



*Learn & Grow*



*Discipleship*

**Bible Study  
Fellowship Events**



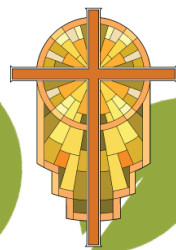
- May 20
- June 3
- June 17
- July 15
- July 29
- August 13

# *Journey through*

# ACTS

## STUDY SCHEDULE

APR 6-12	CH. 1	JUN 22-28	CH. 15
APR 13-19	CH. 2 & 3	JUN 29-JUL 5	CH. 16
APR 20-26	CH. 4	JUL 6-12	CH. 17
APR 27-MAY 3	CH. 5 & 6	JUL 13-19	CH. 18
MAY 4-10	CH. 7	JUL 20-26	CH. 19 & 20
MAY 11-17	CH. 8	JUL 27-AUG 2	CH. 21 & 22
MAY 18-24	CH. 9	AUG 3-9	CH. 23 & 24
MAY 25-31	CH. 10	AUG 10-16	CH. 25
JUN 1-7	CH. 11	AUG 17-23	CH. 26
JUN 8-14	CH. 12	AUG 24-30	CH. 27
JUN 15-21	CH. 13 & 14	AUG 31-SEP 6	CH. 28



# COUNCIL UPDATE

Greetings LCC,

I would like to share a few updates from our most recent Council meeting. As mentioned last month, we have intentionally slowed the pace of our Capital Campaign, including a pause in construction activities. This season of discernment has allowed us to extend our youth education programming and continue practicing good stewardship as we look toward the future of LCC.

The Council is continuing thoughtful conversation and preparation around the Capital Campaign. We are also listening closely to ideas and reflections shared by our Campaign Committee as we discern what the future of LCC may look like. Our intention is to share more detailed information and next steps this fall. Throughout this process, we remain committed to transparency, listening, and prayerful discernment as a congregation.

I am also pleased to share that the Call Committee has been reengaged and is actively working on the call process as we begin searching for a new part-time pastor. This is an important and hopeful step as we seek pastoral leadership that will support the evolving needs of our church community. Please keep the Call Committee and this process in your prayers.

Looking ahead to the summer months, we are hopeful to once again schedule LCC in the Park. Additional details will be shared as plans are finalized. We have also made updates to our security to help ensure a safe and welcoming environment for all who enter our building. As always, thank you for your continued support, generosity, and trust.

God Bless,  
Mitch Wolden  
LCC Church Council President



# PROPERTY UPDATE

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## Property Happenings

As I write this, it's officially spring but with an overnight low of 34 F, a person could question which month starting with "M" this really is. Happily, there has been some warmer weather and the anticipated water testing I mentioned has taken place.

On Thursday April 16, the Crossway Center water test I mentioned last month was completed.

You may recall Pastor Joel discussed a break-in/robbery during his sermon a couple months ago. The current security camera system has served us well, but coverage is incomplete and the system needs an upgrade to modern technology. That work will take place during the week of June 8th. Two additional cameras will be added to cover the West facing entrances: the courtyard (where the break-in occurred) and the area between the West Fargo Eats garage and the curtain wall around the shed.

New weatherstrips have been installed on 4 doors into the Crossway Center on May 11<sup>th</sup>. The door to the courtyard uses a different system and will require a little more research. Dust, drafts and snow in the winter should be much better controlled.

Alfredo purchased and installed new blades on the lawn tractor. The lawn looks great. We'll all say a little prayer for rain to keep all of our lawns green and healthy.

# PROPERTY UPDATE

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A new parking lot timer will be installed on May 18th. This one will track the sun and turn lights on/off optimally without any tweaking. Beyond the occasional failures of the old timer (the time clock, not the old property manager), the new one might just pay for itself.

On May 16th Scout troop 246 will be cleaning up the landscaping around the church. Look for the red mulch, that will be your clue that the troop as been working hard to keep the church looking attractive.

I, along with the Property Committee, our custodian, Alfredo, and other church staff and committees work to keep the church safe, comfortable, functional and attractive to better serve the faithful members of our community. That's you. If there is anything that we can do to make your time at the church more prayerful and meaningful, please don't hesitate to let us know via the church office.

Karl Gunerson  
Property Manager

# FINANCIAL UPDATE

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## January–April Financial Update

We are grateful to share that our financial position remains strong through the first four months of 2026. Thanks to your generous giving, along with support from Gate City—including both this year's and next year's grant for WF Eats staffing—our total income is ahead of what we had planned by nearly \$20,000.

At the same time, expenses have been coming in below budget, some of which is anticipated. Because of this, we have been able to set aside some additional funds into the Mission Sustainability Fund to help support the church's future ministry. As we head into the summer months, we remain mindful of using our resources wisely, especially during a time when giving has historically been a bit lower.

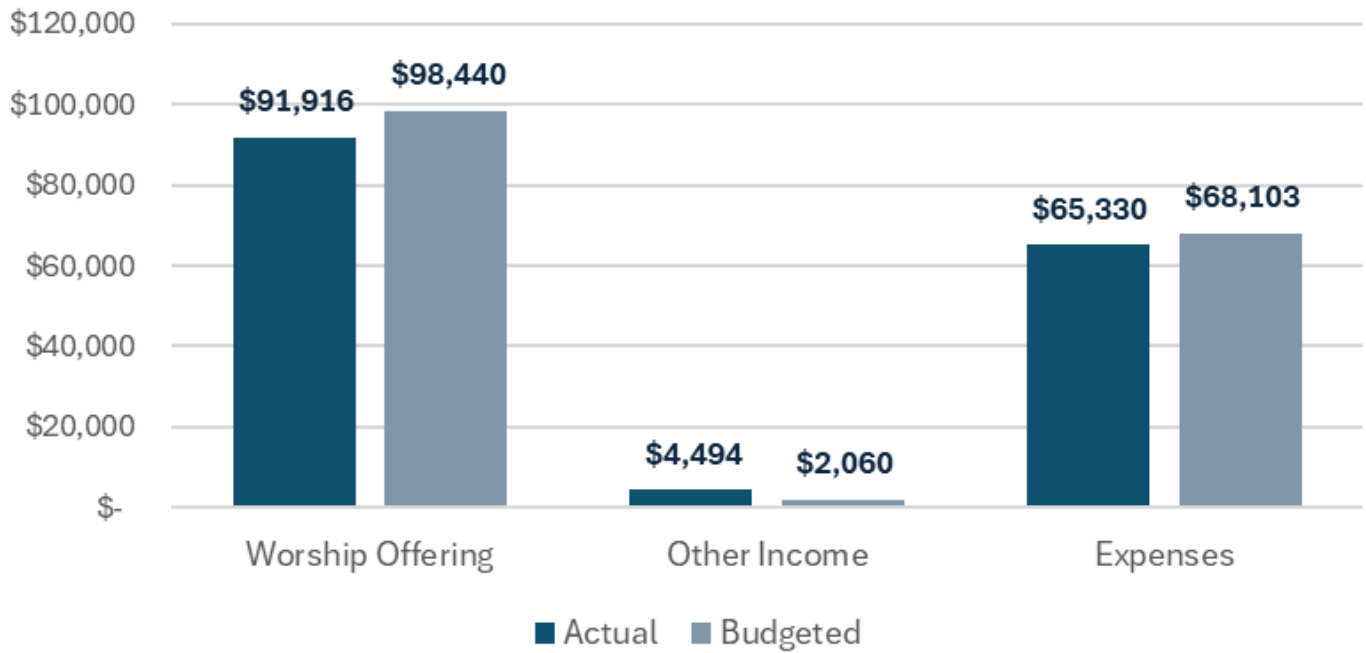
Thank you for your continued generosity and for being part of the ministry we share together.

Angie

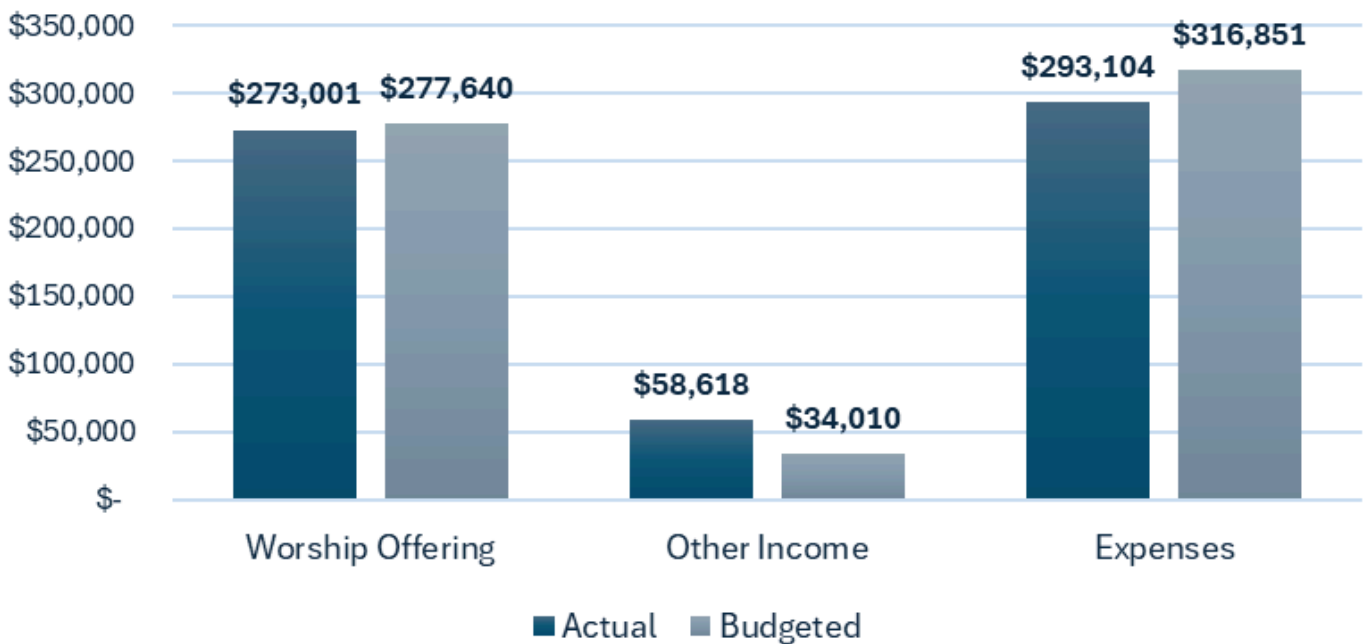
# FINANCIAL UPDATE



## General Operating - April 2026



## 2026 Year-to-Date



LUTHERAN CHURCH OF THE CROSS

# NEW MEMBERS



**Emily & John Hertel**



**Jenny, Jeremy,  
Finely & Emery Heidt**



**Julie & Howard Schaan**



**Matt & Kim Amundson**



**Meri Thompson**



**Morgan Clements &  
Tom Sullivan**

LUTHERAN CHURCH OF THE CROSS

# NEW MEMBERS

Tara, Jason, Brynn, Bristol & Bryelle Decker



Kelsey, Chris & Lyra Laffen



Rob & Henry Hall



Faith & Austin Fraase





LUTHERAN CHURCH  
OF THE CROSS

# TRUSTING JESUS

IN A WILD WORLD

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 2026

MAY 26-29<sup>TH</sup>

8:30 AM - 12:15 PM



←  
**SCAN TO  
REGISTER!**



BIBLE  
STORIES



GAMES &  
ACTIVITIES



WORSHIP &  
MUSIC

Ages 3 (Potty-Trained)  
through 5th Grade



# Church School @LCC

LUTHERAN CHURCH OF THE CROSS

# FALL REGISTRATION!



# CONFIRMATION @LCC



# LUTHERAN CHURCH OF THE CROSS

## 6<sup>TH</sup>-12<sup>TH</sup> GRADE

### JUNE

	1	2 HS NIGHT GAMES @8PM-10:30PM	3	4	5	6
7 SENIOR SUPPER @6:30	8	9	10 HS BIBLE STUDY @6:45PM	11	12	13
14	15	16 MS POOL DAY @5:30-7:30	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	MS = MIDDLE SCHOOL HS = HIGH SCHOOL			
HIGH SCHOOL CANOE TRIP						

### JULY

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			HIGH SCHOOL CANOE TRIP			
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LCC @ LUTHER CREST						
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26 SENIOR SUPPER @6:30	27	28 HS POOL DAY @5:30-7:30	29	30	31	

### AUGUST

EMAIL ADRIANNA@LCC-WF.COM WITH ANY QUESTIONS & TO RSVP						1
2	3	4	5	6 VALLEYFAIR 7 <sup>TH</sup> -12 <sup>TH</sup> GR.	7	8
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
16 SENIOR SUPPER @6:30	17	18 MS GAME NIGHT @5:30-7:30	19 HS BIBLE STUDY @6:45PM	20	21	22
23	24	25	26 HS BONFIRE @6:45PM	27 FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL	28	29

### JUNE

- 2nd - High School Outdoor Night Games @LCC, 8-10:30PM
- 7th - Senior Supper @6:30pm  
Incoming & outgoing seniors meet @LCC for supper & fellowship
- 10th - HS Bible Study @ 6:45pm  
Meet after worship @ the LCC bonfire ring or in the youth room, weather dependant  
Bring a bible & a friend!
- 16th - Middle School Pool Day @5:30pm  
Meet at Veterans Memorial pool  
Bring a swimsuit, towel, \$5 for entry, & snack money!
- 28th -7/3 - LCC HS Canoe Trip

### JULY

- 5<sup>th</sup>-10<sup>th</sup> - LCC staff will be at Camp!
- 21st - Middle School Pool Day @5:30pm  
Meet at Veterans Memorial pool!  
Bring a swimsuit, towel, \$5 for entry, & snack money!
- 22nd - High School Bible Study @ 6:45pm  
meet at the LCC bonfire ring or in the youth room, weather dependant!
- 26th - Senior Supper @6:30pm  
Incoming & outgoing seniors meet @LCC for supper & fellowship
- 28th - High School Pool Day @5:30pm  
@Veterans Memorial Pool

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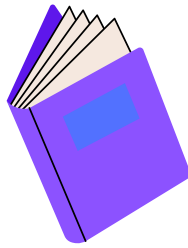
- 6th: 7th - 12<sup>th</sup> grade ValleyFair Day Trip!  
More details to come via email!
- 16th - Senior Supper @6:30pm  
Meet @LCC for supper & fellowship!
- 18th - Middle School Game Night  
y@5:30pm-7:30pm  
@LCC in the Youth Room!
- 19th - High School Bible Study @6:45pm
- 26th - High School Bonfire @6:45pm  
Hot dogs & smores provided!

# SUMMER 2026

# UPDATES

## Novel Ideas

May 21, 2026 @ 10am



**Beautiful Ugly**  
Alice Feeney

June 18, 2026 @ 10am

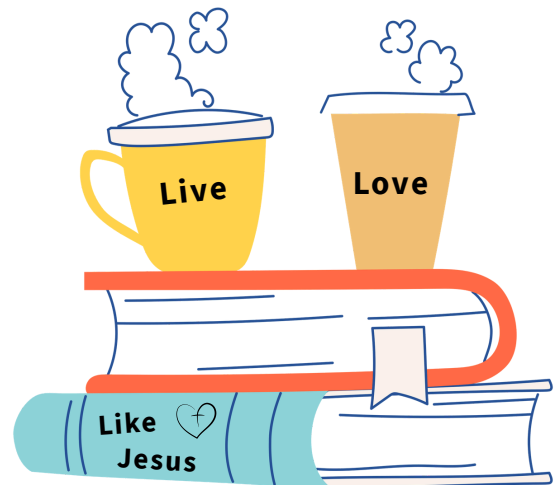


**Apostle's Cove**  
by William Kent Krueger

July 16, 2026 @ 10am

**The Correspondent**  
by Virginia Evans

**Beanediction Coffee Bar** will pause  
for summer and return in fall.



Lutheran Church of the Cross

# UPDATES

## Piecemaker Quilting Group



The Piecemaker Quilting Group will meet the following dates over summer:

**June 11th** - 9:30 am    **June 25<sup>th</sup>** - 9:30 am    **July 9<sup>th</sup>** - 9:30 am

**July 23<sup>rd</sup>** - 9:30 am    **August 13<sup>th</sup>** - 9:30 am

The May quilt blessing included 132 quilts, 20 stuffed animals, 2 pillows and 100 scent cloths - all going toward RMHC and RRCAC. Thank you Piecemaker Quilting Group for caring for youth and families in your community.

Everyone is welcome! Contact Pat at [pkmaas@yahoo.com](mailto:pkmaas@yahoo.com) with any questions.





## West Fargo Eats. Updates



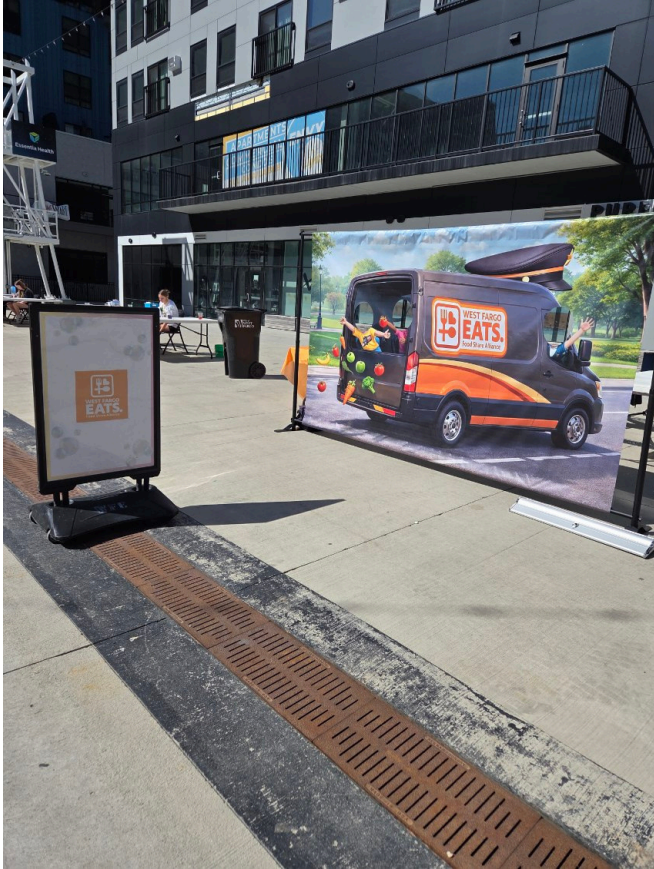
### April Impact Numbers

- Volunteer Hours: 216.76
- Visits: 263
- Individuals Served: 743
  - Children: 227
  - Adults: 317
- Seniors: 199

### Food Shared

- 8,120 lbs shared directly from our pantry to neighbors
- 294 lbs shared with fellow agencies
- 425 lbs shared through our school tote program

**Total Food Shared: 8,839 lbs**



## Community Connections

We're starting the season off strong by participating in the first of several community events planned for this summer. We had a wonderful time at Bubblemania on May 3 at The Lights in West Fargo — connecting with families, introducing new neighbors to West Fargo Eats, and reminding our community how much we care.

## Upcoming Community Events

- June 14 | 1–3 PM: Sports of All Sorts at The Lights
- July 3: Collaborating with the Red River Valley Fair for a community food drive
- September 15 | 5–7 PM: West Fargo Events Carnival at The Lights

## Pop-Up Season is Here!

Our first outdoor pop-up of the season will be Thursday, May 14, with one pop-up planned each month through October.

These events are a fun way to engage with the community while helping support our neighbors in need.





## Special Recognition

We are incredibly honored to have been named one of two 2025 Agency of the Year recipients, receiving the **Spirit of Passion Award**. This recognition reflects the dedication of our volunteers, supporters, and community partners who make this work possible every day.



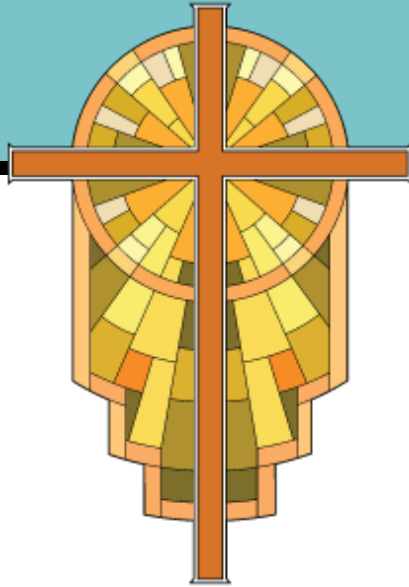
## Thank You

Thank you, as always, for the continued support from our congregation — whether through food donations, financial giving, or volunteering your time. Your generosity truly makes a difference in the lives of our neighbors. If you have questions or would like to get involved, please reach out. We would love to help find a volunteer opportunity that works for you.

Blessings,  
Chelsie Bormann – Director

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