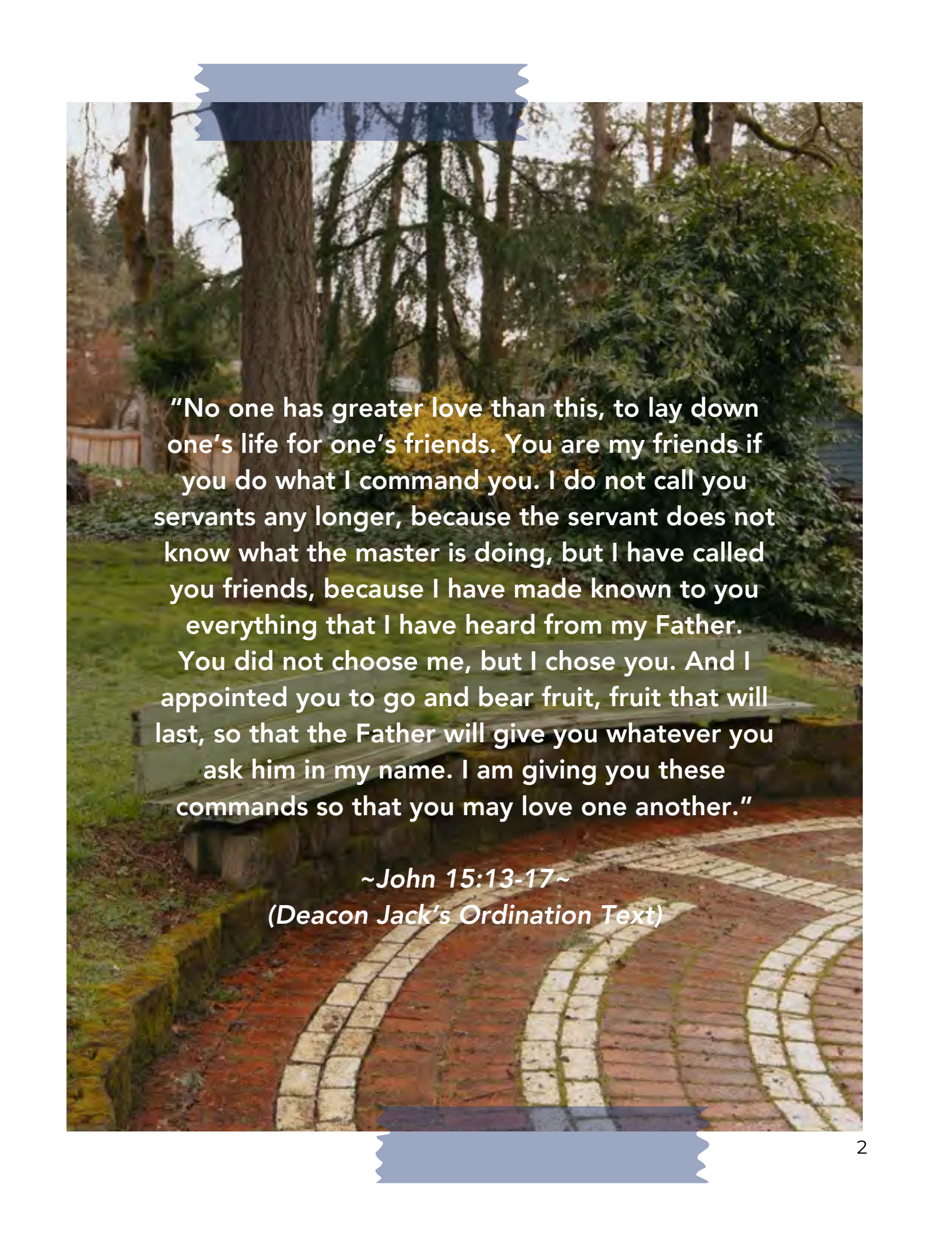


ANNUAL REPORT

West Linn Lutheran Church



**CLASS
OF
2025**



"No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you. I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing, but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father. You did not choose me, but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another."

~John 15:13-17~

(Deacon Jack's Ordination Text)

Congregational Annual Meeting

February 1st, 2026

Opening Prayer: Pastor John Barton

Establish Quorum

Approval of the 2025 Annual Meeting Minutes

President's Remarks: Karl Wright

Pastor's Remarks: Pastor John Barton

Deacon's Remarks: Deacon Jack Mandeville

Accept 2025 Financials

Approve 2026 Budget

Elect 2026 Council Members

New Business from the Floor

Closing Prayer: Karl Wright

Adjourn

A MESSAGE FROM PRESIDING BISHOP YEHIEL CURRY

Dear friends in Christ,

As Lutherans, we are set free to love our neighbors and seek justice. In Colossians 2, we read: "As you therefore have received Christ Jesus the Lord, continue to walk in him, rooted and built up in him and established in the faith, just as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving" (6-7).

I am abounding in thankfulness for you, church. You are an integral part of this mission as we envision a world experiencing the difference God's grace and love in Christ make for all people and creation. The ministries of congregations including yours, our synods and the ELCA churchwide organization are all working together today and every day so more people may know the way of Jesus and discover community, justice and love. From providing food to people experiencing hunger, to helping train the next generation of leaders that will lead this church, your support is at work here at home and around the world.

Your generosity to each of the three expressions of the church — your congregation, your synod and the churchwide organization — has made it possible for us to do this work

together. Your financial resources, your time volunteering and accompanying others, and your voices are so valued.

As we look ahead to the coming year, I encourage you to continue to walk in Christ, remembering you are rooted and established in faith, and free to love and serve your neighbors. Thank you, church, for the ways you connect with and support our siblings across the ELCA and in our communities.

In Christ,



A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Yehiel Curry".

The Rev. Yehiel Curry
Presiding Bishop
Evangelical Lutheran
Church in America

"As you therefore have received Christ Jesus the Lord, continue to walk in him, rooted and built up in him and established in the faith, just as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving."

—Colossians 2:6-7



Oregon Synod



January 2nd, 2026

Dear Beloved of Christ in the Oregon Synod, Blessings as you gather in the name of the Jesus! My prayers are with you as you seek to continue to do justice, love kindness and walk humbly with your God. As you prepare for all the decisions ahead in your 2026 congregational meeting, God bless you and keep you. In these times of major change and disruption across our nation and our world, I am grateful for our oneness in Christ's liberating love. With courage and compassion, may we be for one another and for others the Body of Christ — living reminders that we are never alone, but always awash in God's peace, justice and grace. Please save the date and prepare for our upcoming Synod Assembly

which will be May 30, 2026. In the spirit of the Prophet Isaiah, we will be trying a new thing this year. This year's approach will mean fewer hours in online Zoom business meetings, which many of you have asked for. So, please keep your hearts and minds open and stay tuned for more information soon!

Our focus in the Office of the Bishop this year is on helping cultivate congregational health and vitality, supporting the unfolding church of the future, creating alignment for our spiritual mission across all of our work and ministry, and building up leaders in Christ who are connected, creative, collaborative, courageous and compassionate.

As in years past, there are a couple of things to consider as you prepare for Synod Assembly 2026:

1) **Voting members.** Please elect voting members who are comfortable with technology, including email, Zoom, Word and Google, and who will actively engage their hearts, minds and souls in all pre-session conversations.

2) **Additional voting members.** If possible, we encourage you to elect “additional voting members” as described in the constitution and rules of the assembly (both which you can find on our website). Additional members can be constituted of: up to 2 people who identify LGBTQIA+, up to 2 people for whom English is not their first language AND up to 2 Youth/Young Adult voting members).

With your continuing prayers, financial mission support and deepening relationships in the name of Jesus, our synod is becoming a shimmering web of relationship, capable of befriending one another, our planet, our scripture and our diverse neighbors with kindness and grace. In so doing, we can become more than we dare dream or imagine, transformed by the renewing of our lives and minds.

I look forward to sharing in this work with you throughout this new year. Let us dare to love one another and walk the Way of Christ’s courageous love together!

Yours in hope,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Laurie L. Caesar". The signature is written in a dark ink and is positioned below the text "Yours in hope,".

Bishop Laurie Larson Caesar
Oregon Synod, ELCA



Ephesians 1:16-18

“I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers, that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, so that, *with the eyes of your heart enlightened*, you may perceive what is the hope to which *God has called you.*”



Pastor's Report



Dear Faithful Friends and Family in Christ,

What an eye-opening year this has been for me and for our shared ministry through, and out from, West Linn Lutheran Church. My second year in ministry here felt as full of firsts as my first year, but blended in with some of the richness of some of the established traditions, rhythms, and relationships that come with this time. A snapshot of that blend includes:

*Take a look at the various pictures here, with retreats and holy times (numbered descriptions below).
*The honor and privilege of helping to plan, participate in, and preach at Deacon Jack's ordination. *
Revamping the Confirmation Program with the help of the 8 confirmands and as many teachers. *
(continued on back)

- 1) Confirmation Campers spelling WLLC (along with 8 total confirmation students in class at church).
- 2) Christmas Eve's Drummer Processional.
- 3) Congregational Retreat to Holden Village.
- 4) 1st ever WLLC Men's Retreat, at Camp Lutherwood.
- 5) Easter Fellowship.
- 6) Deacon Jack's ordination. (back)
- 7) International visit with our Hungarian/Romanian Lutheran siblings, the Kajcsas. (back)





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you.”

* Making a concerted effort in producing a more rounded and multifaceted Stewardship program that affects more of the year than only the pledge campaign. A highlight of the expanded program was the Volunteer Appreciation Sunday, where the worship volunteers had the day off and were thanked and prayed for during the service. *

Adult Faith Formation: * An adaptation of Curiosity Class has turned into a year of gathering, viewing, and faithfully discussing the show “The Chosen” and how the show’s depiction of Jesus’ life affects our individual faith.* Movie days around the Reformation, the Philadelphia II, and “Acts of Reparations” gave us a new look into localized and historical justice-seeking meeting faith. * And of course, our series of the various “Deacon Days” prepared and educated us in what a deacon is in the ELCA, readying us for who Deacon Jack would continue to be among us as our deacon. *

All of this life in ministry is a celebration of life and faith together, all acts of praise and worship to God who accompanies and empowers us in our walk of faith. As the writer to the Ephesians said: *“with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may perceive what is the hope to which God has called you.”*

With eyes wide open, God is calling you! All of you are called through faith in Jesus Christ, called together with neighbors in our backyard and clear around the world (like Romania) to spread hope and spread the Good News of the One who opens our eyes and our hearts to one another and to new ways of being church, new ways of fulfilling Jesus' commandments to love one another!

So, in the coming year, may the eyes of your heart remain enlightened, may you remember God's call for you, and may
Creator, Christ and Holy Spirit, bless you and keep you,
Almighty and All-tender God’s face shine on you with grace and mercy.
Christ the Risen Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace. Amen!

Faithfully yours in God’s grace and love,
Pastor John Barton



John Barton

Deacon's Letter

The year 2025 was a meaningful one at West Linn Lutheran Church—full of growing relationships, deeper engagement, and much gratitude. It was also the year I completed my formation and was ordained to the Word and Service roster of the ELCA. I am deeply thankful for the prayers, encouragement, and financial support this congregation offered along the way. Your trust and care made this ministry—and my ordination—possible.

Justice, Inclusion, and Stewardship

Justice-centered ministry shaped much of our work this year, especially through hands-on opportunities to live out God's Work. Our Hands. Alongside the Oregon Synod and ecumenical partners, we focused on climate justice and resilience as expressions of faithful stewardship. Over time, this work grew into a congregation-wide emphasis on Earth Care that brought worship, learning, shared meals, and practical action together—including recycling education and community engagement. These efforts invited us to connect our faith with everyday practices of caring for our neighbors and creation.

Our Reconciling in Christ (RIC) ministry also continued to grow. Planning throughout the year led to a shared ecumenical presence at Portland Pride, where ELCA, Episcopal, and UCC partners offered a public blessing and welcome. I also served at the Sacred Space Tent, providing pastoral presence. Inside the church, bulletin boards highlighting Pride, Juneteenth, The Father's Heart, and HOPE helped keep welcome and inclusion visible and ongoing.



Care Ministry

Care remained at the center of this ministry. The Good Samaritan Team met monthly to stay connected to care needs and to coordinate visits, calls, and notes. I continued weekly card-writing, hospital visits, prayer chain support, and pastoral care meetings with individuals and families.

Our commitment to caring beyond our walls also deepened. WLLC began serving monthly meals at The Father's Heart, with a growing team preparing food, coordinating donations, and exploring grant and fundraising support. We also continued offering limited financial assistance, including gas cards, to those who stopped by the church needing help.





Formation, Leadership, and Partnerships

Opportunities for learning and formation were woven throughout the year. Bible study and Dinner Church during Lent offered accessible spaces for conversation and connection. Additional learning explored the diaconal role, women's ordination, and Lutheran identity, with plans in place for continued study and boundaries training for staff and volunteers.

Behind the scenes, leadership and partnership work continued through staff collaboration, worship planning, building oversight, and strengthening relationships with community partners to support long-term sustainability. I also served as a delegate to the Oregon Synod Assembly and stayed engaged in wider synod leadership.

With Thanksgiving and Hope

My formation continued throughout the year and concluded with my ordination on September 28, 2025. Thank you, West Linn Lutheran Church, for walking with me through this journey and for your steady commitment to care, justice, welcome, and service. It is a joy and a privilege to serve among you as Deacon, and I look forward to where the Spirit will lead us next.

Jack Hamie Mandel



Council Letter

It has been a privilege and a pleasure to serve as the council president this year. It has been a good year with just enough challenges to make it interesting. I believe we start the new year in great shape.

I would like to thank my fellow council members for their service, I could not have asked for a finer group of people, and I could not have done it without them. I would also like to the congregation as whole. Never forget that the Church is not the building, not the pastoral staff, not the council, but YOU. Your volunteerism, support, and most importantly fellowship are what makes this place work. They say a good Church never lets a newcomer be a stranger but also never overwhelms them. Good job all.

Looking at the high points of the year, the highest would have to be the ordination of Jack Mandeville as our deacon. For years Jack has been one who gets things done and now, I'm sure, will continue to be a blessing to our Church. Thanks to all who helped make the event a success. (As I praise Jack, realize I don't mean to lessen the value of our Pastor, the right man came to us and we were smart enough to recognize that fact.)

I would also like to give many thanks to those who helped welcome pastor Laslo from Sachele. It took a lot of attention to details to make things go smoothly. It refreshed and strengthened It is always good to keep the ties with our fellow Lutherans so far away.

Also, I want to thank all who, as they were able, helped to keep us financially strong. At the start of November we were running behind, but the support came in and we ended up in fine shape. Katrina, our bookkeeper, has done a wonderful job and has the books in impeccable shape.

Thanks also to groundskeepers. As things became more and more of a burden, they came up with a plan, and now we have Ian working at keeping things tidy. He does a great job and is a blessing to us.

Although I will be a one-term president, I know that a fine member will rise up and do a great job. I must ask that if you have never been on the council, or if it was a long time ago, that you consider joining us. It is a good group of people, congenial and willing to respectfully discuss issues.

You will find it not to be a burden but rather a great experience.

Karl Wright, Council President

Altar Guild

It's been a lovely year for the Altar Guild Team! Early in the year, we did get an on-demand water heater installed in the sacristy. And, we've added a new team member who is not only under-60, he's under 20 years old! Welcome to Koen Brookhyser! I should note that certain family members (like Lucia Olson) are also regulars in the sacristy. Thank you to all our unnamed servants!

In past years, I've mostly cleaned up after communion on Sundays. The teams work well this way as some of us prefer serving on Saturday and some of us live farther away so it's easier to just "work" on Sundays. But this year, I've prepared for communion more often. I have to tell you, this is the best! It's quiet and peaceful in the sanctuary on Saturdays. I am able to think of all the people I am setting the Table for as I cut bread, pour wine/grape juice, arrange the altar. And pray. It calms my soul.

Perhaps you'd be interested in joining Altar Guild in 2026. We rotate assigned groups (of 2 or 3) every 2 weeks, meaning everyone "works" 2 weeks, then is off for about 2 months. We'd love to expand our team! Please consider joining us. Detailed training is available!

Contact Gretchen Dumestre (JGDumestre@msn.com, 503-504-6921) or the church office if you are interested.

In faith and hope,

Gretchen Dumestre & your WLLC Altar Guild: Sandy Bottemiller, Terry Bottemiller, Jim Dumestre, Koen Brookhyser, Jan Jones, Kris Olson, Laurie Cook, Jan Eppelsheimer, Dede Carr, Sue Harvey, Brenda Hummelt



The Audio Visual Ministries Team provides the behind-the-scenes technical support to provide sound and visual elements that support our our worship services, but also for special services like memorial services, special seasonal services, and any event that requires audio visual needs.

The technical support includes Video production and sound amplification for in-sanctuary viewing and for our livestream viewers on our YouTube channel, and graphics projection for song lyrics and elements of liturgy. Depending on the needs of any service or event, we have as many as three volunteers providing the technical services. The Video Director controls our three cameras, selecting from camera to camera to get the best angle; The Soundboard Operator mixes the sound for listeners in the sanctuary as well as for the people watching the livestream from home; The Graphics Operator makes sure the proper slides are being projected for song lyrics, liturgical elements, and scripture readings. All our services are archived and available for viewing on our YouTube channel. We also provide a sermon-only video for each service, for anyone wishing to re-watch a sermon.



I want to publicly thank our current volunteers, without whom none of this would be possible: Anthony Calcagno, Dianne Eller, Jon Gudman, Gabe Lenihan, Greg Lenihan, Tom Lenihan, Nick Maggi, and Jeff Young. Beginning early this year, some of our Confirmation students will be trained as additional AV operators. we are very excited for their participation!

Anyone who may be interested in joining our team, please know you need no experience at all! We can train you, and we won't turn a task over to you until we know you are comfortable doing it! Stop by the AV console after any service if you have any questions about what we do, or if you are considering exploring your secret desires of being a TV director or a soundboard operator!

Special thanks to Jordan Barton and Karl Wright. Karl pulls together all service elements into our weekly worship guide, and Jordan takes those elements to create the slides you see on Sunday morning! We have a great team!

Yours in Christ,

Gary Eppelsheimer

Captain, Audio Visual Ministries Team

Building Maintenance



Caring for our church home remained a meaningful priority in 2025. This year, we revamped and repaired the building's thermostats to improve comfort and efficiency, removed the lower leaking water fountain, and completed the changeover of all eligible lighting fixtures to energy-efficient LED bulbs. We also addressed flooding in the cave, repainted parking lot lines for improved safety and accessibility, and took care of a wasps' nest near the upper parking lot.

Alongside these projects, our team faithfully handled the regular work of roof care, lawn mowing, flowers, and overall grounds maintenance that keeps our campus welcoming week to week. Looking ahead, we're excited to contract with Ian (pictured left on the mower) for more consistent grounds care, helping ensure our property continues to be a safe, well-maintained place for ministry and fellowship.



Jordan Barton

Choir

It has been a true blessing from God to serve as the Director of the WLLC Choir this year. With grateful hearts, the choir and I worked diligently and prayerfully to glorify God and enrich our worship services through sacred music. Every rehearsal and performance was guided by a shared desire to serve the Lord and support the spiritual life of our congregation.

The choir joyfully contributed to two significant worship celebrations this year—Easter and Christmas. These services were powerful expressions of faith, hope, and renewal. The congregation received the choir's offerings with warmth and joy, and it was evident that the music helped lead hearts into deeper worship and reflection on Christ's sacrifice and birth. Throughout the year, I introduced several challenging classical sacred works that required focus, discipline, and unity. The choir embraced these challenges with patience and commitment, carefully shaping each note and phrase. Through this process, the choir not only grew musically but also spiritually, learning that excellence in worship is an act of devotion to God.

I am deeply thankful for the spirit of unity, respect, and mutual understanding within the choir. During a time of transition and emotional moments, the choir members supported one another with kindness and grace. This strengthened our fellowship and reminded us that we are not only singers, but a community serving God together.

The choir remains committed to giving its very best as an offering of praise. We are grateful for the support of the Church leadership and congregation, and we pray that our ministry continues to inspire, uplift, and draw hearts closer to God through worship.

Helen Pevzner



Communications

This past year has been a deeply meaningful one for me in my role as Communications Lead and Church Administrator at WLLC. I have had the privilege of supporting and participating in so many beautiful moments in the life of our church, from the Women's Advent Breakfast and Dinner Church, to our Holy Week services and many other gatherings that brought our community together in worship, reflection, and joy.

One of the most special highlights of the year was being entrusted with creating the materials and service presentation for Jack's Ordination. It was truly an honor to help shape such an important moment in the life of our church, and to witness firsthand how this ordination was a labor of love for everyone involved. I am especially grateful to the members who shared such powerful and moving photographs of their ancestors for the Ancestor Remembrance Project. Your willingness to contribute these stories and images added incredible depth and meaning to the service, and made it a truly sacred and memorable experience.

A significant portion of this year was also spent collaborating with Katrina, Deacon Jack, and Pastor John on the transition from Icon to Tithely. This was a huge undertaking, and I am so thankful for the teamwork, patience, and shared problem-solving that made this change possible. As part of that process, I have been designing a new website for WLLC with a strong focus on accessibility, ease of use, and integration—bringing together our member database, payment processing, and communications hub into one cohesive online home for our church.

In addition, I have taken over the Sunday service ProPresenter presentations, and have been working closely with Gary to simplify and streamline the process of sourcing and transferring hymns and scripture into our weekly services. This behind-the-scenes work has been all about supporting our worship life and making things smoother and more sustainable for everyone involved.

I want to sincerely thank the congregation and council for their ongoing trust, support, and contributions to this role. It is a joy to serve a community that is so creative, generous, and engaged. I am truly grateful to be part of WLLC, and I look forward to continuing this work together in the year ahead.

Jordan Barton

WLLC SPRING

March 2nd
Resilience Through Faith
with Neveh Shalom
3:30-5:30pm

March 4th
Pancake (Shrove) Dinner
6:00pm

March 5th
Ash Wednesday Services
Noon & 7:00pm

March 9th
Pasta & Game Party
Intergenerational Event
4:30-7:30pm

**March 11th, 18th
& April 1st, and 8th**
Bible Study: 4:30pm
Dinner Church: 5:30pm

March 23rd
"The Philadelphia 11"
Documentary Showing
11:00am

March 29th
Spring Cleaning!
9am-noon

HOLY WEEK

April 13th
Palm Passion Sunday

April 17th
Maundy Thursday
Service @ Emmanuel
Presbyterian
7:00pm

April 18th
Good Friday Service
7:00pm

April 20th
Easter Sunday Services
8:15am & 10:45am
Breakfast & Egg Hunt
between services

April 27th
Comedy & Illusion Show
with Neveh Shalom
at WLLC

June 6th-8th
Men's Retreat

WLLC Summer

June 6th, 7th, & 8th
Men's Retreat

June 8th
Pentecost Sunday

June 10th
Bible Study

June 17th
Emanuel Nine
Commemorative
Prayer Service
@ Our Saviors
Church

June 18th
Volunteer Kickoff
with
A Father's Heart

June 19th
Juneteenth

June 22nd
Holden Village
Retreat Gathering
&
Congregational
Meeting

June 29th
"Gather Us In" Class

July 13th
Blessing of the
Pride Marchers

July 20th
Pride Sunday

August 31st
Worship in the Park

September 7th
God's Work, Our
Hands

SUMMER PROGRAMS INCLUDE:
PEDALHEADS CAMP: JUNE 16TH - JULY 11TH,
SPOTLIGHT THEATRE ACADEMY: JULY 21ST - AUGUST
8TH, LIVELENGUAS SPANISH CAMP: WEEKDAYS
JUNE-DECEMBER

WLLC FALL

**OCT. 5TH, 12TH,
19TH**
Legacy Stewardship
Season

**OCT. 5TH, 19TH
NOV. 2ND**
Mary Magdalene
Series

**OCT. 13TH, 27TH
NOV. 10TH, 24TH
DEC. 8TH**
Men's Monday
Night Football

**OCT. 15TH,
NOV. 19TH**
Meal preparation
days for The
Father's Heart

OCT. 18TH
Women's Day
Retreat

OCT. 25TH
Trunk-or-Treat

OCT. 26TH
Reformation
Sunday

NOV. 2ND
All Saint's
Sunday

NOV. 16TH
In-Gathering
Sunday

DEC. 2ND
Advent Dinner &
Holden Evening
Prayer

DEC. 6TH
Women's Advent
Breakfast

WLLC WINTER

**DEC. 2ND, 9TH,
16TH**
Advent Tuesdays

DEC. 6TH
Advent Breakfast

DEC. 7TH
Holiday Tree
Trimming

DEC. 9TH
Make Polluters Pay
Conversation

DEC. 17TH
Blue Christmas
w. Emmanuel

DEC. 18TH
Holiday Drop-In

DEC. 24TH
Christmas Eve
Service: 4pm &
7pm

DEC. 28TH
Lessons & Carols

JAN. 11TH
Epiphany Sunday

JAN. 18TH
RIC Sunday

FEB. 1ST
Annual Meeting

FEB. 17TH
Shrove Tuesday

FEB. 18TH
Ash Wednesday

**FEB. 22ND &
MARCH 1ST**
Gather Us In Class

MARCH 8TH
New Member
Sunday

IN-PERSON OFFICE CLOSED: DEC 23RD-JAN 6TH

Coin Counters & Kitchen Ministry

Coin Counters

We are blessed with our four dedicated and faithful teams who count the money and checks from the offering plates and the offerings coming in the mail. Each team counts weekly for one month, committing to count three months a year. After counting, the Bookkeeper will run the check deposit and the Counters are responsible for getting the cash deposit to the bank. Thank you to our Counting Teams!

Our Counters are Sandy Bottemiller, Laurie Cook, AnnMarie Webster, Cherie Sieker, David Webster, Jim Dumestre, Darleen Deasee, Anne McDowell, and June Lenihan.

June Lenihan

Kitchen Ministry

Memorial Service Receptions: Thanks to an amazing, caring group of women, we are able to support families by setting up, making coffee, setting up the food on the buffet table and cleaning up after the reception. The families provide the food and supplies. We supply and make coffee and help in whatever way we can. It is a real ministry to be able to be a small part of offering help to families at a time of grief. They are so appreciative. We have a checklist to help the family know what they need and how we can be of help.

Coffee House Hosts: Each Sunday, someone volunteers to bring donuts and fruit (and whatever else they would like to serve). They set up, make coffee and clean up for Coffee House. We now use a table for the treats so people can go down both sides, making the line go faster. The beverages (coffee, tea, juice, and water) are served on the counter. There are 9 round tables in the Fellowship Hall to accommodate the number of people socializing together during Coffee House.

Keeping Order in Kitchen and Pantry used by several Community Partners. We have labeled the kitchen cabinet with their contents making it easier to find them and put them away.

June Lenihan and Linda Kolstad



Creative Spirits

Creative Spirits Gallery continues to be a vital and successful part of West Linn Lutheran Church. Our committee includes Kathy Kriesel, Mitzi Kugler, Jordan Barton, Pastor John Barton, Patty Mamula, Taryn Kuenzi, Kathy Sandell, and Don Lonsbrough. We meet on the third Tuesday of each month.

Presently three artists are sharing their work... Patrick Noe, Bill Baily, and Elaine Nye. We will welcome Rose West, Ann Truax, and Jenny Stout in February, 2026. It's always a treat to see what our artists bring to share! 2026 looks to be yet another positive year for our gallery. We are in the process of confirming artists for 2026.

Highlights for 2025....

- Jordan has successfully set up a group email that includes all artists who have shared their work with us. This is one way we reach out with information about Creative Spirits activities.
- Patty Mamula delivers posters around Lake Oswego and West Linn to inform the community about our artists. Jordan makes the posters.
- Kathy Kriesel writes thank you notes to artists after their show has left WLLC. Our congregation shared art from home (BYOA) Sunday, October 12th. The display was in the Fellowship Hall. We will continue to invite the congregation to participate in this each year.
- We successfully held a Help Yourself Gallery from Sunday, February 2nd through March 2nd. Artists donated artwork with the hope that their work would find a new home. Everything was free!!!
- Mitzi Kugler is working on creating a permanent sign for us.
- Jack Mandville has volunteered to post latest information about our artists on Facebook and West Linn Community site.
- Steve Carr updates our website with information about our latest artists. If you go to wllc.org you can see a photo of their work, their bio., and a link to their artwork.
- Jordan also updates the congregation through emails and our newsletter concerning our artists and events we have scheduled.
- Artists are invited to do an Interview with interested participants. This is an opportunity to share thoughts, inspiration, materials, secrets about their process, struggles... and answer questions the group may ask. We also have begun video taping an interview with our artists that is posted on our YouTube site.
- Our Little Art House continues to be visited. Take something/Leave something.

Creative Spirits

Creative Spirits would like:

1. The permanent sign in place
2. To expand our wire hanging system
3. To expand our committee membership
4. To have a paid position to oversee all the activities of Creative spirits
5. To continue to brainstorm activities that involves our congregation as well as our community.

We appreciate the support we have received from Church Council.

Kathy Sandell



Family Ministry

Our Revised Mission Statement:

“The Family Faith Formation Team strives to nurture our young, in a developmentally appropriate manner, to introduce the foundations of a lifetime of faith development. We honor and celebrate each child’s response of the day, which may include kindness & compassion, joy & sadness, reverence & exuberance, as well as fellowship.”

Mission Goals

- Strive to nurture our young, in a developmentally appropriate manner
- Inspire an affection for the Word
- Help children to see the application of the Word in their own lives

2025

This year our Faith Formation Committee/Sunday School Team was comprised of Pastor John, Deacon Jack, Gayle Aten, Michelle Calcagno, Dede Carr, Jean Emch, Carole White, & Gail O’Donel.

Wherever children are, there are surprises and wonder, and we are thankful for the gift of each child. Our committee discussed a few of our favorite moments. We chuckle remembering the youngest shepherd boy, lovingly placing baby Jesus in the manger, while David Webster led the watchful “Little Drummers”. The October Trunk-or-Treat moved indoors, and was delightful fellowship as always. We recall countless children corralled in the nursery, waiting to be released to fill their baskets with treasure-filled Easter eggs. We were proud of the 4 “twens” who seemed to grow before our eyes, demonstrating they were trained and ready to serve communion to the congregation.

Our team takes joy seeing relationships built between these children, when they form their own table at coffee hour, often chattering away between their bites of tasty treats. “Pasta & Games Night” was very well attended and really, between the laughter and the spin of the Bingo wheel, a few of us could have heard it all well even with ear plugs on!

We are so thankful for these times together.

In Sunday School sessions, the twinkle of the kids eyes express their expectant wonder of what is about to happen. Last school year our attendance numbers and age groups often called for 3 separate classrooms to investigate the Bible story. This created space for all to talk and listen at their level of understanding. This Fall, 4 children graduated into Confirmation, and 2 relocated. Presently, we all gather for the music opening together, and teachers decide whether to present the lesson as one group, or divide into two groups depending on the age levels of the day. For three years our curriculum has been based on Illustrated Ministry, and starting this new year the teaching will be based on the new Celebrate Wonder curriculum. Each session we enjoy having a group game or craft, and we thank Kris & Gene Olson for teaching the children how to make adorable dough ornaments as a Christmas gift for their families. Our thanks to all for your support of these growing children.

Respectfully Submitted,

Gail O’Donel

Family Ministry



Men's Ministry

The Men's group ministry is active at West Linn Lutheran Church. We have a variety of activities we are involved in. This year we are finishing up our Monday Night Football series and have been studying a series called Live Justly, which included hosting the author of the book- Jason Fileta, to join us on December 8. This has been a great way to achieve fellowship, do Bible study and participate in other fun activities. We plan again to host and provide a great meal for Shrove Tuesday on February 17. We follow that with providing an Easter Sunday Brunch.

Men's group has continued to build and provide MRE's (meals reviving energy) food packs to give to people in the community who are hungry.

Last June we did a service project at Camp Lutherwood, and spent a few days doing essential work there and had a great fellowship experience. We hope to do the same this coming summer.

An exciting year awaits us in 2026!

Jon Winjum



Praise Team

This last year saw the WLLC Praise Team welcome our new keyboard player, Ian McCarty. Ian is a highly skilled musician and a quick learner for new music. During year, the team performed every other week on the 2nd and 4th Sundays. We also participate in the song selection process, alternating contemporary songs with the traditional hymns sung on the 1st and 3rd Sundays. The 5th Sunday is what we call a "blended" service where we play both contemporary and traditional songs.

We typically have 3 or 4 vocalists plus keyboards, guitar and drums. We would like to have more depth on our team and are always looking for more vocalists. We also need a bass player!

The Praise Team practices on Tuesday nights at 6:30 pm in the sanctuary and before the Sunday services at 8:30.

We are a welcoming group and invite anyone with a love of music to join us. There is no pressure to perform on Sundays until you are ready. Please contact Steve Carr at 503-309-0520 or the church office if you're interested!

Steve Carr



Women's Ministry

WLLC Women's Ministries is a vibrant and active ministry. An annual schedule of programming opportunities are provided with the goal and purpose to engage women in the joy of connection, build relationships, explore new theological thought processes, pray for others...and each other. Women's Bible Study-meets twice monthly, second and fourth Wednesday, 12 noon (summer months-off) in church library.

Past year highlights:

- Spring 2025 completed Good Enough-40ish Devotional for a Life of Imperfection, Kate Bowler, followed by a two month study of Small Graces, The Quiet Gifts of Everyday Life, Kent Nerburn
- Three hosted summer salad luncheons-well attended, served as touch points during summer months
- Fall kick-off gathering hosted in Rose Ada and Chuck Coombs gardens, Oregon City early October
- 2025/26 curriculum-continued study of 2025 Women's Retreat book selection: The Book of Ruth, Twelve Moments in Every Woman's Life, Joan Chittister
- We are indebted to Jan Sickert who graciously shares her love of teaching, facilitation, and knowledge monthly
- Group hosted Lent and Advent Soup Suppers
- Participation averages 15-18 per study gathering



Women's Ministry

Fall 2025 Women's Retreat

"Woven as One...Our Lives Together" WLLC women and friends gathered together October 18 at Nathman Hall, Mary's Woods to learn together, worship together, sing together, pray together, eat together, and celebrate "our lives together" as women of faith.

Retreat highlights:

- Pastor Christine Core-Facilitator, Jan Eppelsheimer-Vocals, Gary Eppelsheimer-Tech Development and Support *47 registered, 45 attended
- Curriculum based on The Book of Ruth, Twelve Moments in Every Woman's Life, Joan Chittister
- Two Thrivent Action Grants received: supported weaving project and continental breakfast
- Scholarships made available to two participants
- Registration fee, Thrivent Action Grants, minimal carry over dollars covered retreat expenses
- Participants created a hand woven banner for display in the church

Special thank you to a dedicated Retreat Planning Team: Gayle Aten, Heidi Carr, Donna King, Gail McDonald, Patricia Sheron, Jan Sickert, Cherie Sieker, Pastor Christine Core, WLLC Quilters, countless volunteers, Jordan Barton who created marketing/printed materials, and Katrina Curtis for financial assistance

Women's Advent Breakfast

The 42nd annual Women's Advent Breakfast was held Saturday, December 6, 2025, with approximately 90 attending. Pastor John joined us and provided his kind thoughts and blessings. We appreciated Deacon Jack joining us as well. Beautiful Christmas themed tables were thoughtfully decorated and set by our wonderful table hostesses.

It was a spirit-filled morning shared by all listening to guest speaker, Robin Eisenbach, Executive Director of Camp Lutherwood Oregon. She provided a special message, we sang Christmas hymns, and enjoyed a delicious breakfast catered by Cheryl's on 12th. This year we raffled a beautiful nativity wall hanging lovingly made by Linda Kolstad. Also new this year, complimentary childcare offered for children under 8 years old.

We are appreciative, having received a Thrivent Action Grant that helped offset expenses. This years mission outreach giving opportunity was Camp Lutherwood Oregon. Generous donations were made by attendees to this dynamic Outdoor ministry.

Thank you to all who volunteered their time and talents to make the Women's Advent Breakfast a success! The morning was a meaningful way to begin the Christmas advent season and visit with each other in our cherished friendships! -Laurie Cook and Annie Miles, Co-chairs

Respectfully Submitted by

Donna C. King

H.O.P.E.

Thank you for your generous support of the HOPE food pantry by allowing us to use your basement area to serve those needing assistance in feeding themselves, as well as their families.

During 2023 the FBC HOPE averaged 61 households on a Friday afternoon. In 2024 we averaged 68 household visits on Fridays, a 12% increase. During November and December of 2024, as the weather changed, the average number of households visiting HOPE increased to 95. At the end of Friday afternoons, our produce and bakery tables, the canned food shelves, and our 6 refrigerators and 7 freezers were frequently EMPTY.

While this happened, the variety and amount of donated food from the Oregon Food Bank greatly decreased. From the OFB we spent an average of \$0.12 per pound for 170,000 pounds of food. We also purchased missing items from Costco, the Grocery Outlet, Fred Meyers and Trader Joe's. During November and December we purchased 60 turkeys, AND 300 gift cards. And THANKS to your church members and friends that made and gave out over 300 Christmas stockings to these families.

During 2024 we served 3,488 food insecure households of which 242 had never been to an OFB supported food pantry before. Their only qualification to receive food is based on the monthly income for their household size. For example, a single person household can earn up to \$3800 a month to qualify for receiving food. Do you know of some one that might qualify and be food insecure? If so, encourage them to visit HOPE. All are welcome here! We want to Help Other People Eat!

HOPE will have hard decisions to make in 2025. i.e., What items do we need to purchase? How do we raise that money? How can we speed up the shopping process? How many times a month should we be open? How do we handle the extra traffic? Etc.

Besides your prayers and donations, HOPE needs volunteers! Can you spare 2 hours a month to help serve your hungry neighbors? There are a variety of ways you can help. For more information, contact Bob Raes at 503-459-9350. I'm looking forward to receiving many calls! Again THANK YOU for your support of the food insecure families that visit HOPE. Your donations of time and talents have greatly helped!

Bob Raes

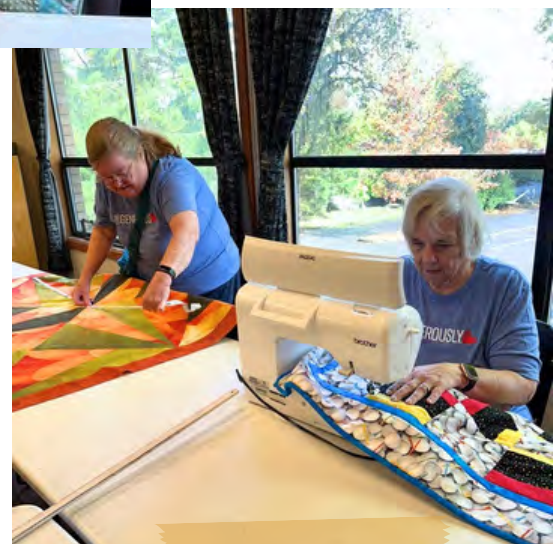
WLLC Quilters

The Quilter's Group handmade roughly *one hundred* quilts this year to distribute to hospitals, foster children, those that are housebound or ill, and anyone in need of some comfort. These quilts and fleece blankets have provided warmth and solace to countless people as they walk through their personal journey of hardship. Several recipients (patients, family members, chaplains, foster parents) have been so thoughtful as to send thank you notes with stories about how their quilt has impacted them. This ministry supports its members in creativity, community, and togetherness *while* supporting its beneficiaries in care and compassion.

The Quilters



Hello Janet + Everyone at
West Linn Lutheran Church -
Thank you so much for supporting
our mission to resource youth in
foster care with the basic goods
that fill vital needs. Your quilts
will not last long in our free store
where foster youth come to shop!
We appreciate you all!
Project
Lemonade
staff





Treasurer's Report

2025-What a year! Due to having paid off our mortgage in 2024, we were debt free throughout 2025! Due to our members' strong commitments, we were again fully funded for our programs and staff.

As our budget is nearly 3/4 payroll, our staff had a full year of employment with no changes. Our dependable building partners added to our income, as well. We had very little turnover in our membership which helped keep our budget afloat. We continued to honor our 10% benevolence commitment to the Oregon ELCA and fund our designated monthly outreaches. Our careful spending allowed for the extra building expenses that occurred.

Our Crossing the Divide Stewardship Drive had several positive outcomes. We had an increase in pledgers as well as an increase in pledging which helped fund our budget for 2026. Late in the year when our Council communicated a potential deficit, you, our generous congregation, responded. We received special donations and extra gifts, particularly in December. Consequently, we ended 2025 with a \$9K surplus to carry over for 2026.

Many thanks goes to our dedicated Finance Team, which includes Nancy Horton, Jim Dumestre, and Terry O'Donel, and to our Church Council for their input and support. Katrina Curtis, our bookkeeper, continues to work her magic with our new Tithely program as she provides us with our financial information. As always, we thank you, our WLLC congregation, for all the ways in which you participate and support West Linn Lutheran Church.

Chris Lord, Treasurer

2025 Financial Statements

- Balance Sheet- December 31, 2025- All Funds
- General Fund- Year ended December 31, 2025

Budget vs. Actual

- Other Funds- Activity Summaries- 2025
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**West Linn Lutheran
Church Balance Sheet
As of December 31, 2025**

ASSETS

B of A Checking (#1100)	\$130,724
B of A Savings (#1155)	\$22,192
Bof A Certificates of Deposit (interest-bearing) (#1175 & #1176)	\$61,316
Total Cash & Investments	\$214,232
TOTAL ASSETS	\$214,232

LIABILITIES AND DEFERRED GENERAL FUND REVENUES

Accounts Payable - Operating Fund (#2000)	\$8,795
Prepaid Contributions (#2050) Prepaid	\$10,000
Building Partner Contributions (#2051)	\$4,800
TOTAL	\$23,595

**DESIGNATED FUND BALANCES - SEE ANNUAL REPORT - PROGRAM
REPORTS & SUPPLEMENTAL SCHEDULES**

Unallocated ERC Funds (#2040)	\$12,725
Discretionary Funds	
Pastor's Discretionary (#3415.40)	\$1,012
Council Discretionary (#3415.41) Misc.	\$4,861
Special Contributions (#3415.42)	\$3,921
Estate Gift (#3415.43)	\$39,605
Total Discretionary Funds	\$49,399
Memorial Fund (#3300)	\$13,022
Scholarship Fund (#3425)	\$29,979
WLLC Church Ministries Programs	
Youth Fund (#3420.05)	\$916
Youth Gatherings (#3420.10)	\$1,925
Father's Heart Meals Program - Net (#3420.46)	\$0 \$0
Holy Listening (#3420.51)	\$1,586
Women's Advent Breakfast (#3420.70)	\$399
Women's Ministries - General (#3420.52)	\$0
Men's Ministry (#3420.53)	\$330
Creative Spirits (#3420.55)	\$0
Anniversary Celebration (#3420.57)	\$0

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**West Linn Lutheran
Church Balance Sheet
As of December 31, 2025**

Internship Program (#3420.66)	\$512
AV Music Ministry Fund (#3420.77)	\$308
Community Service (#3430.66)	\$2,133
WLLC Quilters (#3430.90)	\$2,832
Holidays&SpecialEvents - Flowers/Decorations (#3430.92)	\$3,823
Total WLLC Church Ministries Programs	\$14,764
WLLC Outreach Programs	
ELCA WorldHunger (#3420.05)	750
ELCA Disaster Relief (#3420.15)	\$206
ELCA Microloans (#3430.74)	\$78
Subtotal - ELCA	\$1,034
St. Joseph's Shelter & Mission (#3420.32)	\$0
Camp Lutherwood (#3420.36)	\$2,509
Luther House - OSU Campus Ministry (#3420.37)	\$100
Sacele/Romania Funds (#3430.40)	\$3,677
The Father's Heart (#3420.46)	\$153
Reconciling Works (#3420.47)	\$155
Eloheh Farm (#3430.29)	\$0
Incight (#3420.72)	\$0
HOPE Local Hunger (#3430.80)	\$633
CASA (#3420.87)	\$795
Libyan Family Scholarship-Thrivent (#3430.88)	\$75
A Village for One (#3420.92)	\$0
Total WLLC Outreach Programs	\$9,131
Building & Equipment Reserves	
OpeningBalance 1/1/2023 (#3571.0)	\$0
Donations & Fund Transfers (#3571.1)	\$8,685
Larger Maintenance & Repairs Expense (#3571.2)	(\$8,685)
Subtotal - Maintenance and Repairs Fund	\$0
Capital CampaignFund Balance(#3571.5)	\$18,130
Total Bldg & Equip Reserves, Ending Balance	\$18,130
TOTAL DESIGNATED FUND BALANCES	\$147,150
2025 and Prior General Fund Surplus	\$43,487
Less Portion Allocated to 2026 Proposed Budget	(\$24,400)
Subtotal - 2024 and Prior Retained General Fund Surplus	\$19,087
2026 General Fund - Proposed Budget Allocations	\$24,400
TOTAL GENERAL FUND BALANCES	\$43,487
TOTAL LIABILITIES & FUND BALANCES	\$214,232

West Linn Lutheran Church
General Fund - Actual vs Budget - Year ended December 31, 2025

	Actual	Budget	Difference	% of Budget
4005 Pledged Giving	\$324,769	\$326,000	(\$1,231)	0%
4010 Non Pledged Giving	54,358	55,000	(642)	-1%
4020 Loose Offerings	4,243	5,000	(757)	-15%
Total 4001 Congregational Support	383,370	386,000	(2,630)	-1%
4060 Building Use - Ad Hoc	120	1,000	(880)	-88%
4061 Building Partners	20,802	15,000	5,802	39%
4062 Cottage Rental	9,600	9,600	0	0%
4070 Interest Income	1,150	1,800	(650)	0%
4551 Thrivent Choice Dollars	673	500	173	35%
Total 4045 Misc Income	32,345	27,900	4,445	16%
TOTAL RESOURCES	\$415,715	\$413,900	\$1,815	0%
1-6050 ELCA Mission Support				
6050.05 ELCA-Oregon Synod - Mission Support	38,337	38,600	(263)	-1%
Total 2-6402 CLERGY SALARIES & BENEFITS	139,380	138,766	614	-3%
Total 3-6401 LAY MINISTRY COMP & BENEFITS	175,863	181,225	(5,362)	-7%
4-6400 FAITH FORMATION				
6246 Intergenerational	365	800	(435)	-54%
6420 Middle School	166	900	(734)	-82%
6426 Children/Family	329	900	(571)	-63%
6440 High School	0	400	(400)	-100%
6450 Adult	1,009	1,000	9	1%
6451 RIC-Social Justice	533	400	133	33%
Total 4-6400 FAITH FORMATION	2,402	4,400	(1,998)	-45%
5-6500 WORSHIP				
6580 Guest Pastor	627	400	227	57%
6590 Worship & Altar Supplies	2,560	2,500	60	2%
6625 Guest Musician	2,425	500	1,925	385%
6630 Sr. Choir Music	0	700	(700)	-100%
6640 Worship Mat'l & Communications Licensing	1,285	1,200	85	7%
Total 5-6500 PROCLAMATION	6,897	5,300	1,597	30%

West Linn Lutheran Church
General Fund - Actual vs Budget - Year ended December 31, 2025

	Actual	Budget	Difference	% of Budget
6-6200 COMMUNITY GROUPS				
6275 Hospitality Expenses (incl CoffeeHouse)	1,324	3,000	(1,676)	-56%
6277 Hospitality Donations (incl CoffeeHouse donations)	(1,572)	(3,000)	1,428	-48%
Total 6-6200 COMMUNITY GROUPS	(248)	0	(248)	0%
7-6300 BUILDING & PROPERTY				
6310 Custodial Supplies 6315 Janitorial	1,128	700	428	61%
Services 6320 Bldg & Equip to Reserve	7,368	7,800	(432)	-6%
6321 Small Repair & Maintenance	6,000	6,000	0	0%
6322 Security & Maintenance	1,916	2,000	(84)	-4%
Contracts	1,906	2,000	(94)	-5%
6340 Property Insurance	1,906	2,000	(94)	-5%
6345 Landscaping	10,775	9,500	1,275	13%
6350 Utilities	751	1,000	(249)	-25%
6350.10 Electric	7,686	7,000	686	10%
6350.20 Gas	4,516	5,500	(984)	-18%
6350.30 Water, Sewer	5,750	6,000	(250)	-4%
6350.40 Garbage	3,210	3,400	(190)	-6%
6350.50 Telephone	4,050	6,000	(1,950)	-33%
Total 6350 Utilities	25,212	27,900	(2,688)	-10%
Total 7-6300 BUILDING & PROPERTY	55,056	56,900	(1,844)	26%

West Linn Lutheran Church
General Fund - Actual vs Budget - Year ended December 31, 2025

	Actual	Budget	Difference	% of Budget
8-6800 ADMINISTRATION				
6240 Library	295	400	(105)	-26%
6570 Synod Meetings & Bishops Convocations	2,694	2,500	194	8%
6700 Stewardship	43	515	(472)	-92%
6870 Office Supplies	2,268	3,132	(864)	-28%
4874 General Admin Subscriptions	2,030	870	1,160	133%
6875 Financial Software Subscriptions	3,765	2,239	1,526	68%
6876 Lay Team Recruiting Expenses	279	800	(521)	0%
6880 Postage	302	800	(498)	-62%
6890 Office Equip Lease & Maint	4,733	4,360	373	9%
6891 Office Computer Equip & Maintenance	192	870	(678)	-78%
6895 Payroll Fees	1,420	1,245	175	0%
6930 Misc Expense	64	440	(376)	-85%
6940 Bank Charges	1,868	1,800	68	4%
Total 8-6800 ADMINISTRATION	19,953	19,971	(18)	0%
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$437,64	\$445,16	(\$7,522)	-2%
2024 OPERATING RESULTS BEFORE PRIOR SURPLUSES	0 (\$21,925)	2 (\$31,262)	\$9,337	
ALLOCATED 2023 SURPLUS TO 2024 BUDGET	\$31,262	\$31,262		
CUMULATIVE OPERATING BUDGET SURPLUS FOR 2024	\$9,337	\$0		

NON-OPERATING FUNDS - 2025 ACTIVITY SUMMARIES

MEMORIAL FUND (#3300) - 2025 SUMMARY	
Fund Balance 12/31/24	\$11,877
Gifts in Memory of Loved Ones	\$1,145
Expenditures for Memorials	\$0
Fund Balance 12/31/25	\$13,022

Pastor's Discretionary Fund (#3415.40)- 2025 Summary	
Fund Balance 12/31/24	\$1,326
Donations	\$1,495
Expenses	(\$1,809)
Fund Balance 12/31/25	\$1,012

Council's Discretionary Fund (#3415.41) - 2025 Summary	
Fund Balance 12/31/24	\$10,007
Misc. Donations	\$205
Expenditures:	
Transfers Approved to Other WLLC Funds	(\$2,474)
Holden Village Retreat	(\$1,703)
Council Annual Retreat & Leadership Meetings	(\$721)
Staff Photos	(\$350)
Other Congregational Activities	(\$103)
Fund Balance 12/31/25	\$4,861

NON-OPERATING FUNDS - 2025 ACTIVITY SUMMARIES

Estate Gift (#3415.43) - 2025 Summary	
Fund Balance 12/31/24	\$0
Donations - Estate Gift December 2025	\$39,605
Fund Balance 12/31/25	\$39,605

Special Contributions (#3415.42) - 2025 Summary						
Description	Cleaning	Project	Lot Projects	Other	Total	
Fund Balance 12/31/24	\$604	\$1,990	\$416	\$911	\$3,921	
Donations					\$0	
Expenditures to Projects					\$0	
Fund Balance 12/31/25	\$604	\$1,990	\$416	\$911	\$3,921	

Scholarship Fund (#3425) - 2025 Summary	
Fund Balance 12/31/24	\$29,239
Investments - Market Appreciation	\$740
Fund Transfer Authorized by Council	\$0
Donations	\$0
Expenses	\$0
Fund Balance 12/31/25	\$29,979

NON-OPERATING FUNDS - 2025 ACTIVITY SUMMARIES

WLLC Ministries - 2025 Summary - Alphabetical Order									
WLLC Program	Category #	12/31/24 Balances	2025 Activity					12/31/25 Balances	
			Donations / Fundraising	Thrivent Action Team Grants	Program Spending	Transfers From (To) Other Funds	2025 Net		
AV Music Ministry	#3420.77	\$565			(\$257)			(\$257)	\$308
Community Service	#3430.66	\$3,700			(\$516)	(\$1,050)		(\$1,566)	\$2,134
Creative Spirits	#3420.55	\$200	\$130					\$130	\$330
Father's Heart Meals Program	#3420.46	\$0	\$411		(\$1,462)	\$1,050		(\$0)	(\$0)
Holidays & Special Events-Flowers/Decorations	#3430.92	\$3,332	\$1,419		(\$929)			\$491	\$3,823
Holy Listening	#3420.51	\$0	\$635		(\$635)			\$0	\$0
Internship Program	#3420.66	\$512						\$0	\$512
Men's Ministries - General	#3420.53	\$21	\$982		(\$1,241)	\$239		(\$21)	\$0
WLLC Quilters	#3430.90	\$3,703	\$1,823		(\$2,694)			(\$871)	\$2,832
Women's Advent Breakfast	#3420.70	\$1,123	\$5,431	\$250	(\$2,645)	(\$2,573)		\$463	\$1,586
Women's Ministries - General	#3420.52	\$530	\$2,564	\$498	(\$3,193)			(\$131)	\$399
Youth Fund	#3420.05	\$1,010			(\$94)			(\$94)	\$916
Youth Gatherings / Mission Trips	#3420.10	\$1,925						\$0	\$1,925
Totals		\$16,621	\$13,395	\$748	(\$13,666)	(\$2,334)		(\$1,857)	\$14,764

NON-OPERATING FUNDS - 2025 ACTIVITY SUMMARIES

OUTREACH PROGRAMS - 2025 SUMMARY - Alphabetic Order						
Charity	Category	12/31/24 Balance Held for Charity	2025 Activity			12/31/25 Balance Held for Charity
			Donations	Expenses	Paid to Charity	
A Village For One	#3420.92	\$0	\$965		(\$965)	\$0
Camp Lutherwood	#3420.36	\$0	\$2,509			\$2,509
CASA	#3420.87	\$0	\$795			\$795
ELCA Program - Disaster Relief	#3420.15	\$0	\$817		(\$611)	\$206
ELCA Program - Microloans	#3420.74	\$0	\$1,350		(\$1,272)	\$78
ELCA Program - World Hunger	#3420.05	\$0	\$1,636		(\$886)	\$750
Eloheh Farm	#3430.29	\$0	\$668		(\$668)	\$0
HOPE Local Hunger	#3430.80	\$0	\$4,525		(\$3,892)	\$633
Incight	#3420.72	\$0	\$2,303		(\$2,303)	\$0
Libyan Family Scholarship	#3420.88	\$0	\$300		(\$225)	\$75
Luther House - OSU Campus Ministry	#3420.37	\$0	\$2,036		(\$1,936)	\$100
Reconciling Works	#3420.47	\$0	\$572		(\$418)	\$155
Sacele / Romania	#3430.40	\$3,226	\$7,753	(\$2,802)	(\$4,500)	\$3,677
St. Joseph's Shelter & Mission	#3420.32	\$0	\$200		(\$200)	\$0
The Father's Heart - Cash Donations	#3420.46	\$0	\$1,414		(\$1,261)	\$153
Totals		\$3,226	\$27,844	(\$2,802)	(\$19,137)	\$9,131

NON-OPERATING FUNDS - 2025 ACTIVITY SUMMARIES

BUILDING & EQUIPMENT RESERVES - 2025 SUMMARY				
	Large Repairs & Maintenance #3571.2	Future Capital Campaign #3571.5	Total	
Fund Balance 12/31/24	\$0	\$10,000	\$10,000	
Additions - 2025				
Donations	\$450	\$10,075	\$10,525	
Fund Transfer from Council Discretionary (#3415.41)	\$2,235		\$2,235	
Transfers from the Operating Budget	\$6,000		\$6,000	
Spending - 2025				
Recurring:				
Electric Issues	(\$1,189)		(\$1,189)	
HVAC Maintenance	(\$3,203)		(\$3,203)	
Plumbing Issues	(\$3,675)		(\$3,675)	
Other	(\$619)		(\$619)	
Future Capital Campaign:				
Inspection / Analysis - by Forensic Building Consultants		(\$1,945)	(\$1,945)	
Fund Balance 12/31/25	(\$0)	\$18,130	\$18,130	

2026 Proposed General Fund Budget

- General Fund- Stewardship Response for Operating Budget
 - Proposed 2026 General Fund
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2026 CROSSING THE DIVIDE - STEWARDSHIP RESPONSE

	2026 Plan		2025 Actual		Change	
	# Households	2026 Forecast	\$	#	\$	%
Pledge Results & Forecast						
2026 Stewardship Responses						
Increased compared to last year	28	\$197,470				
The same compared to last year	25	\$106,740				
Decreased compared to last year	12	\$27,040				
New 2025 pledgers - new givers, conversions from Non-pledge giving last year	5	\$26,600				
Pledge Responses	70	\$357,850	\$324,769	66	\$33,081	10%
Average Annual Pledge		\$5,112	\$4,921		\$191	-4%
2025 Pledges Not Yet Responding	4	\$2,320			\$2,320	
Other - 2026 Pledge Forecast Forecasted "Stretch"		\$0				
Subtotal - Pledge Forecast	74	\$360,170	\$324,769	66	\$35,401	11%
Non-Pledge "Will Give As Able" Forecast						
2026 Forecast (excludes many 2025 non-pledge givers who converted to 2026 pledges)	26	\$16,000				
Other - 2026 Non-Pledge Giving Forecasted "Stretch"		\$3,830				
Subtotal - Non-Pledge Forecast	26	\$19,830	\$54,358	31	(\$34,528)	-64%
Loose Offerings - Estimate						
		\$5,000	\$4,243		\$757	18%
Congregational Giving Forecast	100	\$385,000	\$383,370	97	\$1,630	0%

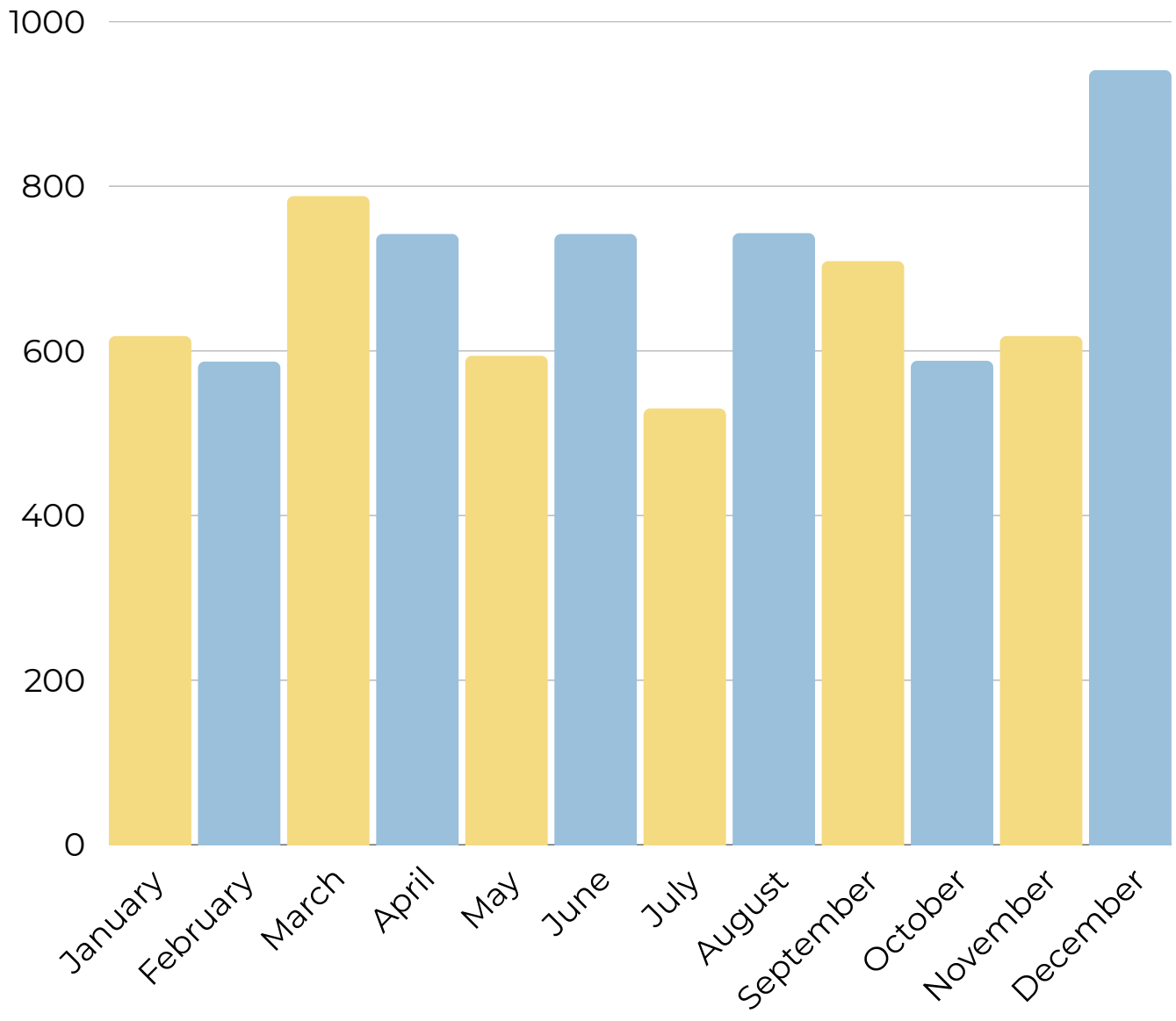
West Linn Lutheran Church						
2026 PROPOSED GENERAL FUND BUDGET - PRESENTED FOR CONGREGATIONAL APPROVAL						
						2026 Budget
Budget Line	2025 Actual	2025 Budget	2025 Actual vs Budget	2026 Proposed Budget	2026 Budget vs 2025 Actual	
4001 · Congregational Support						
4005 - Pledged Giving	\$324,769	326,000	(\$1,231)	\$360,170	\$35,401	11%
4010 · Non-Pledged Giving	54,358	55,000	(\$642)	19,830	(34,528)	-64%
4020 · Loose Offerings	4,243	5,000	(\$757)	5,000	757	18%
A. TOTAL CONGREGATIONAL SUPPORT	\$383,370	\$386,000	(\$2,630)	\$385,000	\$1,630	0%
4060 · Building Ad Hoc Income	\$120	\$1,000	(\$880)	\$1,000	\$880	733%
4061 - Building Partners Recurring Inc	20,802	15,000	5,802	31,000	\$10,198	49%
4062 · Cottage Rental	9,600	9,600	\$0	9,600	\$0	0%
4070 - Interest Income	1,150	1,800	(\$650)	1,700	\$550	48%
4551 · Thrivent Choice Dollars	673	500	\$173	700	\$27	4%
B. TOTAL OTHER RESOURCES	\$32,345	\$27,900	\$4,445	\$44,000	\$11,655	36%
C. TOTAL RESOURCES (A+B)	\$415,715	\$413,900	\$1,815	\$429,000	\$13,285	3%

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					2026 Budget vs 2025 Actual	Actual
D. EXPENSES						
6050 · BENEVOLENCES						
6050.05 ELCA Oregon Synod Mission Support - 10% of Congregational Giving, Paid Monthly	\$38,337	\$38,600	(\$263)	\$38,500	\$163	0%
Total 6402 · CLERGY SALARY & BENEFITS	139,380	138,527	853	211,361	71,981	51.64%
Total 6401 · LAY MINISTRY COMP & BENEFITS	175,863	181,464	(5,601)	105,939	(69,924)	-40%
6400 · FAITH FORMATION						
6246 · Intergenerational Faith Formation	365	800	(\$435)	1,300	935	256%
6420 · Middle School	166	900	(\$734)	700	534	322%
6426 · Children/Family	329	900	(\$571)	700	371	113%
6440 · High School	0	400	(\$400)	300	300	100%
6450 · Adult	1,009	1,000	\$9	1,000	(9)	-1%
6451 · RIC & Social Justice	533	400	\$133	1,000	467	88%
Total 6400 · FAITH FORMATION	2,402	4,400	(1,998)	5,000	2,598	108%
6500 · WORSHIP SERVICES						
6580 · Guest Pastor	627	400	\$227	700	73	12%
6590 · Worship & Altar Supplies	2,560	2,500	\$60	2,600	40	2%
6625 - Guest / Substitute Musicians	2,425	500	\$1,925	2,400	(25)	-1%
6630 - Sr Choir Music	0	700	(\$700)	700	700	100%
6640 · V Worship Materials & Communications / Licensing	1,285	1,200	\$85	1,300	15	1%
Total 6500 · WORSHIP SERVICES	6,897	5,300	1,597	7,700	803	12%

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6200 · COMMUNITY GROUPS						
6275 Hospitality Expenses (Incl Coffee House Supplies)	1,324	3,000	(\$1,676)	2,000	676	51%
6277 Hospitality Donations (Incl Coffee House Donations)	(1,572)	(3,000)	\$1,428	(2,000)	(428)	27%
Total 6200 · COMMUNITY GROUPS	(248)	0	(248)	0	248	-100%
6300 · BUILDING & PROPERTY						
6310 · Custodial Supplies	1,128	700	\$428	1,200	72	6%
6315 · Janitorial Services	7,368	7,800	(\$432)	7,800	432	6%
6320 · Bldg & Equip Reserve Contributions from Operating Budget	6,000	6,000	\$0	8,400	2,400	40%
6321 · Small Repair & Maintenance	1,916	2,000	(\$84)	2,000	84	4%
6322 · Security & Maintenance Contracts	1,906	2,000	(\$94)	2,000	94	5%
6345 · Landscaping Supplies	751	1,000	(\$249)	1,000	249	33%
New - Landscape Contractor	0	0	\$0	3,600	3,600	0%
6340 · Property Insurance	10,775	9,500	\$1,275	12,000	1,225	11%
6350.10 · Electric	7,686	7,000	\$686	8,000	314	4%
6350.20 · Gas	4,516	5,500	(\$984)	5,000	484	11%
6350.30 · Water, Sewer	5,750	6,000	(\$250)	6,000	250	4%
6350.40 · Garbage	3,210	3,400	(\$190)	3,400	190	6%
6350.50 · Telephone	4,050	6,000	(\$1,950)	4,500	450	11%
Total 6300 · BUILDING & PROPERTY	55,056	56,900	(1,844)	64,900	9,844	18%

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6800 · ADMINISTRATION						
6570 · Synod Assembly + Bishop's Convocatio	2,694	2,500	\$194	2,700	6	0%
6240 - Library	295	400	(\$105)	400	105	36%
6700 · Stewardship	43	515	(\$472)	300	257	598%
6870 · Office Supplies	2,268	3,132	(\$864)	2,300	32	1%
6874 - General Admin Subscriptions	2,030	870	\$1,160	2,000	(30)	-1%
6875 · Financial Software Subscriptions	3,765	2,239	\$1,526	2,000	(1,765)	-47%
6876 - Lay Team Recruiting Expenses	279	800	(\$521)	300	21	8%
6880 · Postage	302	800	(\$498)	800	498	165%
6890 · Office Equip Lease	4,733	4,360	\$373	4,800	67	1%
6891 · Office Computer Equipment & Maint.	192	870	(\$678)	1,000	808	421%
6895 - Payroll Fees	1,420	1,245	\$175	1,400	(20)	-1%
6930 · Misc Expense	64	440	(\$376)	200	136	213%
6940 · Bank Charges	1,867	1,800	\$67	1,800	(67)	-4%
Total 6800 · ADMINISTRATION	19,952	19,971	(19)	20,000	48	0%
D. TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSES	\$437,639	\$445,162	(\$7,523)	\$453,400	\$15,761	4%
E. TOTALS - BEFORE SURPLUS CARRYOVERS (C-D)	(\$21,924)	(\$31,262)	\$9,338	(\$24,400)	(\$2,476)	
F. SURPLUS CARROVERS - 2025 AND PROPOSED 2026 ALLOCATION						
2024 Surplus Assigned to 2025 Budget	\$31,262	\$31,262	\$0			
Cumulative Surpluses Allocated to 2026 Budget (oldest year first)				\$24,400		
G. NET OPERATING SURPLUS (E+F)	\$9,338	\$0	\$9,338	\$0	\$0	

Average Monthly WLLC Attendees



Average Sunday Attendance: 156 attendees per Sunday (both in-person and online included)

2025 Total Number of Attendees: 8,392

Most Highly Attended Month of 2024: December, with 941 attendees

Pastoral Acts 2025

3 Members Passed in 2025

Kerry Broadhurst, Funeral 02/22/25

George Brown, Funeral 05/17/25

Romayne Harding, Funeral 10/11/25

In loving remembrance, we honor and celebrate the faithful lives of these beloved siblings in Christ.

2025 Membership

Active Membership:

330



2025 Annual Meeting Minutes

Opening Prayer - Pastor John Barton

Establish Quorum - Jeff Young, President stated that those who are present are the quorum.

Approve 2024 Annual Meeting Minutes - Jon McDowell moved, Carole White seconded to approve the minutes. Motion passed.

Jeff gave the President's remarks. He mentioned how things have changed in a year to include a new pastor, and several staff changes. We held a 60+1 celebration and paid off our mortgage as 2 big events. He thanked council for all their intentional work, all the ministry group leaders and the participants, Katrina, our new bookkeeper, who has worked hard on a new budget, and Jordan, our new office assistant, for doing a great job on creating the Annual Report. The one negative is that we still have not heard back from Forensics on bids for the work we need done on our church. This is holding up the launch of the Capital Campaign.

Pastor John thanked Jeff for all his work as Council President, and for the warm welcome and support for his family when they moved here from CA.

Jackie Mandeville, our Deacon in training, thanked everyone for supporting him on his journey of becoming a deacon. He went through some of the activities he is involved in and those to come.

Finance Team Head Nancy Horton, and Congregation Treasurer Chris Lord talked about the numbers on the screen and in the Annual Report to include the balance and operating fund sheets from 2024. As Council passed the 2024 budget in a meeting to put the motion before the congregation, the congregation passed the motion.

Nancy and Chris then presented the 2025 operating budget which stands at \$445,163. The congregation passed the motion as voted on by council to accept the 2025 budget. Discussions were held on the Capital Campaign which will be a major theme this year, different ways to handle youth activities and confirmation sessions, considering what to do next with the cottage.

Next new council members were elected. They are Heidi Carr, nominated by committee-position 1, Steve Carr-position 2, Jon McDowell-position 3, Karl Wright-position 4, Ulrike Lindner-appointed by council-position 12, and Gabe Lenihan, youth rep-position 13. John Carr moved, Jan Sickert seconded to accept the council members. Motion passed.

The Oregon Synod Assembly will be held in Portland May 30 to June 1, and it is a bishop election year. Pastor John and Jack will be attending, but we will need other congregational reps. We have no volunteers yet.

A discussion followed on getting a Camp Lutherwood Rep. Nancy Horton nominated Brad Horton, Carole White seconded the motion. The motion passed.

There was no new business. Jeff gave a closing prayer,

Anthony Calcagno moved, Kevin Lenihan seconded to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed.

Nancy Hawkins, Secretary



WLLC Mission Statement

We Invite All People into a Trusting Relationship with
God through Jesus Christ.

Welcoming Statement

West Linn Lutheran Church is a community of faith that welcomes all regardless of race, religion, color, sex, gender identity, sexual orientation, family status, national origin, age, disability, medical history, political affiliation, financial situation, mistakes made, successes achieved or any other category that you or the world have determined you belong. Our hope is that our congregation loves all as Jesus loves the world.

No exceptions.

This welcome extends throughout the life of our congregation.

