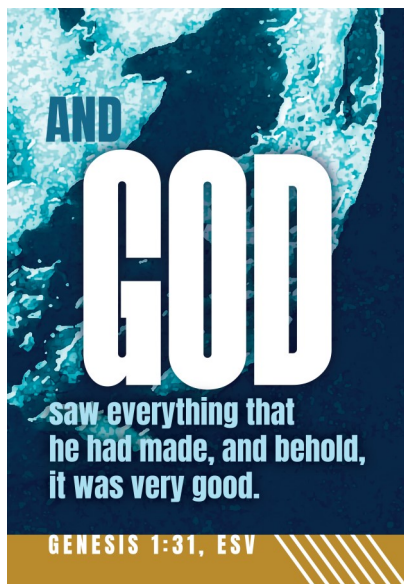


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TUNE IN TO “THE LUTHERAN HOUR” TODAY

Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler~ “A Friendly Recommendation”

What happens when you find out that acquiring everything you’ve ever wanted...still isn't enough?
(Genesis 1:26)

Sundays on: KSUM - 11 am • WCCO - 6 am • KBEW - 8:30 am

LARGE PRINT BULLETINS with today’s order of service and LSB Large Print Hymnals are available on the ushers’ cabinets (or ask an usher for assistance). Please return the LSB Hymnals to the ushers’ cabinets or an usher after the service.

THIS MONTH’S BIBLE REFERENCES are sponsored by Lowell Spee and Bonnie Taplin in thankfulness to God for all His blessings of good health and family. **Now accepting sponsors.** Available months: Oct., Nov., Dec. Cost is \$40, payable to St. Paul Lutheran Church. Contact the church office at pmeinert@splfairmont.org or 238-9491, ext. 101.

OUR SUNDAY BROADCAST: at 10:00 a.m. over KSUM is sponsored by Kathy Gratz in memory of Marge Krugler and Dave Gratz on their birthdays. **Sponsors needed! 2026 dates available are:** July 5, 12, 26; Aug. 2, 9, 16, 23, 30; Oct. 4, 11, 25; Nov. 1, 8, 22; Contact the church office to reserve a broadcast date at sploffice@splfairmont.org or 238-9491, ext. 101. The cost is \$40, payable to LWML.

THE LORD’S SUPPER is being celebrated in our service today. In love, we ask anyone who is not a communicant member in good standing of an LCMS congregation to speak with the pastor before attending the Lord’s Supper. Attendance/communion registration forms are available in the pews. Complete the Member or Visitor side of the form and put it in the collection plate when it is passed by you. Check the box next to your name if you are communing.

IN OUR PRAYERS: ill—Stephanie Tordsen (niece of Jamie & April Tordsen), Lucille Steiner, Donald Johnson, Katie Jensen (daughter of Tyler & April Garrison), Amy Mancuso (daughter of Stacey Westphall), Christine Redenius, Sheryl Hanson (Mary Westcott’s Niece), Daniel Bennis (Alecia Driscoll’s cousin), Barry Glienke (son of Jim & Lois), Laurie Austin, Laraine Ritchie (Marv Goebel’s sister), Merlene Lieder (sister-in-law to Charles & Elaine Lieder and former teacher at St. James Northrop), Steph Johnson (Shirley Johnson’s daughter-in-law), Helen Lueck, Gerald Meyer; **recovering**—LaDonna Meyer, Abbie Vankempen (granddaughter of Marion Olson), Dan Yahnke, Kenneth Matthews, Gregg Lemke; **having/recovering from surgery**—Ned Boes (Amy & Nathan Anders’ infant grandson); **in hospice**—Shirley Johnson, Dave Boerner (brother of DeAnn Eversman), Beth Malo; **undergoing treatment**—Brent Allan (special friend of the Hall Family).

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Confession and Absolution — Page 184

Hymn of Invocation: Glory Be to God the Father

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Service of the Word — Page 186

Introit: Psalm 16:8–11; antiphon: Liturgical Text



- P** Blessèd be the Holy Trinity and the undivided | Unity.*
Let us give glory to him because he has shown his mer- | cy to us.
I have set the LORD always be- | fore me;*
because he is at my right hand, I shall not be | shaken.
- C** Therefore my heart is glad, and my whole being re- | joices;*
my flesh also | dwells secure.
- P** For you will not abandon my soul | to Sheol,*
or let your holy one see cor- | ruption.
- C** You make known to me the | path of life;*
in your presence there is fullness of joy; at your right hand are
pleasures for- | evermore.
- C** Glory be to the Father and | to the Son*
and to the Holy | Spirit;
as it was in the be- | ginning,*
is now, and will be forever. | Amen.
- P** Blessèd be the Holy Trinity and the undivided | Unity.*
Let us give glory to him because he has shown his mer- | cy to us.

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Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

C And with thy spirit.

P Let us pray.

Let us pray. Almighty and everlasting God, You have given us grace to acknowledge the glory of the eternal Trinity by the confession of a true faith and to worship the Unity in the power of the Divine Majesty. Keep us

steadfast in this faith and defend us from all adversities; for You, O Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, live and reign, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Sit

Old Testament Reading: Genesis 1:1-2:4a

In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth. The earth was without form and void, and darkness was over the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God was hovering over the face of the waters.

And God said, “Let there be light,” and there was light. And God saw that the light was good. And God separated the light from the darkness. God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

And God said, “Let there be an expanse in the midst of the waters, and let it separate the waters from the waters.” And God made the expanse and separated the waters that were under the expanse from the waters that were above the expanse. And it was so. And God called the expanse Heaven. And there was evening and there was morning, the second day.

And God said, “Let the waters under the heavens be gathered together into one place, and let the dry land appear.” And it was so. God called the dry land Earth, and the waters that were gathered together he called Seas. And God saw that it was good.

And God said, “Let the earth sprout vegetation, plants yielding seed, and fruit trees bearing fruit in which is their seed, each according to its kind, on the earth.” And it was so. The earth brought forth vegetation, plants yielding seed according to their own kinds, and trees bearing fruit in which is their seed, each according to its kind. And God saw that it was good. And there was evening and there was morning, the third day.

And God said, “Let there be lights in the expanse of the heavens to separate the day from the night. And let them be for signs and for seasons, and for days and years, and let them be lights in the expanse of the heavens to give light upon the earth.” And it was so. And God made the two great lights—the greater light to rule the day and the lesser light to rule the night—and the stars. And God set them in the expanse of the heavens to give light on the earth, to rule over the day and over the night, and to separate the light from the darkness. And God saw that it was good. And there was evening and there was morning, the fourth day.

And God said, “Let the waters swarm with swarms of living creatures, and let birds fly above the earth across the expanse of the heavens.” So God created the great sea creatures and every living creature that moves, with which the waters swarm, according to their kinds, and every winged bird according to its kind. And God saw that it was good. And God blessed them, saying, “Be fruitful and multiply and fill the waters in the seas, and let birds multiply on the earth.” And there was evening and there was morning, the fifth day.

And God said, “Let the earth bring forth living creatures according to their kinds—livestock and creeping things and beasts of the earth according to their kinds.” And it was so. And God made the beasts of the earth according to their kinds and the livestock according to their kinds, and everything that creeps on the ground according to its kind. And God saw that it was good.

Then God said, “Let us make man in our image, after our likeness. And let them have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the heavens and over the livestock and over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth.”

So God created man in his own image,
in the image of God he created him;
male and female he created them.

And God blessed them. And God said to them, “Be fruitful and multiply and fill the earth and subdue it and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the heavens and over every living thing that moves on the earth.” And God said, “Behold, I have given you every plant yielding seed that is on the face of all the earth, and every tree with seed in its fruit. You shall have them for food. And to every beast of the earth and to every bird of the heavens and to everything that creeps on the earth, everything that has the breath of life, I have given every green plant for food.” And it was so. And God saw everything that he had made, and behold, it was very good. And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day.

Thus the heavens and the earth were finished, and all the host of them. And on the seventh day God finished his work that he had done, and he rested on the seventh day from all his work that he had done. So God blessed the seventh day and made it holy, because on it God rested from all his work that he had done in creation.

These are the generations of the heavens and the earth when they were created.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Gradual

Psalms 145:3, 5b, 6b

Great is the LORD, and greatly | to be praised,*
and his greatness is un- | searchable.

**On your wondrous works, I will | meditate,*
and I will declare your | greatness.**

Second Reading: Acts 2:14a, 22–36

Peter, standing with the eleven, lifted up his voice and addressed them, . . . “Men of Israel, hear these words: Jesus of Nazareth, a man attested to you by God with mighty works and wonders and signs that God did through him in your midst, as you yourselves know— this Jesus, delivered up according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God, you crucified and killed by the hands of lawless men. God raised him up, loosing the pangs of death, because it was not possible for him to be held by it. For David says concerning him,

“I saw the Lord always before me,
for he is at my right hand that I may not be shaken;
therefore my heart was glad, and my tongue rejoiced;
my flesh also will dwell in hope.

For you will not abandon my soul to Hades,
or let your Holy One see corruption.

You have made known to me the paths of life;
you will make me full of gladness with your presence.’

“Brothers, I may say to you with confidence about the patriarch David that he both died and was buried, and his tomb is with us to this day. Being therefore a prophet, and knowing that God had sworn with an oath to him that he would set one of his descendants on his throne, he foresaw and spoke about the resurrection of the Christ, that he was not abandoned to Hades, nor did his flesh see corruption. This Jesus God raised up, and of that we all are witnesses. Being therefore exalted at the right hand of God, and having received from the Father the promise of the Holy Spirit, he has poured out this that you yourselves are seeing and hearing. For David did not ascend into the heavens, but he himself says, ‘The Lord said to my Lord, Sit at my right hand, until I make your enemies your footstool.’ Let all the house of Israel therefore know for certain that God has made him both Lord and Christ, this Jesus whom you crucified.”

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

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Holy Gospel: Matthew 28:16–20

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the twenty-eighth chapter.

C **Glory be to Thee, O Lord.**

Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. And when they saw him they worshiped him, but some doubted. And Jesus came and said to them, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise be to Thee, O Christ.**

Athanasian Creed

L Whoever desires to be saved must, above all, hold the catholic faith.*

C **Whoever does not keep it whole and undefiled will without doubt perish eternally.**

L And the catholic faith is this,

C **that we worship one God in Trinity and Trinity in Unity, neither confusing the persons nor dividing the substance.**

L For the Father is one person, the Son is another, and the Holy Spirit is another.

C **But the Godhead of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit is one: the glory equal, the majesty coeternal.**

- L** Such as the Father is, such is the Son, and such is the Holy Spirit:
- C** **the Father uncreated, the Son uncreated, the Holy Spirit uncreated;**
- L** the Father infinite, the Son infinite, the Holy Spirit infinite;
- C** **the Father eternal, the Son eternal, the Holy Spirit eternal.**
- L** And yet there are not three Eternals, but one Eternal,
- C** **just as there are not three Uncreated or three Infinities, but one Uncreated and one Infinite.**
- L** In the same way, the Father is almighty, the Son almighty, the Holy Spirit almighty;
- C** **and yet there are not three Almighty's, but one Almighty.**
- L** So the Father is God, the Son is God, the Holy Spirit is God;
- C** **and yet there are not three Gods, but one God.**
- L** So the Father is Lord, the Son is Lord, the Holy Spirit is Lord;
- C** **and yet there are not three Lords, but one Lord.**
- L** Just as we are compelled by the Christian truth to acknowledge each distinct person as God and Lord, so also are we prohibited by the catholic religion to say that there are three Gods or Lords.
- C** **The Father is not made nor created nor begotten by anyone.**
- L** The Son is neither made nor created, but begotten of the Father alone.
- C** **The Holy Spirit is of the Father and of the Son, neither made nor created nor begotten, but proceeding.**
- L** Thus, there is one Father, not three Fathers; one Son, not three Sons; one Holy Spirit, not three Holy Spirits.
- C** **And in this Trinity none is before or after another; none is greater or less than another;**
- L** but the whole three persons are coeternal with each other and coequal, so that in all things, as has been stated above, the Trinity in Unity and Unity in Trinity is to be worshiped.
- C** **Therefore, whoever desires to be saved must think thus about the Trinity.**
- L** But it is also necessary for everlasting salvation that one faithfully believe the incarnation of our Lord Jesus Christ.
- C** **Therefore, it is the right faith that we believe and confess that our Lord Jesus Christ, the Son of God, is at the same time both God and man.**
- L** He is God, begotten from the substance of the Father before all ages; and He is man, born from the substance of His mother in this age:
- C** **perfect God and perfect man, composed of a rational soul and human flesh;**
- L** equal to the Father with respect to His divinity, less than the Father with respect to His humanity.
- C** **Although He is God and man, He is not two, but one Christ:**
- L** one, however, not by the conversion of the divinity into flesh, but by the assumption of the humanity into God;
- C** **one altogether, not by confusion of substance, but by unity of person.**

- L** For as the rational soul and flesh is one man, so God and man is one Christ,
- C** **who suffered for our salvation, descended into hell, rose again the third day from the dead,**
- L** ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father, God Almighty, from whence He will come to judge the living and the dead.
- C** **At His coming all people will rise again with their bodies and give an account concerning their own deeds.**
- L** And those who have done good will enter into eternal life, and those who have done evil into eternal fire.
- C** **This is the catholic faith; whoever does not believe it faithfully and firmly cannot be saved.**

**The "catholic faith", that is, what the true Church of all times and all places has confessed.*

Sit

Hymn of the Day: Come, Holy Ghost, Creator Blest
Sermon: "We Worship One God" (Matthew 28:16-20)

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Prayer of the Church

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Crown Him with Many Crowns

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Preacher/Liturgist: Rev. Anthony T. Bertram

Music Director: Hannah Northwick

I WOULD LIKE TO THANK the 3rd graders and their teacher for the birthday cards. I enjoyed them very much. Thank you for thinking of me on my birthday. God's blessings to you and your families. *Helen Lueck.*

May Council of Deacons Minutes correction – In the May 20, 2026, minutes it is stated that: “Our deficit for this church year is roughly \$170,000 at this time.” This should read: “The projected deficit for the 2026-27 Budget is \$170,000 at this time.”

WOW! A huge thanks to everyone who participated in the SPL Online Auction! Thank you to everyone who donated an item, bid on items, won items, voted for classes, or donated to the event or specifically to Created to Create! The auction brought in over \$15,500 this year! Money raised from the auction this year are going towards the Created to Create campaign, SPL lunch program, and other needs of SPL school. Thank you!

THE CREATED TO CREATE campaign is still open. Our goal is 100 pledges of \$100 to kick off the campaign. We are currently at 75 pledges! There is still plenty of time to donate! If you want to donate online you need to text create26 to 41444. Or you can leave checks in the church or school office. You can write create26 in the memo line and make the checks to SPL PTL. Thank you for your continued support of our amazing school!

THERE ARE TWO PALLETS of bricks that are for sale for \$1.00 per brick. If you would like to purchase any or all of these bricks please contact Mike Schroeder at 515-341-1167. There are about 1000 bricks available.

TODAY IS THE FINAL DAY: The former charity club room in the church basement is overflowing with vases, artificial flowers, & much more. This closet needs everyone's attention. **The deadline to claim these treasures is May 31, 2026.** After that date, remaining items will be removed.

OPEN HOUSE Graduation party for Joseph Hackett, Sunday, May 31st in the Church basement from 10:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. All are welcome to attend.

PLEASE JOIN US to celebrate the graduation of Sawyer Laven from Fairmont High School May 31 5-8pm at the American Legion 300 Downtown Plaza. Sawyer will be attending Lake Area Tech in the fall for Aviation Maintenance.

RHUBARB IS NEEDED for pies for the upcoming Martin County Fair. Please clean and slice up and put 8 cups in a Ziplock bag and put in the fair stand freezer any questions please contact Nancy Gellert 807-848-1150.

CLARA CIRCLE will meet on Wednesday, June 10th @ 11:30am at The Ranch Restaurant for lunch. Our Bible Study will be from the Lutheran Women's Spring Quarterly, page 22, "Out of Sight, But Not Out of Mine". A short meeting will follow the Bible Study. Please join us.

CALENDARS/NEWSLETTERS are available at the Welcome Center. Volunteers—please check to see if you are scheduled during the month. The newsletter is also available online at www.spfairmont.org.

Our Faithful Servants: June 2026

You may also view the volunteer schedules on our website at www.spfairmont.org

Altar Guild

June 6-7	Kathy Eyerly, Barb Matthees, Sandy Kopeschka
June 13-14	Kristi Behrens, Renee Benschoter, Kathy Wedel
June 20-21	DeAnn Eversman, Julie Wolf, Nikki Bremer, Peg Elbert
June 27-28	Bonnie Taplin, Lowell Spee

Ushers

YEAR-ROUND: Saturdays, 5:30 p.m.—Dan Maday, Lee Stewart. **JUNE: Sundays, 9:00 a.m.**—Tyler Garrison, Parker Garrison, Chuck Northwick, Dan Simmering, Jim Harley, Duane Rieland, Nathan Anders, Roger Carlson, Spencer Chirpich, Dennis Hagen, John Preuss

Worship Service Assistants

Sat., June 6, 5:30 p.m.	Jon Eversman, Jeff Eversman
Sun., June 7, 9:00 a.m.	Brad Appel, Joe Kallemeyn
Sat., June 13, 5:30 p.m.	Jim Harley, Larry Behrens
Sun., June 14, 9:00 a.m.	Justin Jobe, Dylan Kallemeyn
Sat., June 20, 5:30 p.m.	Chuck Northwick, Jeff Eversman
Sun., June 21, 9:00 a.m.	Rob True, Josh Laven
Sat., June 27, 5:30 p.m.	Jon Eversman, Dave Kumm
Sun., June 28, 9:00 a.m.	Chuck Schrader, Jim Utermarck

Sunday Greeters

June 7	Nathan & Amy Anders, Connie Garrison
June 14	Dennis Hagen, Deb Bertram
June 21	Jamie & April Tordsen, Dawn Waterbury
June 28	Lowell Spee & Bonnie Taplin, Chris Engelby

Fun Bags

Refill bags anytime during the week after Sunday listed below

1st Sunday/Mo	Lori Chirpich
2nd Sunday/Mo	April Tordsen
3rd Sunday/Mo	Chris Engelby
4th Sunday/Mo	Angela Preuss
5th Sunday/Mo	Joan Abel

Saturday Funeral Volunteer

Josh Laven

The Congregation at Prayer

A Guide for Daily Meditation and Prayer for This Week

Pray and confess out loud as much from the order of meditation and prayer as you are able, or as your family size and ages dictate. Learn by heart the catechism and Hymn of the Week.

INVOCATION: “In the Name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.” Let all say, “AMEN!”

CONFESS the Apostles' Creed

PRAY the Psalm of the Week: Psalm 29

READ from Small Catechism—The Sacrament of Holy Baptism, (3rd+) *What is Baptism?* Baptism is not just plain water, but it is the water included in God's command and combined with God's word. (1st+) *Which is that word of God?* Christ our Lord says in the last chapter of Matthew: (K+) **Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.**

Mon..... John 7:32-53

Tues..... John 8:1-20

Wed John 8:21-38

Thurs..... John 8:39-59

Fri..... John 9:1-23

Sat Genesis 1:1-2:4a

Sun Matthew 26:16-20

THE COLLECT OF THE WEEK

Let us pray. Almighty and everlasting God, You have given us grace to acknowledge the glory of the eternal Trinity by the confession of a true faith and to worship the Unity in the power of the Divine Majesty. Keep us steadfast in this faith and defend us from all adversities; for You, O Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, live and reign, one God, now and forever.

DAILY THEMES FOR PRAYER

Pray for...

S: the joy of the resurrection among us; true and godly worship throughout the world;

and the faithful preaching and hearing of God's Word.

M: faith to live in the promises of Holy Baptism; your calling and daily work; the unemployed; the salvation and well-being

of our neighbors; for government; and for peace.

T: deliverance against temptation; the addicted and despairing; the tortured and oppressed; and those struggling with besetting sins.

W: marriage and family, living together under the grace of Christ according to the Word of God; those adults who must rear their children alone; and godly schools, especially St. Paul Lutheran and Martin Luther.

Th: the church and her pastors; for missionaries; fruitful and salutary use of the blessed sacrament of the Lord's body and blood.

F: the preaching of the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ; its spread throughout the whole world and our community; the persecuted.

S: faithfulness to the end; the dying; the revival of those who are withering in the faith or have fallen away; receptive hearts for worship and study on the Lord's Day.

OUR PRAYERS at St. Paul's (see bulletin).

PRAY the Lord's Prayer.

PRAY Luther's Morning or Evening

Prayer from the Small Catechism.

SPEAK OR SING the Hymn of the Week:

LSB 498 "Come, Holy Ghost, Creator Blest

Come, Holy Ghost, Creator blest, And make our hearts Your place of rest: Come with Your grace and heav'n-ly aid, And fill the hearts which You have made.

LAST WEEK'S ATTENDANCE:	Amount Needed Monthly for Budget... \$110,229.83
Last Saturday, 5:30 p.m. Svc: 73	Amount Needed Weekly for Budget..... \$25,437.65
Last Sunday, 9:00 a.m. Svc: 175	April 30, 2026 Deficit..... \$20,500.00
	Children's Noisy Offering (Last weekend)..... \$9.68
	Brick by Brick Donations \$519,601.94

MEMORIALS: Norwood “Woody” Stromberg—\$25.00, Brick by Brick; \$25.00, Debt Reduction. Jerry Huse—\$10.00, Brick by Brick. Lawrence Wolf—\$25.00, Brick by Brick. Gayle Larkin—\$20.00, Brick by Brick. Herb Wolf—\$20.00, Church Endowment. Myrna Behrens—\$25.00, MLHS. Lorraine Reiter—\$25.00 Debt Reduction.

THIS WEEK IN OUR PART OF GOD'S KINGDOM
(Subject to change)

Sunday:	9:00 a.m.	Worship Service
	10:00 a.m.	Worship Service broadcast on KSUM
Monday:		Pastor's Day Off
Tuesday:		
Wednesday:	5:30 p.m.	School Board, FR
	6:30 p.m.	Parish Ministries, Art Room
	7:00 p.m.	Trustees, Church Basement
Thursday:	9:00 a.m.	Messenger Deadline
	7:00 p.m.	LWML, FR
Friday:	3:30 p.m.	Goldfinch
Saturday:	9:00 a.m.	LLL, The Ranch
	12:00 p.m.	Worship Service on Local Cable Access Ch 12
	5:30 p.m.	Worship Service
Next Sunday:	9:00 a.m.	Worship Service
	10:00 a.m.	Worship Service broadcast on KSUM
	10:15 a.m.	ABC

BRICK-BY-BRICK UPDATE: Here is the status of our church restoration project.

- \$797,000,000 cost of project
 - \$444,885,000 has already been paid
 - **\$352,115 remains to be paid**
 - \$41,994 funds on hand for future payment
 - \$168,000 are pledges which are promised but not yet received
 - \$2,700 is the **amount of interest due each month**
 - The current plan is to keep 6 months' worth of interest payments on hand.
 - Funds received **in addition to that will be used to pay the principal loan balance.**
- Obviously, the more that can be paid toward the principal loan balance will reduce the interest expenses. ~ *Board of Stewardship*