

# The Prairie Willow

A joint newsletter for Shepherd of the Hills and West Zion Lutheran Churches

SOTH May 2026

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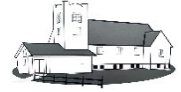
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## Pastor's Message



By Pastor Steve Carmany

### "The Long Walk of Faith"

"Were not our hearts burning within us while he was talking to us on the road?!" Luke 24:32

One of my favorite Bible stories of all time has to be these verses from Luke 24, which is the Easter-afternoon story of the risen Jesus showing up and walking with two disheartened followers three days after he was crucified...The Road To Emmaus Story. It is a beautifully tender story of Jesus listening to lost hope and grief from two followers who do not recognize him as they walk for miles together back to their home in Emmaus.

We had this story in worship at East Zion on Sunday, Apr. 15th. In the bulletin that day, I included a one-page form with nine questions on it, titled: Writing Your Own Faith Statement. These were similar to the questions our five Confirmation students are using to write their faith statement this year.

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# Schedule Assignments

## SOTH Computer Operators & Acolyte Schedule

	<u>Computer</u>	<u>Acolyte</u>
May 10	Shelbie Anderson & Logan Hight	NA
May 24	Memorial Weekend (Outdoor Service)	NA
June 7	Aletta Larson & Adult (TBD)	
June 21	Lily Wroblewski & Adult (TBD)	
July 5	Adult (TBD)	
July 19	Logan Hight & Adult (TBD)	
August 2	Coy Kobbermann & Adult (TBD)	
August 16	Jacey Reich & Adult (TBD)	
August 30	Blake Larson & Adult (TBD)	

**Please note,  
if you are unable to  
fulfill a scheduled  
duty, please find  
someone to take  
your place!**

## SOTH Fellowship Schedule

May 10 Confirmation Sunday/Senior Recognition  
No fellowship during summer months.

## SOTH Altar Guild

May	Gail Svor/Janet Mitteness
June	Marge Anderson/Roxanne Nelson
July	Linda Amlie/Jane Petrak
August	Tammy Thompson/Doreen Thompson
September	Sheri Fahl/Brenda Nelson
October	Janine Ellingson/Laura Ostlie
November	Joyce Lagred/Tammy Thompson
December	Dee Baird/WELCA Officers

# Prayer Requests



**STEVE NELSON, MARGE ANDERSON, SARA & JON REICH, SUE CARSON & PHILIP SKARSTEN**

## **Thursday Zoom Bible Study starts a New Series: *The Book of Genesis***

Everyone is encouraged jump on board this weekly, 6pm Zoom Bible Study. They are starting a New Adventure, walking through the Old Testament Book of Genesis. This will be sure to give plenty of new insights and fun conversation, surrounding the variety of stories contained in this First Book of the Bible, including: *The Creation of the World; Noah and the Ark; Abraham & Sarah; Isaac & Rebeckah; Jacob & Esau & Rachael & the 12 Sons...*

**Here' s the Zoom Link for all the sessions:**

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87481147239?pwd=ouZwghZ84aO7jPQxnZXRPEwBqrPGgZ.1>

# Announcements



## **BIRTHDAY PARTY ANNOUNCEMENT**

90<sup>th</sup> Birthday celebration for **Leona Blowers** on May 2 from 2-4PM at the Benson Community Center. Happy Birthday Leona, we wish you well!

## **MAY 10 IS GRADUATION RECOGNITION SUNDAY**

2026 graduates include:

**Shelbie Anderson**, KMS, daughter of Jason & Betsy Anderson

**Tate Kobbermann**, Benson, son of Dan & Tiffany Kobbermann

**Tanner Nelson**, Benson, son of Troy & Michelle Nelson

**Riley Ostlie**, Benson, son of Jim & Laura Ostlie

**Emily Reich**, Benson, daughter of Jon & Sara Reich

**Landon Skarsten**, Benson, son of Bryant & Ashley Skarsten



**CONGRATULATIONS GRADUATES! BEST WISHES IN YOUR FUTURE ENDEAVORS!**

### **EMILY REICH'S GRADUATION OPEN HOUSE**

The congregation is cordially invited to Emily Reich's graduation open house on Sunday, May 17 from 3-7 PM at the Benson Armory. Congratulations on graduation Emily!

### **TATE KOBBERMANN'S GRADUATION OPEN HOUSE**

The congregation is cordially invited to Tate Kobbermann's graduation open house on Saturday, May 16 from 3-6 PM at the Clontarf Hall. Congratulations on graduation Tate!

### **LANDON SKARSTEN GRADUATION OPEN HOUSE**

The congregation is cordially invited to Landon Skarsten's graduation open house on Friday, May 22 from at 4-7 PM at his home (1025 70<sup>th</sup> Street NE, Benson). Congratulations on graduation Landon!

### **RILEY OSTLIE GRADUATION OPEN HOUSE**

The congregation is cordially invited to Riley Ostlie's graduation open house on Saturday, May 16 from 1-4 PM at his home (752 70<sup>th</sup> Street NE, Benson). Congratulations on graduation Riley!

### **SHELBBIE ANDERSON GRADUATION OPEN HOUSE**

The congregation is cordially invited to Shelbie Anderson's graduation open house on Sunday, May 24 from 4-8 PM at her home (560 110<sup>th</sup> Ave. NE, Benson). Congratulations on graduation Shelbie!

### **TANNER NELSON GRADUATION OPEN HOUSE**

The congregation is cordially invited to Tanner Nelson's graduation open house on Saturday, May 9 from at 12 PM at Track Bar & Grill in Benson. Congratulations on graduation Tanner!

# Announcements

## FREE PIANO AT WEST ZION

If interested, contact a council member!



### EAST ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH INFORMATION

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**Facebook:** East Zion Lutheran Church

### SOTH CHURCH RENTAL

Make sure to visit the website, speak with a church secretary or grab a facility use policy contract from the church office door to reserve the church, its tables and or chairs for your special events!

### ON-LINE GIVING OPTIONS

To make it easier to give, SOTH and West Zion have partnered with Tith.le. Tith.le offers automatic withdrawals from an account of your choice or from a credit card. Visit the Shepherd of the Hills website under giving or the West Zion website under give to learn more and sign up! Tith.le is recommended by the Southwest Synod of the ELCA and is notably safe!

### BULLETIN DEADLINE

Announcements for bulletins must be emailed to [soth2008@live.com](mailto:soth2008@live.com) or call/text 320-444-1113 by noon Tuesday prior to church service.

### NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

Material for newsletters must be emailed to [soth2008@live.com](mailto:soth2008@live.com) or call/text 320-444-1113 by the 20<sup>th</sup> of each month.

### PIANO RECITALS

Stephanie Smith has three piano students that will be playing prior to the May 10 worship service. They include **Claire Larson, Lane Larson** and **Ellis Felt**.



### MAY 10 IS CONFIRMATION SUNDAY

The 2026 Confirmand class include:

**Aletta Larson**, the daughter of Trista Hess & Justin Larson

**Blake Larson**, the son of Chris & Laura Larson

**Coy Kobbermann**, the son of Dan and Tiffany Kobbermann

**Jacey Reich**, the daughter of Jon & Sara Reich

**Lily Wrobleski**, the daughter of Bobby & Melissa Wrobleski



**Congratulations in affirming your faith on this day!**  
**Our congregation is proud of your accomplishment**

## **VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL AT SOTH**

VBS at SOTH will take place the first full week of June (June 1-4) from 5:00-7:30PM. Free to all youth grades K-6. Each evening a meal will be provided from 5-5:30pm, followed by Bible Stories, Music, Crafts, Fun & Games, and a lot of Christian Love!



Volunteer sign-up sheets will be on the SOTH Narthex table. Also, let Laura (320-760-4203) or the church office know (soth2008@live.com) the names and ages of children planning to come. Friends are always welcome to register as well! Thank you, Laura, for organizing this looked forward to event for our youth!

## **2026 SWMN SYNOD ASSEMBLY**

Begins at 1130AM, Friday, June 5 and ends at 5PM, Saturday June 6 at Gustavus Adolphus College and online via Zoom. This year's theme is Grounded in Hope. The synod asks that we have one or two voting members in attendance based on our congregations size, plus one youth voting member (under 18) and one voting young adult (ages 18-30). Early rate registration by April 10 is \$175 per person. Price increases to \$225 on April 11. There are options to stay on the Gustavus campus for \$60 (single room) or \$45 (double twin bedroom) or there are motel (Americinn, Best Western Plus, Konsbruk Hotel) options in St. Peter. On campus housing does include bedding or private bathrooms.



## **LUTHER CREST BIBLE CAMPS**

Do you have youth interested in attending summer camp? Luther Crest in Alexandria has camps for all ages and can be for a single day, a week or anywhere in between! Visit [www.luthercrest.org](http://www.luthercrest.org) for details and registration. Information is also available on the Narthex table. Scholarships are also available for those who qualify and can be found on the Luther Crest website. Swimming, campfires, games, crafts, bible study, great food and great friends! With that said, bring a friend! Happy camping!



## **BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP**

Thursdays from 2-330PM at the Hoplin-Hitchcock Funeral Home (122 First Avenue NE, Glenwood, MN). May 7, 14, and 21. Call Pastor Katrina at 320.634.2242 or Dawn at 320.634.4466 to sign up. Sponsored by Hoplin-Hitchcock Funeral and Cremation Services and Glacial Ridge Hospice.



# Announcements

## **SW MN SYNOD LUTHERAN MEN IN MISSION SPRING GATHERING**

Saturday, May 2 – Calvary Lutheran Church in Willmar – 730 AM to 330 PM  
Register by calling Reynold Dittenbauer at 507-220-0185. Cost is \$25. LMM  
Spring Gathering info and registration form in SOTH Narthex or at [swmnelca.org](http://swmnelca.org).



## **A LENTEN SEASON THANK YOU!**

Shout out to everyone who helped continue SOTH ministries throughout the Lenten season. Volunteers make our church function, so hats off to youth members preparing meals, Sunday school teachers, those who shoveled or plowed snow, staff that had to work with additional worship times, cancellations and more!



## **FAITH STATEMENT QUESTIONS**

Suggested Faith Statement Questions:



1. What was one of your favorite things about your confirmation experience?
2. What was one thing that you would want to change about your confirmation, or early church experience?
3. What is something you have learned about faith so far in your life that has helped you or surprised you?
4. Our Christian Creeds (like the Apostles Creed), are sets of beliefs in one God, who has been shown as:  
**The Father** – Creator/Sustainer/Redeemer and....  
**The Son, Jesus** – Creator/ Savior/Friend and....  
**The Holy Spirit** – Creator/Companion/Guide.  
What are some things you most appreciate about the God we confess in our Creeds?  
What else have you come to believe or wonder about God, that may not be specifically included in the Creeds?
5. Choose one of the three Bible passages below, and after reading it, share how it speaks to you about God and life:
  - a. The Parable of the Good Samaritan, Luke 10:25-37
  - b. The Beatitudes, Matthew 5:1-12
  - c. The Power of Love, I Corinthians 13:1-13
6. The Christian faith teaches that our God is “Love.” What are some ways to describe God’s Love? Also, give an example of God’s love that you have seen within your life.
7. God is also shown throughout the Bible to be very forgiving. If you had to try and explain “forgiveness” to a friend, how would you describe it?  
Share an example of forgiveness you have seen in your lifetime.
8. What are some things you might do in the next year to help you continue growing in this relationship that God has already started with you?
9. Life and faith are as much about good questions as they are about good answers. What are one or two questions about God or faith that you would like to explore more deeply in the next year or two?

# Church Council Reports

## From the Secretary...

April 8, 2026 Congregational Council Minutes

The meeting was called to order by President, Stephanie Smith at 07:05 pm.

Members Present: Pastor Steve, Stephanie Smith, Ryan Davidson, Troy Nelson, Brenda Nelson, Jim Ostlie, Laura Larson, Janine Ellingson

### Secretary's Report by Janine Ellingson

- The minutes from the February 2026 meeting were reviewed. The March Council meeting was cancelled due to weather.
- Troy Nelson made a motion to approve the minutes with a second by Jim Ostlie. No further questions. Motions approved unanimously.

### Treasurers Report by Jim Ostlie

- Jim presented the treasurer's report. Everything is current.
- Of note, SOTH had a Safe Deposit Box at First Security Bank and there was no further need for it. Jim Ostlie went to the bank to close the account. The documents in the Safe Deposit Box were historic, miscellaneous records from the church. Those documents are now stored in a fire proof safe in the SOTH office.
- Ryan Davidson made a motion to approve the Treasurer's report. Laura Larson seconded. No further questions. Motion approved unanimously.

### Pastor's Report by Steve Carmany:

- Past Steve was very happy and impressed with attendance during the Lenten and Easter services.
- Bible studies have been going well at Scandi Haven. There are two classes remaining.
- Glacial ridge conference annual meeting is this coming Sunday, April 12th at 3 pm. The main focus of the meeting is looking at churches that have gone through the interim time period. A member from Chokio, who is an elementary teacher, will be presenting.
- Thursday evening, April 9th from 6:30-8:30 pm there is a zoom presentation through the synod office about the ins and outs of churches going through the interim time period. It will likely be loaded with information for congregations to learn from about "the call process." Some of the West Zion congregation are going to be listening in on it. There is a good chance it will be recorded.

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President's Report by Stephanie Smith: No Report.

Trustee Report:

- The furnace filters were just changed and on track to be changed out quarterly. Ryan Davidson reported the router was difficult to locate but it was found in the furnace room.

Deacon Report: No Report.

Board of Education Report:

- The last day of Sunday School is April 26th. They are wrapping up with the 10 Commandments.
- Confirmation and graduation is May 10th. There are 5 kids being confirmed and 6 graduating.
- The Luther League Easter meal was a success earning approximately \$700.
- The Lenten meals raised around \$200-\$300.
- Joyce Nelson reached out to the Luther League kids again this year to help with yard work.
- Vacation Bible School (VBS) discussions are underway.
- There are seed packets with a child's name hanging up in the Narthax for members of the congregation to sponsor a child's fee for VBS.
- There will be a sign up for meals as we have done in the past. More details will be coming out soon.

Old Business: No Old Business.

New Business:

- Church services time change: Starting May 10th through September, church services will begin at 11:00 am. May 24th church service will be held outside – weather permitting.

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- Thank you to everyone that helped over Lenten services.

Closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Motion to Adjourn by Stephanie Smith at 7:48 pm.

**Next council meeting will be May 13, 2026 at 7 pm.**

Respectfully submitted,

Janine Ellingson

# Church Council Reports

## From the Treasurer...

Please see the last few pages of the newsletter for account balances.

Sincerely,

Jim Ostlie, Treasurer

# WELCA Reports

## From the Secretary...

Members present: Marge Anderson, Roxanne Nelson, Joyce Lagred, Doreen Thompson, Sherri Fahl and Deb Flaten.

Treasurer's Report: No report for review. Deb stated she will be paying budgeted amounts to the food shelves before the end of the month.

### Old Business:

- 2026 WELCA booklets: Have been completed and distributed. 2 dates are in error. Glacial Ridge Spring Gathering is April 18th. GRV salad luncheon is April 22nd. Altar Guild: Changes are pending in 2nd half of year.

### New Business:

- Glacial Ridge Conference Women of the ELCA Spring Gathering: Saturday, April 18, 2026 at First Lutheran Church in Morris with registration beginning@9am. Includes worship, speaker and brunch. \$15. Marge will attending and hoping others will be joining her.
- GRV Salad luncheon: Will be held at Glenwood Lutheran Church on April 22, 2026. Update following our meeting: Marge met on March 30, 2026 and found that we are to provide the following: 1 potato salad (Brenda Nelson), 1 meat salad (Joyce Lagred), 1 pan of bars (Laura Ostlie) and 36 Deviled eggs (Marge Anderson). Thank you to these individuals. Food needs to be to either at SOTH by 8am or First Lutheran by 10am on the 22nd. Help with serving is encouraged. Meal is freewill offering. Proceeds are to be used for needs of GRV residents.
- SW MN Synod Convention, WELCA: May 2, 2026 @ Granite Falls Lutheran Church. We need to get our School Kits put together to bring to this. We have supplies for 20 pack backs.

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WELCA Secretaries report continued...

- Confirmation and Graduation Recognition Sunday: May 10, 2026: We have 5 Confirmands and 7 Graduates this year. Joyce will be making the stoles for the confirmands. We will use silk corsages again this year( Roxanne will check to see if we have enough on hand). Fleece blankets have been completed for graduates. Deb Flaten and Marge Anderson volunteered to make sheet cakes.

Next meeting: April 19th following church.

Respectfully submitted, Sherri Fahl, Secretary



The poster features a light purple and blue background with floral illustrations of roses and other flowers in the corners. At the top, the text "benson area memory loss network" is written in a small, sans-serif font. Below it, the logo for "Voices of Joy" is displayed, featuring a colorful treble clef and the words "Voices of Joy" in a large, elegant script font, with "memory" and "choir" in smaller text below. The main title "Spring Concert" is written in a large, dark blue script font. Below the title, there is a line of musical notes. The date and time "Saturday, May 10th 10:00 am" are written in a dark blue script font. The location "Performing Arts Center 1400 Montana Ave Benson, MN 56215" is written in a dark blue sans-serif font. At the bottom, the text "Free event brought to you by the Benson Area Memory Loss Network" and "Free Will Donation" are written in a dark blue sans-serif font.

benson area memory loss network

Voices of Joy  
memory choir

*Spring Concert*

♪♪♪♪♪

*Saturday, May 10th*  
*10:00 am*

**Performing Arts Center  
1400 Montana Ave  
Benson, MN 56215**

**Free event brought to you by the  
Benson Area Memory Loss Network**

**Free Will Donation**

## 2026 Budget

				2026 Budget	Spent to date
<b>1100 Missions/Donations/Memberships</b>				<b>\$910.00</b>	\$0.00
1101	Benson Fire Department			\$50.00	\$0.00
1102	Glacial Ridge Conference			\$160.00	\$0.00
1103	Glenwood Retirement Village			\$200.00	\$0.00
1104	Luther Crest			\$100.00	\$0.00
1105	Lutheran Social Service			\$100.00	\$0.00
1106	Misc. Missions	Based on donations		\$0.00	\$0.00
1107	SW Minnesota Synod			\$300.00	\$0.00
1108	Love Fund	Based on donations		\$0.00	\$0.00
1109	Other			\$0.00	\$0.00

*Note Love Fund budget is carryover from previous year plus any new money given in current year*

<b>1200 Staff and Ministry</b>				<b>\$66,377.50</b>	\$18,524.74
1201	Church Custodial Salary			\$6,095.16	\$2,527.51
1202	Office Secretary Salary (incl. WZ portion)			\$9,142.68	\$3,793.12
1203	Organist Salary			\$1,700.00	\$859.87
1204	Pastoral Salary			\$44,511.46	\$9,972.39
1204.1	Pastoral Benefits			\$6,079.62	\$2,504.04
1204.2	Pastoral Mileage			\$1,800.00	\$0.00
1204.3	Pastoral Professional Development			\$525.00	\$0.00
1204.4	Pastoral Salary			\$36,106.84	\$7,468.35
1204.5	Other			\$0.00	\$0.00
1205	PowerPoint Creator Salary (incl. WZ portion)			\$1,108.20	\$460.43
1206	Pulpit Supply (sub Pastors)			\$300.00	\$0.00
1207	Employee Quarterly Taxes			\$3,200.00	\$786.42
1208	Sub organist fees			\$220.00	\$0.00
1209	Tax Prep			\$100.00	\$125.00
1210	MN Paid Leave			\$0.00	\$35.31

<b>1300 Congregational Life</b>				<b>\$6,530.64</b>	\$2,190.26
1301	Altar Supplies			\$500.00	\$103.12
1302	Church Worship Material			\$500.00	\$101.74
1303	Convention (Synod Assembly)			\$700.00	\$0.00
1304	Office Supplies/Rentals			\$3,930.64	\$1,712.95
1304.1	Copier Lease			\$2,805.64	\$1,095.06
1304.2	Copier staples/paper			\$400.00	\$58.19
1304.3	Other			\$250.00	\$559.70
1304.4	Postage			\$250.00	\$0.00
1304.5	Website Fee			\$225.00	\$0.00
1305	Other (Kitchen)			\$300.00	\$187.35
1306	Living Lutheran			\$0.00	\$0.00
1307	Transfer to Building Fund			\$0.00	\$0.00
1308	Transfer to Memorial Fund			\$0.00	\$0.00
1309	Youth Programs			\$600.00	\$85.10
1309.1	Sunday School			\$0.00	\$0.00

1309.2	Confirmation	\$0.00	\$85.10
1309.3	Graduation	\$0.00	\$0.00
1309.4	Other (VBS)	\$600.00	\$0.00
1309.5	Youth Mission Trip & Luther League expenses	\$0.00	\$0.00

**1400 Church Building/Property** **\$23,588.20**    \$9,022.49

<b>1401</b>	<b>Dept of Labor (Elevator Inspection)</b>	<b>\$100.00</b>	\$145.00
<b>1402</b>	<b>Insurance</b>	<b>\$5,500.00</b>	\$1,890.20
<b>1403</b>	<b>Mowing</b>	<b>\$700.00</b>	\$0.00
<b>1404</b>	<b>Repairs/Maintenance</b>	<b>\$1,500.00</b>	\$270.25
<b>1405</b>	<b>Supplies (custodial)*</b>	<b>\$500.00</b>	\$123.69
<b>1406</b>	<b>Utilities*</b>	<b>\$15,238.20</b>	\$6,593.35
1407.1	Electricity	\$4,000.00	\$1,000.00
1407.2	Fuel	\$5,000.00	\$3,355.48
1407.3	Phone/Internet	\$1,150.00	\$435.50
1407.4	Propane	\$4,200.00	\$1,328.50
1407.5	Water	\$888.20	\$220.80
1407.6	Garbage Service	\$495.00	\$253.07
<b>1408</b>	<b>Flowers</b>	<b>\$50.00</b>	\$0.00

**1500 Fundraiser Expenses** **\$200.00**    \$0.00

<b>1501</b>	<b>Harvest Dinner</b>	<b>\$200.00</b>	\$0.00
<b>1502</b>	<b>Other</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	\$0.00

**Proposed Operating Budget:** **\$97,606.34**    \$29,737.49

**1600 Income** **\$97,606.34**    \$27,301.72

<b>1601</b>	<b>Youth Programs (i.e. SS &amp; VBS)</b>	<b>\$600.00</b>	\$620.00
<b>1602</b>	<b>Church Rentals</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	\$0.00
<b>1603</b>	<b>Grants</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	\$0.00
<b>1604</b>	<b>Interest</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	\$0.44
<b>1605</b>	<b>Memorials</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	\$0.00
1605.1	Love Fund	\$0.00	\$0.00
1605.2	Other	\$0.00	\$0.00
<b>1606</b>	<b>Missions</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	\$0.00
<b>1607</b>	<b>Mowing</b>	<b>\$700.00</b>	\$0.00
<b>1608</b>	<b>Offering-Regular (includes loose offering &amp; online)</b>	<b>\$85,286.34</b>	\$23,490.28
<b>1609</b>	<b>Offering-Lunch</b>	<b>\$500.00</b>	\$328.00
<b>1610</b>	<b>Other Income</b>	<b>\$3,000.00</b>	\$25.00
<b>1611</b>	<b>Harvest Lunch</b>	<b>\$1,300.00</b>	\$0.00
<b>1612</b>	<b>Thrivent Grant Funds</b>	<b>\$1,000.00</b>	\$663.00
<b>1613</b>	<b>Youth Mission Trip</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	\$0.00
<b>1614</b>	<b>West Zion (shared costs)</b>	<b>\$5,220.00</b>	\$2,175.00

# April 2026 Financial Report

## Checking Account

Line Item	Date	Check #	Description	Payment	Deposit	Balance
1407.5	3/24/2026	Auto	Culligan	\$73.60		\$4,816.99
1304.1	3/26/2026	14899	Coordinated Business Systems	\$123.75		\$4,693.24
1304.1	3/26/2026	Auto	Great America Financial Services	\$211.89		\$4,481.35
1210	3/27/2026	14900	Minnesota Paid Leave	\$35.31		\$4,446.04
1608	3/30/2026	Auto	Tithely-offering-regular		\$189.84	\$4,635.88
1402	4/3/2026	Auto	North Star Mutual Insurance	\$378.04		\$4,257.84
1405	4/3/2026	14901	Zosel's True Value	\$97.71		\$4,160.13
1301	4/6/2026	Debit	Amazon (large communion cups)	\$23.50		\$4,136.63
1608	4/6/2026	Auto	Tithely-offering-regular		\$215.34	\$4,351.97
1407.3	4/8/2026	Auto	Federated Telephone	\$82.67		\$4,269.30
1612	4/8/2026	Auto	Thrivent Funds		\$361.00	\$4,630.30
1407.4	4/9/2026	14902	GPC (propane budget plan)	\$220.00		\$4,410.30
1407.2	4/9/2026	14903	GPC (dye fuel)	\$589.90		\$3,820.40
1614	4/9/2026		West Zion Secretary		\$435.00	\$4,255.40
1608	4/13/2026	Auto	Tithely-offering-regular		\$239.84	\$4,495.24
1608	4/20/2026	Auto	Tithely-offering-regular		\$265.34	\$4,760.58
1407.1	4/21/2026	Auto	Agralite	\$250.00		\$4,510.58
1201	4/23/2026	14904	Stephanie Smith (May Custodial)	\$505.50		\$4,005.08
1203	4/23/2026	14904	Stephanie Smith (May Organist 2X)	\$101.10		\$3,903.98
1202	4/23/2026	14905	Betsy Anderson (May Secretarial)	\$379.13		\$3,524.85
1202	4/23/2026	14906	Jim Ostlie (May Secretarial)	\$379.13		\$3,145.72
1205	4/23/2026	14907	Melissa Wroblewski (May Powerpoint)	\$91.91		\$3,053.81
	4/23/2026	Auto	From Savings		\$7,000.00	\$10,053.81
1304.1	4/26/2026	Auto	Great America Financial Services	\$211.89		\$9,841.92
1407.6	4/27/2026	Auto	West Central Sanitation	\$130.22		\$9,711.70

**Total Income to date 2026:**

<b>\$27,301.72</b>
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**Total Income to date 2025:**

\$22,718.06
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\$4,583.66
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# April Financial Report

## Savings Account

Line Item	Date	Description	Withdrawal	Deposit	Balance
1604	3/31/2026	Interest		\$0.03	\$640.21
1608	4/8/2026	Offering-Regular (3/25/26)		\$970.00	\$1,610.21
1608	4/8/2026	Offering-Loose (3/25/26)		\$33.00	\$1,643.21
1608	4/8/2026	Offering-Regular (3/29/26)		\$2,365.00	\$4,008.21
1608	4/8/2026	Offering-Loose (3/29/26)		\$83.00	\$4,091.21
1609	4/8/2026	Offering-Lunch (3/29/26)		\$68.00	\$4,159.21
1608	4/8/2026	Offering-Regular (4/5/26)		\$2,845.00	\$7,004.21
1608	4/8/2026	Offering-Loose (4/5/26)		\$80.00	\$7,084.21
1608	4/23/2026	Offering-Regular (4/3/26)		\$190.00	\$7,274.21
1610	4/23/2026	Reimbursement for Safety Deposit Box fee		\$25.00	\$7,299.21
1608	4/23/2026	Offering-Regular (4/12/26)		\$1,070.00	\$8,369.21
1608	4/23/2026	Offering-Loose (4/12/26)		\$40.00	\$8,409.21
1609	4/23/2026	Offering-Lunch (4/12/26)		\$46.00	\$8,455.21
1614	4/23/2026	West Zion February Secretary		\$435.00	\$8,890.21
1601	4/23/2026	VBS Seed packets		\$620.00	\$9,510.21
	4/23/2026	To Checking	\$7,000.00		\$2,510.21

## Money Market Account

Budget	Date	Description	Withdrawal	Deposit	Balance
	2/19/2026	Beginning Balance			\$25,000.00
	2/27/2026	Interest		\$2.29	\$25,002.29
	3/31/2026	Interest		\$9.54	\$25,011.83

### Mission Investment Funds

<b>6 Year Term Building Fund</b>	<b>\$78,206.45</b>
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<b>Demand Checking Building Fund</b>	<b>\$9,819.29</b>
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<b>Demand Checking Memorial Fund</b>	<b>\$128.22</b>
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<b>BMO Money Market Account</b>	<b>\$25,000.00</b>
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Thank you to the following donors for sponsoring a child "Seed Packet" for VBS.

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