

BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS: SUNDAY, SEPT. 14

9:00am:

- Outdoor Worship at the pergola!
- Bring your pets to worship today!!

10:00am:

- Ice-cream social!
- Sunday School starts (PreK-5th Grade)



FIRST COMMUNION CLASS

Join Pastor Tim on **Saturday, October 11 from 9:00am -12:00pm** for Faith's First Communion Class to learn all about communion! For any age (parents, if you feel like your child is ready to learn about communion and participate, all are welcome!). Parents AND children should attend. **Kids will participate in Communion on Sunday, November 2.** Scan the QR code to sign up!

SEPTEMBER MISSION OF THE MONTH: FREEZER MEALS MINISTRY PROGRAM

This is a creative ministry here at Faith Lutheran Church! Every few months, a group gets together to make 4 different delicious meals. Participants get to take home one of each of these meals for their families to enjoy back home, and extra meals are made to be given out for Faith visitation and support visits. These wonderful meals help spread God's love through food!

CHOIR REHEARSAL STARTS SEPTEMBER 3!

Hello Church! We are starting up our next choir season with rehearsal on September 3rd at 6:45pm with goodies and coffee afterwards. Our first service we will sing at this fall is Rally Sunday on Sept. 7th. All are welcome! If you're on the fence about joining, or can't commit to the entire season, you are still welcome to come sing with us!

Hope to see you there!

Katherine Ragan



WOMEN, WINE & THE WORD BIBLE STUDY

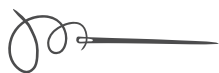
Thursday, September 25 @ 6:00pm | 3895 60th Ave NE, Willmar

Join together with some other awesome women for an evening of devotion led by Pastor Katherine and fun fellowship! Jennifer Davenport is hosting the September event!

QUILTING STARTS BACK UP FOR THE SEASON!

Sept. 8 & 9, 9:00am-3:00pm

Sept. 22 & 23, 9:00am-3:00pm



NEEDED: The quilters are in need of some help in pinning tops and bottoms together and sewing (straight lines–no experience needed). It is good fellowship, come when you can, and help in sending out God's love to those in need. Please contact Sandy George 1-847-219-3763 or Nona Oie 796-5554.

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RALLY SUNDAY!

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 7 @ 9:00AM



We will have an **OUTDOOR WORSHIP** at Faith's pergola! During the worship service, there will be:



- Blessing of the Backpacks (so make sure to bring yours!). You'll get a keychain to put on it for the year!



- Commissioning of this year's Sunday School teachers and our new Education Coordinator, Joy White!



- Presentation of 3yr old and 4th grade Bibles! (If your 4th grader hasn't received an NRSV Bible yet, this is for you!)

Following worship, we will have coffee and caramel rolls, a **BOUNCE HOUSE**, yard games, tours of the renovated kid/youth space and more!

*The Implementation Team invites you to tour our new space "Faith Commons" on Rally Sunday! We appreciate all who helped this summer to keep the project moving along! **Come and check out the new look!***

FEAST KICK-OFF: WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 10

Feast Meal at 5:15pm:

- \$7 per person/\$28 family max
- Sign up online or by scanning the QR code:

Outdoor Worship 6:00-6:30pm:

- At the outdoor pergola!
- Contemporary worship music led by our Praise Band!

Youth Education Hour 6:30-7:30pm:

- Seeds+Sprouts (PreK - 5th Grade)
- Confirmation (Grades 6-8)

Choir Rehearsal at 6:45 (starts on Sept. 3).



A WORD FROM PASTOR TIM: Reciprocal Invites

After church on Sunday, I was walking with our dog and felt someone running up behind me. As a veteran I am sensitive to my blind spots, so I turned around quickly and noticed it was one of my neighbors. I asked, “Are you alright?” Normally, when someone comes up to me urgently, it is related to life and death or a health issue. In this case, comically, he invited me to share in a fish fry at his house later in the evening! (It was walleye, so I knew I was going to be missing out.)

I appreciate the invitation so much because in our culture even if we live next door for years we do not always break into each other’s lives. I could not go to the fish fry because my parents came over on short notice and I am not one to kick them out...they live three hours away...but the invitation brings me joy.

An invitation is a sign of welcome. God invites us to share a home in our baptism. One of our upcoming texts in Luke is: *“He said also to the one who had invited him, ‘When you give a luncheon or a dinner, do not invite your friends or your brothers and sisters or your relatives or rich neighbors, in case they may invite you in return, and you would be repaid. But when you give a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, and the blind. And you will be blessed because they cannot repay you, for you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous.’”*

God’s love extends to people all over the world even to you and me! Just realize the “invite” may go both ways. Perhaps you remember Zacchaeus inviting Jesus over, or our table prayer, “Come Lord Jesus, be our guest...”

Please join us outside as we celebrate our lives together! Invite a friend!

God be with you.
Pastor Tim (12th Week after Pentecost)



NEW EDUCATION COORDINATOR!
We are SO EXCITED to welcome back Joy White to the Faith Staff as our new Education Coordinator! On Rally Sunday, we will be commissioning Joy in her new role as well as commissioning our Sunday School teachers for the year ahead!

We also say a HUGE THANK YOU to Julie Knutson for serving in this role for the past year!

MEET DEACON AMANDA!
Deacon Amanda Randall, who is called by Peace Lutheran Church, New London, will be running our joint youth ministry programs for both Peace and Faith! Deacon Amanda comes with a lot of experience, both in church ministry as well as outdoor ministry!

We are looking forward to continuing our partnership with Peace and say a big WELCOME to Deacon Amanda!



UPCOMING YOUTH EVENTS

LYF HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP: LYF will have its kick-off on Wednesday, September 17 at 7:30pm @ Peace. After that, it alternates each week between Faith & Peace.



5th QUARTER EVENTS @ Peace: For grades 6-8, join in the fun following the Varsity Football Games. There will be snacks and games before heading home at 11:00pm. **The dates this year are: Friday, September 26 and Friday, October 3**

SW MN SYNOD JUNIOR HIGH YOUTH GATHERING: November 21-22, for Grades 6-8. Our Synod Youth Gathering is one of the best off-site experiences we can offer to our Confirmation-aged students each year! More information will be coming as it becomes available from the synod!

Dear Members of Faith Lutheran Church,

“Thank You” to those who have already responded to our **“Freed to Serve”** initiative meant to pay down our mortgage! We have a healthy start in reaching the goal of \$100,000+ that will make possible the many ministry projects intended to grow our work together as we serve Christ’s Church.

Pastor Tim asked if the two of us could give \$500 each and then challenge our Church Leaders to do likewise! Great idea! How about you? Could you challenge a group of your friends and/or neighbors to match your gift? As indicated in last month’s newsletter, September 30th is fast approaching and we’re hoping to apply \$100,000+ to our loan, freeing up at least \$1,800 each month in our budget. That is \$21,600 in a year’s time! Please note, every gift, no matter its size, will make a difference. Each discipling family needs to prayerfully discern how much they will give.

Faith Lutheran is working on several projects to enhance our ministry, but leadership is also moving forward with the Calling of an Associate Pastor. These are no small aspirations, but they are totally an expression of a faith-filled congregation seeking to do God’s will! However, sustainability is critical and understanding stewardship as a way of life, is key. Just as we shop for our groceries once a week (or more), we also need to support our congregation, those we Call to serve, and the ministries we desire to have. Believing we should refresh our ministries, have a vibrant youth program, and Pastoral care when needed, is not enough. Faith Lutheran needs your financial commitment, talents, and elbow grease to help make it happen!

Being **“Freed to Serve”**, the Holy Spirit will lead us into an amazing future of bringing near the Kingdom of God for all who seek to know Christ’s love, forgiveness, and the joy of eternal life. Note: Your gift can be placed in the Offering Plate, mailed to, or dropped off at the church office. Be sure to clearly indicate that your gift is designated for **Mortgage Reduction or “Freed to Serve” Phase 1.**

Thank you in advance for your response and generosity! Be assured we are grateful for your partnership!

God’s Peace,
Rev. Katherine Rood



UPDATED SPACES AT FAITH!

We are excited to be refreshing some spaces at Faith Lutheran, including the former preschool space, Sunday School rooms and current youth room. Our vision is to create a welcoming, inviting space in all areas that will be used by people of all ages, both by Faith members and our community. Bible studies, confirmation classes, adult education, Seeds & Sprouts, community outreach, Sunday School—kids worship and class, Youth Group, and more! We’d love your help to make this happen! You can contribute to these spaces by giving a monetary gift in person or online. Or, you can purchase an item from our Amazon Wish List and these items will be sent directly to church.

If you’d like to help with projects for these spaces (painting, furniture assembly, room set up, hanging items on the walls, etc.) please sign up below and we will reach out as projects arise. **Thank you for joining us as we nurture, inspire, and share the love of Jesus!**

DONATE ONLINE:



AMAZON LIST:



SIGN UP TO HELP:



FALL ENDOWMENT APPLICATIONS

The applications for Fall Endowment Grants are now open! To learn more about the Endowment Grants available and to access the application, go to faithspicer.org - CONNECT tab or scan the QR code - deadline is Oct. 6



FALL REGISTRATION NOW OPEN!

Registrations are now open for 2025-2026 Sunday School, Seeds+Sprouts and 6th-8th Grade Confirmation! Go to our website: faithspicer.org and click on the CHILDREN/YOUTH tab to register today! Or, simply scan the QR code to be taken directly to the registration page.



6th - 8th
Grade Conf.
Registration

Sun. School/
Seeds+Sprouts
Registration



January-July 2025			
	Jul 2025	YTD Budget	Compared to Budget
Income	294,541.07	379,839.67	(85,298.60)
Expense	334,419.60	343,219.88	(8,800.28)
Net Income	(39,878.53)	36,619.79	(76,498.32)

Principal mortgage payment of \$5,208 per month not included in 2025.
Average of \$52,757 needed each month to make budget & mortgage principal.