

TWO OPPORTUNITIES SPONSORED BY OWL CAMP:

OWL Camp is sponsoring two events in September. All are welcome to attend but need to sign up to attend through SignUp Genius ([faithspicer.org](https://www.signupgenius.com) - SIGN UP Tab) or by calling the church (796-2522) with your phone number & email so we know the number of people to expect.



BOOK STUDY

A Book Study on Theo of Golden by Allen Levi will be held on Thursday, September 17th at Faith – there are two time options to choose from: 1:30pm or 6:30pm. It is a story of giving and receiving, of seeing and being seen. It is a beautifully crafted novel about the power of creative generosity, the importance of wonder to a purposeful life, and the invisible threads of kindness that bind us to one another. You can purchase a book (about \$15 paperback), borrow one from the public library or there are several copies available in the Welcome Center to borrow.

ST. JOHN'S BIBLE EXHIBIT TRIP

A visit to the St John's Bible exhibit is planned for Thursday, September 3rd. There will be a presentation by the curator of the exhibit and time to spend exploring the original Bible. There will be an opportunity following the presentation to visit the St. John's Abbey, as well as an opportunity to join the monks for a prayer service. To keep costs down we will carpool from Faith Church to Collegeville (about a 55 minute drive) at 8:15am to leave by 8:30am to make the 9:30-11:30am presentation. More information to follow if you sign up.



FAMILY HISTORY GROUP

Do you have drawers full of photos and family papers? There's a story waiting to be told – yours. Learn simple ways to organize your family history and turn it into something meaningful to share.

This group meets monthly on the second Tuesday at 10:00am in Room 120 of Faith Commons. **Upcoming Date: Tuesday, Aug. 11 at 10:00am.**



MONTHLY FOOT CARE CLINIC

Is it getting harder to bend and reach your toes? Do you have thick toenails that are hard to cut? The Foot Care Clinic is for you! Sign up online or by calling the church office. The clinic will be run by licensed nurses from Bethesda Home Care. Cost is \$20/person. This will be the first Thursday of Month, 1:00-3:00pm. **Upcoming Dates:** Thursday, August 6 (one spot left or sign up for waitlist!) and Thurs., Sept. 3.



RACHEL BIBLE STUDY CIRCLE

August 27 at 1:30pm at the home of Sandy George. Phyllis Jacobson is leading this month's Bible Study.

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SUNDAY, AUGUST 30:

- **NOISY OFFERING** for The Feast (to help keep meal prices low!)
- **THE OWL BAND** is leading our music at the 8:30am Chapel Service

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 6

- Last Sunday of our Summer Worship Schedule

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 9:

- **CONFIRMATION ORIENTATION** for students and parents
 - 6th-8th grade at 6:00pm, 9th grade at 7:00pm
- Choir rehearsal begins

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 13:

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

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 16:

- **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 6:30pm
 - Choir Rehearsal at 6:45pm

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 20:

- **BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS** at the 9:00am Service - this will be an **OUTDOOR worship**.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 10:

- **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 25:

- **9TH GRADE CONFIRMATION SUNDAY**

A WORD FROM PASTOR TIM: AUGUST HEAT

Greetings to all!

I have spent multiple summers in hot places like Iraq, Fort Jackson SC, and Fort Leonard Wood MO. The former was a dry heat. Sadaam had drained the marshy area leading to the Persian Gulf leaving behind a parched and cracked land. My base was close by. It was hot enough for a person to get in trouble quickly with heat exhaustion. The latter two Army bases could get hot not only with temperature but with humidity like we are experiencing now. If we had to get to firing ranges for a training exercise, we would just leave in the middle of the night. It was better not to travel in the heat of the day.

God bless everyone who is working in the heat of the day! May you find moments of rest with shade and water!

*O Lord, you are my God;
I will exalt you; I will praise your name,
for you have done wonderful things,
plans formed of old, faithful and sure.
For you have been a refuge to the poor,
a refuge to the needy in their distress,
a shelter from the rainstorm and a shade from the heat. (Is. 25:1,4)*



As a note, following our semi-annual meeting we have begun the process of posting our job description. If you would like to review it, please check out our website!

Blessings to you!

Pastor Tim
(August 2026)



COME MINGLE & DINE AT THE GIVING OVEN! WOODFIRED PIZZA EVERY WEDNESDAY IN AUGUST!

Join your neighbors for wood-fired pizza that is prepared and served by community volunteers! You can eat the pizza on site or take it home with you. Proceeds support the non-profits and youth organizations that help make the pizzas each night.

The 2026 Summer Schedule includes the following Wednesdays:

- August 5 - Hosting: Youth Hockey & The Link
- August 12 - Hosting: NLS Football & United Methodist Church
 - Musical Group Playing on August 12: Faith OWL Band!
- August 19 - Hosting: NLS Trap Team & Spicer Lions
- August 26 - Hosting: Cub Scouts & Family Promise

The online ordering window for a particular Wednesday date will be open from the Sunday before the event at noon to that Wednesday afternoon at noon.

A WORD FROM PASTOR KATHERINE

Matthew 14:13-21

Feeding the 5000 (only the men were counted but Matthew added there were also many women and children present) – so goes the story of which you are likely very familiar. Jesus has just heard that his forerunner, John the Baptizer, has been executed by order of Herod Antipas and seeks some alone time, crossing the Sea of Galilee. But a multitude has followed him, even beating him to the other side, where he continues healing and caring for those in need. Then evening approaches.

His disciples tell him to send the crowds away so they can get food from the surrounding villages on their way home, but Jesus tells them, “You give them something to eat.”

“Good one, Jesus, we have 5 loaves and a few fishes. What is that among so many?” they respond. He tells them, “Bring them to me.” And they do. Ordering the people to be seated, Jesus looks to heaven, blesses the meager food supply and tells the disciples to distribute the food. And they do! Everyone eats until they are “FULL” and then the disciples are ordered to collect the leftovers – 12 baskets full!!

It is a miracle! This passage in Matthew tells readers a good deal about Jesus, the priorities of his ministry, his reputation and appeal, his connection to John the Baptizer, and the sociopolitical climate of his time and place. However, beyond simply marveling over a miracle of abundant sustenance, we also get a better sense of what it means to be a follower of Jesus.

Fulfilling his commission to promote obedience to his way (Matthew 28:20) requires us to make mercy, healing, empowering, and feeding, as central to our efforts as they were to Jesus’s. He knows enlisting others in the toil and joy of offering food to people who are hungry is transformative. As the disciples distribute the food, looking into hopeful and delighted eyes as they move from one hungry body to the next, a miracle of another sort takes place. The abundant life of God in Christ is undeniably poured out for the good of all, with twelve baskets of plentitude collected afterward like a divine exclamation point!

In, with, and through Christ, God provides whatever is necessary, and more, to accomplish God’s good and perfect will, every time, whatever the mission! Tonight’s meal, the disciples learned, isn’t descending from the heavens (like manna and quail); the feast is being passed around by human hands. Indeed, “The place God calls you to is the place where your deep gladness and the world’s deep hunger meet.” (Frederick Buechner). The same is also true as God calls churches into action. Trusting God as we address the sheer volume of human need and discern the mission field where God has planted us, will always outweighs other concerns. It’s the most essential piece of Christian ministry.

I delight in our partnership to labor together as a community of faith in Christ’s mission field, wherever the Holy Spirit may lead us!

God’s Peace,
Rev. Katherine Rood



NOISY OFFERING - AUGUST 30

Collect your coins for our next Noisy Offering on Sunday, August 30! **Proceeds collected will all go towards the FEAST MEAL,** which allows us to keep the Feast Meal prices low for our families. Help us support this amazing ministry on Wednesday evenings!



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 16.**



BACKPACK BLESSING & BIBLE MILESTONES

On Rally Sunday, we will again be doing our Backpack Blessing as well as our Bible Milestones. We encourage all kids, youth and adults who have a backpack or school bag to bring it along for a blessing for the school-year ahead! We will be giving Bibles to our 3 year-olds and 4th graders!



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 2026			
	Jun 2025	YTD Budget	Compared to Budget
Income	\$277,729.56	316,855.56	(39,126.00)
Expense	265,258.22	298,047.30	(32,789.08)
Net Income	12,471.34	18,808.26	(6,336.92)

*Average of \$52,745 needed each month to make budget & mortgage principal.
Due to Other Funds \$18,592*