



Living with God  
in the Wilderness

## OWL CAMP 2025

**IT'S BACK FOR YEAR 2!!** OWL (Older, Wiser, Learners) Camp is happening again this year on **May 5-7 from 8:30-11:30am**. The theme this year is: "Holy Whole: Living with God in the Wilderness".

Registration is available online at [faithspicer.org](http://faithspicer.org) or stop by the Welcome Center to pick up a paper copy.

**Registrations are due by April 30.**

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## REGISTER FOR SUMMER CAMP AT GLLM

All Faith kids who are attending 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, and Faith will send the money to GLLM when we receive the list of kids from Faith attending camp. Additional scholarships are also available for those who need it, simply contact the church office.

**Peace & Faith's Onsite Day Camp is Mon. July 28 - Thurs. July 31.**  
**Pre-K VBS will be from 8:30-11:00am on those same dates.**

## FIRST COMMUNION WORKSHOP AT CAMP

**March 15, 9:00am-4:30pm** | Green Lake Bible Camp | ~~\$85 per kid~~ **FREE!**

This is a great option for any kids who couldn't make it to the Fall First Communion Event at Faith. Pastor Tim is planning to attend with the Faith kids who go, and the instruction will be similar to our class in the Fall.

**Registration deadline is March 5.** [Register at gllm.org/youth-retreats.html](http://gllm.org/youth-retreats.html)

## MARCH MISSION OF THE MONTH: THE LINK FOOD PANTRY

**No one should go hungry. No one.** That's why The Link Board decided to open a Food Pantry in New London to "fill the gap" left when the Willmar Area Food Shelf closed its New London location in August 2016. Since then, The Link has experienced a steady stream of people from the community requesting food.

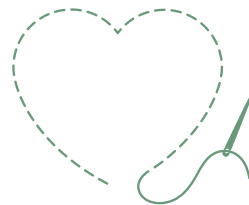
**The demand for food has nearly tripled in the last year and WE NEED YOUR HELP!!!** With the increased cost of food, your neighbors in need are having to decide if they pay for food or pay for other living expenses (like rent, utilities and medical bills). Please consider giving today!

## QUILTING

March 10 & 11, March 24 & 25, 9:00am-3:00pm

## RACHEL CIRCLE BIBLE STUDY

Thursday, March 27 - location TBD



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NEWSLETTER

**Website:** [faithspicer.org](http://faithspicer.org)

**Email:** [office@faithspicer.org](mailto: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.

## Look inside for more information about:



## LENT 2025:

The theme this year is:  
The Masks of God

## 2025 OWL Camp:

Holy Whole: Living  
with God in the  
Wilderness



## \*NEW\* SUNRISE EASTER SERVICE

We are adding a  
third Easter service  
this year at 7:00am!





## A WORD FROM PASTOR TIM: Lenten Masking

God be with you!

The season of Lent traditionally has an emphasis on catechesis, (the learning and reflecting on the chief tenants of our faith in preparation for baptism). It also has had an emphasis on fasting, prayer, and almsgiving individually in preparation for Holy Week. This learning and piety were meant to make us sensitive to God’s work in the world – God’s love for humanity – and the power of Jesus’ death and resurrection for us. It is a compressed time with an incredible outcome of reframing our lives toward God and with hope toward the future.

This year I am inviting you to join us for a Lenten series called: “The Masks of God.” The series tests the limits of our knowledge of God and our wanting to “pierce” behind the veil of God’s work. This includes where God is in suffering or when we feel abandoned. The key question asked is “Where is God now?” And the key verse is from Isaiah 45:15, “Truly, you are a God who hides himself, O God of Israel, the Savior.”

Join me to listen deeply to God’s Word and be transformed in our thinking about God!

Pastor Timothy W. Routh  
March 2025

PS: Please check out Pastor Katherine’s great “Do Lent Generously” calendar as a daily Lenten gift to us. PT

## A WORD FROM PASTOR KATHERINE



**Greetings!**  
Lent is nearly here, and busy disciples are working hard behind the scenes to facilitate a meaningful journey for our congregation and online community. This year’s Midweek series will help us go deeper in our faith, understanding, and response to the Christ Event. Pastor Tim will share more about this in his message to you.

Between the Parish Arts Committee and resident artists, we are delighted to share that a new Triptych (3 piece mural) will be revealed on Easter Sunday. Thank you to our creative team that faithfully attends to the Worship enhancements artfully displayed both inside and outside the church in EVERY season!

Lent is a time for reflection, self-examination, and recommitting our lives to the Way of Christ. The Practice of Lent invites us to prayer, almsgiving, acts of kindness. We have created a Lenten Calendar that invites the congregation to accept the challenge of **40 Acts “Do Lent Generously”**. Each day, a suggestion is made on the calendar for you, your family, or a group of friends to accomplish together or by yourself. **40 Acts** is paired with the 40 days of Lent, Sundays don’t count, so that every member of our congregation can potentially accomplish 40 acts of service! Wouldn’t that be amazing?!

The Lenten Calendar includes many different opportunities, but among the many noteworthy items, mention is made of a “Special” Family Offering for Easter Sunday. Include everyone in the act of giving! Make a conscious effort to focus and learn more about the discipline of stewardship and share with your family or group. On Easter Sunday your “Special” Family Offering will be received and bless the ministries of our vibrant congregation.

We look forward to sharing this holy time with all of you; let’s make this a Lent to be remembered!

God’s Peace,  
Rev. Katherine Rood

## EASTER SERVICES 2025

This year, Easter takes place on Sunday, April 20 and Faith will have the following services:

- **\*NEW\* 7:00am Sunrise Service** (~30 minutes) at the Outdoor Worship space
- **9:00am Easter Service** in the Faith Sanctuary
- **10:30am Easter Service** in the Faith Sanctuary



| January 31, 2025 |            |             |             |            |                    |
|------------------|------------|-------------|-------------|------------|--------------------|
|                  | YTD Budget | 2025        | 2024        | Difference | Compared to Budget |
| Income           | 54,262.93  | 31,385.92   | 40,523.70   | (9,137.78) | (22,877.01)        |
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| Net Income       | 5,231.27   | (19,304.23) | (13,988.06) | (5,316.17) | (24,535.50)        |
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Principal mortgage payment of \$5208 per month not included in 2025.

## UPCOMING YOUTH EVENTS

### Rescheduled Ski Trip:

Our President's Day Ski Trip had to be rescheduled to **Saturday March 8th** due to the frigid temperatures. New forms are available at the Welcome Center for anyone wishing to sign up for the rescheduled trip. All students and friends are welcome, even if you didn't sign up for the original trip. See Quentin with any questions.

### LYF Bunco Night @ Faith:

Our March event for LYF, our shared high school youth group, will be Bunco Night at Faith on **Wednesday March 12th @ 7:30pm**. Our theme this year is Hawaiian, and all **students in grades 9-12** are welcome to play for FABULOUS prizes!

### Survivor Lock-In @ Peace:

Our annual high school lock-in at Peace will be on **Friday & Saturday March 14th-15th**, starting at 6pm on Friday for **grades 9-12**. Registration forms are available at the Welcome Center. The night will include a Survivor gameshow experience, taco bar supper, and end with board games and a movie, followed by breakfast in the morning. The cost is \$40 and includes meals, snacks, and breakfast.

### Sr. High Youth Gathering:

Registration is open for our Sr. High Youth Gathering on **April 4th-5th** in Redwood Falls, MN under theme "Faith over Fear" for students in **grades 9-12**. The gathering includes many of the same things as the Jr. High Youth Gathering- large group worships, snacks, nightlife, and great speakers as well as more time for service projects and small group bible studies. The cost is \$80 and covers transportation, meals, lodging at a hotel, and the event fee. Registrations forms are at the Welcome Center.