



Although it is only February, the season of Lent will be here before we know it. This congregation is filled with talented people of all kinds, and we want to utilize some of your talents! During Wednesdays in Lent, we will be hearing dramatic readings of various characters from the Bible who were present during Jesus' ministry. We are looking for individuals who are willing to read these monologues during worship - no costumes or memorizing required! This is a creative way to be more involved in worship. If you are interested in participating or would like to learn more, please contact me!

~ Pastor Seyward

*For surely I know the plans I have for you, says the Lord, plans for your welfare and not for harm, to give you a future with hope.*  
- Jeremiah 29:11

My January newsletter concluded. "Thank you for your ongoing prayers for the Holy Spirit to guide and lead us. May our plans be in sync with God's plan. May our Creator God give us a future with hope."

The season of Epiphany allows Christians the opportunity to reflect upon the working of the Holy Spirit in their diverse communities. Perhaps you would like to do some reading of the Apostle Paul's words in I Corinthians 12, 13, 15 and 2 Corinthians 3:12-4:2 during February. Before Lent arrives in March, we can be reflecting upon the gifts that the Holy Spirit stirs to life in individuals and in communities. For instance, from chapter Twelve. 12:4 Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; 12:7 To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. 12:11 All these are activated by one and the same Spirit, who allots to each one individually just as the Spirit chooses.

I want to encourage you to be a person of prayer. We don't know the name of a person who is wondering what it would be like to serve with the good folks of Faith in Spicer. We can still pray for the Holy Spirit to guide the process that brings newcomers who have complementary skill-sets that fit well with the gifts of the staff here. Pray for Pastor Seyward as she discerns and claims afresh her best gifts as she leans into the role of Acting Lead Pastor. Pray for other congregations also experiencing a chapter of transition in their lives. Faith is just one of many congregations in the SW MN Synod experiencing an interim period. We pray for others too.

Finally, anticipate that the Holy Spirit is already drawing you and your gifts into our life together at Faith. We are a family of folks nurtured, inspired and called to share Jesus love with all people. Come Holy Spirit, inspire us...each and every one.

Yes, come Holy Spirit, fall afresh on us.

~ Interim Gary

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### Sunday Sweets with Quentin

*after Worship in the Youth Room from 10am-11am*

**Grades 6-8**

**Tentatively:**  
Feb. 6th, Mar. 6th & 20th



**JOIN QUENTIN FOR A SWEET TREAT, SHORT DEVOTIONAL, AND SOME FUN AND GAMES!**  
**\*Confirmation Points awarded for attendance\***

#### Worship Schedule Sundays:

9 a.m. Worship  
10 a.m. Fellowship  
10 a.m. Sunday School

#### Wednesdays "The Feast":

5:15 p.m. Meal  
6 p.m. Worship  
6:35 p.m. Educational Opportunities  
7:39 p.m. HS Youth Group at Peace Lutheran in New London

#### *Please pray for...*

~ *Lila Burmeister*  
~ *Sharon Johnson*  
~ *Emily Tolvstad, sister of Heidi Paulson*  
~ *Nathan Saetveit*

Find our worship services on our YouTube channel, [faithspicer.org](http://faithspicer.org), or Facebook page



# Children & Youth



Sunday school kids will be singing in church Sunday, February 27th!

We are beginning the transformation of a **lending library** in our gathering area. This is open for families to take books and movies home. Continue to watch for new items and updates as we complete this new area!



# Youth

## High School Youth Group:

Faith students in grades 9-12 are invited to join Quentin at Peace Lutheran in their Youth Room each Wednesday evening at 7:39pm. 9<sup>th</sup> grade students can grab a ride from Quentin every other week when he is at Faith, and then be picked up at Peace. In the future, we will discuss meeting at a neutral space or create a rotating schedule of where to meet. Friends are always welcome!

## High School Youth Retreat:

This is for students in grades 9-12 from both Faith and Peace. We will be going on a Retreat on Saturday and Sunday February 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> to the Mall of America, and lodging at a church in the Twin Cities. We will leave Saturday morning and return Sunday afternoon. The purpose for this retreat is to vision and brainstorm ideas for a combined High School Youth Group for Faith and Peace, and have a little fun doing so. The cost is \$85 and covers everything (including a game of Laser Tag at Tactical Urban Combat) but lunch on Saturday. Registration Forms can be found at the Welcome Center. Contact Quentin [youth@faithspicer.org](mailto:youth@faithspicer.org) or by cell (call/text) at (320) 293-0568 with any questions.

# Opportunities

Faith's Circle of Support will be having a grief support group beginning Thursday, February 3rd at 6 p.m. in the Conversation Corner. It will run for 4 weeks initially with Brenda Weise as the facilitator. If you are interested, please contact the church office.



**JOIN US FOR**  
*Women, Wine and the Word*  
Rescheduled date:  
*Thursday,*  
*February 24th, 2022*  
*6:30pm*

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*Abby Zylstra's Home*  
*8746 Riverwood Cir*  
*New London*

## Become A Member



### Interested in becoming a member at Faith?

Join us for Faith 101! This class 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 27th & March 6th in the Fireside Room. New members will be officially welcomed on March 13th during worship at 9 a.m.

Everyone interested in learning more about our church is welcome to attend! Please contact Pastor Seyward with any questions.

Mission of the Month February:



*Camp Scholarships*

# Looking Ahead...

Stick me on your fridge so you don't miss anything!

2/8 & 2/9	9 a.m. - 3 p.m.	Quilting
2/17	6 p.m.	Council Mtg.
2/18	6:30 p.m.	Hobby Night in the Fireside Rm
2/22 & 2/23	9 a.m. - 3 p.m.	Quilting
2/24	6:30 p.m.	Women, Wine, and the Word
2/27	9 a.m. 10 a.m.	Sunday School sings during worship Faith 101: New Member Class in the Fireside Rm (second class 3/6)
Sundays	9 a.m. 10 a.m. 10 a.m.	Worship Sunday School Fellowship
Mondays	9:30 a.m.	Faith Staff Mtg.
Wednesdays	5:15 p.m. 6 p.m. 6:35 p.m. 7:39 p.m.	Meal Worship Educational Opportunities HS Youth Group at Peace Lutheran
Thursdays	9:30 a.m. 6 p.m.	Bible Study in the Fireside Rm Grief Support Group in the Conversation Corner
Saturdays	9 a.m.	Men's Bible Study

Pastor Stephen Cook from our Synod office will be joining us on **Sunday, February 20th**. He will preach and also lead a forum after worship to talk to us more about the call process and our time of transition at Faith. Please join us!



January 1 -December 31, 2021			
	YTD Budget	2021	2020
Income	591,574.43	567,429.55	563,791.52
Expense	589,574.43	571,471.07	641,870.59
Net Income	2,000.00	-4,041.52	-78,079.07
Mortgage Principal TTL		52,177.34	54,643.26
Inner Fund Transfer/Grant		\$18,246.71	\$76,469.31
Net Profit (Loss)	<b>\$2,000.00</b>	<b>\$66,382.53</b>	<b>\$53,033.50</b>