



2025

ANNUAL REPORT



**RESURRECTION
LUTHERAN CHURCH**



PASTOR'S MESSAGE

As I write in the early days of 2026, Lutherans are far more prominent in the news than usual. Since 1 in 10 ELCA Lutherans live in the Twin Cities of Minnesota, our siblings up north have been at the center of the movement calling for an end to the unchecked power of immigration officers in their neighborhoods. One year ago, there were false claims on social media that the government was making “illegal payments” to Lutheran Social Services. Of course those were legitimate payments in the form of grants and contracts for services like healthcare for the homeless, refugee resettlement, and mental health programs.

What are Lutherans doing when we’re not in the news? The pages that follow give a glimpse. We gather for worship to remember God’s promises. We teach our children the stories of our faith and trace the implications of those stories for life today. We serve our neighbors. We share the joys and sorrows of life with one another. We do the everyday work of building a community grounded in God’s love revealed in Jesus.

We have every reason to be proud of the Lutheran Christians who’ve made the news over the last year and every reason to believe the stuff that has formed them into occasionally bold witnesses for the kingdom of God is the same stuff that’s forming us at Resurrection.

I thank God for the gifts you bring to this community of faith and for our shared witness to the truth that God means for the whole world to be a place to belong.

Pastor Ryan

A year in review

January

Kids' Epiphany party
Congregation meeting
Community disaster response
learning event

February

Luther College Nordic Choir
brings musical wonder
Visit from our new bishop

March

Ash Wednesday
Soup Suppers and
Holden Evening Prayer
Mom Squad hosts local author

April

Palm Sunday Egg Hunt
Holy Week mystery
Easter joy – including
breakfast!

May

Joyful Sound handbell concert
Feast of the Ascension means
big celebration

June

Congregation meeting
VBS transforms the church into
a boreal forest
RLC folks bear witness to love
and joy at Pride



July

High school youth group serves on
the North Shore of Lake Superior
Summer camp!
Community Meals 4th of July BBQ

August

Back to school blessing
Kids Club & Youngest Friends Picnic
Youth kickoff

September

CPR/First Aid training
Adults learn about the
Small Catechism
Confirmation

October

Blessing of the animals
Trunk or Treat

November

Pack Away Hunger packing event
Pitch-in lunch with mentalist
entertainment
Baby sitter training

December

Advent wreath making
New members welcomed
Sharing Wreath gifts pour in
Blue Christmas offers a quiet space
Cookies and Carols bring us together
for holiday cheer
Christmas Eve worship invites us to
marvel at the beauty and wonder of
God's love



WORSHIP

THE HEART OF IT ALL

This is where God promises to show up: in word and water, in bread and wine. This is what makes us Christ's church: we are washed and fed by God.

We don't come to church to learn something interesting or to enjoy the music, though we usually do. We don't come to feel good, either. We come to encounter God, who is with us no matter how we feel.

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NUMBER OF
EASTERS IN A
CALENDAR YEAR

"The church is the assembly of all believers among whom the gospel is purely preached and the holy sacraments are administered according to the gospel."

AUGSBURG CONFESSION
ARTICLE VII

lectors, assisting ministers, handbells, choirs, ushers, greeters, videography, A/V operators, cantor, organist, altar guild



FAITH FORMATION

THE STORY GOES ON

God's story continues with each generation. And so the stories and the wisdom of our faith must be passed on, too.

The stories of our faith sustain us by reminding us God is love and love wins.

Sunday mornings
Sunday evenings
Vacation Bible School
In person
Online
All ages

50+

VOLUNTEERS
WHO PITCHED IN
FOR VBS

WHAT IS YOUR FAVORITE

Bible Story?



GOD'S WORK. OUR HANDS.

It's not just a slogan or a one-day project at RLC.

Resurrection people are committed to serving our neighbors and witnessing to God's love in tangible ways all year round.

Community Meals

Weekender

Pack Away Hunger

Sharing Wreath

Pride

Douglas MacArthur

Kindergarten Academy

4,000

APPROX. SACKS
OF FOOD IN ONE
SEMESTER

**HOW MANY GROCERY
SACKS CAN YOU
CARRY AT ONCE?**



COMMUNITY

SHARING LIFE

God's ends and God's means are identical. God's purpose is to be with us, so God comes to be with us. Jesus is the symbol of everything God wants for us: life shared with God and with one another. Faith, like life, is not a solo act.

ChristCare
OWLs
Fellowship events
Dinners for Eight
Mom Squad
20/30s group
Homebound Communion

21%

ADULTS WHO ARE
LONELY, 2024
HARVARD STUDY

**Who could
you call
today, just to
check in?**

People by the numbers

Membership

Baptisms	7
Deaths	1
Members released	5
Members received	6
Total baptized membership	589
Total voting/confirmed/full members	434

Worship attendance

Average weekly attendance in-person	164
Average weekly attendance online	63
Total average weekly attendance	227

Financial matters

All figures as of December 31, 2025

Account balances

Checking	\$281,869
Designated funds	\$107,113
Savings	\$128,125
Total cash accounts	\$517,307

Income vs. expenses

Total income	\$833,002
Total expenses	\$795,255
Net income	\$37,747

Mortgage	\$822,239
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Mission Endowment Fund

Beginning balance	\$396,946
Gifts	\$0
Interest & dividends	\$15,074
Grants disbursed	(\$5,400)
Net change in portfolio	\$49,221
Ending balance	\$455,842

Mission Endowment Fund grants issued in 2025:

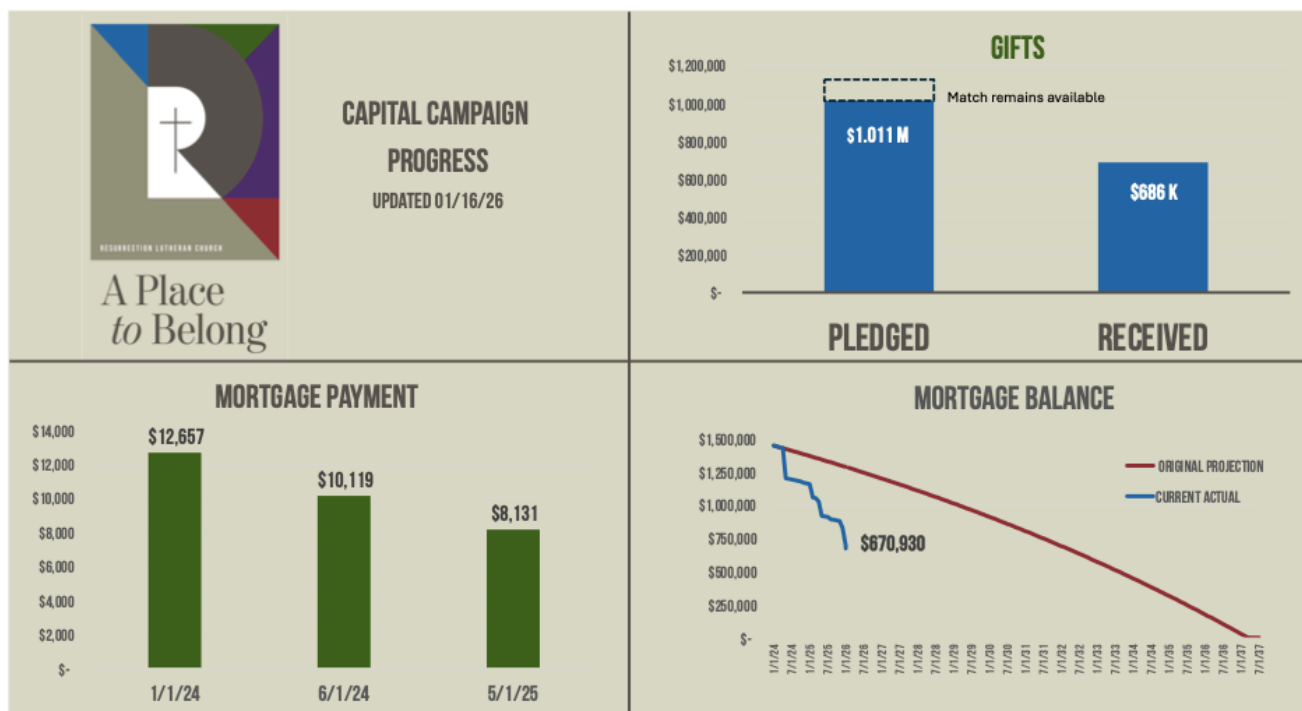
1. Seminary Support (RLC member) \$2,800
2. Eagle Scout Project (RLC member) \$600
3. Thanksgiving Food for Northwest Elementary families \$1000
4. Mara Evangelical Church Indianapolis \$1,000

Allocated grant funding in 2025 was \$7,000.

Allocated grant funding for 2026 is \$10,000.

More information on the Endowment Fund and eligibility for grants can be found online at rlcindy.org.

Capital Campaign Progress



Please note the graphic above shows progress as of January 16, 2026. Numbers in the “Financial matters” section of this report reflect payments as of December 31, 2025.

Thank you!

2025 leadership

Congregation council

Jason Kahl, president
Molly Laut, vice president
Alison Nichols, secretary
Dave Klimes, treasurer
Austin Dodd
Brian Hrankowsky
Tanna Kay
Cora Steinmetz
Pastor Ryan Bailey

Personnel team

Laura Bastin
Marcie Hrankowsky
Tanna Kay

Facility team

Joe Bailey
Byron Daugherty
Pat Henderson
Ross Peabody
John Toney

Ministry development team

Molly Laut
Mark Tisdale
Pastor Ryan Bailey

Finance team

Alan Anderson
Ken Beckmann
David Haake
Dave Klimes
Kevin Steinmetz
Gary Myers (staff)

Endowment team

Byron Daugherty
Chris Dial
Jonathan Owen

Resurrection staff

The Rev. Ryan Bailey, lead pastor
The Rev. Kathy VanOsdol, associate pastor
Victoria Hoppes, director of youth
and children's ministries
Bonnie Fox, parish administrator
Gary Myers, financial assistant
Mark Tisdale, digital strategy lead
Laura Mueller, worship and music lead
David Duncan, organist
Rebecca Vernon, director of handbell
and vocal choirs
Leah Richards, nursery attendant

