

MAY
2025

United in Faith News

*Why are we
Here?
We are to be
God's
hands,
feet and
voice
in the
world.*



"See, I am doing a new thing! Now it springs up; do you not perceive it?" – Isaiah 43:19

Friends,

Spring is doing its thing. Trees are full, flowers are outdoing themselves, and the grass is back to needing a mow. After a long gray stretch, color is back. The earth is waking up—and we're invited to do the same.

And yet, I know that not everything feels brand new. Some of us are carrying worry, loss, or the kind of tired that even spring can't fully shake. If that's where you are, you're not alone. The resurrection we celebrated at Easter isn't a quick fix—it's a slow and steady promise. God is doing something new, but sometimes it starts small.

Isaiah reminds us: "Now it springs up; do you not perceive it?" Sometimes the answer is "not yet." And that's okay. New things take time to root. That doesn't mean they're not happening. The Spirit is already at work—in our questions, in our healing, in the spaces we don't expect. Sometimes resurrection looks like one honest conversation, one deep breath, one brave "yes" to what's next.

So this May, I invite you to notice. Not just the tulips or the extra daylight—but the quiet signs of God doing a new thing in you, in us, in our neighborhood. Where is something beginning again?

At United in Faith, we're continuing to listen—to God and to one another. In worship, in conversation, in community events, we're looking for the Spirit's movement and asking: *What's God growing here?* What are we being invited to join?

We don't have to have it all figured out. We just need to keep showing up, with open hands and expectant hearts. That's what spring does. That's what resurrection asks of us. And that's what we'll keep doing—together.

With care and joy,
Pr. Jeanie

At
United in Faith,
The Guiding
Principles are:

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Jesus is
Lord and
Savior

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Reflect
God's **Love**

+

Pray and
listen for God's
guidance

+

Continue to
strengthen
faith

+

Include **All**
in God's
work

+

Meet people
**where they
are**



Good Shepherd Sunday May 11, 2025

This special day offers the opportunity to open our hearts
and our arms to welcome all into the fold.



*"Every act of generosity can grow into something far beyond
what we could ever ask or imagine."*

— Henri J. M. Nouwen, *Compassion: A Reflection on the Christian Life*



Lutheran Social Services of Illinois



United in Faith Lutheran Church

Treasurer's Report – March, 2025

Three Months
Ended
03/31/25

Unrestricted:

Income (excluding investment activity)	\$ 28,217
Expenditures	<u>83,729</u>
Income over (under) expenditures	\$ (55,512)
Investment Income and changes in market value	(1,695)
Increase (Decrease) in Unrestricted net assets	\$ (57,207)

Educational Endowment:

Investment Income and changes in market value	\$ (1,544)
Scholarships paid out	<u>0</u>
Increase (Decrease) in Educational net assets	\$ (1,544)

Harriet Kurz Endowment:

Thrivent Investment income and changes in market value	\$ (3,969)
Increase (Decrease) in Harriet Kurz Endowment net assets	\$ <u>(3,969)</u>
<u>Increase (Decrease) in Total net assets</u>	\$ (62,720)

Comments:

2025 income from church operations excluding Special Gifts is lower than spending by \$17,145 in March and lower by \$57,481 YTD.

Income includes \$1,969 in Special Estate gifts from:

Anita Perske - \$1,439 in January 2025

Anita Perske - \$ 530 in March 2025

Investments returned a loss of \$25,242 for March & a loss of \$5,664 YTD.

Educational Investments returned a loss of \$8,135 for March & a loss of \$1,544 YTD.

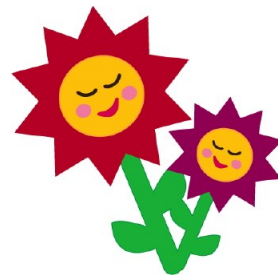
Total expenses for March are unfavorable to budget by \$1,837 and are favorable to budget by \$8,055 YTD due to the Salaries YTD costs being lower than budget by \$3,625; the Ministry YTD costs being \$102 higher than budget; the Administrative YTD costs being \$397 higher than budget, the YTD Building costs being higher than budget by \$3,461; & the Ministry Directors' YTD costs being lower than budget by \$8,390.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES.... WANNA HELP?

PLEASE sign up to be an assisting minister. The job is easy.

Jeanne will send you the Worship Lessons and Prayers for the Church the week before you are assigned. All you have to do is read! Simple, right!?!

The sign up sheet for both Assisting Ministers and Coffee Hour are on the table in the fellowship room.



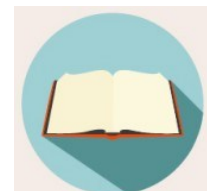
ALSO... do you like to garden? We have opportunities to garden in both the front and back of the church. Please call the church office for more information.

JUSTICE TEAM MEETING MAY 14, 2025 at 10:00AM

BOOK CLUB...

Join us on Saturday, June 7 at 10:00 am as we discuss:

How We Learn to Be Brave Decisive Moments in Life and Faith by
Mariann Edgar Budde



How We Learn to Be Brave is an inspirational guide to the key junctures in life that, if navigated with faith and discernment, pave the way for us to become our most courageous selves by the bishop of the famed Episcopal Diocese of Washington, D.C.

On January 21, 2025, many Americans were introduced to Bishop Mariann Budde thanks to what The New York Times called "an extraordinary act of public resistance". During her prayer service for Donald J. Trump's second inauguration, Bishop Budde addressed the president directly, imploring him "to have mercy on the people in our country who are scared now," from those who are part of the LGBTQ+ community to immigrants and refugees.

With Bishop Budde's wisdom, readers will learn to live and to respond according to their true beliefs and in ways that align with their best selves. **How We Learn to Be Brave** will provide much needed fortitude and insight to anyone searching for answers in uncertain times.

The church has a few copies of the book available for borrowing. Please contact Jeanne in the church office if interested.

Girl Scouts at UIF

Happy Spring to all! We are winding down our Girl Scout year, finishing up badges, planning our end of the year meeting. We still have a few cookies left, if you just can't wait until next year; just let me know! The Juniors are finishing a theater badge, the Cadettes and Seniors are wrapping up a Textile Arts one and the Brownies are working on a couple of last badges. You might notice a bundle of wood and 'plarn' on the back table in the Fellowship Hall--we have put together a Loom to make mats for New Life for Old Bags that anyone can use if you would like to add a row or two sometime! I will be happy to show anyone how to get started! And we also have all the tomato plants started in the Sunday School room! Those will be distributed at the Food Pantry when they are larger.

Enjoy the weather!

Janeen, Sharon, Catherine, Michelle, Colleen and Dawn



COFFEE HOUR

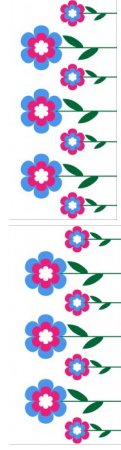
Join us every Sunday at 9:00 am for our Coffee Hour. It's a wonderful time to catch up with old friends or even make new ones!

We are always looking for volunteers to help. The sign up sheet is on the big table in the fellowship hall.



**May
2024**

1	Diane Doyle
3	Peg Sullivan
3	Dave & Gretchen Quillin anniversary
4	Harold & Dian Hoyem anniversary
11	Rich & Gayle Guzik anniversary
17	George Schultz
17	George & Pam Schultz anniversary
19	Stanley Kuswik
20	Barbara Piggott
30	Marty & Janeen Devine anniversary

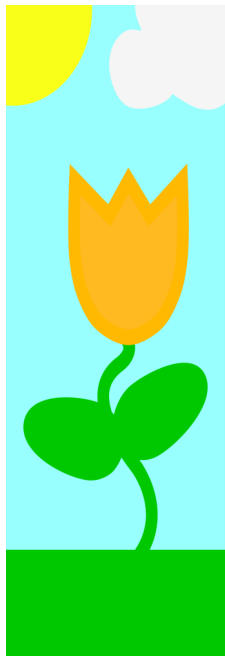


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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 9:00am Food Pantry	2 6:30pm AA	3 9:30am Al-Anon 1:00pm Knitting Group 4:00pm Survivors of Incest- https://slawso.org
4 9:00am Coffee Hour 10:00am Worship in person and livestreamed	5 9:00am Food Pantry 12:00pm Ladies Discussion Group	6 6:00pm Girl Scouts	7	8 9:00am Food Pantry	9 6:30pm AA	10 9:30am Al-Anon 1:00pm Knitting Group 4:00pm Survivors of Incest- https://slawso.org
11 GOOD SHEPHERD SUNDAY 9:00am Coffee Hour 10:00am Worship in person and livestreamed	12 9:00am Food Pantry 12:00pm Ladies Discussion Group	13 6:00pm Girl Scouts	14 10:00 am Justice Team	15 9:00am Food Pantry	16 6:30pm AA	17 9:30am Al-Anon 1:00pm Knitting Group 4:00pm Survivors of Incest- https://slawso.org
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MAY 2024 WORSHIP SCHEDULE



May 4 <i>Easter 3</i>	9:00 AM Coffee Hour 10:00 AM In-Person Worship Service & live streamed
May 11 <i>Good Shepherd Sunday</i>	9:00 AM Coffee Hour 10:00 AM In-Person Worship Service & live streamed
May 18 <i>Easter 5</i>	9:00 AM Coffee Hour 10:00 AM In-Person Worship Service & live streamed
May 25 <i>Easter 6</i>	9:00 AM Coffee Hour 10:00 AM In-Person Worship Service & live streamed

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