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Generosity Report

As believers in Jesus Christ, we acknowledge that all we have comes from God. He owns everything. We manage the assets He has entrusted to us.

	Received YTD	Budget YTD	%+/-
Local Ministries	\$484,881	\$396,800	22.2%
Total Project Cost		\$2,336,792	
Imagine the Potential Given		<u>\$2,052,154</u>	
Complete the Link		\$284,638	



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“Pur Luck”

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**GOD
FIRST**

[ESTHER]

we worship

**by how we live
and how we give**

New to WL

Please stop by the Information Center for a free gift. For more information about getting connected at WL, visit our website at www.wlgbc.com or call Tim Wright, Discipleship & Adult Ministries Pastor, at 267-6623.

This Week @ WL

TODAY

Sunday School and Adult Bible Fellowships meet at 10:00 a.m.
New to WL meets at 10:00 in the Fireside Room of the church. If you are new(er) to the church, stop in for some food and to get acquainted!
The Living Room meets each week at 11:15 at The Hub.
Kids Chorale will not meet this evening.

Tuesday

Men's Bible Study is at 6:00 a.m. at American Table Restaurant.
ENL (English as a New Language) meets at the YMCA from 6:30-7:45 p.m.

Wednesday

Ladies Noon Bible Study meets at The Hub from 12:10-12:50. This is the last meeting.
Epic for students meets at 6:45 p.m.
SPLASH meets from 6:45-8:15 p.m. and is for kids in grades K-6th..
Parent Prayer is from 6:45-7:10 p.m. at The Link.
One-Night "Connections" Class is from 7:00-8:15 p.m. See announcement.
Midweek Prayer Group meets at 7:00 p.m. in the Prayer Room.

Thursday

ENL (English as a New Language) meets at 10:00 a.m. at the church.
Titus 2 for Women group meets from 1:30-3:00 p.m. in room 107.
Global Prayer Group meets at 7:00 p.m. in the Fireside Room.
Women's Bible Study meets at 7:00 p.m. in room 107. This is the last meeting.

Friday-Sunday

Fall Retreat for High-School Students at Bair Lake Bible Camp

WL Ministries

Big Night Out: Plan to join us on Sunday, November 3, for an evening of worship, stories from three community impact ministries—We Care Warsaw, Room at the Table, and Fellowship Missions—including prayer for the continued impact of these ministries in our community. It starts at 6:15 p.m. at The Hub, followed at 7:30 with a variety of options to connect in a greater way with the WL family while enjoying apple or blackberry cobbler with ice cream, S 'mores at the outdoor pit, and indoor/outdoor games such as corn hole and more!

Coffee lovers, we're in need of an individual or couple willing to serve one Sunday a month with our Brew Crew ministry (we'll train you!). We're also in need of some subs as well. If interested in learning more, contact Rita Overmyer at 765-714-1414 or ritaovermyer@gmail.com

WL Women

Titus 2 for Women: You are invited to join a Titus 2 group, based on Titus 2:1-5 & 10 which is the portion that focuses on women. The group will be reading the book, *Adorned: Living Out the Beauty of the Gospel Together*, and watching the video series that parallels the book. The purpose is to help women live out the mandate given in Titus 2. A group begins this coming Thursday, October 31, at the church from 1:30-3:00 p.m. in room 107. If you would like to be a part of this group or would like to know about groups meeting at other times, contact Rhonda at rraber@wlgbc.com

All widows are invited to tea on Saturday, November 2, at 3:00 p.m. at the home of Cheryl Sandy (2598 Liberty Dr., Winona Lake). Plan to share a memorable vacation trip and bring along a favorite souvenir (from any trip). *RSVP by tomorrow, Monday, October 28, by calling 268-1844.*

WLGBC Women of Grace for Missions has a special gift for all WL ladies. *Spectrum* is the annual magazine from Women of Grace USA, and the newest issue is available at the Info Center free of charge. Get acquainted with some Charis Fellowship women from other churches and also some Charis Global Workers and read how the Fruit of the Spirit is being manifested in their lives and ministries.

WL Students

Sunday School is at 10:00 a.m. each week at The Hub.

Epic Wednesday meets at 6:45 p.m.

High School Fall Retreat is November 1-3 at Bair Lake Bible Camp.

Stay connected @WLStudents on Facebook, Instagram or WL Parents on Facebook, or contact Cindy at cyocum@wlgbc.com.

WL Young Adults

Young Adult ABF meets every Sunday morning at 10:00 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall of the main building.

WL Kids

Sunday school is at 10:00. Nursery/early childhood classes are available during both worship services; K-6th grade students sit with their parents in the service and are dismissed to Kids Worship part-way through the service.

Order your Family Advent Kit: This year, you can order a personalized Advent Kit to celebrate with your family. **Sample materials and order forms are available in the WL Kids registration area.** Parents and caregivers can choose to order books, CDs, or games that will fit your family's needs. *Order forms are due on November 10* so that supplies may be ordered and kits assembled before the beginning of December.

Get Connected

For the Get Connected opportunities listed here, please RSVP at www.wlgbc.churchcenter.com or e-mail Bonnie at the church office at bnieter@wlgbc.com:

One Night "Connections" Class is Wednesday, October 30, from 7:00-8:15 p.m. in the main building. "Connections" class is a great place to dig deeper into the heart, mission, and vision of WLGBC. If you're new(er) to the church, come and discover your fit in our church family. Please RSVP.

Membership Class: Join us for our one-hour class next Sunday, November 3, at 10:00 a.m. in the Fireside Room of the main building. You'll learn more about the history, doctrine, and vision of WLGBC and have an opportunity to ask questions of our pastors. If you want to attend, it's preferable to have already participated in our "Connections" class or have met with a pastor beforehand. Please RSVP.

WL Reach Our World

We Care Warsaw, our 12th annual day of helping meet the needs of people in our community, is Saturday, November 16. Visit www.wecarewarsaw.com for a list of ways to volunteer and suggestions of items to donate. *Donated items may be brought to the church starting TODAY.* A laptop computer is available at WL Central in the courtyard where you can sign up. WL Central also has (1) invite cards in English and Spanish that you can distribute to people in the community and (2) a flyer about our need for hair stylists/barbers for you to hand out to your connections in the community for people who might consider donating their time to complete the team of haircutters. No need to be licensed but some experience is necessary. Contact Cindy at the church at cyocum@wlgbc.com or 267-6623.

Here are some ways WL individuals, families, Life Groups, or an ABF can help showcase God's love to our community. The global mission of the church begins with our neighbors and friends. For more info, contact Pastor Dave at drank@wlgbc.com or the person listed below.

● **Habitat Resale Store:** Volunteer opportunities available each Friday and Saturday, anytime between 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. Contact Matt Abbitt from WL, the new manager of the store, at matt@kosciuskohabitat.org. The store is located at 3970 Corridor Dr., Warsaw.

● **Kosciusko County Jail Ministry:** Join WL's Peggy Owens who serves as assistant chaplain at the jail in leading various parts of the weekly Sunday worship service for female inmates. **When:** Sunday at 7:45 a.m. and ending between 9:00 and 10:00 a.m. (Three identical services are held back to back). **Who:** Female young adults or older. Only one additional person other than Peggy can serve each week. Contact Peggy at munkao10@gmail.com.

● **Combined Community Services:** One of WL's local partners has a volunteer opportunity for several hours as a front desk receptionist. (CCS is located near the YMCA.) Contact WL's Ann Myers who works at CCS at amyers@combinedcommunityservices.org

● **Gas Card Day:** WL's monthly Gas Card Day is Tuesday, November 5, from 1:30-3:00 p.m. If you would like to be part of the team that has one-on-one conversations with guests the first Tuesday of each month, praying with them before providing a gas card, contact Pastor Dave. Monetary gifts for the purchase of gas cards may be given by writing your check to WLGBC, indicating "gas cards."



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Esther: Part 1
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A couple curiosities

The Story

The Point

What Next?

Questions for Discussion:

1. Although God is never mentioned by name in Esther, what events in the story point to His presence and working?
2. How does God work in the mundane aspects of life to accomplish His sovereign will?
3. How have you experienced God working through the “coincidences” of life?
4. Why is it important to keep our eyes on the big storyline of the Bible?

Reading Guide: “God First: Esther”

October 28-November 1: “For Such a Time as This”

Verse of the Week: “*And who knows but that you have come to your royal position for such a time as this*” (Esther 4:14)?

<i>Monday, October 28</i>	Esther 6
<i>Tuesday, October 29</i>	Esther 7
<i>Wednesday, October 30</i>	Esther 8
<i>Thursday, October 31</i>	Esther 9
<i>Friday, November 1</i>	Esther 10

Check out the *Live It!* blog with daily entries for these passages. You can find the blog at www.liveitblog.wordpress.com. If you don't use a computer, a hard-copy booklet of these blog entries will be available at the Info Center in the Welcome Area. These booklets are also for Life Group leaders and Adult Bible Fellowship leaders to use as resources for discussion.

Discipleship Counseling: A team of men and women is available to offer biblical counseling, free of charge, to anyone in our church family who is out of high school or older. If you would like to talk, pray, and look at God's Word together, contact Rhonda at the church office at 267-6623. Time slots available on Tuesday nights and at other times by special arrangement.

Church Center App: We're using a new church management software (Planning Center), and one of the tools it provides is **Church Center** which is an app (available on the app store) or a web application located at <https://wlgbc.churchcenter.com/home> where you can connect with your ABF or Life Group, register for church events, or check in your kids.