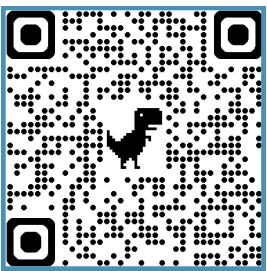


UPDATED SPACES AT FAITH!

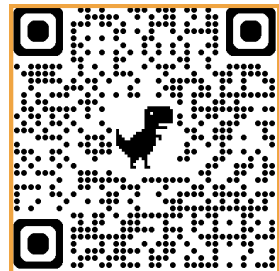
We are excited to be refreshing some spaces at Faith Lutheran, including the former preschool space, Sunday School rooms and current youth room. Our vision is to create a welcoming, inviting space in all areas that will be used by people of all ages, both by Faith members and our community. Bible studies, 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:



LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF BACKPACKS

Faith is doing another year of the LWR Backpack Program. Stop by church to grab a bag or two along with an item list - fill your bag with the designated items and **return your backpack to the Welcome Center by August 10.**

DO YOU KNIT OR CROCHET?!

Faith is in need of some more prayer shawls which are used in our Visitation and Circle of Support ministries. If you are willing to help, stop by the Welcome Center for patterns!



NIGHT GAMES @ FAITH - LAST ONE!

Join Quentin at Faith on **Wednesday, August 13th from 8pm-10pm** for the last Night Games event for the summer! This is for students who have completed grades 5-8. We'll have yard games, campfire worship, and end the night with glow stick night games. Hope to see you there, don't forget to bring a friend!

LYF CAPTURE THE GLOWSTICK

Our August event for LYF for students who have completed grades 8-12 will be Capture the Glowstick at Faith on **Wednesday August 20th from 8pm to 10pm.** Join us as we wrap up the summer in style!

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FALL 2025

SAVE
THE DATE

SUNDAY, AUGUST 31:

- Last Sunday of Summer Worship Schedule (8:30am at the GLLM Stave Chapel, 10:00am at Faith)
- Noisy Offering** for The Feast (to help keep meal prices low!)

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 3:

- Confirmation Orientation** for students and parents
 - 6th-8th grade at 6:00pm, 9th grade at 7:00pm

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 7:

- RALLY SUNDAY** - back to one worship service at Faith @ 9:00am.
 - This will be an **OUTDOOR worship** at the pergola.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 10:

- THE FEAST STARTS BACK UP**
 - Feast Meal at 5:15pm
 - Feast Worship at 6:00pm - this will be an **OUTDOOR worship.**
 - Seeds + Sprouts and 6th-8th grade Confirmation at 6:35pm
 - Choir Rehearsal at 6:45pm
 - LYF High School Group at 7:30pm

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 14:

- Blessing of the Animals** at the 9:00am Service - this will be an **OUTDOOR worship.**

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 11:

- First Communion Class** from 9:00am-12:00pm
 - For any age (if you feel like your child is ready to learn about communion & participate). Parent(s) & children should attend.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 26:

- 9th Grade Confirmation Sunday**

A WORD FROM PASTOR TIM:

“The earth is the Lord’s!”

Blessings to all of you!

As we begin to look toward fall in our planning, I want to highlight some opportunities to “invite and share” your faith. It is our hope to have some outdoor services using our pergola and new speakers on Rally Sunday, September 7th at 9:00am, The Feast Kick-Off Worship on Wednesday, September 10th at 6:30pm, and a Blessing of Animals service on September 14th at 9:00am. With help, we hope to follow up each service with fellowship time.

The fun part for me, is when we are worshipping outside, we have a simple way to “invite” and “share” with neighbors the love of Jesus. The question is, “If we are already having an outdoor service, fun and games to follow, why not invite a neighbor?” We hope to send out an invite to neighbors through the mail. As I walk around town, many people seem open to checking out our church in simple ways. They are just not sure about coming into the building. So, our proposal is to do some worship where we can be outside in God’s good creation and have fellowship afterwards.

On the first Sunday, invite folks to outdoor worship and then stay for fellowship on Rally Sunday. Let us be intentionally inviting neighbors who have Sunday School age kids.

On the second Sunday let us bless our animals and invite neighbors to join us with their animals. We are blessed with an incredible property, let us use it for the glory of God and the blessing of neighbors.

This is how we live in our mission. What a blessing to live where we live in Spicer, MN! Please join me in “inviting” and “sharing” God’s love with our community.

God’s blessings church of God!

Pastor Tim (August 2025)

~God gathers us as a family of Faith to **nurture, inspire** and **share** the love of Jesus with all people~

WE ARE HIRING!!

This fall we are looking for help in our **Education Coordinator** position. The primary work is to coordinate with our Education Committee, work on Sunday School lessons and communicate them with our Sunday School teachers, be a support to our Seeds+Sprouts Coordinator, and work with Pastor and staff on communication to our church and families. The hours would be 4 - 10 hours weekly at \$20/hour.

Please contact Pastor Tim for more information.

RACHEL BIBLE STUDY CIRCLE

August 28 at 1:30pm with Bev Tharaldson hosting. Place TBD.



Dear Members of Faith Lutheran Church,

As the gentle rhythms of summer are quickly passing, we find ourselves on the threshold of exciting new ventures. Assuredly, this is a season of giving thanks and reflecting on the blessings we have received and, of course, the joy that comes from giving in return. It is with warmth and gratitude that we are inviting each of you to join us on Faith’s journey of **“Freed to Serve.”**

Your Leadership Team is grateful for all the ways you have given of your time, talent and finances that make possible our ministry together. Our congregation has been a place of worship, community, solace, and joy. We have celebrated new beginnings, comforted one another in times of loss, and shared countless moments of laughter, prayer, and fellowship.

None of this would have been possible without YOU and your support. Through your gifts you have nurtured our ministries, maintained our church building and grounds, and ensured that our mission continues not only within the walls of our church but far beyond them. Your generosity has enabled us to:

- Offer educational programs for children, youth, and adults, nurturing faith in every generation.
- Partner with several local ministries, extending compassion to our neighbors in need.
- Enhance our sacred space, making it a warm, beautiful and welcoming home for all who enter.
- Provide pastoral care and support during times of celebration, illness, grief, and hardship.
- Engage in outreach projects and interfaith partnerships, spreading love and understanding in our community.

Stewarding all we have been given is to acknowledge that everything is a gift from God and that we are called to be faithful caretakers of God’s many blessings in our lives. The first phase of **“Freed to Serve,”** focuses on paying down our mortgage with an ingathering of financial gifts that will serve to make possible new ministries taking shape at Faith. This article is offered as an opportunity and invitation to respond with gratitude and generosity, that we may continue fostering a spirit of abundance rather than scarcity.

Our congregation is blessed with an abundance of creativity. Each person brings something irreplaceable to our shared table. Blessed to be a blessing, we thank you for helping to prepare a banquet for all who are hungering and thirsting. As we seek to follow God’s leading and vision at Faith Lutheran Church, your generosity is key. No gift is too small, and all gifts are an expression of faith in God’s provision and in the future of our community. We ask you to prayerfully consider this invitation and respond as you are able by **September 30th**. Every Offering given to our church has a ripple effect, touching lives in ways seen and unseen. Your

gift can be placed in the Offering Plate, mailed to, or dropped off at the church office. Be sure to use the envelope provided or clearly indicate that your gift is designated for **Mortgage Reduction or “Freed to Serve” phase 1.**

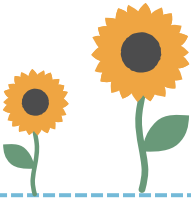
Please consider how you can be part of all that God is doing in and through us. As we embark on our stewardship emphasis, **“Freed to Serve”**, remember the words of 2 Corinthians 9:7: *“Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.”* May we be generous not just in our resources, but in our love, our service, and our commitment to God and one another.

Thank you for all you do to make our congregation a place of welcome, compassion, and faith. Together, we continue to **Nurture, Inspire,** and **Share** Christ’s love as he taught us. May God bless you richly in the remaining days of summer and always!

With gratitude and hope,

Rev. Tim Routh

Rev. Katherine Rood



AUGUST MISSION OF THE MONTH:

WILDCAT BACKPACK PROGRAM

One in four students at the New London-Spicer Schools receives free/reduced-priced school meals. Each of these students is at-risk of hunger, especially over the weekend. During the school year, each child receives a backpack of food (about 5 pounds) for the weekend. Food items are healthy, easy to open and easy to prepare. They include: two entrees, two breakfast items, two snacks, two juice boxes a treat and a fruit. Participation in the program is voluntary and confidential.

Donations of all sizes are needed to support the program: \$6 gets food for a week, \$60 for ten weeks, \$234 for the school year

January-June 2025			
	Jun 2025	YTD Budget	Compared to Budget
Income	254,972.13	325,576.88	(70,604.75)
Expense	283,380.83	294,188.51	(10,807.68)
Net Income	(28,408.70)	31,388.37	(59,797.07)

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