

HOLY CROSS VOICE

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A Pastoral Perspective

The Ascension of Jesus

Ascension Day is one of the most overlooked feasts in the Church. This is likely because it falls on a Thursday (40 days after Easter... May 14, 2026 for those keep track at home). This year we will be celebrating Ascension Day in Renault with Immanuel, Waterloo. In preparation for the celebration of Christ's ascension, this article will walk through its importance.

As we confess in the creeds, Jesus ascends into heaven to sit at the right hand of the Father. Jesus is enthroned in heaven. The Father's right hand is a position of authority. The whole person of Jesus now makes full use of the divine attributes. What does this mean? Jesus is not restricted by space. He can be in more than one location at a time. Jesus can simultaneously be present in the Lord's Supper at Holy Cross in Renault and Holy Cross in Wartburg.

Because Jesus sits at God's right hand, He rules over all things. Psalm 110:1 tells us: ***“The LORD says to my Lord: ‘Sit at My right hand, until I make your enemies your footstool.’”*** Jesus fulfills this verse by His ascension into heaven. Jesus rules for the sake of His Church. He sits on the throne as the crucified Lord ruling by His grace. As the crucified Lord, He has brought to work the completion of redemption. For this, He is worshipped by men and angels.

The ascension of Jesus means that the Righteous one is our Advocate with the Father (1 John 2:1). His blood is the price for our atonement (Hebrews 9:14). He pleads our case before the Father (Romans 8). He removes Satan and his accusations from the throne of heaven (Revelation 12).

Jesus is our Priest. He intercedes on our behalf before the Father's throne (Hebrews 7). He hears our prayers. He answers our requests. We have a high priest who sympathizes with us.

Jesus ascends so that He might send forth. He sends the Holy Spirit, the Paraclete (John 14, 16, Acts 2). He also sends the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the shepherds, and teachers to equip the saints (Ephesians 4:11-12). At Pentecost we see how these two “sendings” are intertwined. Jesus sends the Holy Spirit upon the apostles who preach the Word to the people. The Spirit works through the proclamation of Christ crucified and risen and is given to those who “repent and are baptized.”

By His ascension Jesus restores the way for humanity to return to the Father. He goes to prepare a place for us. Because He, true God and true man, ascends into heaven, we who are not divine may go to His Father. In other words, the exaltation of the human nature of Christ is of importance to us because it means that we may be received into heaven. Just as Christ's resurrection assures our resurrection, so His ascension assures our ascension.

Ascension Day is every bit as important in the church year as Christmas or Easter. It is a necessary part of our salvation. So join us for Divine Service on May 14 as the Church is built up on the Ascension of Christ. And then stay afterwards to enjoy a root beer float.

Peace,
Pastor Stefanic



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Spiritual Discipline (May):
Read one book of the bible

Hymn of the Month (May):
LSB #493. “A Hymn of Glory
Let Us Sing”

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Dear members of Holy Cross,
 Thank you for your kind and generous gifts of a bookmark and cross. You have all made me feel loved and wanted here at Holy Cross. I look forward to every church gathering. I look forward to the days to come as I grow up here. I would like you all to know that it is beautiful here. We love running free here and enjoying all of nature. Thank you for providing us with this home and being so kind, generous and being there for me. You have all encouraged me so much. Thank you. Sincerely,

Elizabeth Stefanic

A special thank you to Tad Henry, Isabella Corona and Lynnette Candler for serving our Lord as acolytes for the last four years. Your willingness to participate in the worship services are greatly appreciated. Thank you also for being willing to stand in if needed.

Holy Cross Family

We would like to thank the LYF members & families for the delicious Easter breakfast. Your friendly service was gratefully appreciated. Knowing our youth is willing to show their love for Christ melts our hearts. It was wonderful to have time to share with our Holy Cross Family on Easter morning.

Mark & Suzanne Wilson & family

To our Holy Cross family, we would like to thank everyone who was able to attend the Trivia Event on Sunday, April 26. Also, we appreciate the food that was shared at our potluck. It was a fun and enjoyable afternoon. We are truly blessed with such a wonderful Holy Cross family.

Members of the LYF



Wurstmarkt is Sunday, October 25
 Everyone's help is appreciated.

Praise the Father for....

Wendy Mueller, Wayne Johanning, and Sunday School Children for sharing your talents during our Easter Sunday Worship Services. Wendy played the organ during the Son Rise Service; and Wayne played the organ during the 10:00 am service. The Sunday School Children sang during the Son Rise Service. Also, to Pastor Stefanic for his inspirational sermons and children's messages. Our Lord has blessed this congregation with loving hearts and many talents. Thank you for sharing your talents with us.



Holy Cross and LWML



May 6, 2026 10 a.m. and 7:00 p.m.
 in the church social hall

“Overflowing in Comfort?”
on page 16 of the Spring 2026 Quarterly.



Mother's Day Drive



Let's help the mothers out
 Who find themselves needing
 The support of the
 House of Neighborly Service.

WE ARE COLLECTING
 the following items until **Sunday, May 10th:**
 Shampoo, Deodorant, Conditioner, Body Wash
 Pump Hand Soap, Laundry Detergent

Please bring your items to the
 new narthex in the church.
 The Board of Community Outreach thanks you
 for helping meet the needs of these women!
 Thank You!



May 14, 2026

Joint Service at Holy Cross
 With Immanuel Lutheran Church, Waterloo
 7:00 pm with Root beer floats afterwards



Board of Community Outreach

(By Sharon Bartosik)

On Palm Sunday our congregation welcomed Elizabeth Stefanic as a confirmed member of Holy Cross. The Board presented to her from the congregation a handmade wooden cross which was made from tree wood on our property and a personalized bookmark.



The annual Confirmation Reunion was held in April with 59 past confirmands being recognized as far back as 1941. Eleven confirmands joined in our special service and around 60 members and guests stayed for a potluck meal and fellowship that followed in the hall.

The Board is sponsoring a Mother's Day Drive for the House of Neighborly Service up until May 10. We are collecting shampoo, conditioner, body wash, deodorant, pump hand soap and laundry detergent. Our Board would like to thank everyone for supporting the activities we sponsor. We appreciate your contributions for the collections to help others, your attendance at our events, the delicious food you take time to make and bring to our fellowship meals and much more. Bless you all.



Holy Cross Women's Bible Study and LWML News

May 2026

by Linda Keller



- Our next Bible Study will be on **Wednesday, May 6, 2026 at 10:00am and 7:00pm in the social hall.** Our Bible Study will be **“Overflowing in Comfort”** on page 16 of the Spring Quarterly. Join us, for what God's word says, about how we can share our abundant lives and our overflowing blessings to comfort those around us.
- **Up Coming Events:**
- **SID District Convention**—September 11-12, 2026 at Metro East Lutheran High School, Edwardsville, IL. More information to come.



Please keep them in your prayers!

MCMILLERS FROM ROME

Rev Tyler, Yanela, Lia and Alessia McMiller

THE SEMINARY'S

Michael, Ariann, and Jude Conroy
conroym@csl.edu



Greetings from Concordia Seminary!

We are moving quickly through Lent, and quickly through the Semester. The buzz around campus is anticipation of Call Day. The Fourth Year's are waiting to see where their ministry will begin, and us Second Year's are excited to have a year where we aren't spending every waking hour working on homework and will actually get to practice what we've been learning. By the way, if you were wanting to watch Call day to see where I or any other student will get assigned/called to, it will be lived streamed—it should be as simple as googling “CSL Call Day” and the live stream link will be in one of the first websites that pop up. It is just over a month away, April 28th; I will update you in May with the location and congregation we will be serving on Vicarage.

It is crazy to think that Jude was born one year ago, March 18th, (at least by the time you receive this letter) and now he is starting to walk! I always heard adults say that time flies, and as a 3rd grader you can do nothing else but scoff and say, “yeah right! I've been waiting for summer break for ever.” But now, I'm living it. And I don't feel like the days are passing any faster, but I realize how impactful every single day is because I can see before my very eyes how much my own son changes with each day.

I'd like to close my letter with a prayer of thanksgiving: I give thanks to God for the wonderful and generous gifts that you have given to me and my family. We are greatly encouraged and humbled all at once. Encouraged that people like you are behind us every step of the way and committed to the formation of new pastors. And humbled that you have considered us a worthy recipient of your money, which could have been used in so many different, equally important ways. I thank God for calling me into this future vocation, and you for trusting me to be a future minister of Jesus Christ and His Salvation. Blessings in Christ,

Michael, Arianna and Jude Conroy

****CELEBRATING IN MAY****

God's Blessings to Holy Cross Birthdays

- 1 - Cassidy Cowell
- 1 - Alison Yearian
- 2 - Deborah Rosser
- 2 - Don Gariglietti
- 3 - Emma Guebert
- 4 - Nicholas Wetzler
- 5 - Sandra Ottoson
- 6 - Harrison Bartosik
- 6 - Angela Moeller
- 7 - Keith Pigg
- 14 - Kristine Bartosik
- 15 - Lisa Grohmann
- 15 - Kenneth Wilson
- 16 - Tara Lanoue
- 19 - Ryan Braun
- 22 - Joseph Whelan
- 25 - Austin Melliere
- 27 - Andrew Ottoson
- 28 - Jack Bartosik
- 31 - Joseph Braun

Anniversaries

- Robert & Linda Keller..... May 1, 1976
- Joe & Erica Lenhardt..... May 5, 2007
- August & Pamela Melching..... May 8, 1976
- Mason & Kasey Crook May 13, 2023
- Steven & Laura Henry..... May 22, 2004
- Glen & Bonnie MeyerMay 22, 1976
- Rev. James & Sarah Stefanic..... May 23, 2009



- May 5: Pastor-Spring Pastors' Conference, Godfrey
- May 6: Wm Bible Study 10:00 am & 7:00 pm
- May 6: Elders' Meeting 7:00 pm
- May 10: Mother's Day
- May 14: Joint Ascension Day Service @ Holy Cross
- May 15: June Voice Deadline
- May 17: Council Meeting 11:15 am
- Jun 10: Elders' Mtg 7:00
- Jun 10: Wm Bible Study 10:00 am / 7:00 pm
- Jun 17: Council Meeting 11:15 am
- Jun 15: July Voice deadline
- Jun 21: Father's Day
- Jun 22 - 26: VBS Week
- July 6: SS Teachers & Bd of Ch. Ed Mtg 7:15 pm
- Sep 13: Rich in Years Sunday
- July 1: Wm Bible Study 10:00 am & 7:00 pm
- July 1: Elders' Meeting 7:00 pm
- July 6: SS Teachers & Bd of Ch. Ed Mtg 7:15 pm
- July 7: Council Meeting 7:00 pm
- July 12: Voters' meeting 12:30 pm after potluck
- July 20 - 22: Confirmation Retreat @ Camp Wartburg
- Sep 13: Rich in Years Sunday
- Oct 25: HC Wurstmart



Scheduled to Serve in May

May 3:

Elder: Leland Mueller
 Head Usher: Mark Seboldt
 Ushers: Wayne Seders, Steve Henry
 Neil Huntley, John Mark Stefanic
 Acolyte: Megan Moeller
 Counters: Bob & Linda Keller

May 10:

Head Usher: Jim Seboldt
 Ushers: Tim Dougherty, Bella Corona
 Matt Keller, Tad Henry
 Acolyte: Elijah Stefanic
 Counters: Jim & Connie Seboldt

May 17:

Elder: Mark Seboldt
 Head Usher: Don Roth
 Ushers: Mark Ottoson, Donald Schultheis
 Kyle Guebert, Austin Melliere
 Acolyte: Lynnette Candler
 Counters: Bill & Sue Kunkel

May 24:

Elder: Bill Kunkel
 Head Usher: Bill Kunkel
 Ushers: Kenny Schultheis, Bob Keller
 Aimee Corona, Dwight Jacobs
 Acolyte: Bella Corona
 Counters: Ginny Strong & Bonnie Meyer

May 31:

Head Usher: Mark Seboldt
 Ushers: Wayne Seders, Steve Henry
 Neil Huntley, John Mark Stefanic
 Acolyte: Jaxon Pigg
 Counters: Kenny & Sandy Schultheis



REMINDER
 Information for the
June Voice
 is needed by
*****May 15 *****



Happy
Mother's
 Day
May 10, 2026



Vacation Bible School NEWS

By Brenda Seboldt



Tropical Trek – Jesus Comes to Seek and Save

“The Son of Man came to seek and save the lost.”

Luke 19:10

VBS is June 22-26

Our VBS Team:

Pre-K – K: Lynnette Candler

1st & 2nd Grade: Gina Matzenbacher

3rd & 4th Grade: Lisi Stefanic

5th & 6th Grade: Sandra Ottoson

7th & 8th Grade: Suzanne Wilson

Snacks: Cindy Keller and Lydia Chambers

Music: Tiffany Stellhorn and John Mark Stefanic

Opening & Closing: Pastor Stefanic, Tiffany Stellhorn

Games: Sarah Bartosik and Tad Henry

Helpers: Linda Keller, Bella Corona

Director: Brenda Seboldt

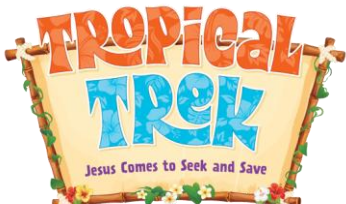
Prayers: Everyone

Snacks: we are doing cookies, Kool-Aid and water. If you are able to donate cookies, please let Cindy Keller or Brenda Seboldt know.

VBS Closing – everyone is welcome!

VBS Students, parents, siblings, grandparents, aunts, uncles and friends are invited to our Closing Celebration for Vacation Bible School on Friday, June 26. The students will share songs and bible verses from through the week.

If you are available to help with VBS please let Brenda know.



Our world is filled with exciting things to explore and enjoy. But there are also challenges and hardships we face along the way. Our loving powerful God desired to help us. He seeks us out and leads us to faith. We can trust Him!

Registration is open for Pre-K (ages 4 years old)
Through 8th grade.

Join us to learn about our mighty God and Jesus our Savior through Bible stories, sing fun songs, do crazy crafts, eat yummy snacks, play awesome games, and *more*.

Can't wait to see you there!

To register, contact 618-604-6666, seboldt1@htc.net or visit <https://vbsmate.com/holycrossrenault>
If possible please register by May 1st.



MOTHER'S DAY HYMN PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Now thank we all our God,
With hearts and hands and voices,
Who wondrous things has done,
In whom His world rejoices;
Who from our mothers' arms
Has blest us on our way
With countless gifts of love
And still is ours today.

Oh, may this bounteous God
Through all our life be near us,
With ever joyful hearts
And blessed peace to cheer us
And keep us in His grace
And guide us when perplexed
And free us from all ills
In this world and the next!

All praise and thanks to God
The Father now be given,
The Son, and Him who reigns
With them in highest heaven,
The one eternal God,
Whom earth and heav'n adore;
For thus it was, is now,
And shall be evermore. Amen.



HOLY CROSS MILITARY MEMBERS:

Joseph Braun, Jr – Army
Ryan Braun - Army
Chauncey Clark – Air Force
Dave Gross - Marine
Donald Heller – Army
David Keller - Army
Harold Keller, Jr. - Army
Robert Henerfauth - Army
Duke Hinrichs - Army
Wayne Johanning – National Guard
Roger Johnson – National Guard
Larry Matzenbacher – Army Reserves
Keith Pigg - Marines
Kris Skiles - Army
Roger Toenjes – Army

Thank you,

*for your sacrifice, your
youth & your time.*





(By Jenny Candler)

At the April meeting, we reviewed the Laser Tag on March 28 and started organizing Trivia questions. Our next meeting will be May 3.

The LYF breakfast went very well. We are very glad that so many joined us. The kids worked very well together to get everything done. Thank you to all the parents, grandparents, and other congregational members for your contributions and help setting up, cleaning up, and donation of desserts.

On April 26, we had our Trivia Event for our Holy Cross Family. There were 42 members that attended. Our categories were Pop Culture, Geography, Horsepower, Grab Bag, Disney, Sports, Animals, History, Bible and Movies. The four teams were evenly matched. LYF members did a great job of researching their questions.



Acolyte May Schedule:

- 3: Megan
- 10: Elijah
- 17: Lynnette
- 24: Bella
- 31: Jaxon



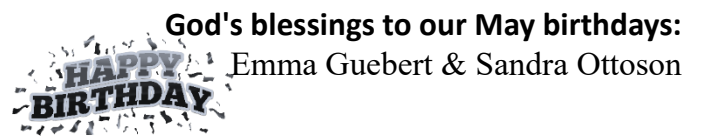
Upcoming events:

LYF are doing short skits at the SS openings
 July 20 - 22 Confirmation Retreat
 At Camp Wartburg
 More information in June's Voice



(By Suzanne Wilson)

On April 5, our Sunday School Easter Celebration started with the Easter Story. The children helped turn pages as the story was read. We continued our celebration with a scavenger hunt for Easter Symbols in the Sunday School rooms. Then we played pin Jesus on the donkey and Easter Candy Dice game. Before we knew it, the time came for the next church service to start.



God's blessings to our May birthdays:

Emma Guebert & Sandra Ottoson

Happy May baptismal anniversaries:

Andrew Candler, Garrett Braun,
 Tad Henry, Jaxon Pigg, Raylan Pigg,
 Aimee Corona, Isabella Corona,
 Megan Moeller & Ashton Matthews
 Celebrating on May 17.



Upcoming Events

May 25 – Bells TBA
 June 22 - 26 VBS week

Sunday School Scheduled to Serve in May:

May 3:

Acolyte: Lynnette
 Am. Flag: Abigail
 Ch Flag: Hannah
 Greeter: Elizabeth
 Offering Usher: Johnna
 Pledge Boards: Bart

May 10:

Acolyte: Tad
 Am. Flag: Elizabeth
 Ch Flag: Miriam
 Greeter: Andrew
 Offering Usher: Matty
 Pledge Boards: Aimee



May 17:

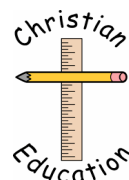
Acolyte: Bella
 Am. Flag: Miriam
 Ch Flag: Rebekah
 Greeter: Elijah
 Offering Usher: Craig
 Pledge Boards: Tad

May 24:

Acolyte: John Mark
 Am. Flag: Hannah
 Ch Flag: Ella
 Greeter: Emma
 Offering Usher: Kamden
 Pledge Boards: Bella

May 31:

Acolyte: Bart
 Am. Flag: Matty
 Ch Flag: Elijah
 Greeter: Craig
 Offering Usher: Joshua
 Pledge Boards: Lynnette



Sunday School Teachers & Board of Christian Education Meeting:

July 6 at 7:15 pm



April Voters' Meeting

HOLY CROSS LUTHERAN CHURCH

April 27, 2026, at 7:00 pm

President, James Seboldt, called the meeting to order and Pastor Stefanic opened with devotions and prayer.

There were 14 members with no guest or new members at this time.

The Minutes from February 2, 2026, meeting was read and approved as presented.

The Financial Secretary Report and Treasurer's Report was presented by the president in the absence of Bonnie Meyer and Sue Kunkel.

A motion was made to accept the Financial Reports as presented. The motion was seconded and carried.

The Pastor's Report was presented by Pastor Stefanic who explained requests for membership transfer from St. Marks Evangelical Lutheran Church in Steeleville, IL for Mary & Sara Beth Weiser to Holy Cross has been received. In addition, the following are requesting their membership be transferred out from Holy Cross Renault: Jennifer Schremp, Aaron Schremp, Carson Schremp, Garrett Schremp, Steven Sickmeier, and Carolyn Sickmeier. May 13, 2026, Holy Cross will host a joint Ascension Day service at 7:00 p.m. Pastor Hator of Immanuel Lutheran Waterloo will help officiate the service. Afterwards the Stefanic family will provide Root Beer floats. Pastor Stefanic and family will be on vacation June 1 – 10th with Tony Troup officiating Sunday June 7, 2026. Camp Wartburg will host a three-day Confirmation Retreat from July 22 - 24, 2026. Pastor will be attending his previous church 100th anniversary service on the weekend of July 25 & 26th.

The Board of Elders Report was presented by Lee Mueller in the absence of Bill Kunkel. He stated that the elders with Pastor Stefanic approved the burial of Bill and Brenda Freestone cremated remains at Holy Cross Renault. The Cemetery Board will meet and make recommendations to the voters for committal of future cremated remains.

There was no Board of Finance report.

The Board of Trustees Report was presented by Dwight Jacobs. After discussion of three bids for the installation of storm windows to protect the church stain glass windows, it was decided the trustees should continue research for more information. In the meantime, there will be a request for volunteers to clean up and paint the wood around the windows.

The Board of Community Outreach report was presented by Sharon Bartosik. They held Friendship Sunday on February 15, 2026, by encouraging all members to bring friends and family to worship with the members of Holy Cross. Valentine cards were sent to the special care and Rich in Years members along with college student members. The Board of Community Outreach, on behalf of the congregation, gave a gift of a handcrafted wooden cross and personalized bookmark to this year's confirmand, Elizabeth Stefanic. The annual Confirmation Reunion was held on April 12, 2026. 59 invitations were sent out to former confirmands with years ending in 1 and 6. Eleven confirmands attended along with 60 people enjoying a meal and fellowship afterwards. The Board is holding a Mother's Day Drive for the House of Neighborly Service by collecting personal hygiene items up until May 10th. The board is currently working on updating our church's Welcome Brochure.

The Board of Education and Sunday School Superintendent Report was presented by Suzanne Wilson. Movie night was held on Friday, February 6, 2026, featuring the movie "CARS". There were 15 children who played the bells at the Friendship Sunday service on February 15. In February, the LYF members started reading skits during the opening of Sunday School. In March, the children did "Jesus Bingo" for the children to do something more in place of giving up something during lent. On March 29, the Sunday school children sang "My Hope is Built on Nothing Less" chosen by Elizabeth Stefanic for Confirmation Sunday

Suzanne explained the LYF held a congregation Bingo event on January 10 with an estimated 50 people attending. March 22 four members attended English Country Dancing event in Centralia. On March 28 fifteen youths and three adults enjoyed Laser Tag at the Edge in Belleville.

OLD BUSINESS:

No old business.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Discussion of the unused Memorials for church use was held.

There being no further business, *a motion was made and seconded to adjourn the meeting.* The meeting closed with The Lord's Prayer.

*Respectfully submitted by Wendy Mueller,
Congregational Secretary*





Financial Secretary Report

January 1, 2026 – March 31, 2026

General Fund

Envelope offerings.....	\$ 42,323.08
Plate offerings.....	1,674.00
Sunday School offerings.....	207.00
Ash Wednesday offering.....	1,090.00
Hall rental	75.00
Interest (LCEF W. Meyer estate)	592.06
Lenten offerings.....	2,311.00
Thrivent Choice Dollars.....	<u>148.00</u>
Total receipts.....	\$ 48,420.14

Synod & District

Envelope offerings.....	\$ 3,905.00
Birthday offerings	5.00
Sunday School offerings (last Sunday).....	<u>61.00</u>
Total receipts.....	\$ 3,971.00

Together in Mission.....\$ 950.00

Unity Lutheran Christian Elementary School.....\$ 490.00

Non-Budget

Cemetery Fund (Dean Hudson)	\$ 50.00
Cemetery Fund (Mary Veach)	25.00
Christmas Eve	100.00
(Camp Wartburg, Lutheran Indian Ministries and Lutheran Special Education)	
Installation offering (LCMS Seminary)	327.00
Life Network of Southern IL.....	140.00
LWML Mites.....	353.00
Memorial (Joyce Heller)	<u>825.00</u>
Total receipts.....	\$ 1,820.00

Total receipts 1st Qtr. 2026.....\$ 55,651.14

Reaching our Goals

	General Fund	Synod District	TIM	Unity
Goal	39,971.	2,500.	750.	126.
Receipts	<u>48,420.</u>	<u>3,971.</u>	<u>950.</u>	<u>490.</u>
+ / -	8,449.	1,471.	200.	364.

Bonnie Meyer, Financial Secretary



Treasurer's Report

January 1, 2026 – March 31, 2026

General Fund

Balance, January 1, 2026	\$ 31,787.76
Receipts	48,420.14
Disbursements	<u>(42,821.21)</u>
Balance, March 31, 2026	\$ 37,386.69

Disbursements

Preaching the Gospel Among Us

Pastor Stefanie taxable salary	\$ 10,140.88
Pastor Stefanie SS/Med	775.75
Pastor Stefanie Mileage	1,011.24
Pastor Stefanie FSA for 2026	3,400.00
Benefit Plans	<u>7,019.30</u>

SID 2025 Convention	322.25
Pastor Boeder Salary	1,706.25
Pastor Boeder Mileage	<u>180.08</u>
Total Preaching the Gospel Among Us	\$ 24,555.75

Teaching the Gospel Among Us

Confirmation	\$ 41.98
Lutheran Witness	489.52
Portals of Prayer	216.93
Sunday School	279.51
VBS	<u>223.33</u>
Total Teaching the Gospel Among Us	\$1,251.27

Care of God's Properties

Clements Cleaning Service	\$ 1,560.00
Country Mutual Ins Co. (paid qtrly)	2,942.64
Electricity	1,835.64
Fountain Water District	211.65
Gateway FS – LP	3,653.39
HTC	403.08
Prairie du Rocher Fire Annual Dues	120.00
Reliable Sanitation	187.95
Sharon Bartosik cleaning (38 hours)	646.00
Shock Electric	335.00
Wiring	43.50
Water heater repairs	62.38
Ace Hardware – mulch	<u>111.72</u>
Total Care of God's Properties	\$12,112.95

Efficient Administration

Bulletins	\$ 16.75
Candles	139.05
Checks, deposit slips & binder	239.51
Office Expenses	440.09
Organist Salaries	950.00
Republic Times	121.12
Secretary's Salary (net)	1,246.72
IRS-SS & Med: Secr (\$103.29) & Ch (\$103.29)	206.58
Stamps (\$314.42) paper (\$142.74 Web (\$97.00)	554.16
Supplies	534.65
Wine & Wafers	<u>61.93</u>
Total Efficient Administration	\$3,956.40

Miscellaneous

Board of Com Outreach –	
Confirmation Reunion Stamps	\$ 46.80
Confirmation gown cleaning	11.95
Glen Meyer gift certificate	50.00
Life Network of So. IL banquet sponsorship	300.00
Lisa's Market Street – Installation dinner	<u>536.09</u>
Total Miscellaneous	\$ 944.84

Total 1st Quarter Disbursements \$42,821.21

Synod & District Received and Dispersed \$3,971.00

Together in Mission Received & Dispersed \$ 950.00

Unity Luth. Christian Elementary School Received & Dispersed \$ 490.00

Non-Budget - Received & Disbursed

Christmas Eve donation	\$ 100.00
Cemetery Fund Memorial Dean Hudson	\$ 50.00
Church Memorials Joyce Heller	\$ 825.00
Cemetery Memorial Mary Veach	\$ 25.00
Installation Day offering – LCMS Seminary	\$ 327.00
Lifework of Southern Illinois	\$ 140.00
LWML – Mites	<u>\$ 353.00</u>
Total Non-Budget	\$ 1,820.00

(Treasurer's Report from page 8)

Bank of Monroe County MMDA #83479

Balance, January 1, 2026	\$37,163.78
Income: Interest	105.63
Cemetery Fund Memorials	
Dean Hudson	50.00
Mary Veach	25.00
Church Fund Memorials	
Joyce Heller	825.00
Disbursements:	
Moving expenses	(3,165.27)
Pastor Stefanic computer	(1,073.93)
Dishwasher (Wurstmarkt funds)	(4,425.83)
Library books (Jane Matzenbacher Memorials)	(133.29)
Balance, March 31, 2026	\$29,371.09

Balance Includes:

Interest	\$ 1,756.95
Memorials for church use	13,530.39
Memorials for cemetery	550.00
Wurstmarkt 2025 profit	6,664.84
Apple butter 2025 profit	1,801.81
Apple butter 2024 profit	1,745.54
Portion of funds from E. Offermann	3,106.61
General Fund	<u>214.95</u>
Total	\$29,371.09

State Bank CD #45692

Victor Jacobs & Maxine Schmidt Funds

Balance, January 1, 2026	\$71,706.63
Income: Interest	<u>567.56</u>
Balance March 31, 2026	\$72,274.19
36 Month CD – 3.21% interest – Matures 3/21/2028	
(All or part may be taken out without penalty)	

State Bank CD #44615

Balance, January 1, 2026	\$26,590.50
Income: Interest	<u>250.66</u>
Balance, March 31, 2026	\$26,841.16

Balance includes:

Interest	\$ 1,591.16
General Fund	3,772.71
Wurstmarkt/Apple butter	
2011/2012	\$10,000.00
2012-2015	3,534.63
William Schmidt funds	<u>7,942.66</u>
Total	\$26,841.16
30 Month CD – 3.74% interest – Matures 2/20/2027	
(All or part may be taken out without penalty)	

State Bank CD #46712

Maxine Schmidt Estate

Balance, January 1, 2026	\$89,225.24
Income: Interest	<u>706.22</u>
Balance March 31, 2026	\$89,931.46
36 Month CD – 3.21% interest – Matures 12/15/2028	
(All or part may be taken out without penalty)	

State Bank CD # 45529

Balance, January 1, 2026	\$24,823.19
Income: Interest	<u>200.84</u>
Balance March 31, 2026	\$25,024.03
36 Month CD – 3.21% interest – Matures 8/20/2028	
(All or part may be taken out without penalty)	
(Funds in St Bk Cemetery CD is to be used only for future cemetery care.)	

LCEF CD# 0523

Balance, January 1, 2026	\$48,118.15
Income: Interest	<u>375.72</u>
Balance, March 31, 2026	\$48,493.87
18 Month CD – 4.0% interest – Matures 6/26/2028	

Balance Includes:

Interest (Tuition Assistance Fund)	\$14,832.66
General Fund	\$98.99
Apple butter 2018 profit	\$1,600.18
Wurstmarkt 2018 profit	\$6,525.65
Wurstmarkt & Apple butter 2019	\$9,111.20
Apple butter 2023	\$1,784.18
Wurstmarkt 2023	\$8,497.32
Wurstmarkt	<u>\$6,043.69</u>
Total	\$48,493.87

CD #8150 LCEF Wilbert Meyer Estate

Certificate renewed August 29, 2024
 (4.25% interest) Wilbert Meyer Estate for \$56,497.61
 Per instructions of the estate, these funds are to be invested in LCEF with LCEF as the beneficiary. Holy Cross will receive only the interest from this investment.
 Note: Voters at the January 2026 Voters' Meeting decided that this interest will continue to be added to our General Fund.

Sue Kunkel, Treasurer



Directory Changes:

If anyone has any mailing address, email address or phone number changes, please turn this information into the church office.

Thank you.

