Congregation Meeting

November 15, 2026

Meeting Agenda

- Call to order
- Prayer and devotions
- Reading of minutes of previous Voters' Assembly Meeting
- Financial Secretary's Report
- Treasurer's Report
- Pastor's Report
- Elders' Report
- Trustees' Report
- Fellowship Committee Report
- Guest Services Report
- Old Business
- New Business
  - ✓ 2027 Church Budget Approval
- Adjournment

Reading/Approval of the Minutes

- See Handout

Financial Secretary's Report

Lisa Little

MESSIAH LUTHERAN CHURCH
MONTHLY GIVING REPORT

(Budget Shown Excludes Cell Tower Lease and Incidental Income)

November 2026

MONTH OF	# of Sundays	2026 ACTUAL GIVING	2026 MONTHLY BUDGET NEEDS	2026 Better /(Worse) BUDGET	2025 ACTUAL GIVING	2025 Better /(Worse) PRIOR YR
JANUARY	4	**19,387.00**	**26,083.33**	**(6,696.33)**	17,908.13	1,478.87
FEBRUARY	4	**23,054.00**	**26,083.33**	**(3,029.33)**	20,964.00	2,090.00
MARCH	5	**36,424.77**	**26,083.33**	**10,341.44**	35,325.06	1,099.71
APRIL	4	**26,950.42**	**26,083.33**	**867.09**	20,803.00	6,147.42
MAY	5	**22,449.00**	**26,083.33**	**(3,634.33)**	20,396.00	2,053.00
JUNE	4	**28,744.00**	**26,083.33**	**2,660.67**	27,779.00	965.00
JULY	4	**34,821.00**	**26,083.33**	**8,737.67**	19,790.50	15,030.50
AUGUST	5	**39,800.01**	**26,083.33**	**13,716.68**	41,339.00	(1,538.99)
SEPTEMBER	4	**19,896.70**	**26,083.33**	**(6,186.63)**	25,713.00	(5,816.30)
OCTOBER	4	**41,222.00**	**26,083.33**	**15,138.67**	21,784.00	19,438.00
NOVEMBER	5		**26,083.33**	**-**	26,902.00	-
DECEMBER	4		**26,083.33**	**-**	30,369.55	-
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TOTALS TO DATE		**292,748.90**	**313,000.00**	**31,915.60**	309,073.24	40,947.21

NOTE: 2025 Budgeted for general fund was $250,000.00

Additional giving:	**YTD 2026**
Be Rich- Blessing Bags	563.00
Be Rich- Good Shepherd Center	3,912.00
Midweek Bible Study	
Flowers	829.40
Give a Pan- Good Shepherd Center	2,239.64
Lutheran Witness	26.00
Hurricane Relief	
Memorials	
Miscellaneous	
Music	
Remodeling Fund	1,629.00
Total additional giving	**9,199.04**
Total Giving	**301,947.94**

Note: Does not include cell tower rent or NC State sales tax reimbursement as these are not contributions

Treasurer’s Report

Kevin Wichman

State of the Church

Pastor Timothy

Worship - Upcoming Nov-Dec Dates

- Christmas Series – Nov. 22, Dec. 6 & 13
- Big Advent Service – Nov. 29
- Lessons & Carols – Dec. 20
- Christmas Eve Candlelight – Dec. 24, 7 pm
- Christmas & Communion – Dec. 27

Mission and Strategy

Mission: To lead people into a growing relationship with Jesus Christ. We do this through our strategy:

- Endear our Community – LOVE
- Inspire our Audience – CONNECT
- Equip our Core – INVOLVE

Endear our Community - LOVE

"Ensure people know we're here, happy we're here, and better off because we're here."

- Be Rich Campaign – increase impact in our community once per year (Give, Serve, Love)
- Expand network of non-profits/year-round giving and serving opportunities
- Increase partnership with community events

Inspire our Audience - CONNECT

Create experiences that cause people to say: "I'm glad I came and can't wait to come back."

- Worship Service – continued surveys to measure ministry impact and identify how to help people grow in their faith
- Coffee & Convo – Plan and reorganize for Fellowship Hall refresh

Equip our Core - INVOLVE

Enlist and train students and adults to serve, give, lead and invite.

- Create larger hospitality team (Coffee & Convo, Social events)
- Who are you inviting to come sit with you?
- Rebrand kids & student environments
- Expand Community Group involvement

Elder's Report

Harley Hammond

Elders/Care Leaders

- Care Groups
  - Contact your assigned Elder or the Sunday Prayer Mentor with request
- Worship Surveys
  - Used to inform our decision-making reference environments and mission
  - More to come
- Grief Ministry
  - 6 Dec 26 from 11 to 1 in Fellowship Hall

Trustees Report

Rob Cochran

Trustee Report Completed Work

- Fellowship Hall Drainage Project
- 12 yards of stone have been placed in the 48' x 6' x 1' trench.
- Downspouts and gutter trough ordered & installed.
- Trench dug beneath sidewalk to route a 6" drain tile to handle the water from the new downspouts. This drain will empty in the lawn behind Fellowship Hall.
- Landscape bed improved around the Back-Flow Prevention Valve - Sod removed. Rose bushes and hardwood mulch added. (Located by Pine Valley Rd).
- Tree roots covered by dirt and removed By Tom Taylor

Completed Project

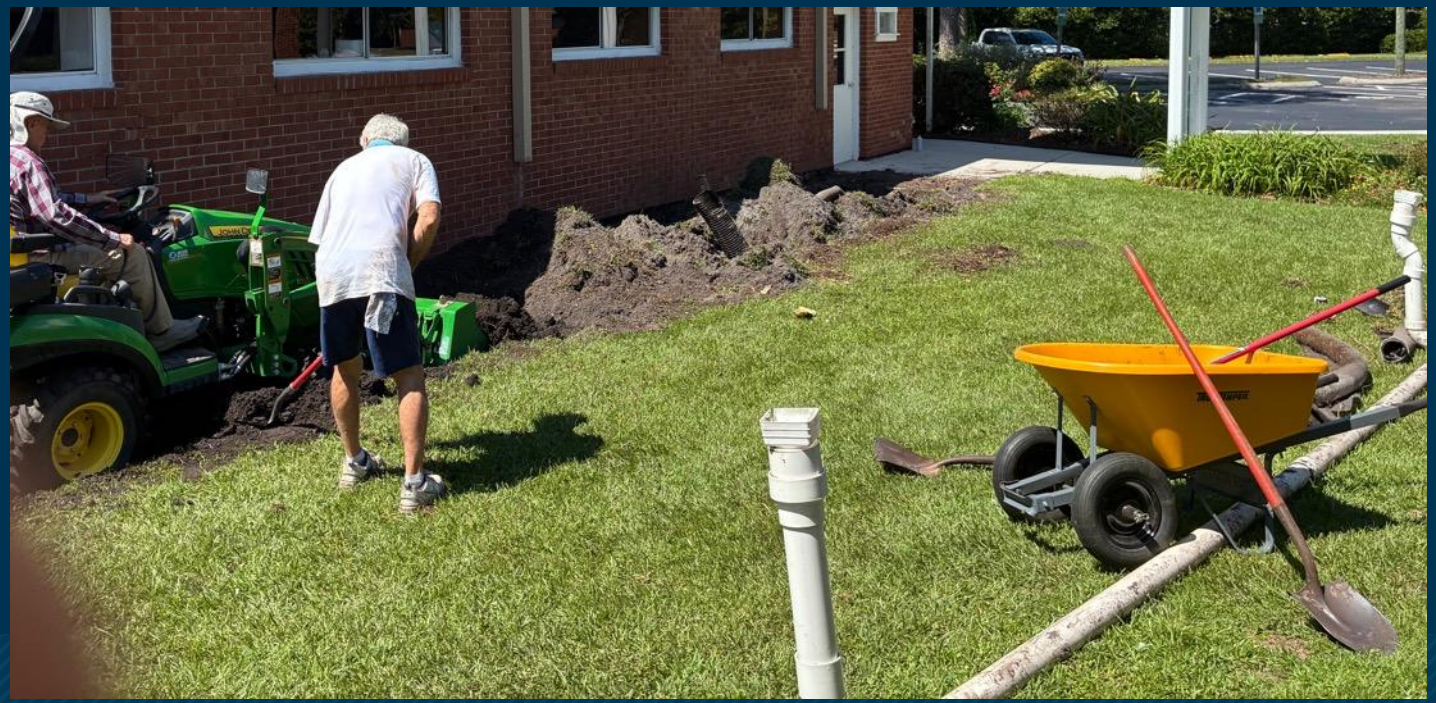






Thanks

- Many Thanks to:
  - Tom Taylor – Tractor and skills as operator
  - Keith McKenzie, Richard Hollembeak, Mark Elliott





And More Thanks

- Messiah Mowers – what a great job they have done to our landscaping/grounds:
- Harley Hammond, Max Zoellin, Michael Menke, Scott Williamson, Lee Correll, Keith McKenzie, David Wychel, Josh Harman, Richard Hollembeak, Tim Bliese, Dave Ernst.
- Cecilia Rudd for her dedicated gardening work in our Landscape Beds

Fellowship Committee Report

Carol Ernst

Guest Services Report

Pam Hammond

Guest Services

- Welcome New Team Members
  - Kim Mitchell – Connector
  - Jim Irgens - Usher
- Friendsgiving Photo Booth “Thanks!”
  - Bill Chase – Photos for Friendsgiving
  - Harley and Wendy E – Photo Booth setup

Guest Services

- Updated KidStuff Bags
- Christmas Eve Ornaments
  - Wendy Elliott Working Her Magic
- Thanks for Making Messiah Welcoming
  - Welcoming Guests and Introducing Yourselves
  - Helping Them Feel Acknowledged and Comfortable
  - Thanking Guests for Joining Us for Worship

Old Business

Mark Elliott

New Business

Mark Elliott

2027 Budget

- See Handout

Adjourn

Mark Elliott