



First Lutheran CHURCH

Where faith and life meet

October 8, 2021

Dear First Lutheran,

Our stewardship theme this year is “We Walk by Faith” which will be our theme for 2022 as we celebrate our congregation’s 150th anniversary.

During these past nineteen months, each one of us have stepped out in faith over and over again. This is true for our congregation as well. Thanks to your faithful support, our mission and ministry have thrived.



- We are back to providing four in-person worship options each week.
- We have over 375 kids back in weekly programming.
- People are excited to be engaged in ministry and hospitality.



As we have in years past, each fall we ask you to help us as we make a plan for ministry for the coming year. From providing salaries for our staff to paying our light bill, your giving is what allows us to live out our mission. We thank you for your continued support that makes all of this possible.

To learn more about what is happening here at First Lutheran, including our finances and building fund we invite you to a **Congregational Update meeting on Sunday, November 7, 2021, at 9:30 am in Multipurpose room 1A.**

Included in this **Stewardship at Home Kit** are the following: 1. Your plan for giving card to be returned to church. 2. Your personal quarterly giving statement for contributions made so far in 2021. 3. A recipe card for pumpkin muffins. These are delicious to enjoy and share with a neighbor who may need a little encouragement these days.



We ask that you prayerfully consider your plan for giving for the next year and return your plan for giving one of the following ways during **Commitment Week, October 24 - 30, 2021:**

- Bring your completed plan for giving card with you to worship.
- Fill out the form on our website www.firstlutheranalexandria.com by clicking the button on our home page.
- Mail your card to the church at 1655 18th Ave E, Alexandria, MN 56308.
- Drop it off anytime at the church office.

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We are so grateful for your faithful support, your prayers and for the privilege of being the church together at this exciting time as we continue to walk by faith together.

With Gratitude,

Greg Billberg
 Greg Billberg
 Lead Pastor

Greg Tvrdik
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 Director of Church Administration

Year to date financial snapshot.

Thank you for your financial support of our day-to-day ministries. We end the third quarter in the following way:

Year to Date 2021 Income	\$817,662
Year to Date 2021 Expenses	\$853,244
Difference	(\$ 35,581)



Thank you for your donations to the Building Fund. The building fund has received contributions of \$400,534 since June 1, 2021 in support of our “Beyond the Building” capital campaign. This puts us well on our way to eliminating our mortgage in the next three years. The response has been great, and it is never too late to contribute.