

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!



Sunday School Teacher

12 people needed

Commitment: 2-3 Sundays/Month September 10-May 19/ 10:00-11:00

Description: Participate in Kid Worship 10:00-10:15, lead lesson in classroom 10:15-11:00, lesson plan/materials/and snack provided each week. Lesson plans will be emailed ahead of time each week.

Sunday School Leader

1 person needed each Sunday to be the "go to person"

Commitment: 1 month

Description: Set up/take down computer and screen before/after Kid worship, set out supply bins for teachers, greet families as they enter multipurpose room, collect offering after kid worship and deposit in office, keep eyes out for new faces, help teachers as needed, walk through Sunday school wing to turn off lights and tidy up rooms after Sunday school.

Christmas Program Leaders

2-3 people

Commitment: Plan program for Dec. 10th Service

Description: Select program story/script, costumes/props, coordinate song learning/ accompanist, communicate with families, begin music practice November 5th

Education Committee

Commitment: 2 years

Description: Oversee Sunday school at Faith (recruit volunteers, help plan calendar.....), coordinate special events with Church staff (Rally Sunday, Bibles, singing in services), coordinate VBS for PreK-5.

Seeds & Sprouts

1-2 people per week (Sept-May) on Wednesday nights

3-5 people total for the school year

Commitment: Once every 3 months (3 times per year)

Description: Lead games, activities & lesson after The Feast. 6:35 - 7:30pm. Lesson plan/materials/and crafts provided each week. Lesson plans will be emailed ahead of time each week.

6th-8th Grade Confirmation Guides

Faith has a dynamic confirmation program that uses small group guides to help encourage our confirmands life of faith. Starting in the fall, we will be having a Lutheran year with Pastor Tim being primary instructor. Confirmation Small Groups meet Wednesday evenings (September - May) from 6:35 - 7:30pm. If you have questions about our program or are interested in helping, please contact Pastor Tim

Worship Assistants

As we head into the fall, we will be going back to 1 Sunday Worship Service here at Faith at 9:00am. If you would like to help usher, read, serve communion, make & serve coffee or run a/v and slides, please contact the church office. You will get a monthly email with the available slots that need to be filled or may get a phone call throughout the year to get you signed up!

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MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 3:

- Last Sunday out at the GLLM Stave Chapel

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 6:

- Confirmation Orientation for 6th-8th grade students and their parents/guardians @ 6:00pm.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 10:

- RALLY SUNDAY - back to one worship service at Faith @ 9:00am. Coffee and treats to follow.
- Sunday School starts up again with lots of fun crafts and activities.
- Blessing of the Backpacks (both the Lutheran World Relief Backpacks being made and the backpacks of those heading off for another school year - see inside for more details.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 13:

- THE FEAST IS BACK! Meal at 5:15pm, worship at 6:00pm and educational hour to follow.
- Confirmation classes start @ 6:35pm.
- Seeds + Sprouts is back starting @ 6:35pm.
- Choir rehearsals begin again @ 6:45pm
- LYF High School Youth Group @ 7:39pm

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 15 & 24:

- 5th Quarter at Peace Lutheran - grades 6-8 are invited after the football game for night games & snacks

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 7:

- FALL FESTIVAL YOUTH FUNDRAISER - Vendor Fair, Carnival Games, Lunch, & more!



In Our Thoughts & Prayers



Jeff Henderson, Lila Burmeister, the family and loved ones of Gwen Steffen on her death; Ann Bisek and family on the death of her father, Tyler Hawes (relative of Lloyd Hoekstra), who serves as a policeman in Fargo, ND and was shot and critically injured.

A WORD FROM PASTOR TIM: A FEW MONTHS IN...

Greetings to all of you in this warm summer! In my call paperwork, the council highlighted a few points of emphasis to prioritize in my first year with you: 1) Visitation, 2) Stewardship, 3) Administration. The council also committed themselves to 1) Prayer for our ministry together, 2) Congregational leadership, 3) Openness to change and new ideas.

I am happy to say we have been working on these areas along with worship leadership, our new staff, and getting to know each other. It has been a busy but blessed time!

In the visitation area, both our Circle of Support group (which relates to grief ministry) and our Faith Visitors group (the visitation of the homebound and those in transition) have been reconstituted and are active. I have been following up with our families that are grieving and finding my way to where our members live in the visitation lane. Please call if you have a transition, concern, or are grieving. We will be working as a team with both Pastor and lay members visiting. We will also have group check-ins and learning opportunities for our groups and church. Please keep checking your newsletter for updates.

Stewardship encompasses our life with God and our response of thankfulness, service, and praise. We have an active, sharing church. I want to encourage and grow these areas so our lives may reflect God's gracefulness. Our Hospitality committee is actively planning to update our church directory which is a great time to update our information and gifts to share with the community. This fall we will actively be engaged in a stewardship program which will reflect our mission. Thank you for your support!

Lastly, administration is a big word that is related to oversight, planning, and mission. It sometimes is related to budget, staff supervision, and missional thinking. It can also be related to day-to-day operations and the running of the church. Tina, our Office Administrator, is handling most of the day-to-day operations. I, along with the church council, am working at oversight, planning and the mission areas.

When I lay all this down on paper it feels like there is plenty to do! Whew! I thank God for all of you – for your lives and your active prayer life. They have been a blessing and encouragement to behold. God bless you this August! - **Pastor Tim**

LUTH. WORLD RELIEF BACKPACK PROGRAM

Faith is doing another year of the LWR Backpack Program. Stop by the church to grab a bag or two along with an item list - fill your bag with the designated items and return your backpack to the Welcome Center by September 2.



January 1-June 30, 2023					
	YTD Budget	2023	2022	Difference	Compared to Budget
Income	358,375.04	246,181.54	264,483.01	(18,301.47)	(112,193.50)
Expense	358,110.52	286,547.54	308,498.58	(21,951.04)	(71,562.98)
Net Income	264.52	(40,366)	(44,015.57)	3,649.57	(40,630.52)
Mortgage Principal TTL	29,686.50	29,603.51	29,101.18	502.33	(82.99)
Other Income		1,531.16	80,367.52	(78,836.36)	1,531.16
Net Profit (Loss)	29,951.02	(9,231.33)	65,453.13	(74,684.46)	(39,182.35)

The other income in 2022 contains preschool payback and ERC funds.

NEW VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY - THE LINK

The Link is requesting that all the partnering congregations help out 4 Saturdays a year at their Community Revival Boutique and Thrift Shop, located in downtown New London. We are seeking one person to be the Volunteer Coordinator at the church end, and 2 volunteers to work on each of our Saturdays, 10am-3pm. Training is provided. You choose which Saturdays you work. One of the two volunteers can be a teenager. If interested, contact Lynn Dwyer at dwyerl@charter.net for more info.

FIRST COMMUNION CLASS

Join Pastor Tim on **Saturday, October 14 from 9:00am -12:00pm** for Faith's First Communion Class to learn all about communion and even make your own communion bread! For any age (parents, if you feel like your child is ready to learn about communion and participate, all are welcome!). Parents AND children should attend. Kids will participate in Communion on Sunday, October 29.



NEW ONLINE DIRECTORY!

We are in the process of compiling images of our members. This new directory will be of photos you have each selected. **Choose an image of good quality, recently taken.** Whether you are single, a couple or a family unit, we ask you to submit an electronic photo for us to update our directory. **When you have your photos picked out, please send them to office@faithspicer.org.** The deadline will be early fall. Have fun with this! Questions? Call Marti Carlson 320-894-1168 You should have also received a form to update contact information and areas of interest - if not, please contact the church office.

WOMEN, WINE, AND THE WORD BIBLE STUDY

Join together with fellow women from Faith for a time of devotion, fellowship and good conversation!

WHO: Women of all ages

WHEN: Wednesday, August 9 @ 6:30pm

WHERE: 11524 Indian Beach Rd, Spicer



SUMMER EVENTS

Crow Wing River Canoe Trip

Students who have completed grades 6-8 will have the chance to see God's creation in a whole new way on the Crow Wing River in northern Minnesota. We'll have the chance to canoe, swim, see all kinds of creation and eat three different kinds of s'mores! **August 7th-10th.**

SUMMER DAY EVENTS TO NOTE:

- Friday, August 10 @ 7:05pm:** Lutheran Night at the Stingers - all ages welcome! Tickets are \$25 each which includes full buffet and unlimited Pepsi products! Kids 4 and under are free.
- Wednesday, August 16 (2:00-4:00pm):** Big Kahuna fun - for those who have completed grades 6-8

August Mission of the Month: Wildcat Backpack Program



WILDCAT BACKPACK PROGRAM

One in four students at the New London-Spicer Schools receives free/reduced-priced school meals. Each of these students is at-risk of hunger, especially over the weekend. During the school year, each child receives a backpack of food (about 5 pounds) for the weekend. Food items are healthy, easy to open and easy to prepare. They include: two entrees, two breakfast items, two snacks, two juice boxes, a treat and a fruit. Participation in the program is voluntary and confidential.

Sponsor a child for: \$6 week, \$60 for ten weeks, \$234 for the school year

RACHEL BIBLE STUDY CIRCLE

August 24 at 1:30 - place TBD.

