

ELEMENTARY EVENTS:

Sunday School sings November 16 during 9:00am worship. Please have your kids to the kids worship space for a quick rehearsal at 8:45am.

On Sunday, November 9 and 16, there will be a **Children's Book Sale** during coffee hour after church. This book sale will be benefiting the Sunday School and Seeds and Sprouts programs.

We're excited to announce the **Children's Christmas Worship Program rehearsals begin Sunday, November 23** during Sunday school hour (10am-11am)! Please make sure your child attends Sunday school each week so they can practice being a part of the **Children's Christmas Worship that will take place Sunday, December 21 at 9:00am.**

Seeds+Sprouts kids are also welcome to participate, but you need to attend Sunday school November 23 - December 14. Please contact Joy White at jwhite@faithspicer.org if you plan to participate from Seeds+Sprouts.

6th - 12th GRADE EVENTS:

LYF HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP - NOVEMBER

Our LYF High School Youth Group meets each Wednesday evening at 7:30pm for a time of games, devotions, and fellowship. This joint program of Faith & Peace Lutheran Churches alternates between the two churches each week. See the November schedule below:

- **November 5** at Peace Lutheran
- **November 12** at Faith
- **November 19** at Peace Lutheran
- **November 26** - No LYF

JUNIOR HIGH YOUTH GATHERING

November 21-22: This is one of the finest events we can offer for our Middle School students. The event is held for students all across Southwestern Minnesota and includes moving speakers, snacks, worship times, and the most popular "Nightlife" free time. Cost of \$125 includes all of these activities as well as lodging, meals, and a free T-Shirt. Register online or contact Deacon Amanda at (320) 354-2774 or amanda.randall@peacenewlondon.com.

CONGRATS TO OUR 2025 CONFIRMANDS:

Kyndal Collins, Axel Eichhorst, Lillian Finstrom, Kennedy Goracke, Liam Hanson, Ben Henjum, Gus Hoffman, Evalina Keefe, David Korsmo, Gavin Louwagie, William Rosendahl, Parker Solberg, Anna Sukalski, Michael Vanderwerf, Lukas Wharton

NOVEMBER MISSION OF THE MONTH:

CHRISTMAS JOY - THE LINK

Help support the MANY amazing programs put on by The Link, New London this time of year! Your donations will help support Christmas meals, gifts, and gift cards for those in our area who need it.

We will still be participating in the Mitten Tree (watch for upcoming information as we get closer to the time), but will be collecting monetary donations for the month of November! Checks can be made out to Faith.

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NOVEMBER HAPPENINGS:

ALL SAINTS' SUNDAY - NOVEMBER 2

All Saints' Service is Sunday, November 2 at 9:00am. We will be reading off the names of members who have died in the past year (All Saints' to All Saints') - a bell will be tolled and a candle will be lit in each person's memory. During the service, all who have lost someone will be invited to come forward and light a candle as they wish.



FIRST COMMUNION RECOGNITION - NOVEMBER 2

We had 4 kids participate in the First Communion Class with Pastor Tim in October! They will be taking communion for the first time on Sunday, November 2 at the 9:00am service (All Saints' Sunday) - come and help us celebrate this awesome milestone!

NEW MEMBER SUNDAY - NOVEMBER 16

If you would like to become a member here at Faith Lutheran Church, please contact the church office! We will connect you with a pastor, gather your information, and invite you to join us on Sunday, November 16 to be welcomed into the Faith family!

FAITH & PEACE JOINT THANKSGIVING EVE WORSHIP

Join Faith and Peace members on **Wednesday, November 26**, for a Thanksgiving Eve Worship (this year at Faith Lutheran Church).



- Feast Meal at 5:15 (must sign-up in advance)
- Worship will be at 6:30pm at Faith
- There will be coffee and pie following worship
- Joint service between Faith & Peace churches
- Rotates between the two churches each year

A Word From Pastor Tim: SUFFERING TOGETHER

Greetings to all!

St. Paul in the letter to the Colossians says, "I am now rejoicing in my sufferings for your sake, and in my flesh, I am completing what is lacking in Christ's afflictions for the sake of his body, that is, the church." (Col. 1:24)

Paul says, "Now in my life I rejoice even in what I have suffered for you." Wow, this is strange, wonderful language. Reflecting on All Saints Day this month, the saints have a habit of suffering alongside others. They have filled in what is lacking in the body of Christ with their loving hearts and with action for a period. Of course, we always desire everyone to do their part but sometimes the body of Christ needs people to stand in the gap. Blessed are the saints of God in our midst!

I know:

- sometimes we suffer because of what we do.
- sometimes we suffer because of what we do not do.
- sometimes we suffer because of life.
- sometimes suffering is forced upon us by others.
- sometimes by circumstances beyond our control.
- sometimes there is suffering because of reckless actions.
- sometimes it is random or ironic and not controlled.

Paul says, he has learned that his God is not absent from suffering. Instead, God meets us in these challenging times. This is the story of Jesus Christ, the story of God with God's people. "God with us" includes times of being met, times of suffering, times of redemption and finally resurrection and salvation. These things are being held together by God's love. They cannot be separated.

Paul learned to pray, to rejoice, and to celebrate life with others. He did not lose hope! He learned to turn to God, and God met him with the Holy Spirit and comfort.

We need to learn to do the same. Knowledge of the Bible and key verses memorized are not helpful unless they are turned into prayers to God as we go through life. In the church community, we learn to suffer and love and pray together. This is why God places us there.

If there is going to be suffering, let us learn to pray. If there is going to be suffering, may we be joined by others. If there is going to be suffering, may God meet us. If God meets us, rejoice as Paul did.

God be with you,
Pastor Tim

A Word from Your President

Members of Faith, I say THANK YOU!

I appreciate you, our members, who are attending our worship services in person. It is very meaningful to Praise our Lord as a community of Faith!

Many thanks to all who graciously gave over and beyond their weekly giving during our Mortgage Paydown Campaign. Our reduced Mortgage payment will allow our Church Council to continue working on our 2026 Mission Plan. I celebrate with you in gratitude, for the opening of Faith Commons! What an accomplishment in just six months! Thank you, to all the volunteers that

spent numerous hours, to make this come to fruition!! Rooms are now available for mission use or activities. Faith staff will be working on "Church Use" forms and policies. We will be looking for a few volunteers to help with this. Please reach out to our great staff if you are interested!

Take a look at the new LED lighting in the Dining Room! A beautiful memorial gift from the Iverson and Wenzel families.

We look forward in welcoming new members November 16th!

Blessings to you all this month of Thanksgiving!
Carla Miller

A Word from Pastor Katherine

Before our well-being, there was your graciousness,
before our delight, there was your generosity,
before our joy, there was your good will.

We are second and you are first.

You are there initially with your
graciousness, your generosity, your good will—
and we receive from your inscrutable goodness
grace upon grace,
gift upon gift, life upon life
—because you are there at the beginning,
at all our beginnings...Amen

Walter Brueggemann

"O give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; for his steadfast love endures forever." (Psalm 106:1)

November: All Saints Day, harvest time, school events, Veterans' Day, Thanksgiving Day, Christ the King Sunday – the last day of the Church year, a time of awareness of blessings, of gratitude for gifts. We celebrate baptisms and remember the saints who have gone before us; November is a time of hurrying to finish and preparing to begin.

It is important and necessary to ponder deeply all that we have been given. If we reflect quietly and honestly, we can almost be overwhelmed by all that is ours. God has been very generous. God gives all gifts freely. Even Jesus is an abundant free gift to us! God is lavish in love, generous in the outpouring of goodness. This great generosity can draw us to look at our own generosity: How generous have we been with others in our lives? Are we people who freely give of our treasures? Do we yearn to have the heart of God, the one who lavishes love upon us freely? Do we cherish deeply all that we are and all that we have been given? Do we hold love with open hands, allowing it to be readily available to others or do we clutch it to ourselves in fear that we might lose it?

Clutching material things to our hearts moves us to also cling to the things of the spirit. Life, love and time are three of our greatest gifts, but in our clutching, we can become convinced that there won't be enough of these left for ourselves either.

A generous heart gives freely not only in the material realm, but from its blessings of compassion, understanding, patience and forgiveness. A generous heart seeks to give with no strings attached, without counting the cost. In reality, even the most generous heart will always have a tendency toward clutching and self-preservation, but when we offer our

lives to the one "who holds and breaks," we experience the joy of ever new beginnings. And Christ promises to be with us always!

November is a wonderful time to take stock of all that we have received, to reflect on the changes in our lives, and to offer thanks and praise for all that has been. Take time each day this month to pray for open hands and an open heart that you might receive and share God's blessings in the season(s) before us.

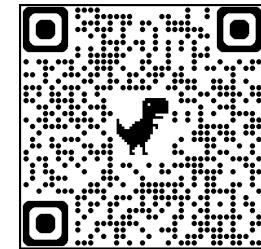
God's Peace,
Reverend Katherine Rood

SEEDS+SPROUTS - A Word from Libbie Anderson

Fall has been going great so far for the Seeds & Sprouts program. We have an increase in attendance and have been learning together for more than 6 weeks already.

An update is that Faith Lutheran has added more All-Church events to the calendar this school year as a way to help connect our church community and spread joy. These events are for all ages and encourage intergenerational relationships. These nights there will not be Seeds & Sprouts or Confirmation classes but instead families joining the rest of the congregation for the event. So here are some future All-Church events to put on your calendar.

- Dec 17th (All-Church Christmas Party)
- Feb 25th (All-Church Lent Night)
- March 4th (All-Church Movie Night)
- March 11th (All-Church Game Night)
- March 25th (All-Church Easter Party)
- May 6th (All-Church Bingo Night)
- May 13th (All-Church Dessert Night)



Lastly, I so appreciate all the parents who have been volunteering to help on Wednesday nights this year! Without an intern assistant this year and with increased number of kids at Seeds & Sprouts having only one leader isn't best for the program. So please consider some future dates that you could volunteer to help make this program a success! Scan QR code to sign up.

January-September 2025

	YTD Income	YTD Budget	Compared to Budget
Income	387,898.88	488,365.25	(100,466.37)
Expense	441,624.06	441,282.62	341.44
Net Income	(53,725.18)	47,082.63	(100,807.81)

Principal mortgage payment of \$5,208 per month not included in 2025. Average of \$52,757 needed each month to make budget & mortgage principal. As of Sept. 30th we have borrowed \$74,562 from our designated funds in order to pay our bills and staff.