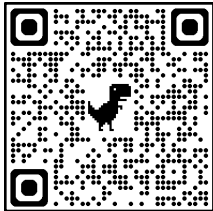


ANNUAL BUDGET REVIEW & ANNUAL MEETING

Join Sonya, our Treasurer, on Sunday, January 18 for a review of the 2025 Financials & the 2026 Budget. This will take place in the Fireside Room following 9:00am Worship. **Annual Meeting will be Sunday, January 25 following the 9:00am Worship.** There will be nursery care and movies set up for Sunday School kids so that the teachers will be able to join the Annual Meeting too!

JANUARY MISSION OF THE MONTH:  
SAFE AVENUES

Safe Avenues provides domestic and sexual violence victim advocacy services throughout a five county area in Southwestern Minnesota. Safe Avenues is home to the only emergency safe shelter for victims of domestic and sexual violence in 18 counties in the Southwestern corner of Minnesota. **Give online to our Mission of the Month by scanning the QR code** or visit [faithspicer.org](http://faithspicer.org).



SPARK'DWELL HIGH SCHOOL SERVICE TRIP

It's official... our High School Summer Trip is heading to Winston-Salem, North Carolina from June 10–14! We'll be serving alongside Spark'Dwell, a partnership between SPARK and The Dwelling. The Dwelling is a congregation that centers and uplifts people experiencing homelessness, creating a community where every person is known, welcomed, and valued. Through Spark'Dwell, students learn, serve, and build relationships in ways that honor the stories and dignity of our neighbors. This is open to Peace & Faith Students & friends!  
**Registration deadline is January 20!**

We can't wait to share this experience with our students. If you have any questions, please reach out to Deacon Amanda ([amanda.randall@peacenewlondon.com](mailto:amanda.randall@peacenewlondon.com) or 320-354-2774).

WOMEN, WINE AND THE WORD BIBLE STUDY

Thursday, January 29 @ 6:00pm | 4495 141st Ave NE, Spicer

Join together with some other awesome women for an evening of devotion, conversation and fun fellowship! Heather Thompson is hosting this month's event. RSVP on Facebook or at [faithspicer.org](http://faithspicer.org).

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*We lift up in prayer...*

- Lila Burmeister
- Joyce Paulson
- Ron Lunz for health and healing
- Bev Valentine for health and healing
- Jerrod Quade, grandson of Pastor Katherine and Les Rood
- Janet Hillstrom and family on the death of her husband, Allen Hillstrom
- The family and loved ones of Pastor Rollen Halvorson on his death
- Brian Gieseke and family on the death of his cousin, Donna Mae Luck (Forcier)

**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.

**Interested in becoming a member here at Faith Lutheran Church?** Please connect with a staff member and our main office will reach out to you to answer any questions and get you any information needed!

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*

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WELCOME TO  
WORSHIP!

Sunday, January 18, 2026

2nd Sunday after Epiphany



**FAITH**  
LUTHERAN CHURCH  
*nurture | inspire | share*

WELCOME

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, the Creator of heaven and earth, the Word who spoke life into being, the Wind stirring the waters. **Amen.**

Let us turn in confession to the one who knows us completely.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

Mighty God, lover of justice, **you call us to life in community, but we have served our own interests at the expense of our neighbors. We have sown deceit where honesty was needed. We say the right words, but our hearts are far from you.** Turn us to seek your face. Knit us together and give us the mind of Christ, that we may do justice, love mercy, and walk humbly with you, our God. **Amen.**

The former things have passed away, and new things God now declares: Like a spring of water that never fails, God covers you in the righteousness of Christ, and forgives your sin in ☩ Jesus’ name. May the Spirit give you strength to live for others, and bless you with the gift of peace. **Amen.**

GATHERING SONG

*God Is Here Today* ACS 993 (3 times)

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. **Holy God, our strength and our redeemer, by your Spirit hold us forever, that through your grace we may worship you and faithfully serve you, follow you and joyfully find you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

**FIRST READING:** Isaiah 49:1-7

**PSALM (read responsively):** Psalm 40:1-11

- 1

I waited patiently for the Lord;  
he inclined to me and heard my cry.

2

**He drew me up from the desolate pit, out of the miry bog,  
and set my feet upon a rock, making my steps secure.**

3

He put a new song in my mouth, a song of praise to our God.  
Many will see and fear and put their trust in the Lord.

4

**Happy are those who make the Lord their trust,  
who do not turn to the proud,  
to those who go astray after false gods.**

5

You have multiplied, O Lord my God,  
your wondrous deeds and your thoughts toward us;  
none can compare with you.

Were I to proclaim and tell of them,  
they would be more than can be counted.

**6 Sacrifice and offering you do not desire,  
but you have given me an open ear.  
Burnt offering and sin offering you have not required.**

**7** Then I said, “Here I am;  
in the scroll of the book it is written of me.

**8 I delight to do your will, O my God;  
your law is within my heart.”**

**9** I have told the glad news of deliverance  
in the great congregation;  
see, I have not restrained my lips, as you know, O Lord.  
**10 I have not hidden your saving help within my heart;  
I have spoken of your faithfulness and your salvation;  
I have not concealed your steadfast love and your faithfulness  
from the great congregation.**

**11** Do not, O Lord, withhold your mercy from me; let your  
steadfast love and your faithfulness keep me safe forever.

**SECOND READING:** 1 Corinthians 1:1-9  
The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

**GOSPEL READING:** John 1:29-42  
The holy gospel according to John. **Glory to you, O Lord.**  
The gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE  
SERMON

**HYMN OF THE DAY**  
*Arise, Your Light has Come!* ELW 314

**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**  
Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

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

**OFFERING -** (Online giving with QR Code)



**OFFERING PRAYER**  
God of majesty, no eye has seen, no ear has heard what you have prepared for those who love you, yet in this meal you reveal the wideness of your mercy. Use what we have gathered to feed us with the reign of God come near, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **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**  
**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 the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!  
Come to the table; taste and see.  
*(Gluten free wafers & grape juice are available - simply ask your server)*

**PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**  
Radiant God, we have seen your glory in the face of Jesus Christ. In the sacrament of his body and blood you have drawn us to your heart. Send us from this table with delight, that our lives may reflect the beauty of your love, and bear witness to all we have seen and heard, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

**BLESSING**  
May the triune God, who has put a new song in your mouth and tuned your heart for praise ☩ bless you now and forever. **Amen.**

**SENDING SONG**  
*I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light* ELW 815

**DISMISSAL**  
Go in peace. Do justice. Love mercy. **Thanks be to God.**