

When our Pastor took a call to another church in August we were without a shepherd and anytime a congregation is in that position, its challenging; there are lots of emotions and lots of work to do. As we embarked on that season as a church, God blessed and encouraged us in so many obvious ways just when we needed it most, (big & small) that we began to keep a list, ever-changing as God continues to bless. Here are some of those blessings:

List of Blessings

A unified council that has worked so hard for us and is Spirit-led

Council members that agreed to serve even though they knew Pastor Matthew was leaving
(now that's faith!)

An interim pastor to lead us in these next months

Vibrant worship on Sundays

Search committee members that said yes right away when asked

A search committee that is unified in its work

The first School-supply event in the transition brought us so many kiddos!

The first diaper depot event in the transition brought us so
many families!

Alex Flanders, Cory McCallum and Julie Vander Slik took over our Wednesday night Bible study and have done a great job. We haven't missed a beat! (you should join us!)

On the last Sunday of our 2024-2025 fiscal year the deacons received a check that completely covered the deficit (that check also included a big chunk of money for the boiler fund)

In the weeks since then we've had other great gifts and large collections.

Speaking of boilers.... (it should almost be a separate list)

An initial total that was so much less than anticipated

Great contributions from within our congregation including a few big gifts

Donations from both of the other "west" churches

Donated electrical work to the tune of \$10,000.00

The change and the pop can drives contributed more than we could have imagined!

During the work the company installing the boilers found even more savings to bring the total down even more
In the end NO LOAN was needed and much less money from the endowment was needed than we anticipated. WHAT A MIRACLE!!