

# SUMMER VBS



## ON-SITE DAY CAMP AT SHORES OF ST. ANDREW

Completed grades K-5 | Shores of St. Andrew Bible Camp | Camper Fee: \$165 (**\$65 with code 2025NLS**) | Monday, July 28 – Thursday, July 31

Join us and Peace Lutheran Church for Day Camp held at Shores of St. Andrew Bible Camp, offering a week of community-building, Bible study, crafts, games, and swimming. Campers return home each afternoon and come back the next morning refreshed and anticipating another fun day. **A bus will pick up and drop off kids from Faith and Peace each day.** Register at [gllm.campbrainregistration.com](http://gllm.campbrainregistration.com) or use QR code below.

## PRE-K VBS AT FAITH

*VBS for Pre-K - starting Kindergarten aged kids*

Join us for VBS here at Faith Lutheran Church on **Monday, July 28th-Wednesday, July 30th from 8:30am - 11:00am**. The kids will be following the same theme as the older kids and their time will be packed with learning, crafts, games, music and more! This VBS will be led by Faith and Peace staff & volunteers. Cost is \$25 per child.

You can register online at our website: [faithspicer.org](http://faithspicer.org) - CHILDREN/YOUTH tab or use the QR code below.

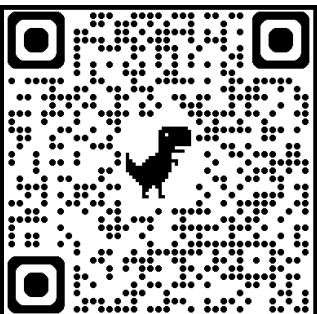
## FAITH & PEACE PK VBS VOLUNTEER SIGN UP

Faith & Peace Lutheran Churches are hosting VBS for kids entering Preschool and Kindergarten and **we need your help to make it happen!** VBS is July 28th through July 30th from 8:30am to 11am.

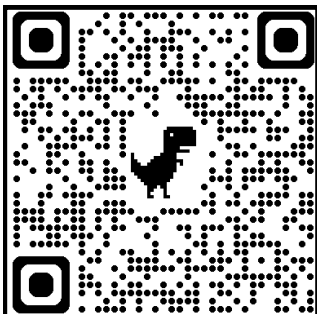
Please let us know if you can help any of the days. Even if you can't help in person we have other ways to help. We appreciate it!

Please email or call Libbie Anderson with any questions: [libbieanderson@gmail.com](mailto:libbieanderson@gmail.com) (651) 399-1611. Scan the QR below to see the various volunteer needs.

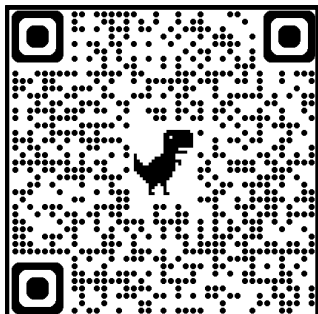
### ON-SITE DAY CAMP REGISTRATION



### PREK/K VBS REGISTRATION



### SIGN-UP: VBS VOLUNTEERS



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VBS INFO!  
WEEK OF JULY 28!

# JULY

# 2025

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**Email:** [office@faithspicer.org](mailto:office@faithspicer.org)

**Address:** 310 Medayto Drive, Spicer, MN 56288

**Phone:** 320.796.2522

**Office Hours:** Monday - Thursday 8:00 am - 4:00 pm

## COME OUT & SUPPORT THE FAITH YOUTH AT THE SPICER 4<sup>TH</sup> OF JULY PARADE!!

Thank you for your support for the Youth's 4th of July Fundraiser! We are so grateful for all your bottled water donations for our annual 4th of July Fundraiser that have come in already, **THANK YOU!**

**We are still accepting donations right up until July 4.** If you're at the parade, stop by our stand at Pirotta Park for some shaved ice, popcorn, and water! All money raised goes directly to the youth and Faith's youth ministry programs!



## BLOOD DRIVE AT FAITH - JULY 28

Donate blood here at Faith on **Monday, July 28, from 12:00-6:00pm**. To sign up, go to [www.redcross.org](http://www.redcross.org), click on "Find a Blood Drive" under the "GIVE BLOOD" tab, and enter the zip code 56288. If you scroll down the list, you'll find Faith Lutheran Church, Spicer and can see the available times.



# A WORD FROM PASTOR KATHERINE

Today, there seems to be an increasing number of people who seem averse to any kind of moral discernment that might prove personally limiting, while simultaneously experiencing a crisis of purpose, loss of direction in life, and feeling vulnerable and powerless. How can this be?

Some years ago, already, a colleague and friend, Rev. Al Sandness, shared about a school in New York where a TIP (*Technology Immersion Pilot*) program is working to address the plight of many inner-city youth for whom the “right to an education” is more myth than fact. He described a four-story school where the first three floors housed “regular” school and the fourth housed a TIP school. As an observer walked through the first three floors of the facility, there was little, if there were any, formal education happening. Noise, graffiti, and mayhem, however, were plentiful! In stark contrast, the fourth floor of the school held classrooms filled with students who had signed a contract and statement of purpose in order that they might attend. Here students were attentively listening to teachers, following along in their books, generally showing respect toward self and others. What made the difference? How can two such opposite realities exist side-by-side? Sadly, there are several more examples we can lift up:

- Violence springing from beliefs that espouse a Christian ethic of peace while assassinating Public Servants who hold a differing view etc..
- The ever-growing disparity between the rich and poor.
- Advancements in medicine and technology outpacing legal or ethical jurisdiction.
- The beauty of creation and the alarming increase in extremes of weather and natural disasters.

It occurs to me how this dual reality reveals the paradox of prayer and prophecy. A great deal of research has been accumulated over the past several decades that bears out the ancient and scriptural truth that prayer and human thought hold the potential to shape future events and change seemingly inevitable outcomes. In fact, the prophets of the Old Testament always declared a message of impending doom, destruction, and desolation accompanied by a simultaneous vision of peace and paradise.

For centuries, prophets and sages have suggested that one-tenth of one percent of humanity, working together in a unified effort, may shift the consciousness of the entire world. If those numbers are accurate, then surprisingly few individuals can plant the seeds of great possibilities. At present the population of the world is estimated to be approximately 8.2 billion people. One percent of our global neighborhood, then, is represented by 80 million people, with one tenth of that number being 8 million people. That’s roughly the population of New York City!

Although these statistics may represent an OPTIMUM number to bring about change, studies in Jerusalem and other large population centers suggest that the numbers to initiate such change may be even smaller. Documented studies indicate that the first effects of mass meditation/prayer became noticeable when the number of people participating in the effort was greater than the square root of one

percent of the population. A city of one million people, for example, this value represents **only one hundred individuals!**

**Think about that!** In a community of 2000 people, 1% of twenty like-minded people united in a common effort can usher a new reality into existence, see Matthew 18:19-20! Science has undertaken to prove what Christians have long known, **our thoughts and prayers are concrete, measurable, and directive forces in creation!** You might ask whether such a small percentage of the population is “enough” to influence change in the world. The answer of faith is a resounding, **YES!!** Jesus started a world/life transforming reality with an inner circle of 12!

May the Holy Spirit of God guide our thoughts and empower our communal prayers so that the world **God** imagines becomes a reality!

God’s Peace,  
Rev Katherine Rood

## WOMEN, WINE & THE WORD BIBLE STUDY

Wednesday, July 16 @ 6:00pm | 11524 Indian Beach Rd, Spicer

Join together with some other awesome women for an evening of devotion led by Pastor Katherine and fun fellowship! Jill Jackson is hosting this month’s event! RSVP online on Facebook or fatihspicer.org.

## FROM OUR MUSIC DIRECTOR:

Hello church!  
“Are you ready?” **“We’re ready!”**

If you’re ready to share your musical talents for special music in worship, please reach out to Katherine Ragan at kragan@faithspicer.org  
If you’re not ready to choose a song to share, no worries! We can help you find the perfect piece of music. Thank you!



Congratulations to Ron Lunz for composing our Easter Anthem this spring! Faith commissioned Carol Meier, our own local composer to arrange Ron’s piece “He is Not Here” for choir and piano.

Thank you to both Ron and Carol for your contribution to our worship experiences!

If you missed out or would like to hear Ron’s piece again, you will find it on our Easter Broadcast on youtube.com. It is the very first part of the service.

Blessings!  
Katherine Ragan



# UPCOMING YOUTH EVENTS



## NIGHT GAMES @ CHURCH

Our 2nd Night Games for this summer will be at Peace Lutheran on **July 16th** for students who have completed grades 6-8. Meet Quentin outside by the garage for yard games, worship, s'mores, and night games!

## LYF VALLEYFAIR TRIP

Our July event for LYF is our yearly trip to Valleyfair on **Wednesday July 23rd from 10am-10pm** for students who have completed grades 8-12. The cost is \$75, which includes tickets, meals and drink wristbands, and transportation. Registration forms are available at the Welcome Center and are due back by Wednesday July 16th.



## GLLM QUILT AUCTION: JULY 11 & 12

The Annual Quilt Auction is Green Lake Lutheran Ministries' largest fundraiser of the year - and a great time! Every year, over 200 quilts and Silent Auction items are donated and then auctioned off to support the ministry happening at camp. Under a tent on the shores of Green Lake over the course of a weekend, guests and donors enjoy the auction, meals, homemade doughnuts, live music and more. Tens of thousands of dollars are raised in an afternoon, supporting the ministry of GLLM.

## JULY MISSION OF THE MONTH: AMERICAN RED CROSS

The American Red Cross, through its strong network of volunteers, donors and partners, is always there in times of need. They 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-May 2025			
	May 2025	YTD Budget	Compared to Budget
Income	216,918.68	271,314.09	(54,395.41)
Expense	243,417.33	245,157.14	(1,739.81)
Net Income	<b>(26,498.65)</b>	<b>26,156.95</b>	<b>(52,655.60)</b>

Principal mortgage payment of \$5208 per month not included in 2025. Average of \$52,757 needed each month to make budget & mortgage principal.