



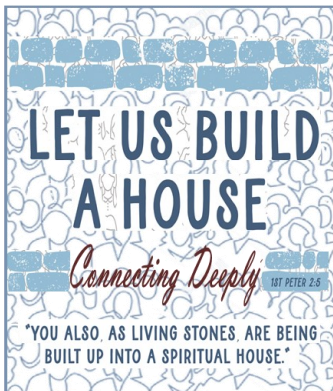
Worship

- **In-person worship—
9:30 AM Sundays**
- **Online worship
continues, and is live-
streamed to our
[YouTube](#) and
[Facebook](#) pages**



Church Council 2024

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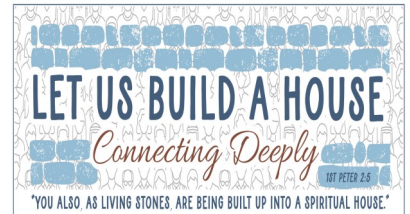
Building Committee Update

This team continues to meet and will soon be sharing some revised plan options and cost estimates. Since early December when we received some project estimates that were higher than we expected, we have gone back to the drawing board, so to speak, and have been eking out some different ways of accomplishing our goals. Central to our vision has been to create space to help us connect better in ministry and relationships. Ideas for widening the hallway into the Fellowship Hall and also creating more space in the FH have resulted in some savings since the first plans. As well, building security is a top priority. Parking lot improvements and even fixing our leaky steeple round out our considerations.

We look forward to sharing these discoveries with you as well as some new options that can help us make good decisions together. Many of you have shared some feedback and input, and as a team we have had good discussion on how best to accomplish what is important to us as a faith family. More information is coming. Keep tuned.....

Capital Campaign Update

Thank you! Every gift and pledge towards our capital campaign makes a greater impact. As of now, we have received 62 pledges and gift commitments totaling \$211,930. If you're still contemplating a pledge, consider it an act of faith in motion. It's a way to strengthen your bond with our ministry and to collectively further our key goals. Pledge cards can be found in the pews and the narthex. Once we have the final totals, we will discuss recommendations for our next steps as a faith community. Your contributions of time, talent, and treasure strengthen our ministry and empower us to carry out more of the Lord's work. Thank you!



Annual Church Picnic

Join us for fellowship and fun at the Church Picnic on Tuesday, June 11 from 6:30-8:30 PM! We will be serving dinner in front of the church. Let us know how many will be attending! Picnic food will include chicken, potatoes, coleslaw, and bread catered by Coborn's. All you need to bring is a lawn chair and your appetite! Sign up on the SignUp Genius link here if you can attend!

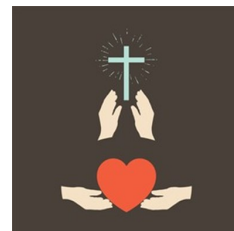


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Caring Corner

(from Sue Fink of the Healing & Wholeness Committee)

31 Days, 31 Ways, 2 Pray 4 Families, Days 26-31



Families who walk alongside their loved ones in the labyrinths of mental illnesses are often hesitant to ask for prayer. They might feel others will judge them or their loved one, offer uninformed advice or initiate the gossip chain. But friends who observe or are aware of their journey don't necessarily need specific details to pray effectively.

Families need God's provision for themselves and their loved ones in these areas:

Day 26. Rest. Worry robs caregivers of sleep. Keeping vigil to watch for suicide attempts is emotionally and physically exhausting. Considering options and making difficult decisions during a crisis is a heavy weight on heart and mind. Praying without ceasing requires the sustaining power of the Holy Spirit. *Ask God to grant family members restorative sleep and opportunities for emotional, spiritual and mental refreshment.*

Day 27. Health. Good eating and sleeping patterns, personal hygiene care and treatment for medical issues are difficult for those who deal with mental illnesses. *Pray they will respond to prompts from caregivers and will have access to nutritious food, safe places to sleep and other resources necessary for good health.*

Day 28. Faith. Trusting in God and His goodness can be the sustaining lifeline for caregivers in times of confusion and crisis. *Pray their faith would be refreshed by God's faithfulness. Pray He would show them sparks of redemptive grace along the way that can reassure them of His presence, love and active care.*

Day 29. Good counsel. Both caregivers and the loved ones they care for need wise input from clergy, friends, family, mental health professionals, legal representatives and medical personnel. However, the counsel they are given is often uninformed or inadequate. *Ask God to help them find knowledgeable advisors. Pray they will be able to sift through the ideas and information from others and recognize what is truly helpful.*

Day 30. Legal issues. Whether trying to get SSI disability status for their loved one or dealing with court cases related to manic behaviors, caregivers can find the legal system a maze of confusion and mystery. *Pray God will lead families to compassionate, competent and caring attorneys, judges and law enforcement officers. Pray responses and outcomes will always be what is best for the one struggling with the mental health difficulties. Pray for those who are incarcerated to be protected and to be swiftly released to medical care.*

Day 31. Prayer. Like Aaron and Hur who helped Moses keep his arms raised during the battle with Amalek, friends of caregivers give tremendous help when they come alongside to share the burden of prayer, especially during times of crisis. Knowing that others are praying for their loved one when they have run out of words or energy is a great comfort to families. *Ask God to raise up intercessors who are dedicated to pray fervently and faithfully for caregivers and their families. Ask Him to show you how to pray for specific situations.*

Written by Catherine Downing. These suggestions of prayer topics are written from the Christian tradition, but can be used and adapted by people from other faith traditions.

Be a Love INC Ambassador

Are you passionate about your church? Does the Love In the Name of Christ ministry excite you? Then you would make a great ambassador! Sign up to learn more at bit.ly/loveincamb or call our main office at 763-972-6547.

Serve a Meal at Fresh Start

Serving a meal at Love INC Heartland's *Fresh Start Program* is a simple, impactful way to show the love of Christ. We have multiple openings to fill from May-July. Sign Up On Meal Train: bit.ly/fsmeals23





May Is Mental Health Awareness Month

Throughout May, we have shared the “31 Days, 31 Ways, 2 Pray 4 Families” prayers. You’ll find this week’s prayers in this issue’s Caring Corner and printed on green paper at the usher station, the full 31-day packet available in the Narthex, and daily [Facebook](#) posts with the prayer for each day through May. Also check out the newly reorganized Mental Health cabinet in the Narthex near the sanctuary entrance doors. And, we want you all to be reminded and encouraged to use the ["Support/Mental Health" webpage of the LOC website](#). Please check it out so you're aware of the information and resources available when you need it.



The church office will be closed on Fridays through August 30th.

Stay Informed!

The current Church Council meeting minutes can be found on the [church website](#).

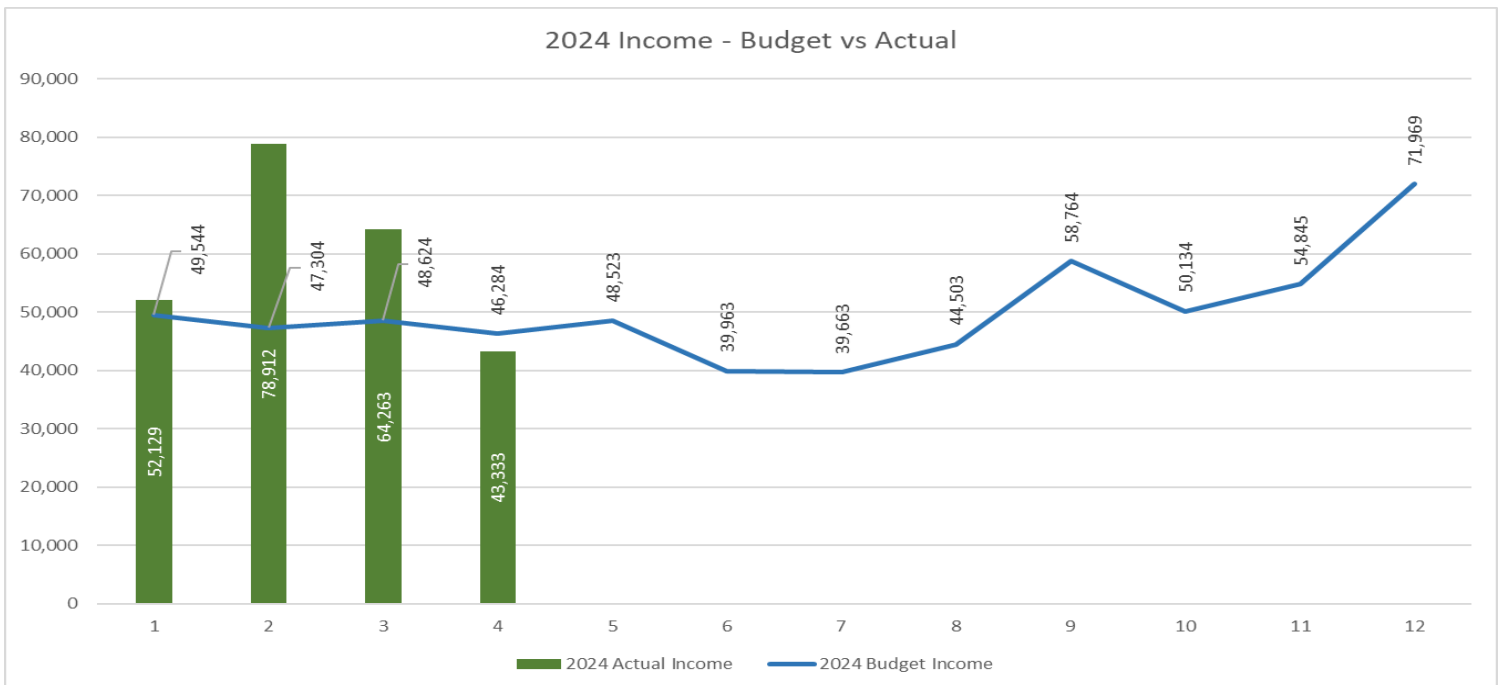


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LOC Monthly Income - Actual versus Budget



Year to Date Summary

April 2024:

- YTD Budget \$191,756
- YTD Actual \$238,637
- April Income below Budget
- Year to Date Actual Income \$46,881 better than Budget

CHILDREN, YOUTH & FAMILY NEWS



Year End Confirmation Parties 2024!



**Friday
Night
Lights**

5/10/24

Summer Youth Activity Nights!!

Put these dates on your calendar (3rd Monday of each summer month)! These nights are free and friends are welcome! A sign up link will be sent closer to the date.

- **June 17**
- **July 15**
- **August 19**
- Completed **grades 6-7 from 7:00-8:00 PM**;
completed **grades 8-12 from 8:00-9:00 PM**



THANK YOU!
Because of you, we celebrate!

CHILDREN & FAMILY MINISTRY UPDATE: **The move from Sunday School to Wednesdays**

Three years ago, our children met on Sundays for their Christian Education. During these past three years we have been gradually moving grades to Wednesdays. Currently we have a shorter “Explorer” time for 3 year olds-2nd grade on Sunday mornings. We have 1st-6th grades on Wednesday afternoons/evenings. We did a comparison of an average number of students participating in each week with a three-year attendance:

Average number:

- ⇒ **2022 = 43**
- ⇒ **2023 = 61**
- ⇒ **2024 = 81 (almost double in past 2 years!!)**

As our program grows, the need for small group leaders, assistants, readers theater participants, and snack providers continues to increase. Please prayerfully consider the opportunity to make a difference in the lives of our young people. If you have any questions or want to say “yes” before you change your mind – contact LaDonna (LaDonna.Ekern@locdelano.com).



make a splash this summer!

JOIN US FOR A
SPLASH-TASTIC VBS ADVENTURE!!!

SUNDAY, JULY 28th - WEDNESDAY, JULY 31st

5:15pm - 8:00pm

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