

ORDER YOUR EASTER FLOWERS BY APRIL 9

If you would like to purchase Easter flowers in honor or in memory of a loved one, please fill-out an order form and it will be included in the Easter Bulletin.

There are options of what you can purchase this year: Lilies, Easter Mums or Tulips for \$12 each, Hydrangeas for \$24 each.



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DONATIONS TO PREPARE FOR EASTER EGG HUNT

The Education Committee is looking for some donations to help make the Annual Easter Egg Hunt successful:

- **CANDY DONATIONS** - If you are willing to donate candy, please **bring individually wrapped candy to the Welcome Center by 4/9.**
- **EMPTY CAN DONATIONS** - Looking for 15oz cans that are clean and have the tops and labels removed. There is a collection container for these cans in the entry way of church.

OWL CAMP 2025 - IT'S BACK FOR YEAR 2!!

Join us for OWL (Older Wiser Learners) Camp on May 5, 6, & 7 from 8:30am-11:00am at Faith Lutheran Church. **The theme this year is "Holy Whole: Living with God in the Wilderness".**

Each morning, there will be a light breakfast, WONDERFUL music, a time of study with the pastors and Bishop Dee Pederson and a time of choice activities (music, cooking, art, games, etc). **ALL ARE WELCOME to this event - you do not have to be a Faith member to attend!** There will be a freewill offering collected daily (there is no set charge).

Registration is available online at faithspicer.org or stop by the Welcome Center to pick up a paper copy. Registrations are due by April 30.



CAMP SUNDAY AND ADULT FORUM - APRIL 27

Join us on Sunday, April 27, for our **Green Lake Lutheran Ministries Camp Sunday!** Travis Aufderheide, Executive Director of GLLM, will be sharing with us about the amazing ministry that takes place at camp each year!

Following the service at 10:00am, there will be an **Adult Forum with the Endowment Committee.** They will bring awareness and educate the congregation on how funds are used, gifts can be made, etc.



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HOLY WEEK 2025

PALM SUNDAY - April 13, 9:00am

MAUNDY THURSDAY - April 17, 6:00pm

GOOD FRIDAY - April 18, 6:00pm

ANNUAL EASTER EGG HUNT

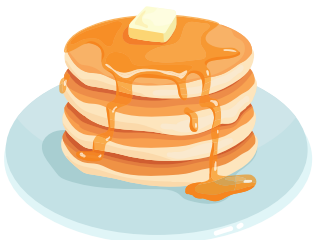
Saturday, April 19, 10:00am

EASTER SUNDAY (April 20):

- ***NEW*** 7:00am Sunrise Service
- 9:00am Easter Service
- 10:30am Easter Service

EASTER SUNRISE BREAKFAST

The Easter Sunrise Breakfast is coming back to Faith! Serving starts after the Sunrise Service from 7:30am to 8:45am. The Church Council and the Senior Choir welcome you and your family to join us! **RSVP at the Welcome Center or online so we can get a good count.**



A WORD FROM PASTOR TIM

In the Middle of Lent but Hopeful

“Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here but has risen. Remember how he told you” (Luke 24). Easter is going to be amazing this year! It is always amazing, but the words spoken at the tomb give me chills! Why do we look for the living among the dead? When a person lives by faith – trust – the promise of God carries us forward into incredible circumstances. This is like the women at the tomb on Easter morning or Peter running toward the tomb and realizing its empty!

Easter brings us back to a place of hope and sends us off again. Where our eyes were covered - now we can see. We do not always have everything figured out when we start on the Easter path, but we bump into people and tell them, “Easter is here!”

Some of us, caught up in a loving moment, are unable to focus on much else. We are distracted by love, displaced by life, and held by God’s words: *“Why do you look for the living among the dead?”*

We are not trying to be held up by death, but life can be hard! Pain can cling to us. The world can grind down our hopes. These words though, *“He is not here but has risen. Remember how he told you,”* are filled with life! It is like a dream we woke out of. It takes a while to believe in a miracle. The words must be sifted and measured. Our grief in life is great but these spoken and remembered words have life in them. They gather us in and send us out. Just like the first Easter morning.

Welcome to life! Just like he said!
Happy Easter!

Pastor Timothy W. Routh
Easter 2025



REGISTER FOR CAMP AT GLLM!

All Faith kids who are attending a Green Lake Lutheran Ministries week of camp this summer will receive **\$250 off for a full week of camp and \$125 for a half week of camp**. Simply mark Faith Lutheran Church as your congregation during your camp registration. **Additional scholarships are also available, simply contact the church office.**

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 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.

More details about PreK-K VBS here at Faith coming soon!

A WORD FROM PASTOR KATHERINE

The **Season of Lent** has given us the opportunity for a shared journey as we wind our way to the foot of the cross and the joy of Easter morning. Many have participated in our Lenten Calendar practice, **“Do Lent Generously!”**, where all were invited to contribute to various ministries on differing days. It also encouraged a **“Special Easter Offering”**, mindfully discerned by all family members, a circle of friends, or individuals that will be shared on Easter Morning. How exciting to be a part of all that God is creating new!

Our Stewardship Committee in tandem with the Church Council are currently organizing a new ministry focus: **“Freed to Serve”**. Stay tuned in the coming days/ weeks for more information and opportunities to join in making the Kingdom of God more visible in this time and place!

God’s Peace,
Rev. Katherine Rood



LYF APRIL EVENT- SCAVENGER HUNT

Our final event for this school year for our high school students will be on **Wednesday April 23rd @ 7pm**. We'll meet at Peace Lutheran and head into the communities from there. Students will be given a paper clip, and go door to door and attempt to "trade up" their paper clip for something better and so on. Join us for a fun night, and bring a friend!

BIG DISCOUNTS FOR FAMILIES ATTENDING CAMP!

Faith would LOVE for you and your family to experience camp together this summer and we are offering a major discount in order for that to happen! **We will pay 75% of your family’s fee if you sign-up for Ordinary Time at Camp House in Brimson, MN and/or Grandparent/Grandchild Camp at Green Lake Bible Camp. You will only need to pay 25% of the entire cost!!**

SERVICE & FUN IN SIOUX FALLS

Completed Grades 6-8 | Cost: \$150 | May 27-29, 2025

This three day & two night service and fun trip away from home features some great opportunities to experience the world and serve our neighbors. Our service projects will focus on housing and food insecurities with area ministries The Banquet and Church on the Street. Please see Quentin with questions!

QUILTING

Monday and Tuesday, May 14 & 15, May 28 & 29, 9:00am-3:00pm

RACHEL CIRCLE BIBLE STUDY

Thursday, May 24 at 1:30pm - the location is TBD.

MATCHING GIFT AVAILABLE - SUPPORT THE LINK!

Faith is participating in The Battle of the Churches: New London vs. Spicer. All of the food and money collected here at Faith will be included in Spicer's total!

The Willmar Area Community Foundation that let us know they have an anonymous donor who will do up to a **\$2,000 matching gift** for the money we raise in the next 2 weeks! **Make donations by April 6 to help us get the matching gift and support an amazing organization!**

You can drop off cash or check at the church office (please make sure to mark somewhere that the money is for The Link Food Pantry) or online at our website - faithspicer.org - GIVE tab (in the note, please make sure to write "The Link Food Pantry").

SENIOR RECOGNITION SUNDAY

Our high school seniors and their families are invited to attend the **9:00am worship service on Sunday, May 18, 2025**. During this service, Faith Lutheran’s High School Class of 2025 will be recognized and seniors will be presented with a gift from the congregation as well as a beautiful hand-made quilt made with love by our Faith Quilters!

APRIL MISSION OF THE MONTH: COMMUNITY GARDEN

Established in 2010, the Community Garden at Faith has provided an opportunity for people in our congregation and in the community to come together through the raising and harvesting of food. The garden is fenced and irrigated and we also have several compost bins along with a sink to wash off any produce you may have picked.

January - February, 2025					
	YTD Budget	2025	2024	Difference	Compared to Budget
Income	108,525.72	76,569.60	79,543.34	(2,973.74)	(31,956.12)
Expense	98,063.03	93,932.60	99,126.24	(5,193.64)	(4,130.43)
Net Income	10,462.69	(17,363.00)	(19,582.90)	2,219.90	(27,825.69)
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Principal mortgage payment of \$5208 per month not included in 2025.