

In our thoughts and prayers...

- Lila Burmeister
- Janet Johnson
- Bev Bahr for healing from a broken hip
- Darlene Lind for health concerns
- The family and loved ones of Irma Arnesen on her death



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Long before the dawn
 when darkness pushes in
 I wonder what tomorrow will bring.

Memories and uncertainty
 press hurting places within me
 and the fear of unknowing
 catches my breath.

Then I pray,
 "Lord, hear my cry!"
 with all the saints of every time
 and I begin to relax.

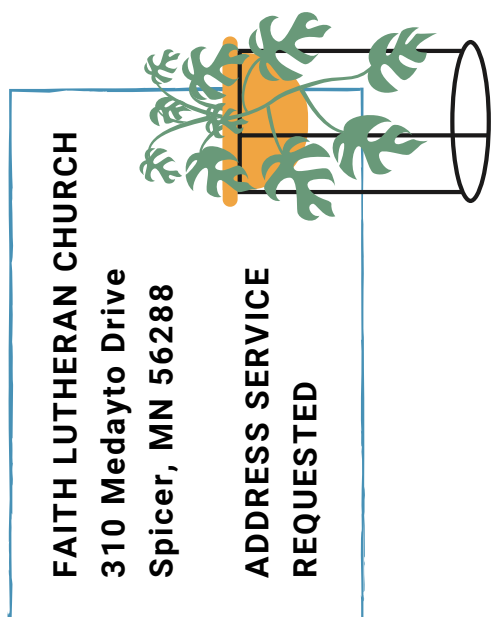
My downcast soul is lifted up,
 for YOU, O God, ARE with us!

The dawn *will* come.
 Darkness *will* fade.

And though sight be dim
YOU, O God, have risen!

YOU are my help and my God!
 And hope rises for yet another day! Amen.

Rev. Katherine Rood



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APRIL 2024 NEWSLETTER

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FROM THE STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE

To our brothers and sisters in Christ,

It is with thankfulness we introduce our Stewardship theme for 2024: **"Discipling Faith."** This **"Discipling Faith"** is connected to Jesus' command to *"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, and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you"* (Matt.28:19-20a). When we share our Time, Talents, and Resources we act in faith, live into our faith, and share our faith in response to God's love.

We will highlight three themes over the upcoming weeks:

- **Informed** – Give language to the dreams and hopes of our community.
- **Inspired** – The Holy Spirit inspires our community to share gifts large and small.
- **Invested** – We make a commitment to live together as God's **"Discipling Faith"** community.

Lastly, we will gather on **Pentecost Sunday, May 19th, 2024**, to share and celebrate our intentions in thanks to God with our community.

May God be with you!

*The Faith Lutheran
Stewardship Committee*



A WORD FROM PASTOR TIM

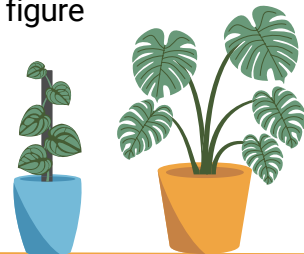
Holy Week Piety and an Easter Life

Dietrich Bonhoeffer in **Life Together** once said, "Contrary to all my own opinions and convictions, Jesus Christ will tell me what love toward the brethren really is" (pg. 35). Bonhoeffer says the Christian looks to Christ as the one who gives not only the example of love but the ability to love. The love that Jesus shows his disciples is the same love we witness during Holy Week.

To love, as God loves us and as Jesus shows us, is not only following an example but in growing that type of love from the ground up. This is what happens when we enter into the midst of our worshipping community. We are literally born through baptism and fed through the Lord's Supper into God's love and community. This is why worshipping continues to be an immense blessing to a Christian people. It creates life. It creates love.

Do you remember this scripture verse: "My command is this: Love each other as I have loved you. Greater love has no one than this, that he lay down his life for his friends." (John 15:12-13). Jesus' love lays out in front of him what is required. Yet, he needs prayerful courage to act on it, (see the Garden of Gethsemane)! Love living within him - for us - caused him to continue toward what was necessary!

Here is the Holy Week question: What does love require of Jesus? Only then, after considering his love lived out, can we figure out our question: What does love require of us?



God bless your Holy Week and Easter,
Pastor Timothy W. Routh
(Palm Sunday, 2024)



NEW: OWL CAMP

OWL (Older Wiser Learners) Camp is coming **May 6-9**. Join in on mornings of fun, fellowship and study. Experience a labyrinth prayer walk, fun music, continental breakfast, art activities, a study on types of prayer, as well as more choices of activities!! Adults of all ages are invited. Registration is coming in April, so reserve the dates for this special time!

QUILTING & RACHEL CIRCLE BIBLE STUDY

Quilting: April 8-9, April 22-23, 9:00am-3:00pm
Bible Study: Thursday, April 25 at 1:30pm at the home of Nona Oie

WOMEN, WINE AND THE WORD BIBLE STUDY

Join Pastor Katherine and some other awesome women for a night of devotions and fellowship! This will take place on **Thursday evening, April 25 @ 6:30pm** at 13116 Indian Beach Rd. in Spicer.

FROM THE COUNCIL:

January 1, 2024 - February 29, 2024					
	YTD Budget	2024	2023	Difference	Compared to Budget
Income	102,680.40	79,543.34	79,015.40	527.94	(23,137.06)
Expense	102,215.80	99,126.24	92,126.65	6,999.59	(3,089.56)
Net Income	464.60	(19,582.90)	(13,111.25)	(6,471.65)	(20,047.50)
Mortgage Principal TTL	9,907.30	9,921.30	9,238.60	682.70	14.00
Other Income				0.00	0.00
Net Profit (Loss)	10,371.90	(9,661.60)	(3,872.65)	(5,788.95)	(20,033.50)

\$51,108 of income needed each month to meet our budgeted expenses.

NEW: ADULT FORUMS

Sunday, April 7, will be the first Adult Forum with Travis Aufderheide representing Green Lake Lutheran Ministries. He will update us on the many programs and opportunities that GLLM has available to us. **Sunday, May 5**, we will have with us Yadim, a Ukrainian refugee who is now here in the United States. He will share his story of his family and the invasion.

Future Adult Forums will resume in the fall. If anyone has a topic or subject for these future forums, please let the church or council know.

APRIL MISSION OF THE MONTH: COMMUNITY GARDEN

Established in 2010, the Community Garden at Faith has provided an opportunity for people in our congregation and in the community to come together through the raising and harvesting of food. The garden is fenced and irrigated. We also have several compost bins along with a sink to wash off any produce you may have picked.

NOISY OFFERING

Our 5th Sunday of the month this month is Easter, so we are pushing back the Noisy Offering by a week. **The Noisy Offering will take place on Sunday, April 7 at the 9:00am service** and proceeds will go to the annual flowers and plantings around Faith. So start collecting those coins!!



UPCOMING YOUTH EVENTS

LYF BUNCO NIGHT

LYF, our shared High School Youth Group will be having our annual Bunco Night on **Wednesday April 10th, at 7:30pm** here at Faith.



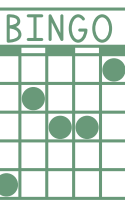
SURVIVOR LOCK-IN



This lock-in is for students in **grades 9-12** at **Peace Lutheran on April 19-20, starting at 6pm on Friday**. Our lock-in will feature a game of Survivor, worship, snacks, fun & games, and end the night with a movie. Cost is \$20.

FAMILY BINGO NIGHT

Our year-end Wednesday night celebration will be Family Bingo Night on **Wednesday, May 15** following worship here at Faith. This is for Speeds & Sprouts, Confirmation students and their whole families to celebrate our great year together.



REGISTER FOR SUMMER CAMP AT GLLM

All Faith kids who are attending camp this summer will receive **\$100 off for a full week of camp and \$50 for a half week of camp**. Simply mark Faith Lutheran Church as your congregation during your camp registration, and Faith will send the money to GLLM when we receive the list of kids from Faith attending camp. Additional scholarships are also available for those who need it, simply contact the church office.

Peace & Faith's Onsite Day Camp is Mon. July 29 - Thurs. August 1. Cost is \$50 for Faith kids - simply mark Faith as your congregation.

PRE-K VBS

VBS for Pre-K - starting Kindergarten aged kids: Join us for VBS here at Faith Lutheran Church on July 29th-August 1st from 8:30am - 11:00am. The kids will be following the same theme as the older kids and their time will be packed with learning, crafts, games, music and more! This VBS will be led by Faith staff & volunteers. Cost is \$10 per child. To sign up or volunteer contact Libbie Anderson at 651-399-1611 or libbieanderson@gmail.com. Online registration is coming soon.

BIG DISCOUNTS FOR FAMILIES ATTENDING CAMP THIS SUMMER!

Faith would LOVE for you and your family to experience camp together this summer and we are offering a major discount in order for that to happen! **We will pay 80% of your family's fee if you sign-up for Ordinary Time at Camp House in Brimson, MN and/or Grandparent/Grandchild Camp at Green Lake Bible Camp. You will only need to pay 20% of the entire cost!!**