

FIRST  
CONGREGATIONAL  
CHURCH, UCC  
RIVER FALLS

## ANNUAL REPORT 2025

### WORSHIPfaithfully

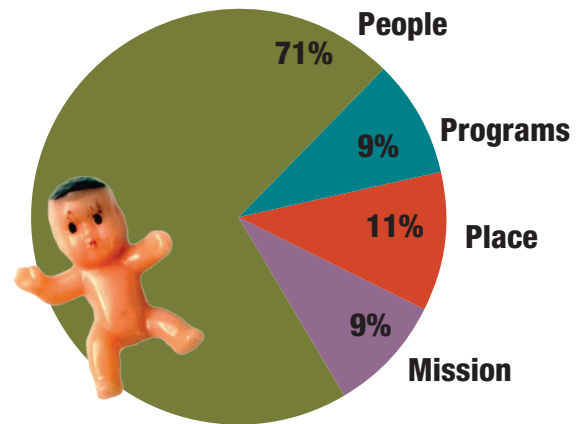


### FINANCIALgifts

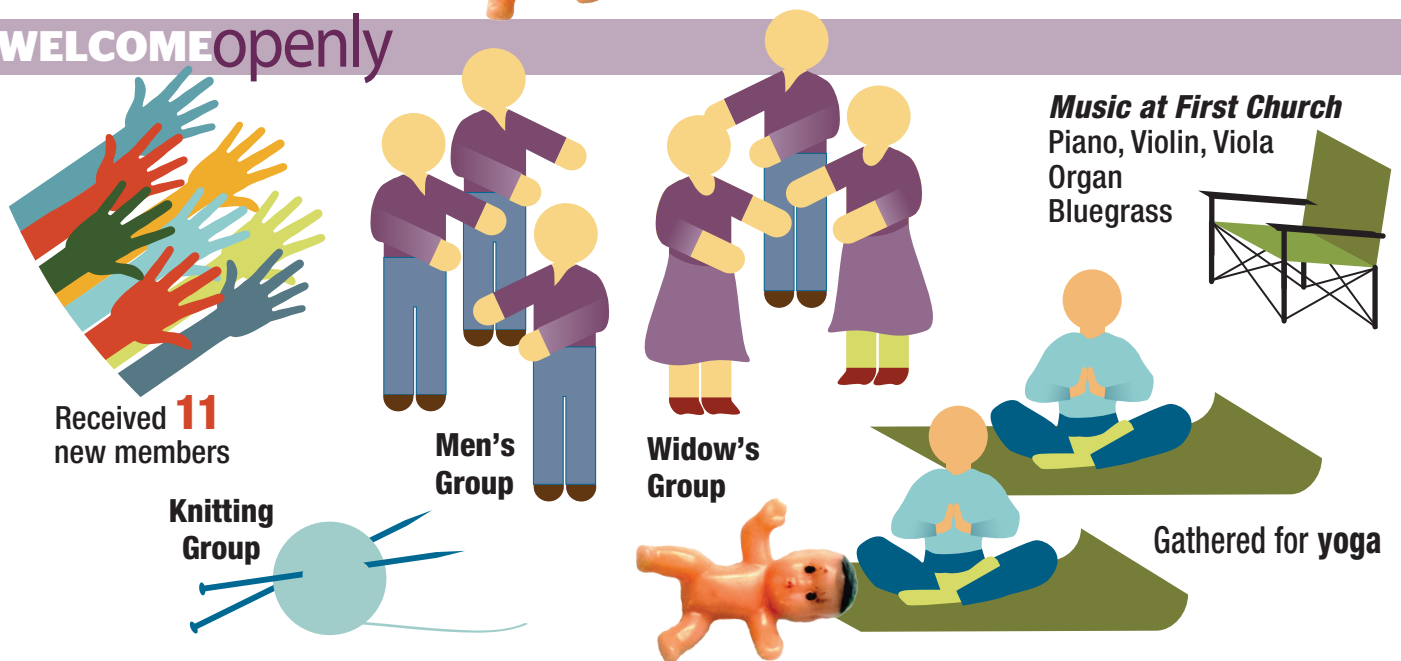
Total Church Income: **\$557,322**

Total Church Expenditures: **\$549,380**

Surplus: **\$7942**



### WELCOMEopenly



## GROW spiritually



Sunday school



Wednesday school



**19**  
confirmation students

**14**  
church interns

**35** children  
for Vacation Bible School

"Be the Light!"

Adult Bible Study



Sunday morning  
**Text Study**



**Learning Community:**

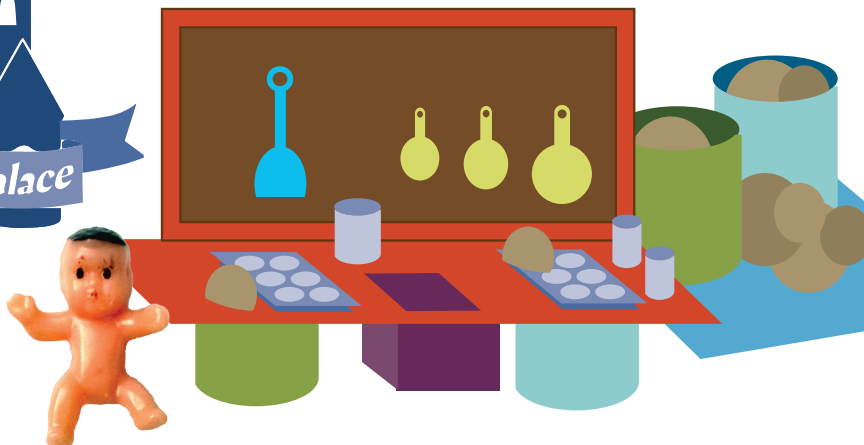
*Dietrich Bonhoeffer  
Rudolph Bostic  
Exploring Political Polarization*

**Malice in the Palace**

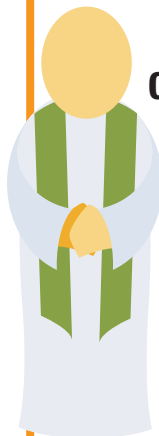
Summer Children's Musical



Built a **Mud Kitchen** for VBS



## CARE passionately



**Pastoral Calls & Contacts**

Too many to count!



Gathered **school supplies** for **422** community children



Delivered **amaryllis plants** to special friends

**22**



Sent **40** college packs

Gathered twice weekly  
**Among Friends**



American Cancer Association  
**Relay for Life**



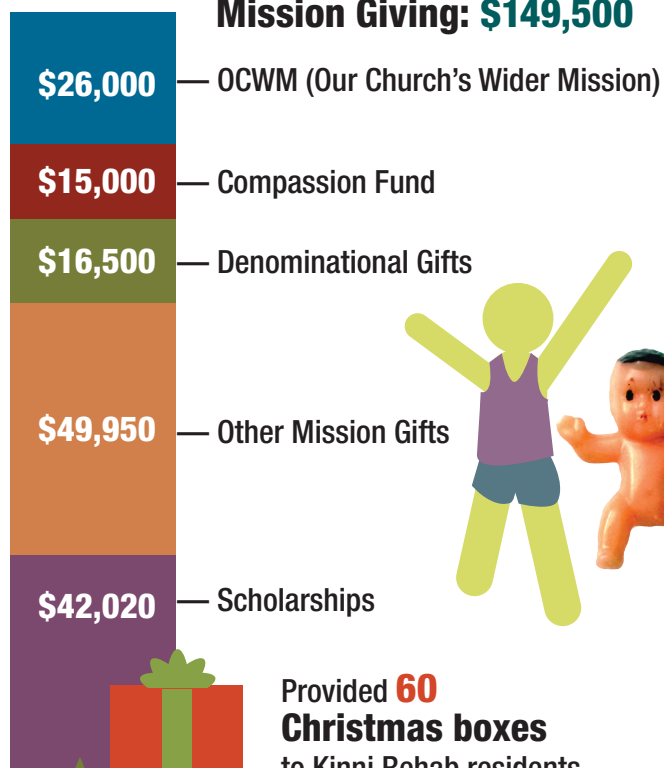
**Mission Support** for:

Among Friends  
Area Resource Center  
Back Bay Mission  
Basics for Local Kid  
EarthFest  
Falcon Links  
Feed My Starving Children  
Habitat for Humanity  
Hope for Earth  
Operation Help  
Our Neighbors' Place  
River Falls Food Pantry  
River Falls Free Clinic  
Servant of the Shepherd  
Turningpoint  
UCC's wider Missions  
UCC Camps



## SERVEgenerously

**Mission Giving: \$149,500**



Provided **60 Christmas boxes** to Kinni Rehab residents



Gave gifts to **10 families**, including **20 kids**, through Sharing Families



Gathered **9,562 diapers** for the community



Gave **\$2104** to the River Falls Food Pantry with a **Reverse Advent calendar**, *giving* treats/food to the food pantry rather than *receiving chocolate*

**Jesus said, "Truly I tell you, just as you did to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me." —Matthew 25:40**

## BREAKING BREADtogether

Celebrated weekly **Communion**



Gathered for our annual **Giving Thanks** meal



**Christmas** luncheon



**Easter** breakfast



**Advent** family meals



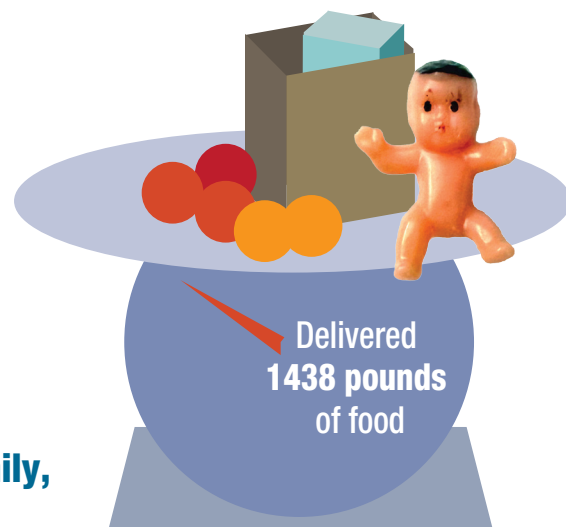
**Lenten** family meals



**Wednesday night** family meals



Served **loaded potatoes and tacos** from Rollin' River Food Truck for **River Falls Days**



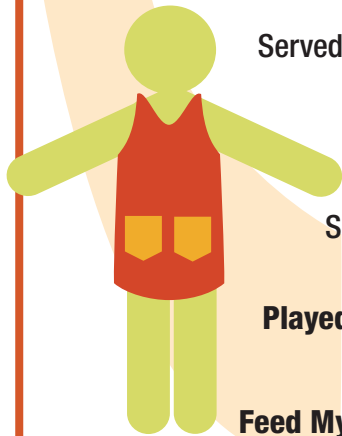
Delivered **1438 pounds** of food

## YOUTH serving & fun

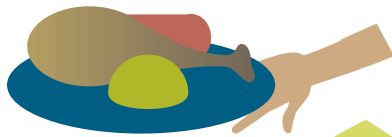
Ultimate Frisbee  
Stick Figures Rock Climbing  
Wonderland Nintendo Switch/Wii  
Feed My Starving Children  
Exploding Kittens Mario Kart  
Four Square Hues and Cues  
UWRF Basketball/Hockey  
Sardines Day Trip to the Cities

Glow in the Dark  
CanCan  
Bonfire  
Board Games  
WhirlyBall

### Service projects



Served the **Giving Thanks** meal

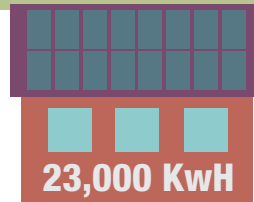


Served **Easter** breakfast

Played **Among Us** – live!

Worked at  
**Feed My Starving Children**  
at **Tattersall** in River Falls

## CARE FOR creation



**23,000 KwH**

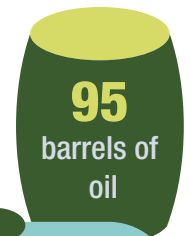
Electricity generated  
by solar panels  
was enough to power  
**3.5 homes**  
for a year



Raked leaves and  
cared for our garden

We diverted  
**22 tons**  
of carbon  
from the atmosphere

Solar energy  
generated on our roof  
was the equivalent of



**95**  
barrels of  
oil

**900** propane  
cylinders

## 2025 WAS THE YEAR WE ...

Paid off the **Endowment Fund**  
loan to the building project

Hosted **4**  
**blood**  
drives

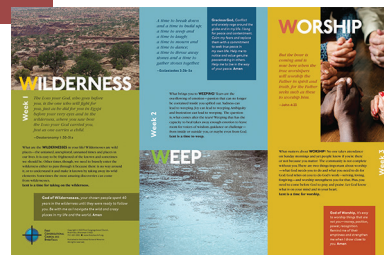
Started a fund  
to **restore**  
the bell tower

Sold and distributed **455 peaches**,  
earning **\$1970** for the youth fund



Celebrated VBS with a  
**Bubble Machine**

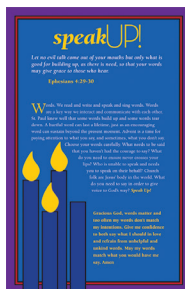
**Reflected** on W-Words for Lent,  
**prayed** with an Advent devotional,  
and revised our  
**Discipleship Traits** poster



Prepared  
**2** meals for the  
**Simpson Shelter**  
in Minneapolis



Installed a new  
sound system  
in the sanctuary



Hid 100s of **tiny babies**  
all over the church  
(thanks to Alex Plum and co.)  
**How many can you find here?**



Discipleship Traits:  
Love Joy  
Peace Serve  
Hope Forgive  
Grace



Got a new **sign**