



## Lutheran Church of Our Redeemer

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**7<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter**

Sunday, May 12, 2024, 9:30 a.m.

### Welcome

Inspired by the abundant hospitality of Jesus Christ, Lutheran Church of Our Redeemer welcomes all of God's children into the life of the church as 'we make God known through words and deeds'.

### We Approach God

#### Call to Worship

Today we remember our mission.

**We are making God known through word & deed.**

Love shown-

**in a mother's, grandmother's and godmother's embrace,**

a tender look,

**a helping hand.**

Love renewed-

**in a forgiving word,**

over a cup of tea,

**in a simple welcome.**

Love celebrated-

**in exuberant song,**

joyful music,

**overflowing praise.**

Love given-

**by God,**

for all,

**right here, right now. Amen.**

#### Confession and Forgiveness

In the name of the Father, and of the ☩ Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

**God, we confess that you are strong and we are weak. Our only hope is in you and the promise we find in your cross and empty tomb. Come and touch us. We are your children, washed in your pure baptismal water, who come before you in need of your forgiveness.**

God, you know us through and through, but you love us just the same. We run away from you and hide from you, but you pursue us with grace and mercy. Only you can change the desires of our hearts and rearrange our priorities. Only you can lead us through spiritual growth to transformation. In Jesus Christ, you have accomplished all that is necessary for abundant living in the Kingdom that is at hand and the Kingdom yet to come. **Amen.**

## Opening Song

### “I Will Follow”

Where You go I'll go Where You stay I'll stay When You move I'll move I will follow Oh oh oh  
All Your ways are good All Your ways are sure I will trust in You alone  
Higher than my sight High above my life I will trust in You alone In You alone

(Chorus) Where You go I'll go Where You stay I'll stay When You move I'll move  
I will follow You Whom You love I'll love How You serve I'll serve  
If this life I lose I will follow (You) Yeah

Yeah I will follow You yeah Light into the world Light into my life I will live for You alone  
You're the One I seek Knowing I will find All I need in You alone In You alone (Chorus)

Yeah I will follow You yeah In You there's life everlasting In You there's freedom for my soul  
In You there's joy unending joy And I will follow (Chorus)

Yeah I will follow You yeah I will follow You yeah I will follow You yeah

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## Greeting

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.  
**And also with you.**

## Prayer of the Day

Let us pray. **God, we recognize that simply having a lot of information about you has not led us to spiritual transformation. Help us and guide us in this daily journey toward deeper spiritual maturity. Make us restless when we become comfortable with spiritual stagnation. Move us beyond simply doing right things into serious discipleship that transforms us and our world, in Jesus' name. Amen.**

## We Proclaim the Story

### First Reading

Acts 1:15-17, 21-26

<sup>15</sup>In those days Peter stood up among the believers (together the crowd numbered about one hundred twenty persons) and said, <sup>16</sup>"Friends, the scripture had to be fulfilled, which the Holy Spirit through David foretold concerning Judas, who became a guide for those who arrested Jesus— <sup>17</sup>for he was numbered among us and was allotted his share in this ministry." <sup>21</sup>So one of the men who have accompanied us during all the time that the Lord Jesus went in and out among us, <sup>22</sup>beginning from the baptism of John until the day when he was taken up from us—one of these must become a witness with us to his resurrection." <sup>23</sup>So they proposed two, Joseph called Barsabbas, who was also known as Justus, and Matthias. <sup>24</sup>Then they prayed and said, "Lord, you know everyone's heart. Show us which one of these two you have chosen <sup>25</sup>to take the place in this ministry and apostleship from which Judas turned aside to go to his own place." <sup>26</sup>And they cast lots for them, and the lot fell on Matthias; and he was added to the eleven apostles.

Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

## Psalm

### Psalm 1

<sup>1</sup>Happy are those who do not follow the advice of the wicked, or take the path that sinners tread, or sit in the seat of scoffers;

<sup>2</sup>**but their delight is in the law of the Lord, and on his law they meditate day and night.**

<sup>3</sup>They are like trees planted by streams of water, which yield their fruit in its season, and their leaves do not wither. In all that they do, they prosper.

<sup>4</sup>**The wicked are not so, but are like chaff that the wind drives away.**

<sup>5</sup>Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgment, nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous;

<sup>6</sup>**for the Lord watches over the way of the righteous, but the way of the wicked will perish.**

## Second Reading

### 1 John 5:9-13

<sup>9</sup>If we receive human testimony, the testimony of God is greater; for this is the testimony of God that he has testified to his Son. <sup>10</sup>Those who believe in the Son of God have the testimony in their hearts. Those who do not believe in God have made him a liar by not believing in the testimony that God has given concerning his Son. <sup>11</sup>And this is the testimony: God gave us eternal life, and this life is in his Son.

<sup>12</sup>Whoever has the Son has life; whoever does not have the Son of God does not have life. <sup>13</sup>I write these things to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, so that you may know that you have eternal life.

Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

## Gospel Acclamation

### “In Christ Alone”

In Christ alone my hope is found He is my light my strength my song  
This Cornerstone this solid Ground Firm through the fiercest drought and storm  
What heights of love what depths of peace When fears are stilled when strivings cease  
My Comforter my All in All Here in the love of Christ I stand No guilt in life no fear in death  
This is the power of Christ in me From life's first cry to final breath Jesus commands my destiny  
No power of hell no scheme of man Can ever pluck me from His hand  
Till He returns or calls me home Here in the power of Christ I'll stand

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The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 17<sup>th</sup> Chapter. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

## Gospel Reading

John 17:6-19

<sup>6</sup>I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. <sup>7</sup>Now they know that everything you have given me is from you; <sup>8</sup>for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. <sup>9</sup>I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world, but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. <sup>10</sup>All mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them. <sup>11</sup>And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one. <sup>12</sup>While I was with them, I protected them in your name that you have given me. I guarded them, and not one of them was lost except the one destined to be lost, so that the scripture might be fulfilled. <sup>13</sup>But now I am coming to you, and I speak these things in the world so that they may have my joy made complete in themselves. <sup>14</sup>I have given them your word, and the world has hated them because they do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. <sup>15</sup>I am not asking you to take them out of the world, but I ask you to protect them from the evil one. <sup>16</sup>They do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. <sup>17</sup>Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth. <sup>18</sup>As you have sent me into the world, so I have sent them into the world. <sup>19</sup>And for their sakes I sanctify myself, so that they also may be sanctified in truth.

The gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

## Sermon

“Seeds Grow Fruit”

Pastor Dan Overbo

## Hymn of the Day

“Son of God, Eternal Savior”

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**We Confess & Pray for Others**

## Apostles' Creed

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

## Prayer Song

“Agnus Dei”

Alleluia alleluia For the Lord God Almighty reigns

Alleluia alleluia For the Lord God Almighty reigns Alleluia

Holy holy Are You Lord God Almighty Worthy is the Lamb Worthy is the Lamb

You are holy holy Are You Lord God Almighty Worthy is the Lamb Worthy is the Lamb Amen

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## Prayers of the Church

Hospitalized/Ill: Vivian Westgard, Marlowe Ronke, De Ann Fyelling- Niece of Deanna & Dan Hickel,  
Geno Brink- Father of Tammy Rohde, Tori Simon, Willy Selzler,  
Ric Holmquest- Brother of Jack Holmquest, Kevin Stark- Brother of Carol (Ron) Bergan,  
Gretchen Morrow Bray- Daughter of Darline Morrow & Sister of Ann (Greg) DeSpiegler

Death: Tom DeVine- Brother of Michele (Monte) Hopper, Margaret Olson- Mother of Lesa  
(Tom) Franken & Grandmother of Roshal (Nicholas) Rossman,  
Evelyn DeVine- Mother of Michele (Monte) Hopper

## Prayer Song

“Agnus Dei”

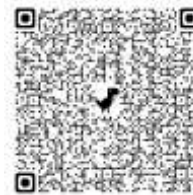
Holy holy Are You Lord God Almighty Worthy is the Lamb Worthy is the Lamb  
You are holy holy Are You Lord God Almighty Worthy is the Lamb Worthy is the Lamb Amen

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**We Offer Ourselves**

## Offering

*Text to Give: 605-250-6765 or Scan the QR code located in the pew*  
*Noisy Can Offering (for all ages) Mission of the Month:*  
***Pine Ridge Reconciliation Center***



## Offertory Response

“Create In Me A Clean Heart”

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## Offering Prayer

God of movement and change, accept and bless these gifts that they might bring transformation to our community and world. Join us to your movement in the world through specific acts of love and mercy, directed toward those who you described as the "least of these." Make us your disciples who are committed to grow, focused on change, and dedicated to spiritual transformation. **Amen.**

## Lord's Prayer

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.**

## Announcements

## We Go Out with Gratitude

### Blessing

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

**Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

The God of resurrection power, the Christ of unending joy, and the Spirit of Easter hope ☩ bless you now and always.

**Amen.**

### Sending Song

“Your Grace is Enough”

Great is Your faithfulness O God You wrestle with the sinner's restless heart

You lead us by still waters into mercy And nothing can keep us apart

So remember Your people Remember Your children Remember Your promise O God

(Chorus) Your grace is enough Your grace is enough Your grace is enough for me

Great is Your love and justice God of Jacob You use the weak to lead the strong

You lead us in the song of Your salvation And all Your people sing along

So remember Your people Remember Your children Remember Your promise O God

Your grace is enough Your grace is enough Your grace is enough for me

Your grace is enough Your grace is enough Your grace is enough for me

So remember Your people Remember Your children Remember Your promise O God

Your grace is enough Your grace is enough Your grace is enough for me

Yeah Your grace is enough Heaven reaches out to us Your grace is enough for me

God I sing Your grace is enough I'm covered in Your love Your grace is enough for me for me

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### Call to Service

Go and grow in faith this day, and every day. Go and live as the transformed people of God.

Go in peace and serve the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

Please share the peace, as well as your name when you leave today.

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### Serving

**Preaching:** Pastor Dan Overbo; **Worship Team; Sound & Projection:** Zach Stanton & Pete Juba;

**Greeters:** Julie Rude; **Ushers:** Kevin Luoma & Allen Rude; **Lector:** Lois Harrington;

**Coffee Servers:** Kevin & Bernie Luoma; **Welcome Center:** Pam Luckhurst;

\*This worship service may be livestreamed on YouTube and the LCOOR Facebook page.



**MAY 12, 2024**

**HYMN OF THE WEEK**

*Blest Be the Tie That Binds*

**WEEKLY MILESTONES**

Take a moment to tell or think about a recent mountain high and/or valley low in your life.

**CARING CONVERSATIONS**

Discuss in your home, small group, or use for personal reflections:

- Tell or think about a time you got hurt and who helped you.
- How can our faith help us when we get hurt?

**DEVOTIONS**

Read: John 17:6-19.

Jesus acknowledges that his followers will remain in the world even while he is no longer physically present. This passage reflects the adage that Christians are to be in the world but not of the world. John 3:16 is an anchor for the Gospel of John's approach to the world. God loves the world. What is the world? It represents all that resists and rejects the revelation of God through Jesus. What a contrast! We, as Jesus' followers are to love and pray for those people who oppose God and God's rule of the world through Jesus. This is truly a daunting challenge. It is so great that Jesus must pray for our protection from "the evil one" (v. 15), the power that opposes everything God stands for. Jesus' prayer includes the desire for our unity so that we may be one in Christ. Living in a world opposed to the light, to truth, and to faith in Christ, we are cautioned not to let that which opposes love and faith divide us.

*Discuss:* What do you see happening around you that you think may divide Jesus' followers through the powers of this world?

*Pray:* **Compassionate God, we thank you for your protection and guidance for our lives; help us to be your light and truth in a world that does not know you and Christ our Lord. Amen.**

**SERVICE**

Jesus calls us to serve our neighbor in love. Based on the Daily Bible Readings and theme for this week, how can you help protect someone from harm?

**RITUALS AND TRADITIONS**

Today in the United States, it is Mother's Day. It is an opportunity to honor all women who have cared for you. In the church, motherhood represents the important role of caring for and nurturing others in the journey of faith. Take time to give thanks and pray for the women who have cared for you. Consider reaching out to them with a call, note, or email.

*Pray for them:* **Dear God, I thank you for the gift and life of [name/s] who has shown me love and faith in your name. May she be blessed with joy and peace in knowing you through the love of your dear Son, Jesus Christ. Amen.**

In addition to *Taking Faith Home*, celebrate milestones in your daily life as an effective faith formation tool. Go to: [www.milestonesministry.org](http://www.milestonesministry.org)



**THE WEEKLY WORD - ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**ROAD DITCH CLEANUP**

It's time to clean our two miles of road ditch on Hwy 20!

**We are looking for 6 families or groups to volunteer in the month of May.**



Questions? Call Pam 553-6784 or Al 553-6791

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL  
**VBS**  
"ALL ABOARD THE ARK"  
REGISTER ON OUR WEBSITE OR SCAN THE QR CODE BELOW:  
PRE-K TO 4TH GRADE  
MAY 29 & 30  
5-8PM  
MEAL SERVED

**Summer WORSHIP SCHEDULE**  
May 26 - September 1

Saturday	Sunday	Sunday
5:30 p.m. IN TOWN	9:00 a.m. MEMORIAL PARK	9:30 a.m. IN TOWN

Summer Office Hours:  
Monday-Thursday 8:30-3:00; Friday 8:30-12

**SALVATION ARMY DONATIONS**  
**Cereal**

As you go grocery shopping, please consider picking up a couple extras to donate. Drop these items off at LCOOR and we will deliver them to the Salvation Army. Thanks in advance for your generosity!

**COOKIES NEEDED**

Sandwich Ministry is in need of cookies. We have cookie kits available for pick up at the Welcome Center or church office.

*You can also bake your own cookies & drop them off at the church. Thank you!*

**90<sup>th</sup> Birthday**

YOU ARE INVITED TO PASTOR DAVE JOHNSON'S 90TH BIRTHDAY PARTY ON SUNDAY, MAY 19, 2024, AT FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH IN SIOUX FALLS, SD. THE OPEN HOUSE IS FROM 2:00 PM TO 4:00 PM. IF YOU ARE UNABLE TO ATTEND, DAVE WOULD LOVE TO HEAR FROM YOU TO CATCH UP ON HOW YOU ARE DOING. YOU CAN SEND GREETINGS TO SDAKOTADAVE@GMAIL.COM OR 1701 S SILVER CREEK CIRCLE, SIOUX FALLS, SD 57106.

**Global Health Ministries**

**We are collecting newborn kits in May.**

Instructions can be found at the Welcome Center or in the church office.

**TIMMERMAN SCHOLARSHIPS**

More information and applications are available in the church office, at the Welcome Center or online at [lcoorwatertown.org](http://lcoorwatertown.org) under the resources tab.

REGISTRATION DEADLINE IS MAY 30, 2024

LUTHERAN CHURCH OF OUR REDEEMER

**FISHING LEAGUE**  
WEDNESDAY EVENINGS 6-9PM

Info & Sign-up at the Welcome Center

**MAY MISSION OF THE MONTH**  
Pine Ridge Reconciliation Center

Mission of the Month dollars are above and beyond your regular giving. Please clearly mark your offering with Mission of the Month. Thank you!



May 12-19

Print too small? Large print bulletins are available at all worship services.

**Sunday May 12**

8:30 a.m. Watertown Sandwich Ministry  
9:30 a.m. Blended Worship

**Monday May 13**

8:00 a.m. Watertown Sandwich Ministry  
2:00 p.m. Martha Circle  
6:45 p.m. Al-Anon

**Tuesday May 14**

11:00 a.m. Text Study  
1:00 p.m. Staff Meeting  
6:00 p.m. Executive Committee  
6:30 p.m. Church Council Meeting

**Wednesday May 15**

8:00 a.m. Watertown Sandwich Ministry  
10:00 a.m. Preschool Graduation

**Thursday May 16**

Last Day of Preschool  
9:00 a.m. Quilting  
9:00 a.m. Watertown Ministerial  
10:00 a.m. Pastors Conference  
5:15 p.m. Al-Anon

**Friday May 17**

Church Office Closes at Noon  
8:00 a.m. Watertown Sandwich Ministry  
9:00 a.m. Quilting

**Saturday May 18**

5:30 p.m. Traditional Worship with Holy Communion

**Sunday May 19**

8:30 a.m. Watertown Sandwich Ministry  
9:30 a.m. Blended Worship with Holy Communion  
2:00-5:00 p.m. Lucille Olson Birthday Open House

# Happy Mother's Day

## Attendance & Offering

April 28 Live Stream- 106  
Saturday, May 4- 73  
Sunday, May 5- 308  
Wednesday, May 1 - 139  
Offering (5/5):  
General Fund: \$16,366;  
Debt Reduction: \$225;  
Mission of the Month: \$116.85;  
Other: \$275; Church School: \$27.75;  
Simply Giving Offering (4/29-5/3):  
General Fund: \$10,066.82;  
Debt Reduction: \$58;  
Other: \$209.41;  
Mission of the Month: \$80;

## Staff

**Senior Pastor**  
Dan Overbo  
**Associate Pastor**  
Laura Overbo  
**Welcoming & Caring Ministries**  
Twila Schmitt  
**Director of Faith Formation**  
Philip Lickei  
**Business Manager**  
Jodi Spilde  
**Business Administrative Assistant**  
Megan Thyen  
**Preschool**  
Nikki Landmark, Director/Teacher  
Wendy Kruger, Paraprofessional  
**Sound & Technology**  
Zach Stanton  
**Custodian**  
Roman Gainor

**MAY 12, 2024**

## SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

*Jesus prays for our protection in the world.*

### DAILY BIBLE READINGS

These passages are related to the Lectionary texts for this Sunday.

<b>Sunday</b>	<b>John 17:6-19</b>	<b>Christ's prayer for his disciples</b>
<b>Monday</b>	<b>Acts 1:15-17, 21-26</b>	<b>Mathias replaces Judas</b>
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>1 John 5:9-13</b>	<b>Knowing about eternal life</b>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>2 Samuel 22:1-4</b>	<b>David's song of thanksgiving</b>
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Psalms 40:1-10</b>	<b>Thanksgiving for deliverance</b>
<b>Friday</b>	<b>2 Thessalonians 3:1-5</b>	<b>Requests for prayer</b>
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>Psalms 1</b>	<b>The way of happiness</b>
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>John 15:26-27; 16:4b-15</b>	<b>Work of the Holy Spirit</b>

### SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THIS WEEK

*"And now I [Jesus] am no longer in the world, but they [disciples] are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one."*

**John 17:11 (NRSV)**

### PRAYERS AND BLESSING

**A Prayer for the Week:**

Dear Lord Jesus, for your wisdom, healing power, saving work, and prayers for our protection and care for our life together, we give you thanks. Amen.

**Mealtime Prayer:**

Dear God, we thank you for this meal that gives us strength and for your life-giving word filled with wisdom, light, and love through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

**A Blessing to Give:**

May God watch over you and protect you from all harm.



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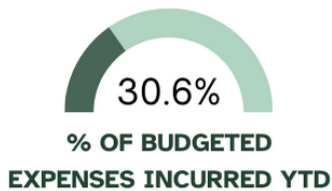
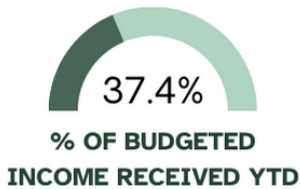
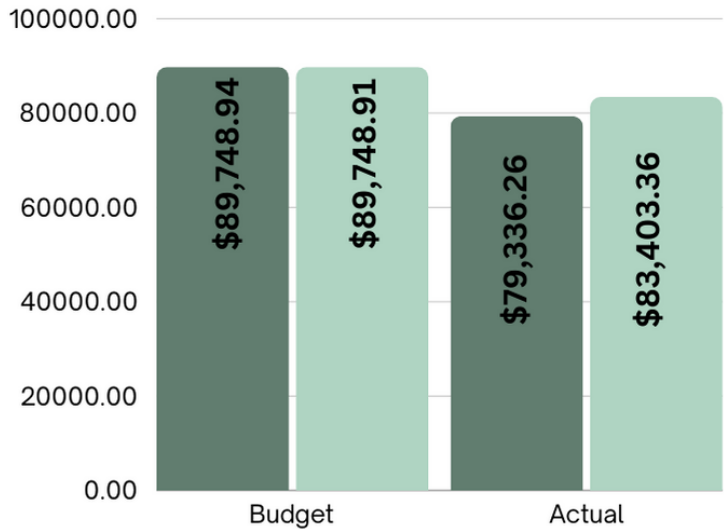


2024

# FINANCIAL REPORT

## INCOME AND EXPENSE APRIL OVERVIEW

- INCOME
- EXPENSES



We are reaching out ahead of the busy summer season to thank you for supporting our mission of Making God Known Through Word and Deed! Many of our members make generous contributions throughout the year, and we appreciate your gifts.

We know many of you travel over the summer or have other commitments. If you think you might miss weekly services over the next few months, consider signing up for recurring giving through our *Simply Giving* program. It takes just a few minutes to set up, and your continuous gifts throughout the year helps sustain our missions, activities and programs as we look to the future with much hope and excitement.

Looking to donate online or set up recurring giving? Visit our website at [lcoorwatertown.org/resources](http://lcoorwatertown.org/resources) to contribute Online or to print out a Simply Giving Form. (Or, you can use your smartphone and give by text to [605-250-6765].)

Please feel free to reach out to Jodi Spilde in the church office with any questions you may have.

**TOTAL EXPENSES  
TO DATE \$329,026.45**

**TOTAL REVENUE  
TO DATE \$402,321.96**

**SURPLUS  
TO DATE \$73,295.51**

*Laurie Tennis*  
Council Treasurer

*Jodi Spilde*  
Business Manager