

In Our Thoughts & Prayers

- Lila Burmeister
- LuAnn Rudningen for her back surgery



A NOTE FROM PASTOR TIM: MAYDAY!

Greetings to all!

In honor of our upcoming month, I have a quote from the online Urban Dictionary about what "Mayday" means:

mayday

"Some people may be wondering why anybody would yell '**May Day**' when they are in trouble. Here is why: It derives from **the French** 'm'aidez', pronounced '**mayDAY**,' and means literally 'help me.'"

I am not an expert at French – nor am I always an expert at asking for help, but I recognize its value when we are hurt. When hurt, I normally speak loudly enough that I might get my wife's attention. Perhaps I would cry out "Ouch!" or "Yikes!"

All of us need help. Life is a shared space with neighbors, animals, creation, and communities. In our Bible, Jesus "had to go through Samaria. So he came to a Samaritan city called Sychar, near the plot of ground that Jacob had given to his son Joseph. Jacob's well was there, and Jesus, tired out by his journey, was sitting by the well. It was about noon" (John 4). Can you imagine resting at a well, still being used, which was given over 3,000 years ago? That is blessing a community forward! Jesus then blessed the woman he met at the well with "life giving water" that would never run out.

He blessed her at a communal place where he was resting. Our lives are meant to be cared for together. As you live out your faith this May, take some time to give thanks for our joint lives; the lives we live with neighbors, animals, creation, and our community. You might be surprised to find yourself in the right spot to care for a neighbor!

God be with you! You are a blessing!

Pastor Tim
(Easter 2023)

WOMEN, WINE AND THE WORD

This popular Bible Study is back! Join together with fellow women from Faith for a time of devotion, fellowship and good conversation! RSVP on Facebook!



WHO: Women of all ages
WHEN: Thursday, May 18 @ 6:30pm
WHERE: 9102 Riverwood Cir., New London

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END OF THE SCHOOL YEAR DATES TO NOTE:

Wednesday, May 17:

- Last Feast Meal and Worship of the school year
- Last choir practice of the season
- Confirmation, Seeds+Sprouts and families are invited to **FAMILY BINGO NIGHT** in the Fellowship Hall after worship to celebrate the end of the year

Sunday, May 21:

- Senior Recognition Sunday (see inside for details)
- Sunday School kids AND Choir singing in worship
- Last day of Sunday School - kids and families are invited for a park clean-up event at Wild Cat Cove with a catered meal to follow

SUMMER WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Sunday Worship (starting Sunday, May 28):

- 8:30am at the Stave Chapel
- 10:00am at Faith Lutheran Church - **this service will be live-streamed**

NEW MEMBER SUNDAY

Faith will be celebrating **New Member Sunday on May 14 at the 9:00am Worship Service**. The church office and Pastor Tim will be contacting those who are new members with more information in the next couple weeks! Help us celebrate our newest members!!

CHILDREN'S CHOIR

Our Music Director, Katherine Ragan, has started meeting with the kids on Sundays after service for a time of music and song. **This Children's Choir will be singing in church for us on May 21st.** Starting after Labor Day, they will sing every third month in service! We are excited to hear their voices sing God's love!



SUMMER YOUTH EVENTS

Pre-K - 5th Grade

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL/DAY CAMP

Calling all kids who 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.

REGISTER: <https://faithspicer.breezechms.com/form/acee29>

6th - 12th Grade

New Wine Chicago/The Dells

Students in grades 8-12 can travel to Chicago & the Wisconsin Dells from June 4th-8th for a fun week of waterparks, local Chicago sights and flavors, and growing in faith together. **A \$50 deposit is due May 1st.**

Destination Duluth

Quentin is leading a fun trip on **June 26th -29th** for students completing grades 6-8 to Duluth, MN for a short week of fun and service. Adventures include white water rafting and exploring Canal Park.

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.**

May Mission of the Month: GLLM Camp Scholarships



GLLM CAMP SCHOLARSHIPS

HELP US SEND FAITH KIDS TO CAMP! For the month of May, we are raising money to go towards paying a portion of all Faith registrations at Green Lake Lutheran Ministries this summer as well as additional scholarships for those who need it. **All Faith kids who are attending camp will receive \$100 off for a full week of camp and \$50 for a half week of camp.**

3 YEAR OLD BIBLES

Calling all 3 year olds (and those 4 year olds who have not yet received this milestone Bible!) - on **Sunday, May 7, we will be presenting you with your new Spark Story Book Bible at the 9:00am worship service!**

GRADUATING SENIORS



NLS BACCALAUREATE

The NLS Baccalaureate is on Sunday May 14th at 7:00pm in the PAC at NL-S Schools. It is a community worship organized by the NLS Ministerial Association and led by clergy and seniors. **Seniors and their families are encouraged to attend; there will be a small gift for seniors at the end of worship. All are welcome to attend!**

SENIOR RECOGNITION SUNDAY

Senior Recognition Sunday will be on Sunday May 21st at our 9:00am Worship. Seniors will receive a handmade quilt from the Faith Quilters, a devotional book by Joe Davis and a framed picture from the Sunday School kids! Treats to follow.

SUMMER DAY EVENTS TO NOTE:

- **Friday, June 16:** Lutheran Night at the Stingers - all ages welcome!
- **Wednesday, July 26:** Valleyfair Trip - for those who have completed grades 6-8
- **Wednesday, August 16 (2:00-4:00pm):** Big Kahuna fun - for those who have completed grades 6-8

For questions or details about these trips, contact Quentin.

QUILTING

May 8 & 9, 9:00am-3:00pm.

Quilters will not meet again until September.

RACHEL BIBLE STUDY CIRCLE

This Bible Study will meet on Thursday, May 25 at 1:30pm - location TBD.



FROM THE COUNCIL

January 1-March 31, 2023				
	YTD Budget	2023	2022	Difference
Income	179,187.56	126,396.87	127,633.82	(1,236.95)
Expense	179,055.28	142,306.49	151,639.28	(9,332.79)
Net Income	132.28	(15,909.62)	(24,005.46)	8,095.84
Mortgage Principal TTL	14,843.25	14,079.90	13,483.40	596.50
Other Income		1,470.00	0.00	1,470.00
Net Profit (Loss)	14,975.53	(359.72)	(10,522.06)	10,162.34

NOTES:

The Faith Council met on April 25 and these are the highlights:

- A "Set Up Camp" Fundraiser was approved to help raise money for a youth trip this summer - more information coming soon from Quentin!
- The council approved a church sponsored meal - tentatively lutefisk.
- Faith's summer worship services will be the same as last year: 8:30am at the Stave Chapel, 10:00am at Faith.