

Faith Lutheran Church

Orange City, Iowa



The Lutheran Church—
Missouri Synod

“For it is by grace you have been saved through faith...
it is a gift from God.”
Ephesians 2:8

Annual Report
2025

2025 Pastor's Annual Report

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ Jesus,

“Now to him who is able to do far more abundantly than all that we ask or think, according to the power at work within us, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, forever and ever. Amen.” -Ephesians 3:20-21

The year of our Lord 2025 provided opportunities to grow together in Christ. Jesus came week in and week out with His grace through the Word and through His Body and Blood in Holy Communion. And where Christ is present, He is building His Church with His grace and Spirit. I am so thankful that it is God who does this because if it were up to me or you, then we'd be in trouble.

Here are some highlights from the year:

- We held our first Easter Vigil service on the Saturday before Easter.
 - **Mark your calendar for April 4th!!!**
- We hosted our first Ascension service, which people from six different parishes attended.
 - **Mark your calendar for May 14th!!!**
- By God's grace, two young people were confirmed in their faith.
- I was able to attend the Higher Things conference. I'm praying we'll be able to bring a group to HT in the summer of 2027.
- Rachel Potts presented the idea of Faith being a ministry production center for Lutheran Braille Workers. [If you have any interest in this, please let me know. We're still moving towards this goal.]
- Rev. Steve Schulz preached and presented on the mission work going on around the globe.
- In September Faith took a trip to Mission Central and were inspired by God's faithfulness.
- We visited with college students at the beginning of the year, and have started a Bible study for young adults.
- By God's grace we paid off our building fund loan about 7 years ahead of schedule. Thanks be to God!

There's plenty more where this list comes from. I am thankful to the Lord for your dedication to hearing God's Word and applying it to your lives.

If you have any suggestions on ministry ideas (like Higher Things, LBW, Mission Central, etc), please let me know. God is able to do far more than we think, if only we trust Him to do it. If there are any books of the Bible or topics that you'd like to study in Bible Class, let me know as well. I'd appreciate the input for when we finish our study of 1 Corinthians.

May the Lord continue to bless our partnership in the Gospel this new year.

Sincerely in Christ,

Pastor Thomas Batchelder

2025 Church Council Annual Report

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

As we conclude this year, we give thanks to our gracious Lord for His steadfast love and mercy. Guided by the truth of God's Word and the confession of the Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, we rejoice in the blessings He has bestowed upon our congregation.

Membership Growth

This year, we celebrate a net gain of 2 baptized members and 3 confirmed members, bringing our totals to:

- **231 baptized members**
- **196 confirmed members**

Special Gift

We gratefully acknowledge the Foreman family for donating the Paschal candle from Dave's memorial fund. This gift enriches our worship space and serves as a powerful reminder of Christ's light shining in the darkness—a light that no darkness can overcome (John 1:5).

Facing Adversity Together

Our community faced deep sorrow this year with the Granville and Orange City fires, which claimed the lives of three MOCFV High School students. In these moments of grief, we turned to Christ, who is our refuge and strength. Through prayer, financial support, and acts of service, we sought to bear one another's burdens and reflect the compassion of our Savior.

Financial Accomplishments

By God's grace and the sacrificial giving of our members, the building loan was paid off in a remarkably short time. This milestone frees us to direct resources toward any future emergencies.

Looking Ahead: Building Improvement Fund

Our next goal is the establishment of \$100,000 within our Building Improvement Fund. This will provide stability and ensure we can respond confidently to future challenges, safeguarding our ministry for generations to come.

Gratitude for Leadership

We extend heartfelt thanks to our Church Council for their faithful leadership and wise stewardship. Their prayerful guidance has been instrumental in every success we celebrate today.

Our Focus Moving Forward

As we look ahead, we are reminded that our calling is not merely to proclaim the Law but to share the Gospel—the good news of Christ’s mercy and grace. We ask:

How can we better show Christ’s love to those who are hurting? How can we be better neighbors in our community and in the MOCFV school district?

Let us continue to be a congregation where the light of Christ shines brightly, offering hope and peace to all.

Scripture for Reflection:

"Let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven." — Matthew 5:16

Closing Prayer

Gracious Lord, we thank You for guiding Faith Lutheran Church through this year with Your mercy and grace. Strengthen us by Your Word and Sacraments, that we may reflect Christ’s love in all we do. Help us to be faithful witnesses in our community, comforting the hurting and proclaiming the Gospel with joy. Bless our plans for the coming year and keep us united in Your truth. In Jesus’ name we pray. Amen.

In Christ,
Mike Blankenfeld
Outgoing Chairman

2025 Youth Annual Report

In 2025, I was gifted with the wonderful opportunity to be the Youth Director at Faith Lutheran Church and was blessed with both a supportive congregation and numerous student attendants, those being Youthlead, comprised of 7th through 12th graders, and JLYF, comprised of 4th through 6th graders.

Throughout the spring of 2025, I led both the Youthlead and JLYF through selected chapters of the Book of Romans, discussing key doctrines in order to nurture an understanding of the theological foundation of the Christian faith. Youthlead typically met twice a month, and we spent half an hour reading Scripture followed by fifteen minutes of snacks and a half hour of games. We read the first six chapters of the Book of Romans, centering on our sinful human nature, justification by faith, and new life in Christ. JLYF met once a month, and we would have a fifteen-minute Bible study about a chapter in Romans with a fifteen-minute snack and half hour of games. Common games that were played included tag and sardines. The semester ended with a large and delightful meal of pizza for all the parents and students, where we finished off the school year with gratitude and fellowship.

During the fall of 2025, the Youthlead studied the Book of First Peter, detailing how we are born again through the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ and how we are supposed to live as born-again Christians. JLYF met once a month to read a selected chapter from the Gospel of Matthew to discuss a crucial event in the life of our Lord, such as His Baptism and Parables. The schedule regarding allotments for Bible reading, snack times, and games has continued seamlessly since the Spring semester, with the addition of an end of the month major event for both JLYF and Youthlead. On October 26, six adults and eleven students from the congregation of Faith Lutheran helped to pack 128 free meals for the Orange City Sack Program, helping others as Christ commanded us.

I have a special thanks to Pastor Thomas Batchelder, Ali Hagen, Mike Blankenfeldt, Scott Bahrke, Paula Koller, and all the members of Faith Lutheran Church who helped make 2025 a successful year of Youth Ministry. I look forward to continuing to work with Faith Lutheran Church to foster faith in the hearts and minds of our youth!

Andrew Reginald

Youth Director

2025 Board of Lay Ministry Annual Report

2025 Members included: Karl Bahrke, Chairman, Aaron Fink, Kerby Huss, Mike Blankenfeld, Micah Hagen, and Scott Bahrke. We were very excited to add Jordan Pace to the Board in April.

Pastor Thomas Batchelder guided the Board through a book entitled "Leadership and Emotional Sabotage". The book encourages church leadership to face adversity boldly with decisions grounded in Scripture. These decisions apply not only to the church congregation, but also to family situations and even interactions with community members.

Once again, we invite members of Faith to contact their Lay Minister or Pastor Batchelder with any concerns or needs.

I would like to thank Pastor and all the Board members for their dedication and hard work over the past year. As I step away from the Board of Lay Ministry, I know that the future of Faith Lutheran is in good hands, with a solid group of Board members, talented and caring church members, and Christ leading the way.

Karl S. Bahrke, Chairman
Board of Lay Ministry

2025 Board of Christian Education Annual Report

In 2025, Faith Lutheran continued to offer education opportunities for all the children of God through Sunday School classes, Catechism classes, Vacation Bible School, and youth activities.

Valentine Activity

In February, students from all Sunday School classes created handmade Valentine cards for members who are homebound or ill. Pastor delivered these cards during his visits, and they were warmly received. Due to the positive response, this activity will continue in the future.

Easter Breakfast

In previous years, the youth served an Easter breakfast prior to Easter Sunday worship. Due to a smaller number of youth this year, an Easter potluck was held instead. This alternative was well received, with approximately 35–40 people in attendance and ample food for everyone.

Confirmation Sunday

On Sunday, May 4, Confirmation was held, with Paxton Hagen and Joelle Konz being confirmed. On the same day, we recognized and thanked our Sunday School and Catechism teachers and substitute teachers for their dedication and service throughout the year.

Additionally, on June 2, Brecken Sneller was baptized, confirmed, and joined the church.

Vacation Bible School

Vacation Bible School took place July 20–24 from 6:00–7:30 PM. Fifteen students attended (10 members and 5 non-members), with the help of 10 volunteers. The program received excellent feedback from students, parents, and volunteers. The curriculum purchased in 2024 was used after the program was canceled that year. Dinner was also served each evening prior to VBS, which was very well received.

Sunday School

Rally Sunday was held on September 7, marking the beginning of the Sunday School year. Val Boggs ordered the curriculum for the children's classes. Sunday School teachers for the 2025–2026 year included:

- **Pre K–K:** Jesa Pace (Sept–Dec 2025), Nicole Fink (Jan–May 2026)
- **1st–3rd Grade:** Ali Vlieger
- **4th–6th Grade:** Pam Vlieger
- **7th–8th Grade:** Renae Bahrke
- **High School:** Scott Bahrke

Substitute teachers included Nicole Fink and Chrissy Overmohle.

Catechism Classes

Catechism classes began in September. Catechism teachers included:

- **6th grade** - Pam Vlieger
- **7th grade** - Pastor Batchelder
- **8th grade** - Mike Blankenfeld

Youth Activities

Andy Reginald continued to serve as the Youth Director, with support from Ali Hagen in her role as Director of Young People's Work on the Board of Education.

YouthLead for students in grades 7–12 met on the 1st and 3rd Sundays of each month from 6:30–7:45 PM. JLYF for students in grades 4–6 met on the 2nd Sunday of each month from 4:00–5:00 PM. On the 4th Sunday of each month, both groups met together from 4:00–5:00 PM.

To ensure safety and support, it was decided that two adults would always be present at each activity, and a volunteer sign-up sheet was made available.

Christmas Program

Christmas program practices began in November for Sunday School children ages 3 through 4th grade, with 16 students participating. Ruth Katt provided piano accompaniment, and Jesa Pace organized and led the program. Jesa Pace, Ali Vlieger, and Pam Vlieger assisted with practices, with additional help from Nicole Fink and Ali Hagen as needed. Scott Bahrke operated the projector the evening of the program.

Parents and church volunteers provided treats and refreshments for a reception following the program. Kristy Frederes and students from the High School Sunday School class served refreshments and assisted with cleanup.

Due to inclement weather and other Sunday programming, the children had only four practices, with lower attendance than usual. As a result, the congregation was invited to join in many of the songs. The program was held on December 14 at 4:00 PM and was live streamed on Facebook for those unable to attend in person.

Adult Opportunities

Throughout the year, Pastor Batchelder continued to offer the Adult Bible Study on Sundays following the worship service. A College/Young Adult Bible Study was also held on Sunday evenings at 8:00 PM.

Looking Ahead

Overall, 2025 was a strong and faithful year for Christian education at Faith Lutheran Church. We are thankful for the dedication of our teachers, volunteers, and leaders, and we look forward with excitement and trust in God's guidance as we continue to grow and serve in the year ahead.

Jesa Pace, Chairperson
Board of Christian Education

Ali Hagen, Outgoing Chairperson
Board of Young People's Work

2025 Board of Evangelism Annual Report

Evangelism is the act of sharing the gospel of Jesus Christ with others. It is our duty as Christians to go out and tell others about who He is, what He has done, and to invite others to join us in our faith. It should flow from our hearts and the love we have for Jesus by way of words, actions or both.

Matthew 28:19-20

“Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age.”

Listed below you will find ways in which the Evangelism Committee and Faith Lutheran Church extended our hearts and hands in 2025:

Outreach to local college students at Northwestern and Dordt University – Faith hosted a table at both college events in the fall in order to welcome students to the community, hand out information, and invite them to attend Faith Lutheran Church in Orange City.

Members of the church volunteered at the OC Food Pantry distribution event on October 25. The pantry recorded 818 pantry visits, serving over 214 families in our community. Faith Lutheran Church donated \$495.00 in 2025.

Heart and Soles - Faith Lutheran Church members donated shoes and socks in order to help offset the cost of back-to-school supplies and other needs for families.

Samaritan's Purse Operation Christmas Child (shoeboxes) - Our congregation filled around 23 shoeboxes this year!

Faith participated in several fundraisers and offerings to help community organizations and individuals:

- April – Baby Bottle Campaign for Guiding Star Siouxland
- May-June – Camp Okoboji
- June – Sunday School gave to Lutheran World Relief ‘Love Thy Neighbor’ gift challenge
- June – Lutheran Braille Workers
- July – Mission Sunday offering for our Missionary (Shara Osiro)
- September – Granville Fire Victims (4 families)
- October – Hofmeyer family (fire victim)

Harvest Meal - The annual Harvest Meal was held on November 23 with the proceeds from the meal going half to the Granville Fire victims and half for Faith's youth activities.

Christmas Caroling to area nursing facilities was held on December 13, 2025.

Items were provided for the Smit family following the loss of their home.

Main Street Living – Faith supports this liturgical worship service, broadcast Sunday mornings at 10:00am on KCAU (ABC), which provides a worship experience for people who cannot attend services on a regular basis. The first portion of the program includes an episode of ‘This is the Life’, followed by a worship service led by area LCMS clergy.

Mission Central – Through our mission giving’s this year, Faith supported Shara Osiro, our missionary to Eastern and Southern Africa.

The following organizations were supported financially through our 2025 Missions Budget: LCMS Hispanic Ministry, Lutheran Family Service, Lutheran Bible Translators, Zestos, Lutheran Hour Ministries, Mission Central, and Main Street Living.

The following organizations were supported through our Special Service Offerings: Genesis House, Lutherans for Life, ATLAS/Center for Financial Education, Family Crisis Center, Camp Okoboji, POBLO, Orange City Food Pantry, Habitat for Humanity, Lutheran World Relief, Mid-Sioux Opportunity, and our Congregational Assistance Fund.

Church services were offered on our Facebook page at ‘Orange City Faith Lutheran Church’; - a way for members and all others to stay connected and to learn about Faith Lutheran Church activities, and services.

Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bowl. Instead, they put it on its stand, and it gives light to everyone in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven. Matthew 5:15-16

Keith and Tonya Huss, Co-chairpersons
Board of Evangelism

2025 Board of Properties Annual Report

Things continue to run smoothly around our property with only minor projects over the last year.

Thanks to Dave and Rhonda for taking care of the Church, along with those who stepped up to help out while Rhonda recovered from surgery.

Thanks to Cooper for keeping our grounds looking good, and Brent Aalbers for donating snow removal this snow season.

The greatest news is our Building Addition being paid off early through extra giving last year! Thanks to all who helped make this happen. I ask that you consider still giving to the Building Fund as we try and build funds to cover future equipment needs and replacement as well as insurance deductibles.

Overall, our property continues to be in good condition thanks to all who have stepped up when needed.

Jason Overmohle, Chairman
Board of Properties

2025 Board of Stewardship Annual Report

The objective of the Stewardship Board is to encourage dedicated and proportionate first fruits giving of your time, talent, and treasure. *2 Corinthians 9:7 Each person should give what they have decided to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.* In addition to the financial support of our members, many helping hands are needed to carry out the work of the Church. Opportunities to volunteer include teaching Sunday School or Catechism, serving on a board, on the altar guild, as a greeter, usher, acolyte, projectionist, or assisting with office work. Other opportunities to serve include Vacation Bible School, attending youth meetings, providing food for various meals, serving meals, and helping with the set up and clean up for congregational meals, weddings, and funerals.

In February, a generous member volunteered to match building fund donations up to \$5,000. The matching funds campaign was very well supported as a total of \$18,806 was contributed to the building fund in February. These funds were directly applied to the loan for the addition. In September, we were able to pay the loan for the building addition in full! Thanks to the generous support of our members, we were able to pay the loan off in 6 ½ years vs. the scheduled amortization of 20 years. Paying the loan off so quickly saved us tens of thousands of dollars of finance charges over the term of the loan. In order to have funds available for major repairs or to meet the deductible on our property insurance, the council has set up a goal of \$100,000 for the building fund. At year-end, the building fund balance was \$31,994 so we are well on our way towards achieving this goal.

Contributions to the general fund totaled \$202,098 in 2025 which was an increase of \$10,335 from general fund totals in 2024. Unfortunately, general fund receipts continue to lag budgeted expenses and actual expenses. The deficit has been funded by a reduction in the general fund balance which stood at \$36,704 at year end. The Council thanks you for your generous financial support and asks for your prayerful consideration to how much you give back to our Lord and Savior.

Kevin Rueter, Chairman
Board of Stewardship

2025 Treasurer's Report

Faith Lutheran Church

2025 Summary

	General Fund	Restricted Fund	Net Position
ASSETS			
Cash in Bank	\$ 36,704.28	\$49,283.74	\$ 85,988.02
Due from Gen Fund	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Due to Gen Fund	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Investments	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
TOTAL ASSETS	\$ 36,704.28	\$ 49,283.74	\$ 85,988.02
LIABILITIES			
Payroll Taxes	\$ (331.18)	\$ -	\$ (331.18)
Owed to Res. Fund	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Due from Res. Fund	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
TOTAL LIABILITIES	\$ (331.18)	\$ -	\$ (331.18)
NET POSITION	\$ 36,373.10	\$ 49,283.74	\$ 85,656.84

General Fund Actual vs. Budget

INCOME	Received	Budgeted	Difference
Ordinary	\$ 202,098.37	\$ 233,601.00	\$ (31,502.63)
Other - Bldg Improve	\$ 44,106.22	\$ 22,800.00	\$ 21,306.22
<i>Total Receipts</i>	\$ 246,204.59	\$ 256,401.00	\$ (10,196.41)

EXPENSES	Spent	Budgeted	Difference
Missions	\$ 28,450.00	\$ 28,450.00	\$ -
LM Salaries	\$ 154,319.01	\$ 154,861.00	\$ (541.99)
Lay Ministry - Other	\$ 5,422.71	\$ 7,100.00	\$ (1,677.29)
Stewardship	\$ 1,064.84	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 64.84
Evangelism	\$ 321.26	\$ 800.00	\$ (478.74)
Christian Education	\$ 1,948.59	\$ 3,250.00	\$ (1,301.41)
Church Properties	\$ 27,412.50	\$ 37,140.00	\$ (9,727.50)
Public Relations	\$ 150.52	\$ 1,000.00	\$ (849.48)
Loan	\$ 45,138.22	\$ 22,800.00	\$ 22,338.22

<i>Total expenses</i>	\$ 264,227.65	\$ 256,401.00	\$ 7,826.65
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INCOME- EXPENSES	\$ (18,023.06)	\$ -	\$ (18,023.06)
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**Faith Lutheran Church
2025 Restricted Fund Inflows & Outflows**

	Dec '24 Balance	Inflows	Outflows	Dec '25 Balance
ATLAS/CFE	\$ -	\$ 419.00	\$ 419.00	\$ -
Bldg Imp Fund	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 11,994.05	\$ -	\$ 31,994.05
Camp Fund	\$ 130.00	\$ 230.00	\$ 230.00	\$ 130.00
Confirmation	\$ (227.44)		\$ -	\$ (227.44)
Cong Assist Fund	\$ 2,214.02	\$ 17,203.03	\$ 16,000.00	\$ 3,417.05
Easter Lily	\$ (415.14)	\$ 180.50	\$ 202.23	\$ (436.87)
Family Crisis Center	\$ -	\$ 419.00	\$ 419.00	\$ -
Food Pantry	\$ -	\$ 495.00	\$ 495.00	\$ -
Genesis House (Bridge)	\$ -	\$ 224.00	\$ 224.00	\$ -
Habitat 4 Humanity	\$ -	\$ 150.00	\$ 150.00	\$ -
Interest	\$ 2,485.02	\$ 116.11		\$ 2,601.13
Luth. For Life	\$ -	\$ 224.00	\$ 224.00	\$ -
L World Relief	\$ -	\$ 150.00	\$ 150.00	\$ -
Memorials	\$ 3,234.00	\$ 200.00	\$ 451.74	\$ 2,982.26
Mid-Sioux	\$ -	\$ 784.00	\$ 784.00	\$ -
Misc.	\$ 280.06	\$ 7,386.04	\$ 6,661.90	\$ 1,004.20
Missions Inc	\$ 1,615.34	\$ 363.00	\$ 363.00	\$ 1,615.34
POBLO Inc	\$ -	\$ 230.00	\$ 230.00	\$ -
Seasonal Dec	\$ (108.46)	\$ 235.00	\$ 273.34	\$ (146.80)
SS Mission	\$ -	\$ 91.00	\$ 91.00	\$ -
SS Xmas Program	\$ 42.74	\$ 179.82	\$ 222.56	\$ -
Thrivent Fin	\$ 496.72	\$ 1,346.00	\$ 1,177.22	\$ 665.50
VBS Mission	\$ 55.10	\$ 122.57	\$ 177.67	\$ -
Youth Activities	\$ 5,084.53	\$ 697.00	\$ 96.21	\$ 5,685.32
TOTAL	\$ 34,886.49	\$ 43,439.12	\$ 29,041.87	\$ 49,283.74

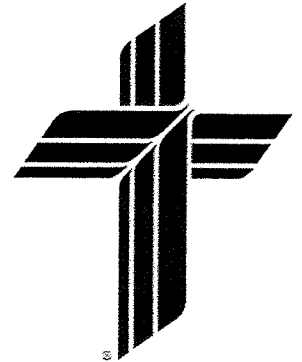
Faith Lutheran Church
2025 General Fund Details

	2025 Actual	2025 Budget	Difference	2026 Budget	Budget Change %
02 MISSIONS					
02:01 District and Synod	17,000.00	17,000.00	\$0.00	17,400.00	
02:01A District Hispanic Ministry (NE)	1,200.00	1,200.00	\$0.00	1,200.00	
02:02 Lutheran Family Services	4,800.00	4,800.00	\$0.00	4,800.00	
02:03 Lutheran Bible Translators	250.00	250.00	\$0.00	300.00	
02:04 Sioux City Gospel Mission		0.00	\$0.00	0.00	
02:11 Zestos	1,000.00	1,000.00	\$0.00	1,020.00	
02:12 Lutheran Hour Ministries	1,000.00	1,000.00	\$0.00	1,020.00	
02:13 Mission Central	2,000.00	2,000.00	\$0.00	2,100.00	
02:14 Main Street Living	1,200.00	1,200.00	\$0.00	1,260.00	
TOTAL	28,450.00	28,450.00	\$0.00	29,100.00	2.3%
03 LAY MINISTRY-Salaries					
03:01 Pastor's Salary	32,532.00	62,000.00	(\$29,468.00)	65,000.00	
03:02 Employee Mileage Expense	1,864.10	2,500.00	(\$635.90)	2,500.00	
03:03 Pastor's Housing Allowance	52,268.00	22,800.00	\$29,468.00	22,800.00	
03:04 Concordia Plans					
03:04:01 Health Plan (CHP)	40,720.68	30,587.00	\$10,133.68	30,853.00	
03:04:02 Retirement Plan (CRP)		8,226.00	(\$8,226.00)	9,395.00	
03:04:03 Disability & Survivor Plan (CDSP)		1,908.00	(\$1,908.00)	1,537.00	
03:05 Organist/Pianist Salary	5,720.00	5,440.00	\$280.00	6,400.00	
03:06 Secretary's Salary	18,428.00	17,500.00	\$928.00	17,750.00	
03:07 Payroll Taxes/hourly employees	1,740.23	1,800.00	(\$59.77)	1,800.00	
03:12 Youth Director's Salary	1,046.00	2,100.00	(\$1,054.00)	1,000.00	
TOTAL	154,319.01	154,861.00	-541.99	159,035.00	2.7%
04 LAY MINISTRY-Other					
04:01 Conference and Convention	981.93	850.00	\$131.93	850.00	
04:02 Guest Speaker	597.18	800.00	(\$202.82)	800.00	
04:03 Worship Supplies	595.60	1,600.00	(\$1,004.40)	2,000.00	
04:04 Music Supplies		300.00	(\$300.00)	300.00	
04:05 Office Supplies	2,495.41	3,000.00	(\$504.59)	3,000.00	
04:07 Continuing Educ	261.70	500.00	(\$238.30)	500.00	
04:10 Miscellaneous	490.89	50.00	\$440.89	50.00	
TOTAL	5,422.71	7,100.00	-1,677.29	7,500.00	5.6%
05:10 STEWARDSHIP	1,064.84	1,000.00	\$64.84	300.00	-70.0%
06 EVANGELISM					
06:10 Miscellaneous	321.26	800.00	(\$478.74)	800.00	
TOTAL	321.26	800.00	-478.74	800.00	0.0%
07 CHRISTIAN EDUCATION					
07:01 Adult Education	17.29	150.00	(\$132.71)	150.00	
07:02 Catechism	56.38	100.00	(\$43.62)	100.00	
07:03 Sunday School	565.08	800.00	(\$234.92)	400.00	
07:04 VBS	-100.00	100.00	(\$200.00)	500.00	
07:06 Library	0.00	0.00	\$0.00	0.00	
07:07 Publications	545.97	600.00	(\$54.03)	600.00	
07:08 District/National Youth Gathering	863.87	1,100.00	(\$236.13)	1,200.00	
07:10 Miscellaneous		400.00	(\$400.00)	400.00	
TOTAL	1,948.59	3,250.00	-1,301.41	3,350.00	3.1%
08 CHURCH PROPERTIES					
08:01 Equipment	214.00	400.00	(\$186.00)	400.00	
08:02 Improvement & Repairs	371.97	1,000.00	(\$628.03)	2,500.00	
08:03 Insurance	12,422.84	10,000.00	\$2,422.84	13,500.00	
08:04 Janitor's Salary	0.00	8,500.00	(\$8,500.00)	8,500.00	
08:05 Janitor Supplies	153.45	500.00	(\$346.55)	200.00	
08:06 Utilities	8,405.10	9,650.00	(\$1,244.90)	9,650.00	
08:07 Telephone & Internet	1,135.99	1,140.00	(\$4.01)	1,150.00	
08:08 Garbage Removal	523.19	550.00	(\$26.81)	575.00	
08:09 Church Grounds	3,678.00	5,000.00	(\$1,322.00)	4,000.00	
08:10 Miscellaneous	507.96	400.00	\$107.96	400.00	
TOTAL	27,412.50	37,140.00	-9,727.50	40,875.00	10.1%
09:10 PUBLIC RELATIONS	150.52	1,000.00	(\$849.48)	1,000.00	
12:01 DEBT RETIREMENT	45,138.22	22,800.00	\$22,338.22	0.00	-100.0%
GRAND TOTAL	264,227.65	256,401.00	\$7,826.65	241,960.00	-5.6%

Faith Lutheran Missions 2025

Faith supported the following through our 'Missions' Budget:

02:01	District & Synod	\$ 17,000.00
02:01A	LCMS Hispanic Ministry	\$ 1,200.00
02:02	Lutheran Family Service	\$ 4,800.00
02:03	Lutheran Bible Translators	\$ 250.00
02:11	Zestos	\$ 1,000.00
02:12	Lutheran Hour Ministries	\$ 1,000.00
02:13	Mission Central	\$ 2,000.00
02:14	Main Street Living	\$ 1,200.00



Faith supported the following through Special Service Offerings:

Ash Wednesday:	Genesis House	\$ 224.00
	Lutherans for Life	\$ 224.00
Lent:	ATLAS/Center for Fin Educ	\$ 419.00
	Family Crisis Center	\$ 419.00
Maundy Thursday:	Camp Okoboji	\$ 230.00
	POBLO	\$ 230.00
Good Friday:	OC Food Pantry	\$ 395.00
Easter Vigil	OC Food Pantry	\$ 100.00
Ascension Day	Congregational Assistance	\$ 69.00
Thanksgiving Eve	Habitat for Humanity	\$ 150.00
	Lutheran World Relief	\$ 150.00
Advent/Christmas:	Congregational Assistance	\$ 1,569.00
	Mid-Sioux Opportunity	\$ 784.00

Faith supported the following through free-will offerings, fundraisers, etc.:

Baby Bottle Campaign (April 1-13)	Guiding Star Siouxland	\$ 805.29
May-June Door Offering (Includes prior SS Christmas Program balance of \$42.74)	Camp Okoboji (IDW Convention offering)	\$ 257.74
Sunday School offerings (June 2025)	Lutheran World Relief - Love Thy Neighbor Matching Gift Challenge	\$ 91.00
Special Presentation 6/29/25	Lutheran Braille Workers	\$ 107.00
Mission Sunday (7/27/25)	For Missionary Shara Osiro	\$ 638.00
September Door Offering	Granville Fire Victims (4 families - \$162.75 each)	\$ 651.00
October Door Offering – Gift Cards + Cash	Hofmeyer Family/fire victim	Valued at \$ 340.00
Harves Meal (11/23/25)	Granville Fire Victims	\$ 696.00
	For Youth Activities	\$ 697.00

MEMBERSHIP STATISTICS - 2025

	Baptized	Confirmed
Membership January 1, 2025	229	193
Gains:		
Baptisms of Infants/Children	2	
Baptisms of Adults		
Confirmation - Youth		3
Affirmation of Faith-Adults		
Transfer from LCMS Congregations	6	6
Received from other Lutheran Congregations		
Other		
Total Gains	8	9
Losses:		
Deaths	2	2
Transfer to other LCMS Congregations		
Released to other Lutheran Congregations	1	1
Joined Non-Lutheran Congregations	3	3
Moved without Transfer		
Excommunicated		
Other		
Total Losses	6	6
Membership 12/31/25	231	196

Gains By Baptism:

Brecken Sneller 6/1/25
Jentry Lisa Jo Pace 12/21/25

Confirmed:

Paxton Hagen 5/4/25
Joelie Konz 5/4/25
Brecken Sneller 6/1/25

Marriages Performed:

Deaths:

Michele Fiddelke 2/9/25
Kolten Hofmeyer 9/1/25
Bill Greiner 11/19/25
Richard Harald 11/27/25

Joining Faith Lutheran:

Brecken Sneller 6/1/25
Al & Janell Stelling 6/29/25
Mike & Marie Moeller 9/14/25
(Lily)
Sam Clausen 12/14/25

Leaving Faith Lutheran:

Richard Miske 5/11/25
Brent Aalbers 9/14/25
Tennus Heronemus 11/9/25
Vonda Heronemus 11/9/25