

October 2026

CO-PASTORS

building maintenance and ministry program costs to keep our especially rich Christian Education (JAM), small group studies and music programs thriving. If you do anything here at NLC, then this is the fund that makes that ministry,

including worship services, possible. **That is why we are again asking for an extra Fall Gift from everyone - \$165 this year.** This is the amount needed from the average NLC family/giving unit each month to pay for all we committed to in our 2026-2027 Ministry Plan Budget. If your family's means are above or below average, the gift needed from you would adjust accordingly. All we ask is for you to consider prayerfully what you can do – knowing that if it is less, others are funding things for you; and, if it is more, rejoice that you are able to help cover costs for others who need your help (sounds like real love in a real family to me!).

Think of the Building Fund as your family's mortgage (or rent) payment. Each month NLC currently pays \$6554 in our mortgage payment. In January 2027, we must pay off or refinance our mortgage (the Annual Meeting action chose to refinance). Currently we owe about \$1 million – not bad considering we have already put in over \$2.5 million in renovations and updates in the last ten years! When we refinance, we will be rolling in the cost of a new roof on our worship space. The more gifts we can all make before the end of 2026 – the less we will need to refinance and the less our payments will increase as we lock in another 5yr interest rate in January.

I know these are extremely broad descriptions of our Norway family's needs for this fall and the coming year...and it hasn't even touched the windows, organ and roof special fundraisers underway. I am always available to talk more with anyone who wants more detail as you plan, prioritize and partner with your NLC family in your 2027 pledges.

I close with words from Chris McDaniel: the **three Ps form a lifestyle, not a moment.**

"Generosity is not financial strategy. It is spiritual transformation. It's not about writing a check. It's about writing Jesus' character into every part of your life.

A Simple Invitation

Take out your calendar and your budget this week.

Sit with them before the Lord.

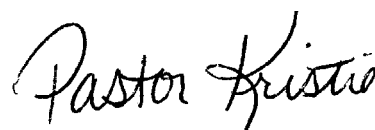
And ask three questions:

1. **Lord, what would planning look like for me?**
2. **Lord, how are You calling me to make generosity a priority?**
3. **Lord, where are You inviting me to partner with You?**

You don't need wealth to live generously. You need willingness. God can supply the rest."

As a fellow member of the Norway family, I am prayerfully considering these same questions alongside you as we seek to PLAN, PRIORITIZE, and PARTNER in generosity. You need willingness. God can supply the rest."

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REFORMATION SUNDAY

Weekend of **October 24 & 25.**

8:00AM - NEW MEMBERS The New Member Session and Welcome has been moved to **Saturday, October 24** with a formal installation to NLC at the 8:00am worship service on **Sunday, October 25.** If you are interested we ask that you sign up on the kiosk or contact the church office.

10:30AM - CONFIRMATION Seven of our youth will be confirmed on Reformation Sunday, **October 25:** Madeline Gunderson, Macie Kender, Caleb Riemer, Oliver Shirk, Ella Sossaman, Scarlet Touve and Alana West. May God Bless these young people and they take this very important step in their faith journey.

AUGUST FINANCIAL UPDATE Our August Annual Meeting was a success, with all proposed projects approved. Thank you to everyone who participated and helped make it possible!

August ended with a **\$4,416 negative cash flow**, primarily due to JAM kickoff expenses and the purchase of two new laptops and three Wi-Fi extenders. The laptops and Wi-Fi extenders were **approved at the Annual Meeting and included in annual budget**. These purchases increased August expenses beyond our normal monthly spending.

Financial Snapshot

August	YTD Actual	YTD Budget
General Fund		
Total Income \$	53,952	\$ 50,304
Total Expenses \$	58,369	\$ 59,510
Difference \$	(4,417)	\$ (9,206)
Contingency funds \$	--	
Cashflow	\$ (4,417)	

CURRENT PROJECTS & GIVING OPPORTUNITIES

Please consider supporting these projects as you are able:

- Windows
- New Metal Roof for the Worship Area
- Organ Upgrade
- Picnic Tables for Norway Backyard
- Mortgage

Your generosity makes these projects possible and helps us continue the ministry of Norway Lutheran Church. Thank you for your faithful support!

Cilvia Lewis/Council Treasurer

IN GATHERING SUNDAY, Oct 3-4 It's fall and a very busy time for both the Norway Quilters and Pocket Pal Quilters. Over the course of a year, which started the 2nd week of October 2025 up through 1st week of October 2026, both groups have been busy making quilts and kits for Lutheran World Relief, (LWR).

The Norway Quilters have made 400+ quilts and 50+ fabric kits. These totals are guess-estimates as we will be making both quilts and fabric kits up through Tuesday, October 6th. Will provide accurate counts in the next upcoming newsletter. The Pocket Pal Quilters have made the following: 42 layette kits, 44 personal care kits, 70 school kits. That's a lot of quilts and kits made by both groups!

LWR was founded in 1945 in response to the needs of Europe after World War II. Today, LWR responds to the needs of 14 foreign countries and also right here in the United States during times of natural disasters. Please stop by the kiosk in the Fellowship Hall for additional more information about LWR and check out the poster showing where quilts and kits from our church and many other Lutheran churches went to in 2025. If you would like to support LWR's efforts, there are contribution envelopes available. Please make your check payable to NLC and in the memo portion of your check, please write LWR.

VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED on October 10. We are looking for high school kids or adult volunteers to work a 2-hour shift either 8am-10am or 10am-12noon. We need 2 volunteers for each shift. Volunteers would be responsible to take boxed-up quilts & kits from the cars of donors and bring them to the trailer in the NLC parking lot that Lutheran World Relief is providing. Carriers will be packing the boxes inside the trailer. Contact Sue Kressel if you have questions (262) 818-4134.

HAUNTED HARVEST/TRUNK OR TREAT NLC is joining with the Town of Norway for A Haunted Harvest on **Saturday, October 24. Trunk or Treat will take place from 2-4pm in the NLC parking lot.** Bring the whole family for a fun and safe afternoon at our annual Trunk or Treat! Come in costume and enjoy decorated car trunks, loads of candy, games, music, and more. There's a costume contest too! It's a free, family-friendly event open to the community. Sign up for the costume contest and/or to host a trunk and join the festivities. View the full HAUNTED HARVEST flyer [HERE](#).

COOKIE WALK UPDATE Just a reminder of the NLC Cookie Walk to be held on **Saturday, December 12**, from 9am-12noon. There will also be a BAKE SALE during this time with homemade treats and featuring many Norwegian favorites. Bakers are needed for the cookie walk and the bake sale; see the kiosk to sign up to bake. Stay tuned for cookie "workshops" for the Norwegian Cookies. Questions? Contact Barb Waltman (262) 210-5599

LOVE, INC. This ministry is looking for a volunteer to take over the coordination of the meal that NLC provides on the 1st Monday of each month. Please contact Marilyn Rosenquist (630-247-9224)-if you are interested or have questions.

HALLOWEEN PARADE FOR MUSTARD SEED PRESCHOOL The Mustard Seed Halloween Parade and trick or treat will be on **Tuesday, October 27 and Wednesday, October 28** from 8:30am-10:00am. Join the fun by setting up a "trick or treat" table in Fellowship Hall. Details and sign up can be found on the kiosk in Fellowship Hall.

ENDOWMENT FUND GRANTS Looking for funding to support a special project at NLC? Details regarding endowment grants and the application form can be found on the church website [Endowment Form Access](#) or on the kiosk. **Applications are due Thursday, October 15 by 4:00pm**

BREAST CANCER WALK – October 10 – Use the link here to donate to Heidi Bergersen's "TEAM TUMORNATORS" [Making Strides Milwaukee 2026](#)

DEADLINE APPROACHING FOR THE FIRESIDE: ANNUAL OUTREACH EVENT The show this year is "A Christmas Story". Tickets for the **November 14** Matinee have been reserved. Tickets are \$86/person. The sign-up sheet for tickets can be found on the kiosk along with the featured menu. **Sign-up required before October 4 with payment in full due at that time.** Please be sure to indicate your menu choice on the sign-up sheet. We need 13 attendees in order to get the group ticket price.

UGLY SWEATER DINNER is set for Friday, December 11 catered by Holly & Kevin Baumann. Musical entertainment will be provided by LATE BLOOM featuring Michael Jaramillo. Tickets are \$30 and proceeds will benefit 2027 youth mission trips. Check out the event on the Church Center calendar or the kiosk for more details.

PERFECT PIE AUCTION Plan to join us at the "P" themed Fellowship Hour on Sunday, October 18 and the Perfect Pie Auction. We also need pies for the auction; see the kiosk to sign up to donate a pie. Be sure to include a list of ingredients (for allergy purposes).

HELPING HANDS Item of the MONTH for October is Hamburger Helper/Rice Helper. Top 6 needs are: Applesauce/Canned Fruit, Canned Tomatoes, Canned Corn, Canned Green Beans, Mac N Cheese, Pasta Sauce.

MEMORIALS were received in memory of Linda Seidler and Donna Knurr from family and friends.

PASTORAL ACTS Baptism – Cooper John Kender was baptized on Sunday, September 20 at the 8am service. Cooper is the son of Jake & Bridget Kender.

CALENDAR Follow this link to view the daily church calendar details regarding scheduled events – [NLC CALENDAR](#)

NOW ON INSTAGRAM The NLC Youth now have an Instagram page: CHECK IT OUT <https://www.instagram.com/nlc youth family/>