

In Our Thoughts & Prayers

Lila Burmeister, Dean Quale, Jeff Henderson, Tina Magner & family on the death of her dad, Gene Nelson; the family & friends of Betty Midby on her death; Janet Johnson & family on the death of her sister, Dorothy Johnson; Bev Bahr & family on the death of her brother, Gordon Bloomquist



A NOTE FROM PASTOR TIM: FAITH, PRAYER, AND CONFLICT

Greetings saints of Faith!

As we journey on this summer, many of our texts on Sunday are related to Jesus attempts to 'disciple' his disciples. He challenges them, sends them out, receives them back and considers their work. It can be quite messy to help proclaim "The kingdom of God has come near!"

The great news connected to 'following Jesus' is we are following a real person – the word made flesh - into the world. A real person has relationships, family, needs shelter and food to eat. Jesus has companions, some more committed than others, and work to do given by his Father. As he goes about his work – he prays, enters conversation and conflict, and allows God's love to be known through him.

Somehow our church, the people of God at Faith, must follow him out into the world. We are called to 'embody' what we believe with prayer (conversation with God) faith (trust in God) and engagement with others.

This summer our staff will meet to have conversations about how to work together for God's glory and the blessing of our community. Our council and committees are meeting to 'embody' the commitment to follow Jesus into our lives with community and families.

I would ask for your help in prayer, faith, and conversations as well. Your participation with your community is one of the blessings of God. When we hear, see, and eat together, we become the body of Christ - the body following Jesus into the world. Of course, with love the body must reach out and gather with those who cannot be as present. But together this body of Christ is witnessing to God's love!

You are a witness!

Pastor Tim, Summer @ Spicer

EDUCATION COMMITTEE UPDATE

The Education Committee has taken on the role of the former Christian Education position. We have been busy making plans for Vacation Bible School. We're looking forward to having preschoolers and kindergartners at Faith, and 1st-5th graders at Shores of St. Andrew. We have also started planning for the upcoming school year, which will include Sunday School, Seeds and Sprouts, and other special events. We're excited to share that Tina Magner will be writing our Sunday school curriculum for grades PreK-5th.

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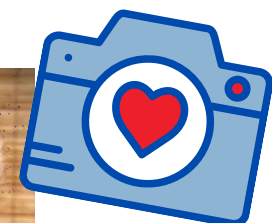
New Online Directory!

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. We will also be sending you a form to update contact information.**

The deadline will be early fall. Have fun with this!

Questions? Call Marti Carlson 320-894-1168

Your image can be casual, depicting your lifestyle. Not necessarily a professional photo. Here are just some examples:



WORSHIP ASSISTANTS NEEDED

We need your help to make worship at camp possible! If you are willing to help read, usher or help with communion, please reach out to the church office or simply sign-up online by going to our website, clicking on SIGN UP and choosing the Summer Worship Assistants Sign-Up Genius. THANK YOU!!

We are also looking for help to live-stream our 10:00am service. Please reach out to the church office if interested!

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: Thursday, July 20 @ 6:30pm

WHERE: 11524 Indian Beach Rd, Spicer

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 and Contact Person 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 ldwyerl@charter.net for more information.

Quilters - save the date: July 18! Our quilters will be enjoying a pontoon ride with Let's Go Fishing!



July Mission of the Month: AMERICAN RED CROSS



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The American Red Cross, through its strong network of volunteers, donors and partners, is always there in times of need. We aspire to turn compassion into action. An average of 90 cents of every dollar the American Red Cross spends is invested in delivering care and comfort to those in need.

January 1-May 31, 2023				
	YTD Budget	2023	2022	Difference
Income	298,645.88	210,470.87	224,313.05	(13,842.18)
Expense	298,425.44	245,188.15	261,243.58	(16,055.43)
Net Income	220.44	(34,717.28)	(36,930.53)	2,213.25
Mortgage Principal TTL	24,738.75	24,901.36	24,704.89	196.47
Other Income		1,531.16	80,267.53	(78,736.37)
Net Profit (Loss)	24,959.19	(8,284.76)	68,041.89	(76,326.65)

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

COUNCIL NOTES:

1. The Council approved the Endowment Committee's recommendation to grant funds for games/activities in the youth room and funds to help with the youth's fall festival.
2. The furniture for the gathering area and Fireside Room has begun to arrive and looks great! The council thought this would be a great use of undesignated memorial gifts and funds from the Al & Elaine Iverson estate gift. The Fireside Room is used in so many ways, such as Bible studies, meetings, counseling, hobby night, gathering space for families prior to funerals and bridal parties. The new furniture and paint have made for a welcoming environment for all.

RACHEL BIBLE STUDY CIRCLE

July 27 at 1:30pm at the home of Sandy George.



American Red Cross Blood Drive

July 17, 12:00-6:00pm @ Faith



Sign up at www.redcross.org

Enter zip code 56288 in the "Find a Blood Drive" option and scroll down to July 17.



BLUE GRASS WORSHIP SUNDAY

Join us on Sunday, July 16, for worship with the Bluegrass Band! Join us at 8:30am at the GLLM Stave Chapel or 10:00am here at Faith. This service is full of great music and fun times!

COME SUPPORT OUR YOUTH!!

Support Faith Youth at the Spicer 4th of July Parade! Students have a concession stand on the parade route as well as golf carts that travel up and down the parade route selling water, popcorn, and shaved ice as a fundraiser for youth ministry and upcoming summer trips.



SUMMER YOUTH EVENTS

Pre-K - 5th Grade

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL/DAY CAMP

Calling all kids who have completed kindergarten - 5th grade: join us for **On-site Day Camp at Shores of St. Andrew on Monday, July 31 - Thursday, August 3!!** Make sure when you register to use the Promo Code: NLS2023. There is a \$40 registration fee. The theme this year is: Gather, Grow, Go! **REGISTER:** <https://gllm.campbrainregistration.com/>

For our preschoolers and those going into kindergarten, there will be **Vacation Bible School here at Faith Lutheran Church for the dates of Monday, July 31-Thursday, August 3 from 8:30-11:00am!** You will be following the same theme of Gather, Grow, Go! and the cost is \$10 per child. **Please sign up by July 21st to secure your spot.** To volunteer contact Libbie Anderson at 651-399-1611 or libbieanderson@gmail.com. **REGISTER:** <https://faithspicer.breezechms.com/form/acee29>

6th - 8th Grade

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:

- **Wednesday, July 26:** Valleyfair Trip - for those who have completed grades 8-12
- **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

For questions or details about these events, contact Quentin.