

Connecting with God, One Another & Our Mission in the World

soul  shop

We all have been touched by suicide. We all long to help people who struggle. We all would like to be better equipped to help prevent suicide... and yet we may not know how.

Bethlehem is partnering with **Soul Shop** to host a workshop to train people -- whether pastors, youth workers, volunteers, counselors or everyday people who care.

The workshop is Tuesday, April 28th at Bethlehem in Aberdeen. Details and registration information is below. We are also hosting an event for youth on Sunday evening, April 26th and a workshop for parents on Zoom on April 12. (More information is listed below.)

We hope you'll consider sharing in this life-saving training!

Soul Shop™ for Leaders– Building Hope & Saving Lives

Bethlehem Lutheran Church is hosting three Soul Shop™ workshops designed to equip leaders, youth, and parents to respond with compassion and confidence to mental health struggles and suicide prevention.

Tuesday, April 28 8:30 a.m.–4:00 p.m.

A one-day training for pastors, staff, and ministry leaders to create soul-safe congregations and respond faithfully to those impacted by suicide.
\$100 (includes meals & materials)

Register: <https://SSLAberdeenSDApr2026.eventbrite.com>

Want to learn more first?

Listen to the podcast: Soul Shop's Michelle Snyder on Hope and Suicide Prevention for an introduction to the Soul Shop movement.

https://www.thechildrenscenter.org/cc_episodes/ep-4-soul-shops-michelle-snyder-on-hope-and-suicide-prevention/

Questions: Janis Heier – jheier@bethlehemaberdeen.org

Soul Shop™ for Parents (Zoom)

Sunday, April 12 | 5:00–6:30 p.m.

A supportive online workshop helping parents confidently talk with their youth about emotional struggles, mental health, and suicide.
Free event

Register: <https://SSPAberdeenSDApr2026.eventbrite.com>

Questions: Stan Jung – sjung@bethlehemaberdeen.org or
Christopher Epperson – christopher@soulshopmovement.org

Soul Shop™ for High School Youth

Sunday, April 26 - 5:00–7:00 p.m. in the Bethlehem Youth Center

An engaging, hope-centered workshop helping youth care for their mental health and support friends who may be struggling.
Pizza will be served! – *Free event*

Register: Stan Jung, Director of Youth & Young Adults
@ sjung@bethlehemaberdeen.org

APRIL 2026

NEWSLETTER



Bethlehem
LUTHERAN CHURCH

FROM THE PASTOR

Beloved People of Bethlehem,

As spring seems to be trying to emerge from the lingering winter, I am longing for the new life that God brings. I am mindful of the way that creation springs forth in so many beautiful ways.

As the snow melts, the dead leaves and brown grass are visible. The green shoots and buds on the trees emerge. Soon the newborn and newly hatched creatures will be emerging. I encourage you to get out and notice the wonder of God's wonderful work in creation.

With this, Holy Week is on my mind. The story of God's love for the world unfolds as Jesus shares his last days with his followers before his death. Jesus shares the gospel in his washing of their feet, in the breaking of the bread, in his suffering and death on the cross.

Our mission, as people of Bethlehem, includes "journeying together in faith." I encourage you to live this mission as you share in Holy Week and Easter worship at Bethlehem. We'll gather together so that we may connect with Jesus in this holy time and be blessed with God's passionate love for all the world. And having been gathered by the Spirit, that same Spirit sends us out to share God's love with others.

Pastor Jeff

Open position: DIRECTOR OF WELCOMING AND SERVING

Do you have a heart for helping people feel at home?

Bethlehem Lutheran Church is seeking a leader who's passionate about welcoming others, building connections, and creating meaningful opportunities to serve—both within our church and beyond.

From engaging new faces to strengthening our community and supporting meal ministries that feed body and spirit, this role is all about making a difference where it matters most.

The position description and employment application are available online or at the church office. For more information, please contact Jeannie Haaland @ jhaaland@bethlehemaberdeen.org or (605) 225-9740 ext. 138

EASTER BREAKFAST

Let us do the cooking and the dishes!!

Please join us for Easter Breakfast on **Sunday, April 5th** in the **Fellowship Hall**. We will be serving a hearty breakfast between 8:00 – 11:15 AM. BLC youth attending mission trips in 2026 will be serving and it will be a free will offering.

Bring the whole family, no cooking and no washing dishes! We will be serving breakfast sausages, scrambled eggs/egg bake, pancakes and more! DELICIOUS!

Support our young people as they go out to serve others, grow their faith and be the hands and feet of Jesus, all while enjoying a great breakfast!

Hope to see all of you there!

CHURCH VAN SERVICE

Van service available for:

- MAUNDY THURSDAY 4/02 FOR 6:15 SERVICE
- GOOD FRIDAY 4/03 FOR 6:15 SERVICE
- EASTER 4/05 FOR 8:30 SERVICE

Contact the Church
Office to sign up





Registration is open for the 2026–2027 School Year!

We offer **Pre-K only** Mondays – Thursday
from 8 – 11 a.m. or 12:30 – 3:30 p.m.
or

Pre-K with Out of School Time (Daycare) Monday – Fridays
from 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Register online today at:
www.bethlehemaberdeen.org/teach/pre-k or contact
Cyndi Holtz at choltz@bethlehemaberdeen.org for more
information or to setup a tour!

Kids Singing in Church

Preschool – 4th Grade Sunday School Students will sing on
Palm Sunday, March 29 at 10:10 a.m. We ask that you please
have your **children meet in the Re-Creation Center (Gym) by
9:50 that morning** to practice their song prior to worship. They
will then stay in the gym until worship time so they can
process in to worship with palm branches. After they sing they
will head to their Sunday School classroom.

Preschool – 4th Grade Wednesday School Students will sing
on **Wednesday, April 1 at 6:15 p.m.** We ask that you please
have your **children meet in the Re-Creation Center (Gym) by
6:05 that evening** so they can process in to worship with
palm branches. After they sing they will find you to sit down.

First Communion Class

First Communion class will be held on **Wednesday, June 10
from 5:15 – 6:30 p.m. in the Chapel.** Students will receive their
First Communion during worship on Sunday, June 21 at 8:30
or 10:10 a.m. or Wednesday, June 24 at 6:15 p.m.

At Bethlehem, families are welcome to decide when their
children will receive First Communion. Most children take the
class in mid to upper elementary, though any age is
welcome. An adult is required to be at the class with the
student.

Registration with the church office by June 4 is required.
Contact Cyndi Holtz, Director of Children's Ministries, at
225-9740 or choltz@bethlehemaberdeen.org with any
questions.



Vacation Bible School is coming June 1-5!

Mark your calendars for another amazing week at
VBS! Our theme this year is Rainforest: Exploring the
Nature of God. VBS is open to children ages 3 (by
9/1/25) through 5th grade. Registration is open at
vbspro.events/p/2026blc

We are also looking for volunteers
(completing 6th grade through
adults). Volunteers can register
today at: vbspro.events/p/2026blc



Contact Cyndi at choltz@bethlehemaberdeen.org
with any questions.

There will be **NO Sunday School** on
Easter Sunday, April 5th.

There will be **NO Wednesday School**
on **April 8th.**

Help support the Bethlehem Pre-K!

Bring your Kessler's and Ken's receipts to
church and place them in the containers
near the Pre-K Classroom or on top of the
coat rack near the Hub. Thank you for your
support!

Milestone Ministry

4th Graders will celebrate a *Serving Like Jesus*
Milestone during a Parent/Child learning event
on **Sunday, April 12 at 9:40 in the East
Fellowship Hall or Wednesday, April 15 at 5:15
in Conference Room 1.**

We conclude our Christian Education year on **Sunday, April 19 and Wednesday, April 22.**
We look forward to seeing you at VBS and worship this summer!

Thank you for a great year of Sunday and Wednesday School!



MOVIE NIGHT

FRIDAY, APRIL 10

5:00 - SUPPER SERVING STARTS

5:30 - MOVIE

ALL ARE WELCOME TO COME TO THE FELLOWSHIP HALL FOR PIZZA, POPCORN AND THE MOVIE "ZOOTOPIA 2"



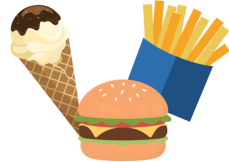
Summer Camp Registration is Now Open!

There is nothing better than having your child(ren) experience a Lutherans Outdoors Summer camp!

And even better is the fact that Bethlehem offers scholarships to kids attending camp!

We offer \$150 scholarship for full week camps and \$75 for the half week camps - all you need to do is sign your child up and email us the receipt! To sign up for camp visit: losd.org.

Questions, talk to Cyndi Holtz or Stan Jung.



PRE-K FUNDRAISER!

Monday, April 27 from 5-8pm!

Dine-In, Drive Thru, or Carry Out

10% of all sales will go to Bethlehem Pre-K!

High School Youth Group

Youth Group is open for all 9th -12th graders, and we do a variety of activities including Bible studies, service projects, community trips, and fun free nights. If you are a high schooler looking for a community of peers who value faith, this would be a great group for you! We are adjusting our meeting time on **Wednesdays** to be 7:30pm-9:30pm so that we start as Confirmation class ends. If you would like more information about youth group, talk to Pastor Matt at mspoden@bethlehemaberdeen.org or Stan and sjung@bethlehemaberdeen.org

High School Mission Trip – Niagara Falls, NY June 7-12, 2026 REQUIRED MEETING!

We will have a **required meeting** for all registered students and adult leaders. The meeting will be **Sunday, April 19th at 4:00 PM** in the **Fellowship Hall**.

There are 33 youth and adult leaders that will be making their way to this great city to be the hands and feet of Jesus. We will be working with those struggling to meet their basic needs through; homeless shelters, food pantries, youth programs, community gardens, home repair, meal preparation and more. We will also have some time in the evenings to explore the local area and have some fun!

Please connect with Stan for more information at sjung@bethlehemaberdeen.org

Middle School Mission Trip – Duluth, MN June 21-26, 2026 REQUIRED MEETING!

All students registered for the mission trip, and any that are interested, and adult leaders have a **required meeting on Sunday, April 19th at 3:00 PM** in the **Fellowship Hall**. Please be sure to attend to receive all the updated information and for group discussions.

We have a few spots available yet!

You don't have to be a member of BLC to attend; so ask a friend and spend a week in Duluth doing service projects, having fun and meeting new friends! Open to all current 6th, 7th, 8th and 9th grade students. There is a link on the BLC website (BLC website, TEACH tab, YOUTH 6TH -10TH dropdown, scroll down to ROUTE 67 and select the 2026 MIDDLE SCHOOL MISSION TRIP – DULUTH button) to register.

Please connect with Stan for more information at sjung@bethlehemaberdeen.org

Puffins Pastry Fundraiser

The youth attending Mission Trips this summer will be pre-selling Puffins Pastries beginning Sunday, March 8th. Puffins Pastries are an excellent treat you prepare from freezer to oven, one at a time if you choose. They are delicious and quick!

Please look for youth in the Narthex between Sunday, March 8th and Wednesday, April 8th to place your order.



Route 67 – Updates and Calendar

I can't believe we are already at the end of our Christian Ed year. Where did the year go? We only have a couple meeting times left in April, so we will make the very best of them! I hope that all of you will consider attending a summer camp at one of the awesome ELCA camp locations; NeSoDak, Klein Ranch or Outlaw Ranch. Camps offer so much and are a great place to try new things, meet new people and witness faith in action.

Hope to see all the 6th graders back next fall and wish the best for the 7th graders as they venture off to Confirmation classes.

See you soon!

Here is a look at the remaining schedule:

March 29th and April 1st: Free Day – Palm Sunday/Wednesday – Matthew 21:1-11

April 5th and 8th: NO ROUTE 67 – Happy Easter!!

April 12th and 15th: Surprise Day! – John 20 (Peace be with you)

April 19th and 22nd: End of the Year Celebration! Games and Food in the Re-Creation Center

8th Grade Confirmation Schedule

Congratulations! 8th graders, you have completed your first full year of confirmation!

Please work on completing your worship notes and volunteer hours, if you have not done so yet. For 8th grade the requirements are 5 worship notes and 5 service hours.

Here is the remaining schedule for 2026:

March 29th and April 1st: Small Group – Unity/Reconciliation

April 5th and 8th: NO CONFIRMATION CLASS

April 12th and 15th: Small Group – Serving

April 19th and 22nd: End of the Year Celebration!
(Meet in the Youth Center)

9th Grade Confirmation

3/29 and 4/1 – Small Group: Lutheran Worship

4/5 and 4/8 – Easter! No Confirmation

4/12 and 4/15 – Small Group: Law and Gospel

4/19 and 4/22 – End of the Year Celebration
(Meet in the Youth Center)

Open Gym in the Re-Creation Center

Thank you to all of the individuals and families that took part in our open gym times this year. We had very good participation and look forward to offering time again next year.

A huge shout-out to all the supervisors that made it possible to have open gym; THANK YOU!

We are always looking for additional interested individuals and/or families to supervise the open gym dates. You must be 18+ to volunteer. Please connect with Stan if interested.

Senior Milestone

All graduating seniors will receive a special milestone in May. The milestone will be celebrated on **Sunday, May 10th** at the **10:10AM** service and on **Wednesday, May 13th** at the **6:15PM** service. All seniors and parents are encouraged to participate. This is a very special milestone, as our youth enter the next phase of life. Please join us at one of these services.

Easter Blessings from your Pastoral Care Partners!

In Easter morning worship, we often use the phrase "He is Risen, He is Risen Indeed!"

What a wonderful acclamation of faith!

As I write this article on a snowy, cold & windy March morning, it is difficult to have faith that Spring will be coming soon. It seems doubtful that there will be green grass, trees budding and flowers popping up. With these thoughts I am reminded of Thomas who needed proof from Jesus that he was who he said he was. If I am honest with myself, I too may have needed that assurance from Jesus. Perhaps you can relate to that feeling as well? Fortunately, I have had parents, family, pastors, teachers and mentors to guide and enrich my faith. And today I have my Bethlehem faith family that reaches out beyond its walls to share that Jesus is Risen Indeed! The Holy Spirit is at work in and through us to share this good news with our neighbors.

As we celebrate Easter, may your doubts be washed away and the good news of our risen Lord and Savior comfort and sustain you. And, as always, spring will come again! Thanks be to God!

Please watch for opportunities such as **Aging Gracefully**, **GriefShare**, **Spark Joy** and many other programs to grow in faith in this newsletter.

Peace be with you all,

Ann Rasmussen
Janis Heier
Pastoral Care Ministers

Annual Pie Auction!

We cannot say it enough...THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU, to this awesome congregation for supporting the Bethlehem youth as they journey out this summer to be the hands and feet of Jesus. We are overwhelmed by your generosity! The Pie Auction & Dinner was a huge success, not to mention a great time! Thank you!

All proceeds benefit the BLC youth attending mission trips in 2026 and beyond.

AGING Gracefully

Tuesday, April 14, 2026
2-3 p.m. - East Fellowship Hall

Proper Nutrition to Support Aging Gracefully

Presenter: Annie Jacobson,
Registered Dietitian

Annie will review key aspects of healthy eating, best cooking methods, and what to avoid in the American diet. She will help participants find the most useful information on a food label and review the new 2025-2030 Dietary Guidelines for Americans released by the USDA.

Tuesday, May 12, 2026
2-3 p.m. - East Fellowship Hall

Presenter: Sarah Donaldson,
Registered Nurse at the
Avera ICU unit

Sarah will speak on general ER/hospital admittance procedures and much more. Sarah will help us understand the hospital setting as well as feeling more comfortable when we or a loved one is hospitalized.

Hope to see you at our last Aging Gracefully presentation for the season.

GRIEFSHARE

There will be a new session of GriefShare that will begin on **April 9th at 2pm in The Hub**.

GriefShare is a program that addresses many aspects of grief through discussions and videos guided by a facilitator.

The GriefShare setting is a safe confidential place where you are invited to share your sorrows and move forward on your grief journey.

Please call the church office for more information and to connect with the facilitator at 605-225-9740.



Being Bethlehem

CURIOUS & CONNECT

CURIOUS is a time to meet with a member of the Welcome Team who will assist with answering questions about BLC & give a tour of the church.

Sunday, April 12th at 9:30 AM & 11:00 AM

Wednesday, April 15th at 7:00 PM

in the Narthex by the Welcome Center

CONNECT is a time to explore membership in greater depth and is the first step to becoming a member.

Wednesday, April 22nd at 7:00PM

in the East Fellowship Hall

Sunday, April 26th at 11:00AM

in the East Fellowship Hall

All are welcome! Please contact Doug Eisenbeisz at the church or email him at deisenbeisz@bethlehemaberdeen.org if you have any questions.

Lenten Sacrificial Offering

Many are familiar with the practice of "giving something up for Lent." A faith practice at Bethlehem for many years has been a "Lenten Sacrificial Offering." People are invited to sacrifice something in their lives to free up resources to be a blessing to others. Perhaps it's designer coffees, or entertainment outings, or...

This year the Sacrificial Offering proceeds will go to Aspire. Aspire is a non-profit agency providing support to adults with intellectual disabilities to lead fulfilling lives.

Thank you for your Lenten Sacrificial Offering.

Spark Joy : The Joy of Reading – A Novel Idea

Friday, April 17, 2026 – 12:10–12:50 p.m.

East Fellowship Hall – Bethlehem Lutheran Church

After a meaningful pause during March in observance of our Lenten ministries, Spark Joy returns this spring with a presentation sure to inspire and delight.

On **Friday, April 17, from 12:10–12:50 p.m.**, we welcome Mike and Kristi Bockorny, owners of Novel Ideas bookstore, for **"The Joy of Reading – A Novel Idea."**

With a deep love for stories and community, Mike and Kristi will share not only the power of reading and their favorite recommendations, but also the story behind their own business—how and why they created Novel Ideas. What inspired them to open a bookstore? What vision did they have for building a space centered on books, connection, and conversation?

They will reflect on how stories shape our lives, strengthen communities, and even nurture our faith journeys. Whether you are an avid reader or simply looking for your next good book, this Spark Joy gathering promises encouragement, insight, and joy.

Invite a friend, and join us for this uplifting midday event. We look forward to gathering again as a community to spark joy together.

Looking Ahead: Save The Dates

Friday, May 29th – Gigi Browning presenting Dorothy's Garden

Friday, June 12th – Ashley Geist-Cusick and Rebecca Christianson of Inner Peace Counseling

Friday, September 11th – William Deng, a South Sudanese American humanitarian, author and founder of the Brother Deng Foundation.

Aberdeen University Civic Symphony Presents the "Cathedral of Sound"

Saturday, April 25, 2026 at 7:30 PM

Bethlehem Lutheran Church

Synod Assembly Voting Member Nomination

(if nominating someone, please return this form to the church office)

The Synod Assembly will be held on May 29 – May 30, 2026 at Our Savior’s Lutheran Church in Sioux Falls, SD. If you have someone you would like to nominate or you would like to offer your participation, please submit this information to the church office by April 15.

Each congregation is able to send a number of voting members based on the baptized membership number. Given our membership number, Bethlehem is able to send eight (8) voting members of any demographic mix. In addition, to encourage participation of persons who haven’t typically participated, each congregation can send an additional young adult (age 16 – 21) and also an additional person of color or non-native English speaker.

Voting Members will be asked to participate in an orientation prior to Synod Assembly. Voting Members participate as church members, not political delegates, and are entrusted with voting according to how they discern the Spirit’s leading based on prayer, study, conversations and convictions. Registration fee, including assembly meals, is paid by Bethlehem, and lodging is to be arranged and paid by participants. Transportation may be coordinated among participants. If you have questions, please contact Pastor Jeff or Pastor Matt.

Name of Nominee: _____

Phone number: _____

Nominated by: _____

Tuesday Ladies

Tuesday Ladies will begin looking at ***Women of the Bible* by Ann Spangler & Jean E. Syswerda on April 7th.** This book is designed as a one-year devotional study, but for six weeks we will look at a few of the fifty-two *“prominent and not-so-prominent women in Scripture to help you approach the story of salvation with fresh eyes.”*

All women are invited to gather on Tuesday evenings at 7:00 in the Fireside Room. Contact Crystal Swenson at crystal0955@gmail.com ASAP if you would like to order a copy of the book.

Thursdays by the Fire Enriching Mind, Body & Spirit

Are you longing for meaningful conversation and connection with other women?

Join us for **Thursdays by the Fire**, a five-week women’s gathering designed to bring gentle rhythm, reflection, and joy to your week.

We will meet **Thursdays from 10–11 a.m. in the Fireside Room** on:

May 14 May 21 May 28 June 11 June 18

Each gathering will include fellowship, a short devotion, thoughtful conversation around a meaningful topic, and a brief prayerful meditation to close our time together.

Come as you are—no preparation needed. Simply bring an open heart. You’ll find a warm chair by the fire, kind conversation, and a peaceful moment in God’s presence.

Facilitators: Marion Hartung and Janis Heier
Register: mhartung4@abe.midco.net or jheier@bethlehemaberdeen.org

Space is limited to 12 participants.

Board Game Night

Itching to get out and do something fun? Board Game Night is just the thing for you! All are welcome to come on **April 23rd starting at 5:30pm and ending at 8:00pm** in the **Fellowship Hall**. New players are welcome to attend! Pizza will be provided. Water will also be provided, but you are welcome to bring your own beverage. If you arrive late or leave early, that’s okay! If you would like more information about board game night, talk to Pastor Matt or email him at mspoden@bethlehemaberdeen.org

Bethlehem Scholarships Available

Bethlehem offers two college scholarship opportunities each year: the Prairie Mindset Scholarship and the Floyd & Thelma Walberg Scholarship.

The application deadline for both scholarships is April 15, and recipients will be announced by May 31.

The Prairie Mindset Scholarship was established in memory of Harlan and Joyce Mertz by their son, Jon Mertz. This award provides \$1,000 per year to a graduating high school senior who has been accepted to attend Augustana University. Recipients may renew the scholarship for up to four years while enrolled at Augustana.

The Floyd & Thelma Walberg Scholarship, created through the Walberg's estate, provides \$1,000 per year to students pursuing studies in Nursing or Ministry-related education.

We encourage eligible students to apply and invite those interested in supporting these scholarships to consider contributing.

For additional criteria and application materials, please contact Jeannie Haaland, Director of Administration, at jhaaland@bethlehemaberdeen.org

Thank You

The Ladies Lenten Luncheon Committee would like to express our thanks to everyone who was involved in making our 2026 Lenten luncheons a success. We are very blessed to have a great church staff, wonderful speakers, musicians and volunteers who stepped up every week to make the luncheons run smoothly. It was all greatly appreciated.



NORTHERN PLAINS WELCA

SPRING
Gathering
"I AM WORTHY"
Psalm 139:14

SATURDAY, APRIL 18
REGISTRATION 9-10AM

RSVP by April 11
Darlene Finnesand - 605-397-2649

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Be Still & Know

Thursdays in the Chapel
7:00 AM - 8:00 AM & 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM
Enter through East Doors

Join us April 16 for Music
from 11:30 - 12:30

Music will be played at the quarter hours
for 10 minutes & then 5 minutes
of quiet reflection

Music will be played by:
Mallory Scott

WOMEN'S CHOIR

Women's choir will sing on Sunday, May 10 for Mother's Day, please contact Mallory if interested.

Two brief rehearsals will be held on April 26th and May 3rd @ 11:00 AM in the Choir Room.

Memorials and Honorariums

General Fund Memorials

Given in memory of Corrine Nordling by: Bonnie Locken, Helen Anderson

Given in memory of Jerome Pfeiffer by: Sonnie & Diane Beaman

Given in memory of Gordon Grey by: Helen Anderson

Given in memory of Edward Golden by: Helen Anderson, Janis & Eloy Heier

Given in memory of Jerry Skramstad by: Roger Rozell

Worship & Music Memorials

Given in memory of Corrine Nordling by: Terry & Shirley Ochsner

Given in memory of Edward Golden by: Barbara Paepke

Livestream & Online Ministry Memorials

Given in memory of Edward Golden by: Darlene Atkinson

Welcome New Members

The following new members were received in February. Please give them a warm welcome into this community of faith.



Vicki Bartz



Bob & Dianne
Larson



Sydney Meister



Michael & Kenzie
Wirth



Jeffrey Wolff
Tanya Torguson

SIGN UP TO BE A COMMUNION SERVER

12:05 PM Mid-day Maundy Thursday

6:15 PM Maundy Thursday

5:15 PM Easter Eve Saturday

8:30 AM Easter Service

SIGN UP IN THE NARTHEX TODAY



FEBRUARY 2026 FINANCIAL SUMMARY

GENERAL FUND

Analysis of Budgeted Revenues & Expenses

	MTD	YTD
Undesignated Offerings	\$ 96,598.66	\$ 203,783.36
Other Designated Revenues	\$ 27,955.08	\$ 97,721.99
Total Revenue	\$ 124,553.74	\$ 301,505.35
Less Budget Expenditures	\$ (157,116.34)	\$ (302,542.72)
Net Operating Total from Budget Operations	\$ (32,562.60)	\$ (1,037.37)

Summary of Assets & Liabilities

Cash & Cash Equivalents	\$ 1,124,932.55
<i>Parking Lot payoff - to be reimbursed to GF</i>	\$ (268,203.83)
Accounts Payable due within 30 days	\$ (22,081.98)
Pre-paid tuition & fees	\$ -
Due to Restricted Fund Accounts	\$ (10,380.85)
Temporary reserve for D. Hagenson estate gift	\$ (205,137.35)
Reserved for Others/Temporary Restricted accounts	\$ (169,340.82)
Total Unrestricted Cash Assets	\$ 449,787.72

RESTRICTED FUND ACCOUNTS

Restricted Memorials & Accounts	\$ 22,168.25
Prairie Mindset Scholarship	\$ 23,267.56

ENDOWMENT FUND

Endowment Fund Assets	\$1,482,278.99
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FUTURE MAINTENANCE FUND

Income Statement

	MTD	YTD
Revenues, Investment Activity & Other Sources	\$ 10,108.98	\$ 22,370.90
Expenditures	\$ (1,076.32)	\$ (1,076.32)
Net Operating	\$ 9,032.66	\$ 21,294.58

Future Maintenance Fund Assets	\$ 39,599.75
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FUTURE MAINTENANCE FUND - Parking Lot

	MTD	YTD
Revenue	\$ -	\$ 108,000.00
<i>Parking Lot Expenditures</i>	\$ -	\$ -
Net Operating	\$ -	\$ 108,000.00

<i>Due to General Fund (FM owes GF for Parking Lot Exp)</i>	\$ -	\$ 268,203.83
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We are a family of God journeying together in faith, touching lives by Welcoming, Worshiping, Teaching and Serving.

PALM/PASSION SATURDAY (March 28)

5:15 PM Worship with Palms in Chapel

PALM/PASSION SUNDAY (March 29)

8:30 AM Worship with Palms in Sanctuary
& Livestreamed

10:10 AM Worship with Palms in Sanctuary
& Livestreamed

PALM/PASSION WEDNESDAY (April 1)

6:15 PM Worship with Palms in Sanctuary

MAUNDY THURSDAY (April 2)

12:05 PM Mid-Day Communion worship in
Sanctuary followed by lunch

6:15 PM Worship with Communion in
Sanctuary & Livestreamed

GOOD FRIDAY (April 3)

12:05 PM ELCA service in Sanctuary

6:15 PM Worship in Sanctuary
& Livestreamed

SATURDAY EASTER EVE (April 4)

5:15 PM Worship in Sanctuary with Communion

EASTER SUNDAY (April 5)

8:30 AM Worship in Sanctuary with Communion
& Livestreamed

10:10 AM Worship in Sanctuary with Communion
& Livestreamed

Holy
Week

**HOLY
WEEK**

We Believe

