

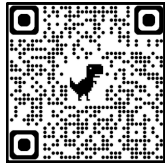
FINANCIAL PEACE UNIVERSITY AT FAITH

Description: If you've ever felt like you just can't get in control of your money or you're not handling your finances well, you're not alone. You'd be surprised how many people you know are struggling just like you. But it's time for that struggle to end – starting when you take a Financial Peace University class. In just nine lessons, you'll learn biblical and commonsense ways of handling money. Invite a friend, classes are open to the community and start on Tuesday, January 13, 2026.

Dates: 1/13/26 – 3/10/26 (9 classes on Tuesdays 1/13, 1/20, 1/27, 2/3, 2/10, 2/17, 2/24, 3/3, 3/10)

Time: 6:30 – 8:00 pm at Faith

Cost: \$39 per household (individual or couple)
(total is \$69 but Faith is covering \$30 for each household!)



Interested in learning more or want to sign up? Scan the QR code (or head to the church website) and sign up your name and email and we will reach out with more information!

HIGH SCHOOL SUMMER TRIP REVEAL!!

Get ready – it's finally time for our High School (9th–12th grade) Summer Trip **Reveal!** We've been keeping this one under wraps, and we cannot wait to share what's planned for this summer. Our parent meeting will happen at the same time, so you'll get all the details right away – the where, the when, the why, and everything in between.

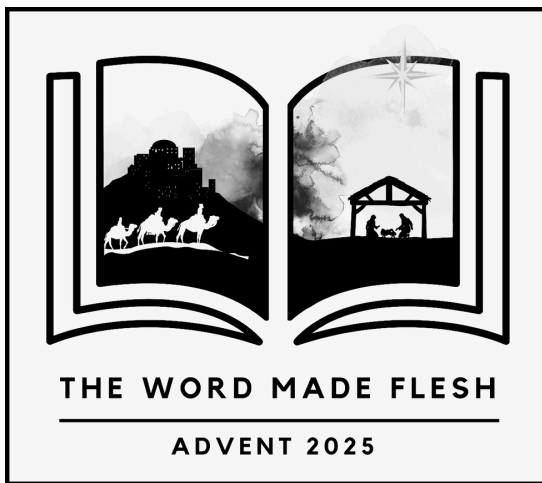
These meetings will take place **instead of LYF**, and you can choose whichever date works best for your family:

- **December 10 at 7:30pm at Peace**
- **December 17 at 7:30pm at Faith**

We're so excited to finally show you what's coming!

A WORD ABOUT THIS YEAR'S ADVENT JOURNEY:

In the context of the Bible, the "power of the spoken word" refers to the significant spiritual force words possess, impacting both the speaker and the listener, and even affecting spiritual realities. Key scriptural themes include: God's creative power in his spoken Word, the incarnation of God in human flesh, and the gift of God's own breath empowering the words of ordinary people to make Christ known in time and space throughout the ages. As a people in Advent journeying toward the manger in Bethlehem, may we hear and receive our God anew!

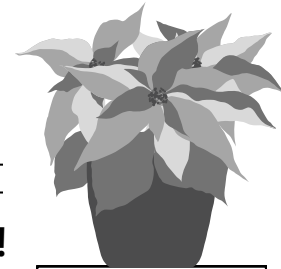


Wednesday evenings at 6:00pm:

- 12/3: "Sharing God's Breath"
- 12/10: "The Word Was God"
- 12/17: "Sharing God's Word"

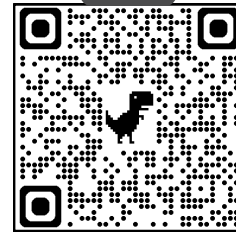
We lift up in prayer...

- Lila Burmeister
- Kay Rauk
- Ron Engebretson
- Bev Valentine
- Orval Gubrud, father of Tracy Ost
- Jim George and family on the death of his brother, Melvin George



CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS - ORDER NOW!

If you would like to purchase one in honor or in memory of a loved one, please fill-out an order form (found in the Welcome Center, online on our website or by scanning the QR code) and it will be included in the Christmas Bulletin. **The cost per plant is \$15 and orders are due by Sunday, December 14.**



Nursery care is available. Our nursery is staffed on Sundays from 8:30am to 11:00am and on Wednesdays from 5:30pm to 7:30pm. **For our nursing mothers**, there is a private nursing room in the back of the nursery available for use.

THANK YOU FOR WORSHIPPING WITH US TODAY!

Faith Lutheran Church of Spicer, Minnesota is delighted to have you join us for today's worship service. We are a congregation of the Southwest Minnesota Synod of the ELCA. Faith Lutheran seeks to live out this mission:

God gathers us as a family of Faith to nurture, inspire, and share the love of Jesus with all people

Lead Pastor: Tim Routh

Pastor: Katherine Rood

Joint Youth Ministry for Faith & Peace: Deacon Amanda Randall-Nelson

Education Coordinator: Joy White

Seeds + Sprouts Leader: Libbie Anderson

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WELCOME TO WORSHIP!

Sunday, November 30, 2025
First Sunday of Advent



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nurture | inspire | share

WELCOME

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, whose home is heaven and earth, whose salvation is sure. **Amen.**

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Long-expected God, **we confess that we look to ourselves for the peace and security only you can provide. We reach for swords and spears, reluctant to release our grip on the ways of war. We become impatient while waiting and weary of keeping awake.**

Free us from self-reliance, and teach us to live in harmony with our neighbors. Increase our trust in God’s timing, and awaken us to your advent among us, that we may abound in the hope you have promised. Amen.

God judges us not as we deserve, but according to God’s own righteousness. ☩ You are freed and forgiven, saved by grace, and ready to welcome the Savior. **Amen.**

GATHERING SONG

Hark! A Thrilling Voice Is Sounding

ELW 246

GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray. **Stir up your power, Lord Christ, and come. By your merciful protection save us from the threatening dangers of our sins, and enlighten our walk in the way of your salvation, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

FIRST READING: Isaiah 2:1-5

PSALM (read responsively): Psalm 122

SECOND READING: Romans 13:11-14

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL READING: Matthew 24:36-44

The holy gospel according to Matthew. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

The gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY

Wake, Awake, For Night Is Flying

ELW 436

APOSTLE’S CREED

Together we confess our faith...

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, God’s only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always. **And also with you.**

OFFERING & NOISY OFFERING - (Online giving with QR Code)

All money collected in the Noisy Offering will go to support Family Promise of Kandiyohi.

OFFERING PRAYER

Nourishing God, you are water in the wilderness and streams in the desert. Through this meal, satisfy our parched places, that we may rejoice and be for the world signs of your kingdom come. **Amen.**



GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.** Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

THE LORD’S PRAYER

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us: **Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.**

COMMUNION

Here is life. God is with us. Come, receive what God has promised.

(Gluten free wafers & grape juice are available - simply ask your server)

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

God our host, at this table you have fed us with joy and gladness. Send us forth, eager to share the feast, welcome the stranger, and bear good fruit in the name of Jesus. **Amen.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BLESSING

May God who comes among us, Father, ☩ Son, and Holy Spirit, grant you patience in waiting, peace in the darkness, and good news to share today and always. **Amen.**

SENDING SONG

O Lord How Shall I Meet You

ELW 241

DISMISSAL

Go in peace! Keep awake! **Thanks be to God!**

Welcome to the Faith Family!

Over the past few weeks, we have had many new members join Faith Lutheran Church!! These are the newest members of Faith:



Pictured: DJ & Maddy Winter and family, Don & Lois Meyer, Devory & Dan Fischer and family, Crystel & Jeffrey Keefe and family, and LaRaya Kosel, Zach Reyes and family

Not Pictured: Ron & Lois Lenz, Lori Lind, Tracy & Thomas Ost

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