



Immediately [Jesus] made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead to the other side, while he dismissed the crowds. And after he had dismissed the crowds, he went up the mountain by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, but by this time the boat, battered by the waves, was far from the land, for the wind was against them. And early in the morning he came walking toward them on the sea. But when the disciples saw him walking on the sea, they were terrified, saying, "It is a ghost!" And they cried out in fear. But immediately Jesus spoke to them and said, "Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid." Peter answered him, "Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water." He said, "Come." So Peter got out of the boat, started walking on the water, and came toward Jesus. But when he noticed the strong wind, he became frightened, and beginning to sink, he cried out, "Lord, save me!" Jesus immediately reached out his hand and caught him, saying to him, "You of little faith, why did you doubt?" When they got into the boat, the wind ceased. And those in the boat worshiped him, saying, "Truly you are the Son of God."

(Matthew 14:22-33)

I am sure we are all familiar with this well-known scene of Jesus walking on the water, and Peter attempting to do the same. For most of us today, if we imagine trying to walk along the surface of a body of water, the law of gravity might come to mind and, unless we're talking about February in Minnesota, it's just not possible.

But gravity wasn't what came to the minds of the disciples as they saw their Lord walking across the water to them. It wasn't that Jesus was defying gravity, but that he was so in command of the water, he could walk across it.

In biblical times, the sea represented the very forces of chaos -- barely kept at bay by the grace of God, but constantly threatening all the same. In ancient religions that worshiped multiple gods, the god of the sea was also the god of chaos, and understandably so. Oceans are inconceivably massive and have sunk thousands of ships, many far bigger than our church building. The sea essentially controls the weather, producing hurricanes and tsunamis that have all but completely wiped out entire communities of civilization. The ocean is true chaos, and we humans -- even with our history and our knowledge and all of our technological advancements -- we are powerless to control the sea. But God can. God has the power to control even this most massive, chaotic piece of nature.

And if Jesus was there with the disciples on the stormy sea, immediately calming their fears that they were seeing a ghost, and immediately reaching out to pull Peter to safety when he began to sink, then surely Jesus is also with us in our own chaos and storms of life; and not just there with us, but rescuing us when we begin to sink. Thanks be to our saving, life-giving God.

~Pastor Seyward



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Updates in your family?

Please notify the church office of any recent changes including your preferred contact phone and e-mail to office@faithspicer.org or call Joy White at 796.2522.



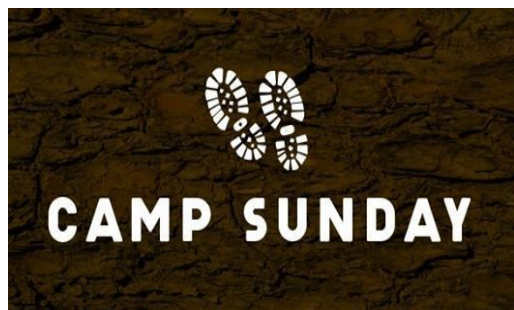
- ⇒ Thank you for your support! 2019 was an exciting year with the addition of Marge Erickson as volunteer coordinator and James Lucas as the Children, Youth, and Family Ministry Director. We are excited about your continued support to gather as a family of Faith to nurture, inspire, and share the love of Jesus with all people!
- ⇒ Thank you to those who provided feedback about Praise and Play summer programming. Based on the feedback received, summer programming is no longer being pursued.
- ⇒ The summer worship schedule, including location and time, is being reviewed to optimize worship opportunities. Stay tuned...

Equipping Congregations Day

Saturday, February 29

9:00am-3:00pm

Please consider joining us for this annual event that our Southwest Minnesota Synod provides. People from congregations across our synod will gather at Bethel and Vinje in Willmar from 9:00am-3:00pm for a day of keynote speakers and a variety of workshops geared toward all kinds of church people: council members, Sunday school teachers, Confirmation small group leaders, youth directors, worship leaders, and congregation members -- in other words, anyone who participates in church in any way! Lunch and a light breakfast is included. We would love to have a good representation from Faith. Please talk to Pastor Seyward or Pastor Todd if you are interested!



Sunday, February 9

8:30am & 10:35am

Wear your camping clothes! We will take a special offering for Bible Camp Scholarships - watch for the special offering envelopes in your bulletins.

Monthly Numbers

Mission Plan for 2019: \$702,110

Year to date, as of December 31:

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|------------------------|---|--------------------|
| Offering Received | = | \$767,712.50 |
| Actual Expenses | = | \$769,260.42 |
| Excess Expenses | = | -\$1,547.92 |





The Feast

Wednesdays at Faith

Meal

5:15pm-5:50pm

Worship

6:00pm-6:30pm

Education/Service Project

6:35pm-7:35pm

Faith After Hours

7:35pm

Choir Rehearsal

Welcome to Wednesdays at Faith!

Join us on Wednesday evenings for a meal, worship and a different education class each month. Don't forget to sign up for your meal in advance by going to our website faithspicer.org and click on the SIGN UP tab at the top.

- ⇒ Cost is \$5 a meal or \$20 family maximum.
- ⇒ Pay the night of meal.
- ⇒ Buy 9 meals get 1 free w/prepaid punch card.
- ⇒ \$45 per person or \$180 per family.

February Adult Education

February 5 - Transform your Habits: Build Good Habits & Break Bad Ones

This class will be led by Sherri Klaers. **Here are some of the topics within the class:** Science of Habit Change, Identity Based Habits, How to Start Your New Habit, How to Fit New Habits into Your Life, How to Get Back on Track, How to Break a Bad Habit, How to Slowly Eliminate Bad Habits, Where to Go from Here, What Does the Bible Say About Habits, Why are Christian Practices Important?

February 12 & 19 - Diving Deeper

Join us as we dive deeper into the scripture and theme from worship. This is meant to be a relaxed, casual conversation where we can further explore what we heard in the message each night, and how we can apply it to our daily lives.

Education/Service Project (6:35pm-7:35pm)

February 5

- ⇒ Seeds & Sprouts
- ⇒ Confirmation Class
- ⇒ Adult Education - Diving Deeper into Scripture
- ⇒ Adult Education - Transform Your Habits

February 12

- ⇒ Seeds & Sprouts
- ⇒ Confirmation Class
- ⇒ Adult Education - Diving Deeper into Scripture

February 19

- ⇒ Seeds & Sprouts
- ⇒ Confirmation Class
- ⇒ Adult Education - Diving Deeper into Scripture

February 26

ASH Wednesday Worship

12:00pm & 6:00pm

Confirmation students meet mentors after 6pm worship.

February Menu

Please sign up online or at the Welcome Center

- February 5 - Tater tot hotdish, jello salad w/fruit
- February 12 - Chili w/garlic toast, tossed salad
- February 19 - Chicken noodle hotdish, coleslaw
- February 26 - Build a burrito w/white rice, black beans

Blood Pressure Checks



Get yours checked for free!
Sunday, February 2
Between services.
Room #112.



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Let's Meet!

Property Team

Wednesday, February 5
6:35pm

Council

Thursday, February 13
6:00pm

Weekly Faith Bible Study

Thursdays @ 9:30am

Weekly Men's Bible Study

Saturdays @ 9:00am

Bi-Weekly Men's Bible Study

2nd & 4th Tuesdays @ 6:30am

Our Church Family

The following members have been listed in our Prayer Concerns during the month of January :

Marcia Quale
Jody Kamholz
Elaine Ford
Jaden Hanson
Gwen Steffen
Kathy Quam
Gene Adams
Dick Ford
Lily Debner
Marlys Jacobson
Esther Lunz
Nona Oie
Anitra Loe and family
Jeff Johnson and family
Sheryl Johnson and family
Joan Wicklund and family

Deaths

Duane Loe - December 31

Ongoing Opportunities

Guys on the Go

2nd & 4th Tuesdays
6:30am

Morning Men's Bible Study will be held on every 2nd and 4th Tuesday from 6:30am-7:30am at Faith. This study will use the Moravian Daily Texts to lead us into studying the scripture. This is a great "on the way to work" opportunity to enjoy a light breakfast, coffee, and discussion of how God's Word might shape our day. Please let Pastor Todd know if you would like to participate in this study or just show up!

February dates are: February 11 & 25 in the Fireside Room.

Forecaster Submissions Due

Saturday, February 15

Tuesday's Table

Tuesday, February 18
Join us for this free community meal right here at Faith from 6pm-6:30pm! Beat the winter blues and enjoy a warm tasty meal along with some friends. Everyone is welcome.
Seniors, families, singles - anyone who doesn't feel like cooking!

Women's Bible Study Circles

Esther Bible Study Circle
Wednesday, February 19 @ 9:30am at Wanda Seidler's.

Rachel Bible Study Circle
Thursday, February 27 @ 1:30pm at Phyllis Jacobson's.

We use the "Gather Magazine" from Augsburg Publishing for our studies. Check your weekly worship bulletins for updates or changes of locations. All women of Faith Lutheran Church are invited to join one of the Bible Study Circles. For more info contact Nona Oie at 796-5554.

Hobby Night

Friday, February 21
Join us at 6:30pm. Bring your supplies, a friend, some snacks/beverage and plan to spend some time visiting and crafting! Call Sonya Erickson for more information at 444.1134. Everyone is welcome. See you here Faith!

Faith Merchandise



Want to show off your home church?

Pick up a Faith t-shirt!

Located at the Welcome Center.

Just \$10 Adults & \$8 for Kids.

Or purchase a new travel mug for just \$15!





FAT Tuesday Pancake Dinner

**Tuesday, February 25
5:00pm-6:30pm**

Bring an empty belly to Faith's Fat Tuesday Pancake Supper for some delicious pancakes and sausage! This supper is a great chance for you and your family to help our youth fundraise for fun church events and summer trips!

Youth from 6th-12th grade sign up to work at the FAT Tuesday Pancake Supper. Money you earn is added to your youth account and can pay for Camp, Youth Gatherings, Summer trips and other events!

**Advanced tickets can be purchased
at the Welcome Center.**

Adults: \$10

Children: \$7

Kids (3 and under): Eat Free

Faith On Tap

Thursday, February 20 - 6:30pm

Adult members of Faith are invited to join us for a lively conversation engaging Faith and Life over a nice cold beer.

We will gather Thursday Evening, February 20 at 6:30pm at Goat Ridge Brewery in New London. If you have any questions about Faith on Tap or have a topic you would like to discuss please contact Pastor Todd at toddn@faithspicer.org.



Ash Wednesday Noon Service

In addition to our traditional Ash Wednesday evening service, Faith will also observe an Ash Wednesday service at noon. **We invite you to join us for a service of Imposition of Ashes and Holy Communion at either the 12:00pm or 6:00pm service.**

Winter Weather Alerts



Faith Lutheran Church follows the NL-5 school district closing for our activities. This includes preschool, Confirmation and the church office.

Check for cancellations on Q102.5 FM radio's Operation Snow Desk, look on www.yourq102.com or check our Facebook page.



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Interested in becoming a member at Faith?

Join us for our Faith 101 class! This three-week course is designed for people wanting to learn more about our church community and the ministries and programs we offer. **The next set of classes will meet on February 9th, 16th, and 23rd from 9:45-10:30am in the Fireside Room, with new members joining on February 23rd during the 10:35am worship service.** Everyone interested in learning more about our church is welcome to attend! Please contact Pastor Seyward with any questions.

Women Wine & the Word

Friday, February 28

7:00pm

Have you heard?! We have a new women's bible study: Women, Wine & the Word! Once a month we gather in someone's home to enjoy appetizers, wine (or a beverage of your choosing), fellowship, and a discussion-based bible study. Our February WW&W will take place at Heidi Paulson's home: 260-57th Ave. NE, Willmar. Pastor Seyward will facilitate the bible study. Please RSVP to Pastor Seyward or respond on our Faith's Facebook event.



Seeing The Cross

During the season of Lent which begins on Ash Wednesday, February 26 we will take a look at the many different ways in which the world and the scriptures view the cross. For some, the cross is an object of humiliation, for others, it is a place of refuge, and still, for others, it is a sign of love. We will explore all of the varied meanings of the cross as we gather for Worship on Sunday mornings and Wednesday evenings. During our Feast Worship on Wednesdays, you will be invited to participate in a time of prayers around the cross, where we will set aside intentional time for reflection and meditation at the foot of the cross.

Adding to our worship will begin a congregational art project where we will create our own mosaic crosses that will be hung on our sanctuary windows. We are looking for donations of colorful and textured fabric to assist us with this project. If you can donate fabric, please label it "Seeing the Cross" and drop it off at the Welcome Center. We are also looking for individuals to lend us fabric scissors in order to cut the various patterns for our crosses.

Seeing The Cross Worship Schedule

Wednesdays

Feb 26 Ash Wednesday

Seeing the Cross as Reconciliation

Mar 4

Seeing the Cross As Healing

Mar 11

Seeing the Cross As Level Ground

Mar 18

Seeing the Cross As Foolishness and Wisdom

Mar 25

Seeing the Cross As Discipleship

Apr 1

Seeing the Cross As Humiliation

Sundays

Mar 1

Seeing the Cross as Curse

Mar 8

Seeing the Cross As Love

Mar 15

Seeing the Cross As Refuge

Mar 22

Seeing the Cross As Comfort

Mar 29

Seeing the Cross As Life

Apr 5 Palm Sunday

Seeing the Cross As Burden Bearing

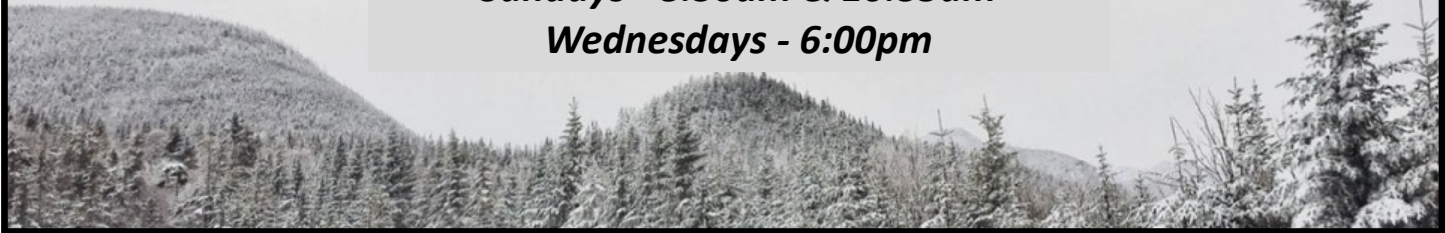




COME WORSHIP WITH US

Sundays - 8:30am & 10:35am

Wednesdays - 6:00pm



ASH Wednesday

February 26

12:00pm & 6:00pm

Lent Worship

March 4 - April 1

Wednesdays at 6:00pm



Palm Sunday Cantata

Rehearsals for a Palm Sunday Cantata will begin on Wednesday, February 26 following the Ash Wednesday Service around 7pm. This is open to everyone in the congregation who likes to sing – no previous experience necessary. Six weeks of rehearsals, two Palm Sunday performances and its done. If you don't have time to sing with the choir regularly, here's a chance for a shorter commitment. Come and join us!

Bluegrass Sunday

There will be Bluegrass Worship on Sunday, February 23 at both services - 8:30am & 10:35am.

Chancel Choir Sings

The Faith Chancel Choir will sing on Sunday, February 9 and with the bluegrass band on February 23 at both the 8:30am & 10:35am worship services.

February Scriptures

February 2 - Micah 6:1-8, 1 Corinthians 1:18-31, Matthew 5:1-12
February 9 - Isaiah 58:1-9, 1 Corinthians 2:1-12 (13-16), Matthew 5:13-20
February 16 - Deuteronomy 30:15-20, 1 Corinthians 3:1-9, Matthew 5:21-37
February 23 - Exodus 24:12-18, 2 Peter 1:16-21, Matthew 17:1-9

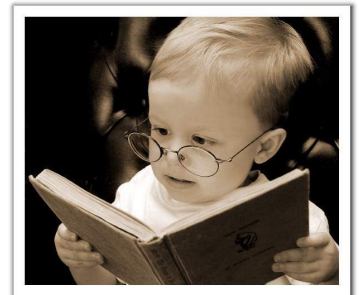
Volunteer's Needed

DON'T FORGET we continue to need worship assistants including Welcome Center Volunteers between services. To sign up go to our website: faithspicer.org and use our sign up tab. It will give you different areas in which you can volunteer. If you have questions please contact the church office for help. Please consider signing up.



Story Time in the Nursery!

Do you have a child who is too young to attend Sunday school? Join us for **Story Time in the Nursery!** Every Sunday morning at 9:45am kids and parents are invited to come to the Faith Nursery to enjoy a song and a story together. This is a great opportunity for parents to meet one another and spend time with their little ones. Please check out this new ministry!



Special Office Hours
Friday, February 21
8:00am-12:00pm



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Praise + Play Preschool - February 2020

Praise + Play had a fun time in January spending time on winter fun but indoors! We had a frozen lake set up for ice fishing and hockey with pool noodles as our hockey sticks! Check out the photos. Then we spent the last two weeks on cultural diversity. We had all kinds of food from around the world in our play kitchen from sushi to tacos to pizza to Lefsa and stir fry plus of course hot dogs and hamburgers.

February we are going to work on healthy bodies as well as kindness and sharing our love.



We went on our first green bus field trip Tuesday, January 21 going to the Village Children's Museum in Willmar. Special thanks to our bus driver Grandpa John Scheevel. February 12 we are heading to the New London bakery for a tour and decorating valentine cookies.



After considering all the survey responses the council and Praise + Play have decided not to offer summer preschool or school age summer camp at this time. Thanks to all of you who took the time to respond to the survey!



**No Preschool
February 17 & 18**

If you are interested in signing your child up please fill out the registration form found on our website: faithspicer.org - go to the education tab - scroll to preschool.

Please include a **non-refundable check for \$35**, payable to: Praise + Play Preschool.
And return to: Praise + Play Preschool, Faith Lutheran Church, 310 Medayto Dr., Spicer, MN 56288



Children, Youth & Family



SUNDAY SCHOOL

Check Out

What Sunday School Kids Are Learning!

February 2 - "The Beatitudes"

February 9 - "Salt & Light"

February 16 - "Pajamas, Popcorn & Movie Day"

February 24 - "Cross-Generational Coffee Hour"

March 1 - "The First Sin"

All Children welcome! Haven't been to Sunday School yet this year? No problem! Start anytime!

Contact James Lucas at education@faithspicer.org to get started!

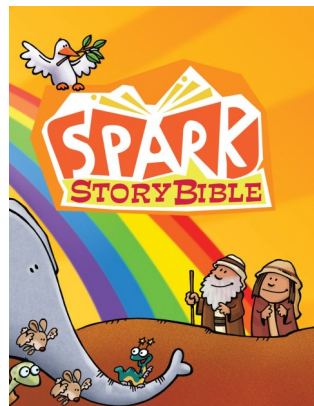
Caterpillar Students

Receive Bibles

Sunday, February 2

10:35am

Sunday, February 2 we ask parents of the Caterpillar class (3 year olds) to attend Sunday School with their child at 9:30am. After Sunday School at the 10:35am Worship service, all Caterpillar children will receive a Spark Story Bible!



Please RSVP to James Lucas with your child's correct spelling of his/her name and if you will be able to attend Worship to receive your child's Bible.

James Lucas: education@faithspicer.org

Wednesdays at Faith - 6:35pm

Faith Seeds & Sprouts!

WELCOME COLLIN!

Seeds and Sprouts would like to welcome Collin Magner as our new Adult Leader for Seeds & Sprouts!



This is our Wednesday night ministry for preschool through 5th grade led by Collin Magner. We invite these children so parents have an opportunity to attend the adult education opportunity that night. We will study the Bible together, talk through our weeks, and discuss how we see God in the world around us. There are also games and crafts, and we end our time together by praying, usually led by the kids!

February 5th, 12th and 19th.

****Parents - we ask that if you plan on sending your kiddos to one of these groups that you please stay in the building. Thank you!** And don't forget to join us for our 5:15pm dinner as well! But make sure to sign up by Tuesday the week of at faithspicer.org - click on the tab

Sunday School Sings

Sunday, March 8

10:35am



Parents - please make sure your kiddos are here!
Thank you!

Children's Ministry Team Meeting

Sunday, February 23 - 10:30am

Have ideas for our preschool through 5th Grade? Want to help our Children's ministry grow? Come to our CMT meeting!

If you have youth related questions please contact our Children, Youth and Family Ministry Director - James Lucas at: education@faithspicer.org





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Wednesdays

February 5, 12 & 19 - 6:00pm

February 26 - Ash Wednesday Worship 6:00pm

February 5 - "Old & New Testament"

February 12 - "Understanding God"

February 19 - "Evangelism"

February 26 - Meet Your Mentor Night

Students will meet their mentors right after worship and be done by 7:30pm.

March 4 - Meet w/Lent mentor

Students will go to worship at 6pm with their mentor and have a guided discussion led by James or Pastor from 6:30-7:30pm in fellowship hall with mentors. This continues through Lent.



FEBRUARY SKI TRIP!

Saturday, February 8

Costs: \$19 per ticket
\$15 ski/snowboarding rental
\$5 helmet rental

Meet at Faith - Ride the Faith Bus.
Families can drive separately.
Need at least 15 people.

Contact James at education@faithspicer.org or 796.2522 to sign up.



Youth Group Schedule

Sunday, February 23

4pm to 6pm



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Youth Ministry Team Meeting

Wednesday, February 19

7:30pm

Have some new ideas?

Want to make our Youth ministry grow?

Come to our YMT meetings!

Youth Ministry includes - 6th Grade - 12th Grade



WINTER WEATHER ALERTS

Faith's office and confirmation schedules follow the NL-S school calendar. If school at NL-S is let out early or canceled our office will close and all after school activities will be canceled.

Check for cancelations on Q102.5 FM radio's Operation Snow Desk or look on www.yourq102.com OR **check out our Facebook page.**



Teal's MARKET

We received another big check from Teal's this last month totaling \$332! Continue bringing in those receipts please. Each month we add them up, turn them in and then receive 1% of the total! All the money we receive goes to help pay for our free community meal called Tuesday's Table. Thank you for your continued support!



The Community Closet Corner by Kay

We enjoy sharing our building space with The Link and their Revive & Redeem Thrift Shop. Thank you to our volunteers, our customers, those who have donated clothing, and our supportive community. In total, The Community Closet gave \$16,462.75 to various non-profit organizations. Of this amount, The Link received \$2,721.75. This ministry has indeed been blessed and it is our desire to be a blessing to our community and beyond! We look forward to 2020!

The Link and the Community Closet are working more closely to give you two shops in one stop.

Hours of Revive & Redeem Thrift Shop and Community Closet are:

Thursday: 10 am – 3 pm

Friday: 10 am – 3 pm

Saturday: 9 am – 1 pm



The 2020 Minnesota FoodShare Campaign is March 1— April 12. Please help fill The Link's Food Pantry during this time. All food items and monetary funds donated are greatly appreciated.

The Link orders food from Second Harvest so that every \$1 donated can be used to purchase \$10 worth of food.



Got Shoes?

Faith now has a shoe collection box. The Spicer Sunrise Lions are collecting shoes for distribution to needy people around the world. The Lions will accept any footwear you'd care to donate: New shoes, old shoes, adult shoes, children's shoes, boots (and yes, even old ski boots and high heels!). Shoes that cannot be used for footwear are ground up and used as roadbed material in third world countries. We'll take 'em all!





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Property Report



It is a bit of a breezy day today as I write this article for the first time in 2020. With the breeze comes drifting snow but your volunteer team is hard at it making sure the sidewalks are clear. Be patient, walk carefully and thank them as you go about your day. Better yet, grab a shovel and pitch in if you are able. Thanks to everyone who helps make the facility inviting and run smoothly. Things don't get done without you. That goes for the entire life of the church. So what is going on this month besides the every present snow and ice. Scott Guptill has touched up and painted the area behind the choir where things are stored. Please be careful when moving items in and out of that area. The final LED parking lot lights are being made. We have been working diligently on the budget for the coming year. The Property Team believes firmly that there needs to be additional dollars set aside for larger scale repairs such as parking lot crack sealing, power equipment depreciation, rubber roof repairs and yes even ongoing maintenance. Just as you cannot defer oil changes on your automobile you cannot also defer maintenance on the church facility. More details on this will occur in the Annual Report so look for that as well. Lastly one thing that we are discussing is a power walk behind broom for clearing sidewalks. Works quickly for narrow areas but more importantly it gets all the snow off. We are working on arranging a demonstration to see how well they actually work since they are expensive. Please read your annual report and ask questions about the budget. Thanks!

Jeff Johnson - Interim Property Manager

New Director - It is exciting to announce a new Director for Family Promise of Kandiyohi County, Kelsey Vosika. Kelsey started at the end of December, and has been very busy getting oriented, and helping new families enter the program.



Hosting - Faith just completed a week of hosting in January, and we provided shelter, food, and transportation to 3 families experiencing homelessness. Thank you to everyone who volunteered! We are always looking to increase our number of volunteers ... just contact me Lynn Dwyer at: dwyerl@charter.net. In 2020, we will host again April 5-12, August 9-15, and December 27-January 3, 2021. You get to choose the dates you are available to volunteer, using Sign-Up Genius.

Financial support - Family Promise of Kandiyohi County is conducting an annual fundraising campaign this winter. If you wish to make a financial contribution, donation envelopes are in the brochure holder on the wall outside the Welcome Center. You may also use those envelopes to sign up for a recurring donation from your checking account.

Thank You

Thank you for the gift of the Wal-Mart Gift Card.
Amy Suckstorff and Gina Grussing

Thank you for the poinsettia plants at Christmas time.
Jim Werner and Dick Ford

Thank you for your thoughtful donation of the 11 beautifully made quilts which will be given to Rice Hospice patients. We greatly appreciate your thoughtfulness and your support of the Rice Hospice Program.
Mary Beth Potter - Rice Hospice Director



January 2020 Updates

After the busy holiday season, the staff has finally been able to settle in here at The Link and figure out exactly what kind of impact was made to local families throughout 2019. Looking back at the past year, it is humbling to see all of the generous donations and volunteer support that have made it possible to serve those who need it the most. We thought now would be a great time to share some numbers with YOU, The Link, so that you can see just how your support has made a difference to so many in the community.



Food Pantry

The Food Pantry is growing and it's getting difficult to keep the shelves full!

In 2018, The Link distributed 30,085 pounds of food to 589 families. And now, in 2019, The Link distributed over 43,000 pounds of food to 804 households, which included 1,281 adults, 791 children and 179 seniors.

2019 brought in 13,304 pounds or 6.65 tons of donated food from generous individuals, families, churches, businesses and the NL-S School District.

Household Exchange, Christmas Joy and Holiday Food Baskets

Between Christmas Joy, Holiday Food Baskets and the Household Exchange program, The Link served 85 families in need, helping with everything from Christmas gifts and extra holiday food to the essentials to help get them back on their feet.

Wildcat Backpack Program

The Wildcat Backpack program continues to provide 95 students each week with extra food for the weekend. In 2019 3,658 backpacks were packed!

Client Services and Outreach

In 2019, The Link provided resources and/or financial support to help stabilize 204 local families experiencing hardship.

YOU are the Link!

We are so very thankful to everyone who has provided support financially, prayerfully and by volunteering. In 2019, The Link's amazing volunteers put in a combined 605 hours to help The Link live out its' mission! We are excited to see what 2020 brings!

Tuesday's Table

February Schedule

Serving from 6:00-6:30pm

February 4: Our Lady of the Lakes Catholic Church

February 11: Evangelical Covenant Church

February 18: Faith Lutheran Church

February 25: Peace Lutheran Church

Household Exchange & Food Pantry Hours

Tuesday: 9am-3pm

Wednesday: 2pm - 5pm

Thursday: 9am-3pm

Revive + Redeem

Boutique | Thrift Hours

Tuesday: 10am-3pm

Thursday: 10am-3pm

Saturday: 9am-1pm

Stock the Pantry

Key food items: Milk, eggs, bread, cereal, canned fruits & vegetables, noodles and sauce, peanut butter, jelly and tuna. Please contact Chasity at 354.5555 to make a donation of food.

The Link

P.O. Box 823

New London, MN 56273

Telephone: 320.354.5555 or 320.354.5465

Physical address: 206 Main St. N, New London

Monthly Giving Opportunities:

The Link makes monthly giving a convenient option for our donors. You can set up online giving through The Link's website at www.youarethelink.org or directly through your bank. Please contact Chasity at 320-354-5465 or email her at director@youarethelink.org for more information.

February 2020 Bible Study

“We are Called!”

Jesus invites us all to take up the cross and follow him!

Session 2 - Disciples of Christ

Theme Verses: Mark and Acts

Dates to remember:

Quilting

February 10 & 11 - 9:00am-3:00pm

Esther Bible Study Circle

February 19 @ 9:30am - At Wanda Seidler's.

Celebrate Bold Women's Day

February 23

Rachel Bible Study Circle

February 27 @ 1:30pm at Phyllis Jacobson's.

Quilting

February 24 & 25 - 9:00am-3:00pm

The mission project for the SWMN WELCA Convention is Personal Care Kits - Can we make a few up by May 2?

Everyone is invited to join in our Bible Studies, mission projects as quilting, layettes, school backpacks. For more information contact Nona Oie at 796-5554.

BOLD WOMEN'S DAY

Quoting from Pastor Todd's children sermon on Sunday, January 5 TA DAH!!!!!! HERE I AM!!! Letting ourselves to be a reflection of Jesus' love for everyone - shining through us as we are Bold in letting his love shine in helping, serving, building, working, fellowship, teaching, etc. in whatever capabilities we have. Let his love continue to shine through us. TA Dah!!

Worship Attendance

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| November 27 & December 1 | 328 |
| December 4 & 8 | 328 |
| December 11 & 15 | 334 |
| December 18 & 22 | 347 |
| December 29 | 342 |

- 1) Dianna Erickson, Brian Fredrick, Kira Grotelueschen, Riley Lorensen, Lois Meyer, Patrick Rolighed
- 2) Bev Bahr, Kendra Spillman
- 3) Dean Anfinson, Bonnie Dutchak, Chelsea Eckhoff, Abby Reich, Craig Shuck, Aliza Strand
- 4) Jodi Chastek, Gary Hanson, Eddie Hauer, Paulette Lien
- 5) Gabriel Hoffman, Thurston Jorgenson, Lyndsey Paffrath-Bice, Brian Paulson
- 6) Palmer Dalton, Austin Holden, Brian McComb
- 7) Jessica Madsen
- 8) Joan Espelien, Isaac Jemielita, Collins Kershner, Annie Larson
- 9) Jackie Condon, Darlene Lind, Riley Nelson
- 10) Doris Fossen, Kareen Hayden, Jessica Jacobsen, Greta Torison
- 11) Janet Novak, Jake Rooney, Lisa Sampson
- 12) Mari Kooiman, Shari May, Collin Peterson, Claire Verch
- 13) Colton Anfinson, Archer Brown, Lilly Doty, Joshua Proehl, Kyle Quinn, Caleb Reich, Brandon Shuck, Joel Steffensen
- 14) Rylee Bice, Loni Bultman, Lynda Manselle, Karen Peters, Sandy Radel, Gary Ruter, Phyllis Tompt
- 15) Lyndsey Buboltz, Jacob Pederson, Lori Reich
- 16) David Spears
- 17) Lacey Ninow
- 18) Aaron Halvorson, Ethan Haugen, Aaron Peterson, Mackenzie Wagner
- 19)
- 20) Vanessa Henjum, Diane Hoffman, Charlie Peterson, Watson Peterson, Matthew Robnik
- 21) Josh Boone, Tom Lenz
- 22) Miclaryn Mandery, Diane Minke, Jean Paris, David Schmiedeker, Lindsay Sukalski
- 23) Jessica Eichhorst, Claire Fries, Blaine Goracke, Lolly Jammeh, Blake Shuck, Maurice Thompson
- 24) Mitchell Knight, Patty Kruger, Mark Lundberg, Todd Malchow, Jeremy Pavlicek
- 25) Lachlan Smith
- 26) Harper Hoffman, Averi Prentice, Garmon Tipka
- 27) Paul Carlson, Kerin Christiansen, Kyndal Collins, Hadley Olness
- 28) Heather DeSchepper, Mylo Gjerde, Hayden Klebe, Ron Peterson, Joann Skaalrud, Roger Wig
- 29) Jarl Borresen

Upcoming Special Offerings

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| February: | Camp scholarships |
| March: | MN Food Share Month challenge |
| April: | Family Promise |
| May: | Youth service trips scholarships |

February

| SUNDAY | MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY | SATURDAY |
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| | | | | | | 1 8am-4pm Piano Festival 9am Bible Study |
| 2 8:30am Worship 9:30am Sunday School/Coffee Hour/Blood Pressure Checks 10:35am Worship - 3yr old Bibles 2:30pm Piano Recital Opportunity to Serve Cards | 3 7:30am-5:30pm Preschool 10:30am Staff | 4 7:30am-5:30pm Preschool 6pm-6:30pm Tuesday's Table @ Our Lady of the Lakes Catholic | 5 7:30am-5:30pm Preschool 9am Women's Bible Study 5:15pm-5:50pm Meal 6pm-6:30pm Worship 6:35pm Education 6:35pm Property Team Meeting 7:35pm - Choir | 6 7:30am-5:30pm Preschool 9:30am Bible Study 10:40 Preschool Chapel 3:30pm-9pm Just For Kix | 7 7:30am-5:30pm Preschool | 8 9am Bible Study Youth Ski Trip |
| 9 Camp Sunday Special Offering - Camp Scholarships 8:30am Worship 9:30am Sunday School/Coffee Hour 9:45am New Member Orientation 10:35am Worship | 10 7:30am-5:30pm Preschool 9am-3pm Quilting 10:30am Staff 7pm Caregiver Meeting | 11 6:30am Guys on the Go Bible Study 7:30am-5:30pm Preschool 9am-3pm Quilting 6pm-6:30pm Tuesday's Table @ Evangelical Covenant Church | 12 7:30am-5:30pm Preschool 9am Women's Bible Study 5:15pm-5:50pm Meal 6pm-6:30pm Worship 6:35pm Education 7:35pm - Choir | 13 7:30am-5:30pm Preschool 9:30am Bible Study 10:40 Preschool Chapel 3:30pm-9pm Just For Kix 6pm Council | 14 7:30am-5:30pm Preschool | 15 9am Bible Study 1pm Confirmation Retreat Leaves |
| 16 8:30am Worship 9:30am Sunday School/Coffee Hour 9:45am New Member Orientation 10:35am Worship | 17 Church Closed 3pm Confirmation Retreat Returns | 18 6pm-6:30pm Tuesday's Table @ Faith | 19 7:30am-5:30pm Preschool 9am Women's Bible Study 9:30am Esther Circle @ Wanda Seidler's 5:15pm-5:50pm Meal 6pm-6:30pm Worship 6:35pm Education 7:35pm - Choir & YMT Meeting | 20 7:30am-5:30pm Preschool 9:30am Bible Study 10am-2pm Synod Youth Ministry Meeting 10:40 Preschool Chapel 3:30pm-9pm Just For Kix 6:30pm Faith on Tap at Goat Ridge Brewery | 21 7:30am-5:30pm Preschool 8am-12pm Office Hours 6:30pm Hobby Night | 22 9am Bible Study |
| 23 8:30am Worship 9:30am Sunday School/Coffee Hour 9:45am New Member Orientation 10:30am CMT Meeting 10:35am New Member Welcome Worship | 24 7:30am-5:30pm Preschool 9am-3pm Quilting 10:30am Staff | 25 6:30am Guys on the Go Bible Study 7:30am-5:30pm Preschool 9am-3pm Quilting 5pm-6:30pm Pancake Dinner Fundraiser 6pm-6:30pm Tuesday's Table @ Peace Lutheran | 26 7:30am-5:30pm Preschool 9am Women's Bible Study 12pm Ash Wednesday Worship 5:15pm-5:50pm Meal 6pm Ash Wednesday Worship 7pm Confirmation Students/Mentors Meet 7pm - Choir | 27 7:30am-5:30pm Preschool 9:30am Bible Study 1:30pm Rachel Circle @ Phyllis Jacobson's 3:30pm-9pm Just For Kix | 28 7:30am-5:30pm Preschool 7pm WWW @ Heidi Paulson's | 29 9am Bible Study 9am-3pm Equipping Congregations Day |

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At Faith Lutheran Church
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Sunday at 8:30am & 10:35am
Education Hour at 9:30am

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Saturday at 6:00pm
Sunday at 8:30am
At Faith — Sunday at 10:00am

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