

A Word From Pastor Tim: November Sightings

God be with you!

This weekend, we remember those who have gone before us by lighting a candle. This lighting is not just for memory but a reminder of the resurrection of Christ. He is the one who died and rose again – so too all who have been baptized. Paul tells us in Romans, *“For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we will certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. We know that our old self was crucified with him so that the body of sin might be destroyed, and we might no longer be enslaved to sin. For whoever has died is freed from sin. But if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. The death he died, he died to sin, once for all; but the life he lives, he lives to God. So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.”* We light a candle in memory but also in the loving hope of resurrection. We are alive to God!

Secondly, thank you to all who assisted in making our Lutefisk meal happen. It really is a miracle of this community of Faith working together for the good of all! It was a great meal along with tremendous service. Blessings to all who helped behind the scenes both before and after the meal. There was a great response from our neighbors and my own family loved the meal! That is a tasty word!

As I listened to the confirmands confess their faith on Sunday, I was reminded of how the community together carries the faith. They were too quiet, so I made them start over. We practiced but until you confess publicly in front of others it is hard to know how hard it is. Both the community that confesses and the individual must work on their faith – so both will be strong when the time comes. *“These are the things you must insist on and teach. Let no one despise your youth, but set the believers an example in speech and conduct, in love, in faith, in purity. Until I arrive, give attention to the public reading of scripture, to exhorting, to teaching. Do not neglect the gift that is in you, which was given to you through prophecy with the laying on of hands by the council of elders. Put these things into practice, devote yourself to them, so that all may see your progress.”* (1Timothy 4)

Lastly, please join me in our Thanksgiving Eve service at Peace Lutheran this year. Churches working together and sharing is a sign – “the kingdom of God is near!”

Blessings,

Pastor Tim (All Saints 2024)



The Prairie Arts Chorale Presents:

Holiday 2024: The Sounding Joy

Faith will be hosting the Prairie Arts Chorale once again this year on Sunday, November 23 at 4:00pm. Join in for an evening of great music from singers around Southwestern Minnesota.

Tickets are \$12 for adults (\$15 at the door), 18 and under are free. Tickets are available for purchase from chorale members.

NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATION

U.S. POSTAGE PERMIT #8

SPICER, MN 56288

FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH

310 Medayto Drive

Spicer, MN 56288

ADDRESS SERVICE

REQUESTED



NOVEMBER
2024



NEWSLETTER

Website: faithspicer.org

Email: office@faithspicer.org

Address: 310 Medayto Drive, Spicer, MN 56288

Phone: 320.796.2522

Office Hours: Monday - Thursday 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

NOVEMBER HAPPENINGS:

ALL SAINTS' SUNDAY - NOVEMBER 3

All Saints' Service is Sunday, November 3 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

We had 8 kids participate in the First Communion Class in October! They will be taking communion for the first time on Sunday, November 3 at the 9:00am service - help us celebrate this awesome milestone!

FAITH & PEACE JOINT THANKSGIVING EVE WORSHIP

Join Faith and Peace members on Wednesday, November 27, for a Thanksgiving Eve Worship at Peace Lutheran Church. There will be joint music from both Faith and Peace choirs!

- Worship will be at 6:30pm at Peace
- There will be coffee and pie following worship
- Joint choir music!
- Rotates between the two churches each year!



OFFICE CLOSED - NOV. 28-29

The Faith office will be closed on Thanksgiving Day and the Friday after Thanksgiving.

A Word from Pastor Katherine: LOST AND FOUND



God has blessed all of humankind with more than enough. Yet God continually surprises us with acts of generosity and moments of compassion that reveal how all are blessed, all are claimed, and all are found in and by God.

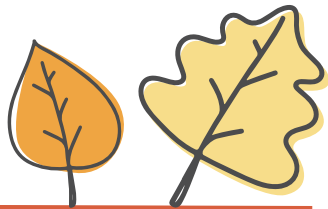
Unusually harsh one moment, unusually caring the next, Bobby was a fixture in the neighborhood around the church building. Like a bee, ever hovering, never quite landing, he kept an eye on folks living at the edge of the community. Occasionally he would land in the pastor’s office for a visit and a question. “Do you know Abbie could use some groceries?” “Could you loan me twenty dollars for a week?” “Did you know Matthew was laid off again?” “Brittany doesn’t go to church. Will you talk to her about baptizing her baby?” “Could I get a ride to the doctor?”

One winter day at the back edge of a snowstorm, Bobby walked down the middle of the street. The wind was still blowing as the pastor stopped, rolled down the car window, and said, “Hop in.” Bobby said, “No, I’m walking. But wait, I found two dollars in the street. It isn’t mine. Put it in the collection for me. Let God know it’s from me.” He pushed the two soggy bills through the car window. On another day, without thought of knocking, he walked into the pastor’s office and slapped a twenty-dollar bill on the desk. He found it, he said, while taking a shortcut behind the church. As before, he added, “It isn’t mine. Will you put it in the collection?”

Months later, still a young man, Bobby died quietly in hospice care. There was no immediate family to claim his body. Two local pastors officiated at his memorial. His girlfriend, her brother, a hospice nurse, two neighbors, and several church members recounted moments of unusual harshness and unusual caring. And then they sang “Amazing Grace.” And in a moment of quiet, one could imagine God saying, “He is mine.”

Whatever you give, give from the heart – either way, God knows.

Rev. Katherine Rood



UPCOMING ADULT FORUMS:

- November 10, 2024 - Veteran’s Day Message with Pastor Tim
- November 17, 2024 - Learn about Bethesda with Sam Quam, Vice President of Operations
 - Overview of existing facilities and new construction
 - Other services offered by Bethesda.
 - How to get signed up if interested to be on a waiting list.
 - Options for volunteering and donations.

CONGRATS TO OUR 2024 CONFIRMANDS:

- Johanna Asche
- Evelyn Barber
- Alivia Buboltz
- Eli Carlson
- Cayson Collins
- Brightyn Eisenbacher
- Mason Munkholm
- Caden Pfeifer
- Brennan Reich
- Emma Shea
- Hazel Vetsch

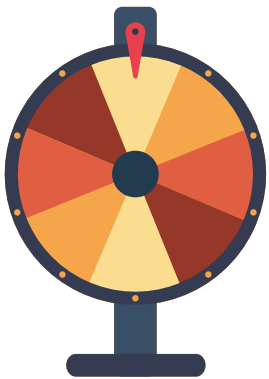


NOVEMBER MISSION OF THE MONTH: CHRISTMAS JOY - THE LINK

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), but will be collecting monetary donations for the month of November! Checks can be made out to Faith Lutheran Church.

6th - 12th GRADE EVENTS:



LYF GAME NIGHT FOR THE LINK

Our November LYF High School Youth Group event is Game Night for The Link on Wednesday November 13th @ 7:30pm at Faith Lutheran. Students will be invited to bring non-perishable items for The Link and get points for each item they bring. Students will use those points to play Gameshow and Carnival games to win points. Prizes will be awarded to the top finishers at the end of the night!

JUNIOR HIGH YOUTH GATHERING

November 22-23: 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 \$100 includes all of these activities as well as lodging, meals, and a free T-Shirt.



Faith Quilters:

November 11 & 12, November 25 & 26: Starts 9:00 am —3:00 pm

Rachel Circle Bible Study:

November 21 at 1:30 pm - Place TBD

WOMEN, WINE & THE WORD BIBLE STUDY

Thursday, November 21 @ 6:30pm | 13454 Indian Beach Rd. Spicer

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

The 2024 Lutfisk Opener was a great success!

Many were the compliments but the most important were the smiles on everyone’s faces, the laughter as acquaintances were renewed, the good work ethic from the youth participants and the requests for seconds. Together we sold 518 tickets and, including the youth, are confident that we served in excess of 550 meals and lots of seconds. What a great day. **THANK YOU!!**

Mange takk from the entire Lutfisk Team!



January 1, 2024 - September 30, 2024					
	YTD Budget	2024	2023	Difference	Compared to Budget
Income	462,061.52	406,709.25	356,880.65	49,828.60	(55,352.27)
Expense	459,970.54	467,680.72	406,563.14	61,117.58	7,710.18
Net Income	2,090.98	(60,971.47)	(49,682.49)	(11,288.98)	(63,062.45)
Mortgage Principal TTL	44,582.99	47,811.03	43,937.15	3,873.88	3,228.04
Other Income			1,470.00	(1,470.00)	0.00
Net Profit (Loss)	46,673.97	(13,160.44)	(4,275.34)	(8,885.10)	(59,834.41)

\$51,108 of income needed each month to meet our budgeted expenses.