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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 | %+/- |
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| Local Ministries | \$510,708 | \$421,600 | 21.1% |
| Total Project Cost | | \$2,336,792 | |
| Imagine the Potential Given | | <u>\$2,055,706</u> | |
| Complete the Link | | \$281,086 | |



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November 3, 2019
“God’s Epic”
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**GOD
FIRST**
[ESTHER]

*everybody has
a part to play*

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.
Membership Class is at 10:00 a.m. in the Fireside Room of the church.
Real People ABF is hosting guest speaker Bob Combs in the Worship Center at 10:00 a.m. This is open to the church family. Bob is from the Norton Grace Brethren Church and will be speaking on trauma.
The Living Room meets each week at 11:15 at The Hub.
The Barlow Prayer Group meets at 5:00 p.m. at the home of Brent and Cheryl Sandy (2598 Liberty Dr., Winona Lake).
"The Way Home" Prayer Group meets at 5:00 p.m. in room 101.
Big Night Out begins at 6:15 p.m. See announcement.
Kids Chorale meets at 6:45 p.m. in the Worship Center.

Tuesday

Men's Bible Study is at 6:00 a.m. at American Table Restaurant.
Community Gas Card Day is from 1:30-3:00 p.m. in the church offices.
Women of Grace for Missions Day: See listing in bulletin.
ENL (English as a New Language) meets at the YMCA from 6:30-7:45 p.m.

Wednesday

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.
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.
Global Prayer Group meets at 7:00 p.m. in the Fireside Room.

Saturday

Wedding of Gabe Shennum and Brenna Jeffreys is at 2:30 p.m. in the Worship Center. Reception to follow in the Fellowship Hall.

WL Ministries

Big Night Out: Plan to join us tonight for an evening of worship, stories from three community impact ministries (We Care Warsaw, Room at the Table, and Fellowship Missions), as well as prayer for the continued impact of these ministries in our community. It begins 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! Since this is the first Sunday of the month, the 1st Sunday Prayer Leadership Team is inviting everyone to attend tonight.

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.*

Life isn't easy. Sometimes you just need someone to talk to. We have men and women ready to listen, pray, and look at God's Word as together we find answers. Need help? Contact Rhonda at the church office at 267-6623.

Life Groups: Are you interested in being part of a Life Group? For more information, please e-mail Steve Koontz at steve@cenational.org

Interested in leading a Life Group? Did you know that there are more than 200 people involved with Life Groups at WL . . . and that number is growing all the time? We really do want to be able to provide a healthy group for everyone in the church to be part of—and that means we always need to be training more leaders. If you're interested in learning more about Life Group leadership, please contact Steve Koontz at steve@cenational.org so he can get together to chat with you.

WL Students

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

Epic Wednesday meets at 6:45 p.m.

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

WL Women

All ladies of WL: You are invited to join Mom's Connection when they host Coffee, Cake and Comedy on Tuesday, November 12, at 6:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. There will be desserts and a short devotional before watching Chonda Pierce and "Enough: Laugh, Cry, Love." Come join in for an evening of fun and fellowship.

Women of Grace for Missions is Tuesday, November 5. *North American Missions Circle* meets at 10:00 a.m. at Grace Village in Lounge C. Sue Griffith, retired Global Partner from France, will be sharing. *Europe/Great Britain Circle* meets at 7:00 p.m. in the café area of the church Fellowship Hall. Susie Hobert, Global Teammate in Residence at Grace College and in France, will be sharing. *Africa/Latin America Circle* meets at 7:00 p.m. in the Fireside Room of the church. Special guest is Myra Taylor with an update on Three Strands medical ministry in the CAR and Haiti.

2nd Saturday: "What are you thankful for?" 2nd Saturday for all single women out of high school is coming up on November 9 at 5:00 p.m. at The Hub. Bring a snack to share and enjoy conversation and games with other women. Questions? Contact Brenda Wilcoxson at 269-6991.

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.** Choose to order books, CDs, or games that will fit your family's needs. *Order forms are due next Sunday, November 10* so that supplies may be ordered and kits assembled before the beginning of December.

WL Reach Our World

Our Global Teammates of the Week are Roy, Holly, Koleman, and Avery Angle. The Angles have been disciple-makers and church-planters in Dublin, Ireland, the capital city of over 1.4 million people, since 2003. Their intention is to see these disciples from faith communities (churches) that continue this disciple-making process, reaching greater Dublin.

Our Local Outreach Partner of the Week is Jefferson Elementary. It's not an accident that our church is located across the street from our neighborhood school—and our goal is to serve and support them in strategic ways. We have several goals in that support: to strengthen our 2nd Wind program (teacher/staff adoptions), partner with a new parenting class, and expand our Discipleship Counseling ministry to make it available to Jefferson families. We also want to be ready to respond to tangible needs that arise. Pray for the teachers, leadership, and support staff that are believers (many from WL) that they would serve with full hearts and open eyes. Pray for the approximately 500 kids who attend Jefferson every day.

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:

● **November WL Family News:** Be sure to pick up a copy today in your ABF or the Info Center. You'll read about ways to showcase God's love to our community, including the monthly Fellowship Missions (homeless shelter) Pizza/Bingo night, FM Thanksgiving Meal, child care for Thursday ENL class, the monthly Jefferson Elementary "Empowering Parents" evening class with our adopted school Jefferson Elementary, and a parent training class hosted by WL's foster/adoption ministry. You can also read about opportunities to serve at the Habitat Resale Store, Combined Community Services, and the Kosciusko County Jail Ministry.

● **WL's Monthly Gas Card Day** is this coming Tuesday 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 the month, praying with them and providing a gas card, contact Pastor Dave. Offerings for gas cards may be given by writing your check to WLGBC, indicating "gas cards."



“God’s Epic”
The Book of Esther
Kip Cone
November 3, 2019

It just so happened . . .

At a time like this . . .

4:13-17

- Xerxes
- Haman
- Mordecai
- Esther
- _____

Questions for Discussion:

1. Have you experienced “coincidences” which can only be explained by God’s intervention?
2. What kinds of things does your heart long to see “reversed”? Is God slow in “turning the tables,” in reversing the evil and injustice of this world? Why is God taking His time to bring justice?
3. How do we consciously and actively engage in God’s great story?
4. In what ways does the story of Esther foreshadow God’s redemption plan?

Reading Guide: “Outrage: Pursuing Peace in a Polarized World”

November 4-8: “Why Is Everyone So Angry?”

Verse of the Week: “Everyone should be quick to listen, slow to speak and slow to become angry, because human anger does not produce the righteousness that God desires” (James 1:19-20).

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| Monday, November 4 | Matthew 5:21-26 |
| Tuesday, November 5 | Matthew 15:1-20 |
| Wednesday, November 6 | James 1:19-21 |
| Thursday, November 7 | James 4:1-10 |
| Friday, November 8 | Proverbs 15:1,18; 14:17,29; 16:32; 18:6; 19:19; 22:24-25; 26:20-21; 27:3-4; 29:8 |

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.

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.