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GOD FIRST LOVED US.

# FOCUS AT FIRST

Fall 2022 - Quarter Three Newsletter

First Lutheran Church — Barron, WI [www.firstlutheran-barron.org](http://www.firstlutheran-barron.org)

## MARK YOUR CALENDAR

2022

### October

17—Afternoon Singalong

23—Fall Fun Bingo

### November

5--9:00am - 2pm Fall Bazaar

6--8:45 Hymn Sing

13—First Communion Class

20—Celebrate First Communion

### December

4--10:00 Christmas Tree Trimming/Brunch

5—Afternoon Singalong

24--4:30 & 7pm Christmas Eve Worship

25--9am Christmas Worship



Join Us for Worship - Sunday @ 9am

Don't forget to join us in person each Sunday at 9am or on the radio at WAQE 97.7 You can also view us online anytime via the website or FB@FLCBarron

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## PASTOR RON'S MESSAGE

*He who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will supply and multiply your seed for sowing and increase the harvest of your righteousness. ~ 2 Corinthians 9:10*

We give thanks to God when we meet together for worship and when we pray. We can also give thanks by giving to others. God will provide for us in such abundance that we, in turn, will be able to share God's blessing with others. And so, we give out of gratitude for all that the Lord of the harvest has given to us. For the seed and the harvest, both come from God. We are but the laborers for our Lord's Kingdom.

Serving Christ With You,  
Pastor Ron

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
praise God, all creatures here below;  
praise God above, ye heavenly host;  
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

~Offertory song in ELW 885

## A MESSAGE FROM THE FALL TURKEY DINNER COMMITTEE



The Fall Turkey Dinner Committee has met and decided not to host a Fall Turkey Dinner for 2022.

The Committee had a long discussion and considered the following factors in making this decision. These are just a few: Continued safety concerns over Covid, availability of food/products and costs involved, and most important being the continued shortage of volunteers needed from start to finish of this huge undertaking.

Several of our committee members and workers have been organizing and working the Fall Turkey Dinner since the beginning. The first Fall Turkey Dinner was 32 years ago, and we have hosted twenty-nine successful Fall Turkey Dinners. This dinner is near and dear to all of us, but at this point we will cancel this year and reevaluate next summer.

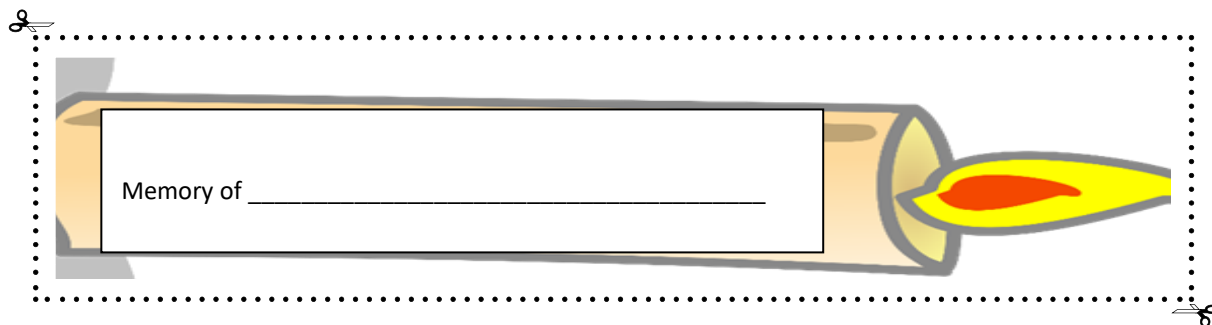
If anyone has any questions or would like to step into a role on our committee, we encourage you to reach out to any of us listed below.

Thank you,

Sue Hanson	Carolyn Miller
Lynn Haugen	Terry Miller
Sheila Erb	Lauretta Peterson
Lynn Kolpack	Judy Rassbach

## All Saints

All Saints Day will be celebrated on Sunday, November 6th. Candle papers are available in the church office, on the website or in the emailed announcements for loved ones that have passed. You may also choose to cut out the form below and submit it to the office. Completed forms should be returned to the church office or the information emailed to [office@firstlutheran-barron.org](mailto:office@firstlutheran-barron.org) by Nov. 1st.





## ***Fall Fun Bingo and Games***

Join us following worship in the Celebration Room on **October 23rd** for a congregational event with games, snacks and FUN FOR ALL AGES!

## **Wanted: Thirty Minutes of Sunday Morning Welcoming Help Once a Month**

We'd love to have "Name Tag Sundays" once each month to get to know one another's first and last names. We need two volunteers to welcome folks and stand at one of the round tables in Luther Hall from 8:25 a.m. to 8:55 a.m. Your job would be to invite worship goers to write their names on name tags one Sunday each month. Name tags, markers, and an explanation sign would be provided. Is this something you and a friend could do together as a welcoming ministry at FLC? Contact Lynn at 715-418-0057 if you could help.



***Hymn Sing!*** We continue to worship the first Sunday of each month 15 minutes early with a hymn sing. Come at 8:45 on November 6th and request your favorite hymn to be played. Join us each month as we celebrate our Lord with songs of worship!

## ***New Members!***

Pastor Ron will be conducting new member classes soon.

If you are contemplating joining FLC or just curious to learn more, contact Pastor Ron.



# FIRST LUTHERAN NEWS

## *Afternoon Singalong Upcoming Dates*

October 17, 2022

No Meeting in November

December 05, 2022

January back to regular schedule on the  
Fourth Monday of the Month.

1:30 Monroe Manor

2:30 Dove



## Barron Cub Scout Pack 6/Scouts BSA Troop 6

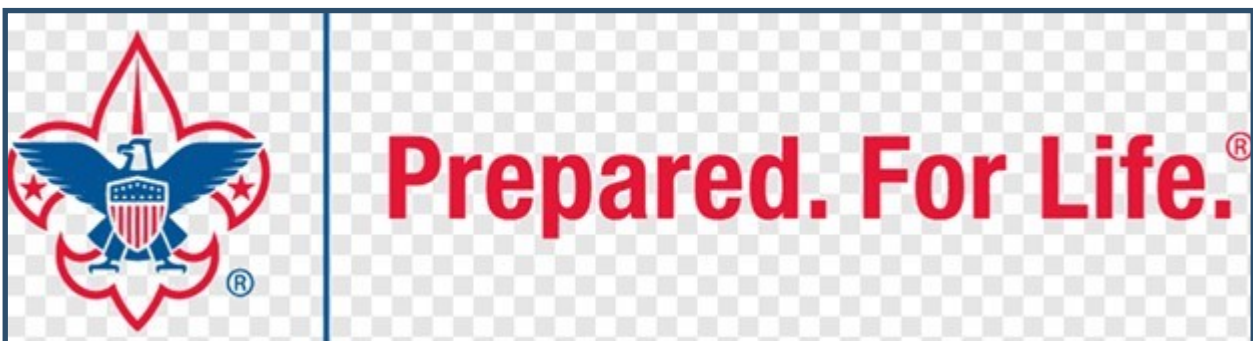
Our Scout year is off to a great start. So far, we have added 15 Scouts to the Pack and 1, possibly 2, to our Troop. Popcorn sales have started and will continue through October 22nd.

Our first Scout outing will be a trip to the Cumberland Airport where the kids will hear a brief talk on aviation and get to see an airplane. Along with Den meetings we are planning outings to the Fire Department, Police Department and possibly a trip to a local dairy farm and may be bringing in the race car again.

In December we plan on holding a Cake Bake. Families will be baking and decorating a cake at home to go into one of three categories: Scout Theme, Christmas Theme, Creative. We are looking for a couple of volunteers to be our judges. If you would like to be a judge, please contact me at [baltslori@gmail.com](mailto:baltslori@gmail.com).

The Troop is looking at a trip to Winter Camp, attending Klondike, and attending a couple of merit badge clinics. They will be joining the Pack on their outings as well. The Troop did spend a week in July at Camp Phillips, sharing a site with a Troop from Neilsville and a Troop from Turtle Lake.

We are looking forward to a fantastic Scout year. Keep your eyes open for more letters and photos. Thank you so much for your continued support of our program.



# A New Class Just for You!

## Life in Motion

Thursday, October 20, 2022

9:30 - 10:15AM

Barron Area Senior Center

12 N 3rd St. Barron, WI



### Why Attend This *Free* Community Class?

Reisa Hilbert, a licensed physical therapist assistant, will lead you through gentle, basic exercises to help *improve your strength, balance, and coordination.*

Call Lori with questions. 715-475-1843  
*Signing of waiver form required at first class.*

**No  
registration  
required.**

**Come join  
in the fun!**



## W/ELCA News

### Happy Fall Everyone!

Quilting has started up after our summer recess. The quilters meet every Thursday at 9 a.m. to noon. Come and join us! We have a fun group. If Thursday mornings do not work for you, but you like to sew you can pick up a quilt top kit from the basket in Luther Hall. Step by step instructions are included.



### BAZAAR

The ladies on the Bazaar Committee are busy planning our Annual Holiday Bazaar and Luncheon to be held on Saturday, November 5<sup>th</sup> from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. come early at 8:30 for homemade cinnamon rolls, hot cider and coffee. A luncheon will be served from 10:30-1:00 featuring choices of soup, sandwiches and dessert. There will be baked goods for sale as well as crafts. Much help is needed from crafters and bakers. Workers are needed for the day of the Bazaar as well. There is a sign-up sheet on the W/ELCA Bulletin Board in Luther Hall.

School kits, bandages and 78 quilts were sent to Lutheran World Relief on October 8<sup>th</sup>. Thank you Francis Felber for taking the boxes up to Bethany Lutheran on Saturday, October 8<sup>th</sup>. There are also several Baby Care Kits and Personal Care Kits that will be taken to Global Health.



Jan Kienbaum,

W/ELCA





~ Annual WELCA ~

# HOLIDAY BAZAAR & LUNCHEON

Saturday, November 5th

8:30 AM

## CINNAMON ROLLS

Homemade  
Cinnamon Rolls,  
Hot Cider & Coffee  
(use South entrance)

9:00 - 2:00

## HOLIDAY BAZAAR

Porch pots, Gnomes,  
Table Runners, Jams  
Plus so much more!

10:30 - 1:00

## SOCIAL LUNCHEON

Choice of soup,  
sandwich or soup &  
sandwich plate, and  
dessert.

• **HOMEMADE LEFSE • BAKE SALE**

## First Lutheran Church

4 W. LaSalle Avenue • Barron

(1 block south of Hwy. 8 on Hwy. 25)

#LIVEGENEROUSLY

– Proceeds to benefit local and global missions –

# BUNCO FUN NIGHT!

## Our BUNCO Event Was a Huge Success!

Twenty dice-rolling folks had lots of fun at Rolling Oaks on September 29th. Most members in the group had never played BUNCO or hadn't played in recent years! Following our dice-rolling, bell-ringing and BUNCO shouting, prizes were handed out for high and low scores while everyone enjoyed pizza, cupcakes, and more visiting. Many thanks to WELCA for the funds provided for pizza and prizes.



## BUNCO will be back by popular demand on a Saturday afternoon in January of 2023!



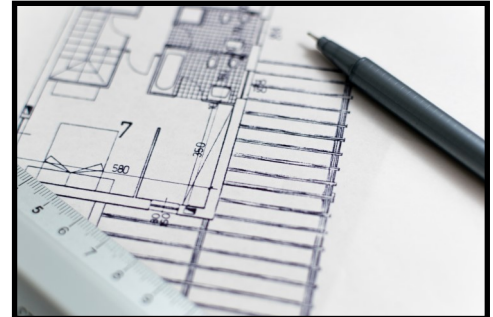
Each person joining the fun will be asked to B-Y-O-B---Buy Your Own Beverage/s-- and donate \$10.00 to cover the cost of pizza/tip, prizes, and cupcakes. Watch for more details and put January's BUNCO day and time on your schedule.

Just a reminder...this is a "**First AND Friends**" activity for ALL AGES---so invite your friends and neighbors to join you!

# FIRST LUTHERAN—FACILITIES & FUTURE

## ***New Facilities update!***

The Facilities and Future Committee has been hard at work this past quarter and we are excited to say that we have plans for our new build! The Master Plan gives us a clear description of what the space will look like in terms of how big the rooms will be and where they will be located. It does not outline the specifics of materials used. For example, we know we have a kitchen, where it is located in the building, and how big the walls will be. What we do not know is what the cabinets are going to be made out of, the color of the floor etc.



Having a Master Plan is a huge step in our planning process. The next step is for the F&F Committee and Council to meet with a capital campaign consultant and have a vitality study done. The vitality study will help give us an idea of how to move forward with the new build. In preparation for the study, the Church Council will spend time cleaning the membership rolls of the church. This is a task that has not been done in over a decade. No time like the present to dust off those record books! We are excited to be entering into this next phase of our build and to see where and how God is calling us to Love Others First.

*Facilities and Future Committee*

## **First Lutheran Committees**

### **Congregation Life:**

Lynn Kolpack

### **Facilities and Future:**

Rod Nordby (chair)

Mark Pedersen

Brittany Homer

Dani Felber

Steve Haugen

Chris Donica

Sheila Erb

Amanda Johnson

### **Worship:**

Ruth Anderson

Nan Carlsen (chair)

Jean Wick

Tamy Severude

### **Outreach:**

Kristi Pedersen (chair)

Amy Beckendorf

Ann Knutson

Judy Rassbach

Lyndsey Kurtz

Ron and Jan Barrett

### **Trust Fund:**

Dallas Sloan (chair)

Lori Springer

Mike Otto

Keith Kolpack

Bruce Rasmussen

Sally Ellison

### **Property:**

Rod Nordby

Vern Hanson

Jim Wichart (chair)

### **First Friends:**

Judy Rassbach (Coordinator)

Nan Carlsen

Kelly Hover

Lynn Kolpack

Carla Nordby

Kristi Pedersen

Carolyn Verhulst

Rod Wiemer

Ann Knutson

*If you feel you would like to be involved in the work of one of these committees, please talk to a committee member or see Pastor Ron.*

## FLC's K-WOW

### Kids and the Word on Wednesdays

### Is Up and Running!

We're having fun while learning about God's love for all of us! We changed to an after-school-on-Wednesdays format because Sunday mornings didn't seem to work for most kids, families, and teachers.

Currently, we have a group of twelve kindergarten thru fourth grade kiddos meeting together with our volunteers: Susan Babler, Bea Lundequam, Mateo Halverson and Lynn Kolpack.

Kids can either be transported by parents or ride BASD school buses to FLC, and then enjoy a snack and visiting time followed by a few minutes of music, a Biblical story, and a follow-up activity or craft.

At 4:55 p.m. parents pick up their children and go home or stay for the 5:00 p.m. worship service and 5:40 p.m. supper. Parents, please think about registering your kindergarten thru fourth-grade kiddos with Patrice in the church office---it's never too late to join K-WOW!

Remember, **K-WOW is for our entire community---not just FLC families!**

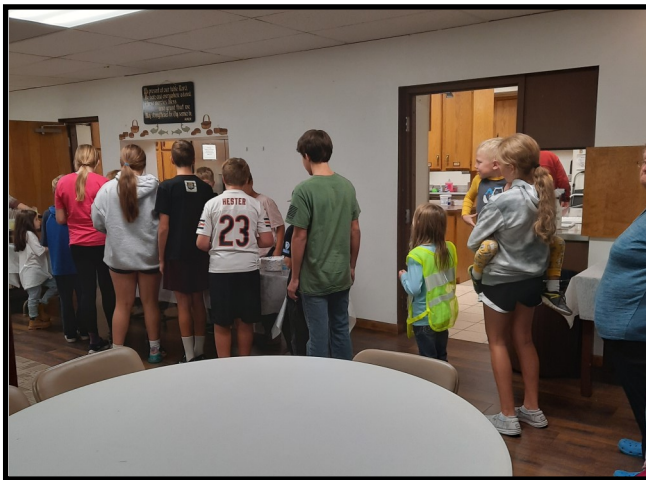


## Baptism:

Congratulations to Roycen Lee Hoff on his baptism on September 25th. Welcome to God's Family at First Lutheran!



*K-WOW and Confirmation Youth Learning and Playing*



## CHRISTMAS TREE DECORATING PARTY!

Join in the celebration and preparation for the birth of our Lord on Sunday December 4th. We will gather after worship to decorate our large tree in Luther Hall with homemade ornaments, lights, and the classic ornaments too. We'll end our time with the lighting and blessing of the tree. Brunch will be served in the Celebration Room and carols sung as we join together in the church family event.



## CHRISTMAS EVE WORSHIP

4:30pm and 7:00pm

Communion and Candle light

will be at both services

## CHRISTMAS DAY WORSHIP

9:00am

This is a family focused event as we gather around the Christmas Tree on this blessed morning to hear the Christmas Story told in creative ways.

## ReCharge in January!

5th thru 8th Graders will be attending ReCharge January 6-7, 2023

Jesus Meets Us in our ever moving and changing lives, yet there is one thing that remains consistent, Christ. The compassion of the cross meets us where we are at in every moment of the day. As Christians, Christ is at the very center of our lives.



**Jesus Meets Us**

**ReCharge 2022-2023**

On the evening of that first day of the week, when the disciples were together, with the doors locked for fear of the Jewish leaders, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you!"

-John 20:19-



It is with a multitude of feelings that I am announcing that effective the end of October I will be moving on to pursue the next challenge in my life and ministry.

Luther Park is an amazing place that has given me many challenges and even more joys. I will great miss the people who make this ministry the effective ministry that it is. The donors, staff, summer staff, campers and parents are amazing.

My almost ten years here has been wonderful, and Luther Park will forever be in my thoughts and prayers.

I am sad to be going as I will truly miss this place and these fantastic people. However, I am also very excited about new challenges.

Blessings

*Keith Newman*



**Practice Wednesdays  
@ 6:30**

**Come early for meal  
served 5:40-6:15**

***All Are Welcome!***



**Lutheran Disaster Response**  
**Evangelical Lutheran Church in America**  
God's work. Our hands.

*"Trust in [God] at all times, O people; pour out your heart before [God]; God is a refuge for us" (Psalm 62:8).*

September 2022

Dear friend,

Recently, several disasters made the news. Here are some of the biggest ones:

- **In Puerto Rico and the Caribbean**, Hurricane Fiona brought torrential rainfall and devastating flooding to the islands. Almost exactly five years after Hurricane Maria, Puerto Rico is again experiencing an island-wide blackout and damaged buildings and infrastructure. Lutheran Disaster Response is working with the Caribbean Synod to develop an immediate response in impacted communities.
- **In Alaska**, the remnants of Typhoon Merbok have caused widespread flooding along the state's western coast. This was one of the worst storms in recent decades in Alaska, with strong waves and heavy rainfall damaging homes, seawalls, roads and other infrastructure. Officials are planning a quick relief period before the water freezes. Lutheran Disaster Response is working with the Alaska Synod to address the needs of those impacted by the storm.
- **In Japan**, Typhoon Nanmadol hit Kyushu, the country's southernmost main island. At least two people were killed and dozens more injured in the storm, which moved northward over Honshu. Wind gusts of over 145 mph and heavy rainfall caused at least one landslide and damaged homes and businesses. We have been in touch with the ELCA's global personnel in Japan.
- **In Papua New Guinea**, a 7.7 magnitude earthquake hit on Sep. 11, with ensuing aftershocks. At least three people died, and many buildings and roads were impacted. There is a strong Lutheran presence in the impacted area, including a Lutheran nursing school connected to the Evangelical Lutheran Church of Papua New Guinea (ELCPNG) that was damaged in the earthquake. We have been in contact with the ELCPNG to discuss a possible response.



## ELCA NEWS (CONT.)

- **In Pakistan**, the summer monsoon flooding is causing a widespread humanitarian crisis. The flooding has killed 1,500 people and up to 7 million people may be displaced. Lutheran Disaster Response is contributing to an ACT Alliance appeal that addresses the needs of flooded communities. Through the appeal, local partners will provide food, temporary shelter and bedding, rebuilding materials and psychosocial support.
- **In Florida**, Hurricane Ian made landfall with near Category 5-strength winds, dumping record amounts of rain and causing catastrophic flooding. Hurricane Ian bore down through Florida and is expected to make landfall again in the Carolinas. Early reports indicate the potential for a substantial loss of life. Ian, as predicted, is one of the worst hurricanes to hit the United States in decades.

These are just the disasters that made the biggest headlines. There are countless smaller disasters that don't make the news. With your gifts to the [Lutheran Disaster Response general fund](#), we can respond to as many as possible – whenever and wherever they strike.

Again and again, you show up for our neighbors impacted by disasters in the United States and around the world. Thank you. Please join me in prayer and partnership to support all those impacted.

In Christ's service,



The Rev. Daniel Rift  
Director, ELCA World Hunger and Lutheran Disaster Response Fund  
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

### Ways to Give

Checks or money orders can be sent to:

**Lutheran Disaster Response**  
**P.O. Box 1809**  
**Merrifield, VA 22116-8009**

Give by phone at **800-638-3522**  
(Monday-Friday, 8:00am-5:00pm CT) or [online](#).



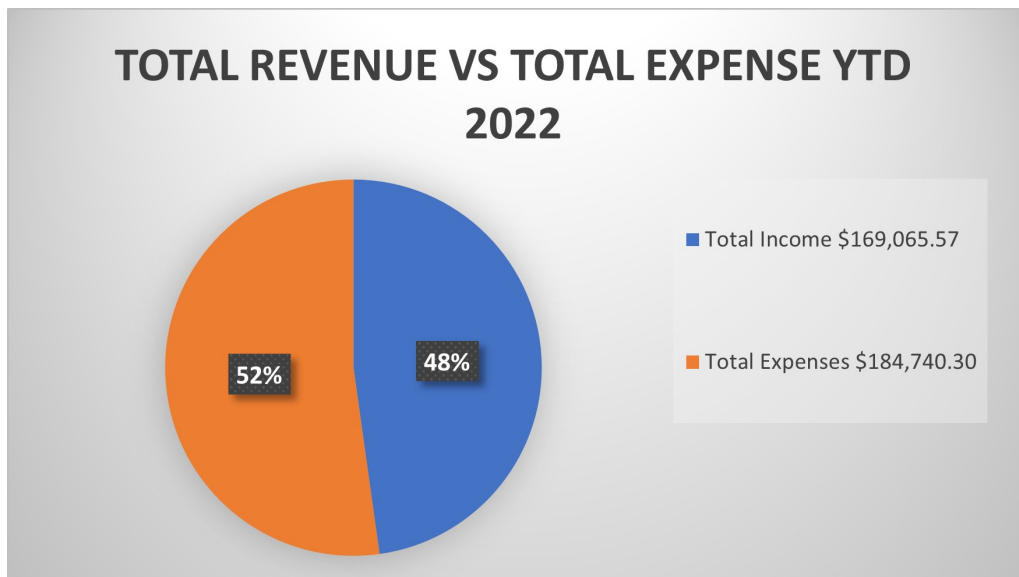
# FINANCIALS

Accounts	Actual Qtr 3	Actual YTD	Annual Budget 2022
<b>Revenues</b>			
Total General Fund Offerings	\$ 50,331.77	\$ 158,185.69	\$ 280,000.00
Total General Fund Other Offerings	\$ 1,661.23	\$ 10,879.88	\$ 14,650.00
<b>Total Revenues</b>	<b>\$ 51,993.00</b>	<b>\$ 169,065.57</b>	<b>\$ 294,650.00</b>
<b>Expenses</b>			
Total Pastoral Expenses	\$ 24,661.68	\$ 74,454.90	\$ 102,472.00
Total All Other Staff	\$ 15,674.54	\$ 51,276.44	\$ 89,324.00
Total Property Committee Expenses	\$ 6,212.25	\$ 21,370.42	\$ 38,900.00
Total Finance - 5400	\$ 393.04	\$ 11,149.03	\$ 13,600.00
Total Faith Formation Expenses -5500	\$ 1,364.24	\$ 2,965.75	\$ 9,700.00
Total Administration - 5900	\$ 2,808.01	\$ 7,380.43	\$ 13,150.00
Total Council Expenses	\$ -	\$ 130.01	\$ 1,500.00
Total Congregational Life - 5800	\$ 254.37	\$ 254.37	\$ -
Total Outreach Expenses - 5700	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 9,675.00	\$ 14,300.00
Total Personnel Expenses - 5300	\$ -	\$ 114.00	\$ 500.00
Total Member Care Expenses - 5600	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 700.00
Total Worship Expenses	\$ 1,256.74	\$ 5,969.95	\$ 10,950.00
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$ 55,624.87</b>	<b>\$ 184,740.30</b>	<b>\$ 295,096.00</b>
<b>Net Total</b>	<b>\$ (3,631.87)</b>	<b>\$ (15,674.73)</b>	<b>\$ (446.00)</b>

Explanation for the above chart:

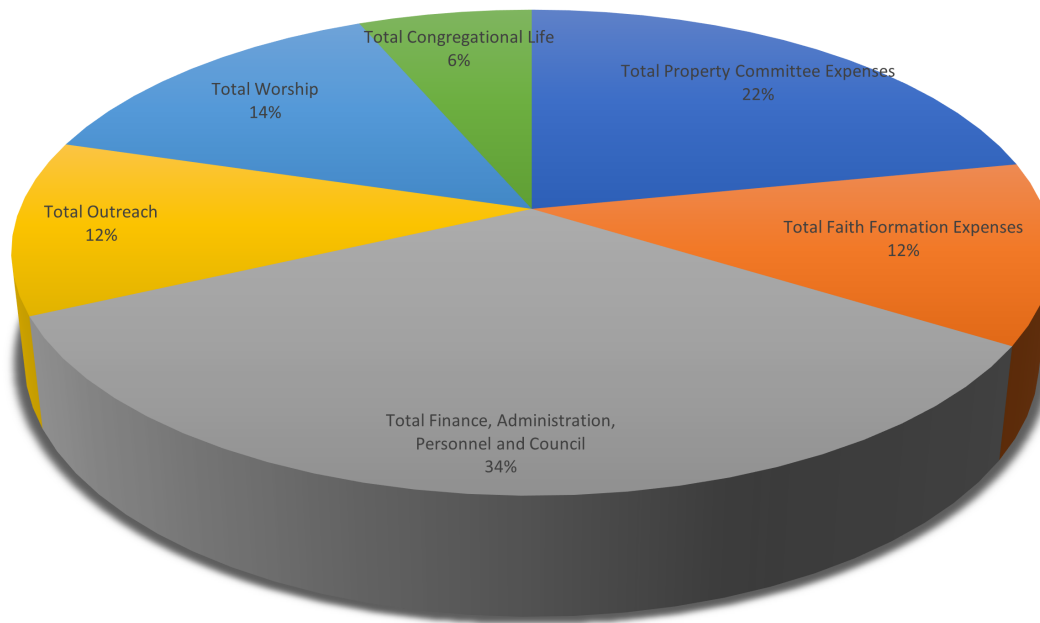
- Column 1 is the actual quarter 3 donations and expenses.
- Column 2 is the year to date donations and expenses.
- Column 3 is the total annual budget.

For questions or clarification of the above expense report or to receive a detailed financial report of expenses please contact the church office.



# FINANCIALS

YTD Total Expenses for Ministry Areas



■ Total Property Committee Expenses      ■ Total Faith Formation Expenses      ■ Total Finance, Administration, Personnel and Council  
■ Total Outreach      ■ Total Worship      ■ Total Congregational Life

*We are able to provide the ministries we have at FLC in large part thanks to the efforts of our amazing staff and team of dedicated volunteers. Because staff enable programming to happen by equipping volunteers, here is a pie chart of our total ministry expenses to help us understand the true cost of what it takes for our ministries to happen. For simplicity in calculations, Pastor Ron's salary is distributed evenly over all the ministry areas. Some expenses are paid in lump sums but allocated quarterly for reporting purposes.*

Thank you for your financial support in God's mission here at First Lutheran Church. Your financial gifts enable us to fulfill our mission to reach out to others with the love of Christ. If you've been thinking about signing up for automated electronic giving, now is a great time to do so. Just go to our website at [www.firstlutheran-barron.org](http://www.firstlutheran-barron.org). And click on the "Give" button at the top right. If you have any questions about the process or need help please don't hesitate to call the church office.

## Ways to Give Electronically

Your financial gifts make all that we do here at FLC possible.

**Give+ Text:** Set up a one time or recurring donation by texting the amount you wish to give to 715-496-6473

**Give+ Mobile App:** Download the 'GivePlus Church' app to set one-time or recurring donations. You can also manage and view your giving from the convenience of your smartphone.

**Give+ Online:** Visit [firstlutheran-barron.org/give](http://firstlutheran-barron.org/give) to set up and manage your one-time and recurring gifts.

# GIFTS AND MEMORIALS

## *For Undesignated*

- \$15.00 In memory of Lorraine Springer  
by Lowell Wohlk
- \$10.00 In memory of Lorraine Springer by  
Maxine Williams
- \$100.00 In memory of Lorraine Springer by Jane  
Rohde
- \$200.00 In memory of Walt and Florence Riese by  
Melinda Goetsch

## *For Quilters*

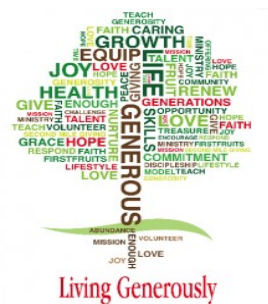
- \$375.00 In memory of Lorraine Springer  
by Dean & Lori Springer

## *For Wednesday Night Meals*

- \$100.00 In memory of Dale Prine by Agnes Prine
- \$300.00 In memory of Harvey and Mabel Nelsen  
by Sharon Nelsen

## *Additional Gifts Received*

- \$56.00 Thrivent Choice Dollars



*Thank you to all who have donated to these designated (and undesignated) funds, we appreciate your love and support of the ministries of First Lutheran Church!*



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Sunday Worship @ 9am on Facebook @FLCBarron

**Church Office Hours: Monday through Thursday 8:00am - 4:00pm**

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- Bookkeeper - Andrea Cox** - Andrea@firstlutheran-barron.org
- Financial Secretary - Shirley Hakari**
- Choir Director - John Krull**

