

Finance Update: A Year of Blessing and Vision for the Future



Celebrating Generosity in 2025

We are deeply grateful for the faithful giving of our congregation. Through your generosity, we were able to sustain and grow our ministries in meaningful ways:

- General Contributions: \$1.509M in 2025 (compared to \$1.519M in 2024). While slightly lower than last year, this reflects steady support even as 2024 included several extraordinary gifts.
- School Ministries Thrived:
 - Springfield Lutheran School (SLS) revenues (cash basis) grew from \$1.145M in 2024 to \$1.226M in 2025.
 - Nixa Preschool (NPS) revenues more than doubled, from \$64K to \$135K.

These increases reflect the growing impact of our educational ministries on families and the community.

Financial Highlights

- Despite budget deficits the last two years, our congregation ended both 2024 and 2025 with net surpluses of \$31K and \$174K. The 2025 surplus was primarily driven by \$171K of one-time employee retention tax credits, but we were still net positive even without this.
- We received generous additional gifts this year to support Springfield roof replacement and landscaping, and were able to make use of 2024 gifts for the organ and van storage area.
- Giving is relatively flat in total, but on lower giving units: 402 in 2024 vs. 357 in 2025 (estimated through October), reflecting an increase in overall giving per unit.
- The church's financial assets have grown:
 - \$1.068M in combined unrestricted and board-restricted funds
 - \$630K in dedicated funds (restricted for specific uses)
 - \$400K in endowment investments

- We formalized our endowment strategy by establishing:
 - Redeemer Legacy Endowment
 - SLS Legacy Endowment
 - Preschool Legacy Endowment

We encourage members to prayerfully consider these endowments in their giving plans to ensure ministry impact for generations to come.

- The church is undergoing an external financial statement review this year in conjunction with the SLS accreditation process—the first in quite some time.
- We are exploring refinancing options for the church's building mortgage of \$814K, which is due in September 2026.

How Your Gifts Made a Difference

- Ministry & Worship: Supported worship services, outreach programs, and pastoral care.
- Education: Enabled growth in our schools, providing Christ-centered education to more families.
- Facilities & Future Planning: Maintained and improved our campus while planning for future needs.

Looking Ahead to 2026 and Beyond

As we celebrate what God has done through your generosity, we also look forward to continuing our mission. Our biggest needs for 2026 are:

- Supporting the ongoing operations of the church
- Addressing the needs of our aging facilities
- Continuing to support our staff (both church and school) with competitive pay and benefits
- Continuing to support the various ministries of the church

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