



*“As the rain and the snow come down from heaven, and do not return to it without watering the earth and making it bud and flourish, so that it yields seed for the sower and bread for the eater, so is my word that goes out from my mouth: It will not return to me empty, but will accomplish what I desire and achieve the purpose for which I sent it.” Isaiah 55:10-11*

It is the New Year! There is snow on the ground, the lakes are frozen and winter has set in here in West Central Minnesota. Sometimes when we are blowing snow or complaining about the cold, we need to remind ourselves that there is a purpose for such things. Underneath the snow creation rests and when it does melt, and it will, the soil will soak up the water and share it with the grass of the fields, the trees of the woods, and provide refreshment for the animals which awake from their hibernation. It will happen just as it should.

God has expectations of how things should be. In Isaiah, God reminds us that there is an expectation that the Word of God, which flows from God’s own mouth, will accomplish and achieve the purpose for which it is sent. That is what makes God’s Word a living Word. It is proclaimed, taught, sung, painted, shared and lived, and it accomplishes the many purposes for which God sends it. This living Word is powerful, it builds up, encourages, comforts, soothes, celebrates, corrects, guides, breaks down barriers, warns, blesses, and brings good news. This is just a partial list of what God’s Word does in the world and in the life of God’s good creation.

So, if this Word of God, this living Word, packs so much potential, isn’t it an incredible thing that God would give it to us? Think for a moment, that God’s powerful Word, is placed upon our lips and in our hearts, and it flows out of us in such incredibly beautiful and creative ways. And in our sharing of his Word in worship, in teaching, in our daily interactions and relationships with others, God’s Word accomplishes so many purposes.

As people of faith, we are encouraged to share this living Word. We are invited to learn it, to love it, and to live it. We are called and invited to bring God’s living Word into God’s living world where people are eagerly waiting to hear its Good News. We all can play a part in what the living Word can and does accomplish. We can do this by first, letting the Word of God dwell within us. Open your Bibles, read and listen to what God is saying about his love for you and for the world. Search the scriptures with friends and neighbors in a Bible study, discuss and share with one another what God’s living Word means to you. Then share God’s Word, engage in faith conversations, offer God’s Word of comfort, hope and peace to a struggling friend or neighbor. And live out the promise of God’s living Word, as you are gracious, forgiving and merciful to others. Remember, that God’s Word will never return empty, it will accomplish all that God proposes!

See you in worship,  
Pastor Todd



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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.



**All In At Faith**

**Sunday - January 26, 2020**

**Worship Services 8:30am & 10:35am**

**Annual Meeting - Sunday School Large Group Activity**

**9:30am**

*Join us for coffee and rolls as we go over our 2020 Mission Plan.*



- Thank you to Louise and Carter Stenberg who hosted the Church Council for the December potluck and meeting. Discussion around meeting our Mission Plan for 2019 was favorable, and if the trend continues through December, we will finish the year strong.
- The family of George Couleur has given Faith a gift of \$22,095. According to our major gift policy, 10% of this gift goes to benevolence. The council voted to give that amount to Green Lake Lutheran Ministries. 40% of the gift will be deposited in our General Endowment Fund to be distributed according to the parameters of the Endowment Fund. The remaining 50% can be distributed as the council determines. We are seeking input from the congregation on this distribution. A current need is for extra help with Seeds and Sprouts on Wednesday evenings. We voted to fund that, not to exceed \$1,000 through May. Another suggestion was to use a portion of the gift to enhance our music program, possibly purchasing a small set of handbells. If you have suggestions, please talk to one of the pastors, or one of the members of the council.
- Praise and Play Preschool is looking at the option of offering a summer program for preschool and school-age children. If you would like to offer your input, please complete the survey on the Faith Lutheran Church or Praise and Play Preschool Facebook page or the website, faithspicer.org.

**Monthly Numbers**

**Mission Plan for 2019: \$702,110**

Year to date, as of November 30:

|                        |   |                     |
|------------------------|---|---------------------|
| Offering Received      | = | \$631,226.60        |
| Actual Expenses        | = | \$646,619.29        |
| <b>Excess Expenses</b> | = | <b>-\$15,392.69</b> |





# 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](http://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.

### January 8 - Adult Ed - Vision Board Class

New year New you! Kick "resolutions" and create a vision board. Learn how to create meaningful goals around work, family, finances, health and fun. This Feast adult education class will be offered on Wednesday, January 8 at 6:35 p.m. and led by Molly Olson and Heidi Jamma. If you have extra magazines, please bring them to share. All other materials provided. A \$5 donation for materials encouraged but not required.

### January 15 - Adult Ed - Instant Pot 101 Class

Join us for The Feast's adult education class on Wednesday, January 15 at 6:35 p.m. to learn some tips and tricks for maximizing the use of your Instant Pot! Or, come check it out if you are considering getting one. Heather Thompson will be leading the class. She's definitely not a professional chef, but is so crazy about instant pot cooking that she owns two of them! It's helped her to streamline cooking for her family.

### January 22 - Adult Ed - Craft Night

Project to be determined. Stay tuned.

### January 29 & 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?

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

### January 8

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

### January 15

- ⇒ Seeds & Sprouts
- ⇒ Confirmation Class
- ⇒ Adult Education - Diving Deeper into Scripture
- ⇒ Adult Education - Instant Pot 101 Class

### January 22

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

### January 29

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

## January Menu

### Please sign up online or at the Welcome Center

January 8 - Goulash, creamy fruit salad & roll  
January 15 - Turkey Commercial, mixed veggie  
January 22 - BBQ Pork on bun, chicken wild rice soup  
January 29 - Meatball dinner, mashed potato, veggie



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## Let's Meet!

### **Property Team**

Wednesday, January 8

6:35pm

### **Council**

Thursday, January 9

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 December:

Marcia Quale

Jody Kamholz

Elaine Ford

Jaden Hanson

Gwen Steffen

Kathy Quam

Gene Adams

Dick Ford

Lily Debner

## Marriages

Miranda Tebben & Shawn Johnson

November 30

## Blood Pressure Checks

Sunday, January 5

Office #112 - 9:30am

# Ongoing Opportunities

### **Guys on the Go**

2nd & 4th Tuesdays

6:30am

**Morning Men's Bible Study** will be held on every 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> 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!

**January dates are: January 14 & 28 in the Fireside Room.**

### **Hobby Night**

Friday, January 10

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!

### **Forecaster Submissions Due**

Wednesday, January 15

### **Faith On Tap**

Thursday, January 16 - 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, January 16 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](mailto:toddn@faithspicer.org).

### **Women's Bible Study Circles**

Esther Bible Study Circle

Wednesday, January 15 @ 9:30am at Iris Johnson's.

Rachel Bible Study Circle

Will not meet in January.

# 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!**





## Save the Date!

### Baptism Festival Brunch

Sunday, January 12

On Sunday, January 12, we celebrate the Baptism of our Lord, and what better way to celebrate than with a brunch! All families who had baptisms in 2018 and 2019 are invited.

The brunch will begin at 9:35am at Faith with egg bake as the main dish. Those with baptisms in 2019 are simply asked to attend, and those who had baptisms in 2018 are asked to bring a side dish to share (muffins, fruit, juice, etc.). A more detailed letter will be sent out to participating families.



## Baptism Orientation

Sunday, January 19 - 9:45am  
Wednesday, January 22 - 6:35pm

If you are planning a baptism this winter or spring, please register ASAP for this important opportunity to learn more about the sacrament of baptism, meet other parents, and get to know your congregational sponsors. Contact the church office to sign up; child care is available.



## Tuesday's Table

Tuesday, January 21  
6:00pm - 6:30pm

Join us for this free community meal right here at Faith! 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! Here is a typical monthly schedule:  
**January 7:** Our Lady of the Lakes Catholic Church  
**January 14:** Evangelical Covenant Church  
**January 21:** Faith Lutheran Church  
**January 28:** Peace Lutheran Church

## GIVE BLOOD!

Tuesday, January 28  
1:00pm-7:00pm

Faith Lutheran will be hosting a Red Cross Blood Drive in January! One person's blood can help up to 6 people! It is so easy and truly makes a difference.

**Call Carter or Louise Stenberg at 320.894.0935 to make your appointment.**



Save lives.  
Give Blood.

## Winter Weather Alerts



Faith Lutheran Church follows the NL-S 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](http://www.yourq102.com) or check our Facebook page.



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## Women Wine & the Word

Tuesday, January 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 January WW&W will take place at Erin Hoffman's home: 9102 Riverwood Circle - New London. Pastor Seyward will facilitate the bible study. Please RSVP to Pastor Seyward or respond on our Faith's Facebook event.

## Women Wine & the Word

Friday, February 28

7:00pm

Plan now for our February WW&W. Our host will be Heidi Paulson: 260-57th Ave. NE, Willmar. Please RSVP to Pastor Seyward or respond on our Faith's Facebook event.



**NEW MEMBER  
ORIENTATION**

## 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.

## Adult Boundary Waters Trip Interest Meetings

Pastor Todd would like to find out the level of interest in a canoe trip for Adults to the Boundary Waters Wilderness Canoe Area. **Two interest meetings will be held: Wednesday, January 8 at 6:35pm and Sunday, January 12 at 9:45am.** If you cannot attend these meetings but are interested in the trip, please speak to Pastor Todd.





# COME WORSHIP WITH US

**Sundays - 8:30am & 10:35am**

**Wednesdays - 6:00pm**

## Special Offering Sunday, January 5 Tuesday's Table

Tuesday's Table is a monthly meal served by four different area congregations: Our Lady of the Lakes Catholic Church of Spicer, Evangelical Covenant Church of New London, Faith Lutheran Church and Peace Lutheran Church of New London. It happens each Tuesday from 6pm-6:30pm. It's meant to gather our community together and not just enjoy a free meal but to enjoy each other's company, and perhaps make a few new friends along the way! Everyone is welcome to join in the meal at any of the locations. Just come!

If you are looking for a volunteer opportunity there are plenty to be had. Check out our monthly Opportunity to Serve Cards. They are typically in your bulletins on the 2nd Sunday of each month.

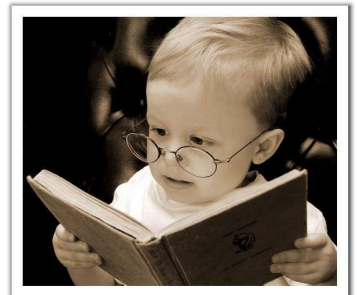
**If you would like to donate towards our monthly dinner please use the special offering envelope provided in your bulletins during our January 5 Worship service.**



## 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!



## Help make Worship Happen

**DON'T FORGET** we continue to need worship assistants including Welcome Center Volunteers between services. To sign up go to our website: [faithspicer.org](http://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.

## Altar Flowers

Would you like to help decorate our sanctuary for worship services? You can order flowers for our altar in honor of or in memory of a loved one anytime, or provide them just because. Just sign up on our flower chart by the church office.



## January Scriptures

January 5—Jeremiah 31:7-14, Ephesians 1:3-14, John 1:(1-9)10-18  
January 12—Isaiah 42:1-9, Acts 10:34-43, Matthew 3:13-17  
January 19—Isaiah 49:1-7, 1 Corinthians 1:1-9, John 1:29-42  
January 26—Isaiah 9:1-4, 1 Corinthians 1:10-18, Matthew 4:12-23



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## Praise + Play Preschool - January 2020

**Praise + Play Preschool is ready for an exciting new year 2020!**

**We have a new Preschool Aide: Pam Fox, from Atwater.**

Pam has experience at head start and then recently at Playhouse Childcare at St. Cloud State University.

The Advent season saw so much excitement at preschool. On our final week before Christmas we added a video to our Facebook page of our children singing songs of praise. Check it out!

Licensing is going to be making their annual visit soon so Miss Patsy has been busy making sure everything is in tiptop shape which it always is. They will be helping us with more details of what is needed if we add summer care for preschoolers and school-age summer camp.

Our January theme is about Winter Fun. We have a pretend frozen lake to skate on as well as ice fishing.

Our bird feeder is an active spot, many children spend time watching the coming and going of birds, squirrels, chipmunks, bunnies as well as seeing deer tracks. Our windows offer us a beautiful winter wonderland and nature observatory.

### Interested in Summer Care?

Praise + Play upon approval and encouragement from the church council is looking at possibly going year round and also adding school age summer camp. The congregation should have received the survey a few weeks ago via your email (if you have one). It is also on Faith's Facebook page along with your weekly Faith Happenings email you receive. If you have children we would really appreciate it if you could spare a minute or two to take the survey. It is very short. Thank you so much! And please pass the word along about the survey.

**Here is the link:** [https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1SZQYwE6hd3rXcz\\_ur0bLe9n2puQ8FBCPxlaP19ZZMq0/edit](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1SZQYwE6hd3rXcz_ur0bLe9n2puQ8FBCPxlaP19ZZMq0/edit)



If you are interested in signing your child up please fill out the registration form found on our website: [faithspicer.org](http://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



**What a cute Christmas Program!**  
These kids sure know how to put on a show!  
Thank you to all those that helped make this happen. And thank you to all who attended!  
If you missed it -  
plan on attending next year's performance.



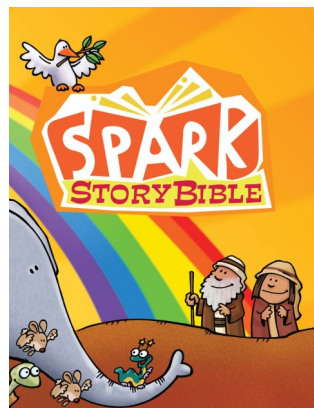
## SUNDAY SCHOOL

### Check Out What Sunday School Kids Are Learning!

January 5 - Welcome Back Activity  
January 12 - "Jesus Baptism"  
January 19 - "Lamb of God"  
January 26 - Large Group Activity

### 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](mailto:education@faithspicer.org)

### Children's Ministry Team Meeting Sunday, January 19 - 10:30am

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

### Wednesdays at Faith - 6:35pm Faith Seeds & Sprouts!

Seeds and Sprouts is a Wednesday night ministry for preschool through 5th grade led by High School Youth. 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!

**January dates: 8th, 15th, 22nd, 29th**

**\*\*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](http://faithspicer.org) - click on the tab that says Sign Up.





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**Confirmation Resumes**  
Wednesday, January 8 - 6:00pm



**High School**  
**LOCK-IN**

**High School Lock In**

Friday, January 24 - 6pm thru  
Saturday, January 25 - 11am.

Hosted by Faith

Staffed by Green Lake Lutheran Ministries

This event is totally free to Faith Youth! Contact James Lucas to sign up: [education@faithspicer.org](mailto:education@faithspicer.org)



**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](mailto:education@faithspicer.org) or 796.2522 to sign up.

**SMALL  
GROUP  
LEADERS  
MEETING**

Youth Ministry Team/Small Group Leaders Meet  
Wednesday, January 29 - 7:30pm

Have some new ideas? Want to make our Youth Ministry grow? Come to our YMT meetings! Youth Ministry includes grades 6-12.



**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](http://www.yourq102.com) OR **check out our Facebook page.**



# Confirmation Kids SHOP



December 4 our Confirmation Students and Small Group Leaders all headed out to Target for some Christmas shopping. Gifts were purchased for 23 people whose names were provided by the Link. Each small group was given 3 index cards with the age, boy/girl, and things they like - dinosaurs - unicorns - lotions, etc. Our students had such a great time picking out specific gifts for these anonymous individuals. They were allotted \$50 for each person. The money came from the Sunday School offering that was received in November and from the congregational giving on Sunday, December 3 during worship services. It was awesome to see how much fun they had thinking about what each person might like to receive. We will definitely be doing this again next year! Thank you to all of you who donated money towards this wonderful ministry.



## Property Report

The year is drawing to a rapid close. Seems like yesterday that 2019 had just begun with heavy snow and cold weather. Well actually that was just last month as well. A quick update on what is happening now. A complete report will be in the Annual Report. We have a new snow plowing contractor for the parking lots themselves. As always, there will be some growing pains as we all adapt to the idiosyncrasies of when to plow or not. Normally we do not plow if there is 2 inches of snow or less. This is done as a cost saving measure but it brings with it certain perils, not the least of which is snow inside your loafers. Were the budget more flush, we would opt to plow more often. Paul Haney, our custodian, does the entrances early in the morning and the rest of sidewalks are completed by volunteers. Thanks Paul and the Snow Teams for doing that task. If you see a buildup of snow don't hesitate to grab a shovel from one of the entrances and remove the offending snow drift. Everyone will appreciate the effort.

Brian Gieseke and I installed several new LED parking lot lights which brighten those areas quite well. Since ordering those lights, several more have expired so we are ordering enough to replace the balance before they too burn out. These are not cheap, costing about \$650 each but should operate more efficiently and be longer lived as well. The light seems to be brighter as well. Thanks Brian for your help and Dave Mickelson at Willmar Forklift for the use of the scissors lift. Thanks also to those who have contributed dollars for the lights.

Another major expense this month was roofing repairs. This was completed prior to the snowfall. West Central Roofing patched several holes that we discovered in the flat roof. They also repaired some seams that were getting ready to

leak. Hopefully this resolves some of the leak issues that have plagued us in the past. Being proactive with repairs and maintenance helps to prevent damage from occurring and expenses from multiplying. We cannot do that without your help both as volunteers and monetarily. Next month you will get a chance to see the proposed budget. I encourage you to review the property proposal carefully and know what is included. Ask questions to discover where the expenditures that you are asked to approve are being made, and then follow through with your stewardship. We are all in this together. Enough for now. Happy New Year to all.

Jeff Johnson - Property Team



## Thank You

We would like to express our deepest gratitude for everyone who has been so generous to remember us both this Christmas season. Your many gifts and goodies have been greatly appreciated, and it's a wonderful reminder of how kind and thoughtful this congregation is. Many, many thanks to you!

Pastor Todd and Pastor Seyward

Thank you for the wonderful box of goodies brought to us at Thanksgiving time. We also enjoyed our visit with the Jacobson's when they delivered it. We are doing well living here at Copperleaf. God Bless you all.

Duane and Anitra Loe

Thank you so much for the Thanksgiving goodie box! Thank you Carla Lagerstedt for the visit as well.

Gloria Schultz

Thank you for the Thanksgiving box of goodies. And thank you to Truman Homme for delivering them on Thanksgiving Day!

Bob Wiley



## December 2019 Updates

It has been an exciting and busy month here at The Link. We have had many generous community members supporting our mission through giving, and it has been humbling to see God's work in action. Because of local support, The Link was able to share the spirit of Christmas by providing food and gifts to 35 families in our community through 'Christmas Joy'. A huge THANK YOU to Dave Swanson, Erin Kelly (and family), Bridget Thorson, Betty Steele, Crossroads Methodist Church, The Open Door Christian Church, Faith Lutheran Church and Anova for sponsoring our families in need. The excitement on the faces of those picking up gifts, knowing their children would be given the opportunity to celebrate Christmas, was priceless.



## Fundraising Dinner and Christmas Choir Concert

The Link's annual fundraising dinner and Christmas choir concert were both very successful efforts! Thank you to the area choir members and instrumentalists for sharing their musical talents! It was a great way to kick off the Christmas season and get into the spirit. We would like to thank the sponsors for supporting the annual fundraising dinner and Christmas choir concert and making these events possible: Kandiyohi Power Cooperative, DQ of Spicer and Willmar, Granite Community Bank, Fischer Laser Eye, Paffrath Jewelers, Lakes Area Team, United Minnesota Bank, Harvey Anderson & Johnson Funeral Homes, Heritage Bank, Grand Stay Hotel & Suites, Lake Region Bank, State Farm Insurance, Melissa Radel Agency.

As my first Christmas experience here at The Link, my eyes have been opened to the amount of generosity and giving hearts here in our community and I feel extremely grateful and blessed to be a part of it.

Ashley Hanson - Program Coordinator

**Thank you for your continuous support and Happy New Year! YOU are the Link!**

### Tuesday's Table

#### January Schedule

*Serving from 6:00-6:30pm*

**January 7:** Our Lady of the Lakes Catholic Church

**January 14:** Evangelical Covenant Church

**January 21:** Faith Lutheran Church

**January 28:** Peace Lutheran Church

### Household Exchange & Food Pantry Hours

Tuesday: 9am-3pm

Thursday: 9am-3pm

Wednesday: 2pm - 5pm

### 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](http://www.youarethelink.org) or directly through your bank. Please contact Chasity at 320-354-5465 or email her at [director@youarethelink.org](mailto:director@youarethelink.org) for more information.

## January 2020 Bible Study

### "We are Called!"

#### Hearing God's Voice

*(God's calling of the Old Testament prophets.)*

### Dates to remember:

#### Quilting

January 13 & 14 - 9:00am-3:00pm

#### Esther Bible Study Circle

January 15 @ 9:30am - At Iris Johnson's

#### Rachel Bible Study Circle

Will not meet in January.

#### Quilting

January 27 - 9:00am-3:00pm

January 28 - 9:00am-12:00pm

### HAPPY NEW YEAR!

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.

- 1) Matt Bisek, Deric DeSchepper, Judy Lundeen, Rodney Paulson
- 2) Natalie Boone, Jaden Gieser, Dean Gylten, Brody Lien
- 3) Hayden Downey, Colton Kriese, Rick Negen
- 4) Tom Beyer, Rachel Mitchell, Brennan Reich
- 5) Ian Carlson, Makenzie Erickson, Maren Flom Staab, Ava Hauer, Eli Haugen, Kari Kuehneman, Anita Lewison, Ed Rauk, Landon Salem, Grace Toutges, Nathan Verch
- 6) Derek Doty, Ashley Holien, Ramona Keller, Jesse Knudsen, Lenore Schffnit
- 7) Keith Nelson, Norma Wacholz
- 8) Dylen Hunter, Molly Olson, Corey Strom, Jamie Swenson
- 9) Ruth Fairchild, Lily Verch
- 10) Lloyd Hoekstra, Aidan Paulson
- 11) Jonathan Wessels
- 12) Ashley Baker, Dick Ford, Emmanuel Lopez, Marlo Lopez, Harper Olness, Kinley Olson, Emma Solsrud
- 13) Mary Larsen
- 14) Denise Gjerde, Tom Groth, Ellie Hanson, Kirsten Palan, Gary Swanson
- 15) Wyatt Debner, Becky Gibbs, Lola Mitchell, Lilly Prentice, Roger Radel, Sarah Vauk
- 16) Dick Ladwig, Chris Rueckert, Jared Swenson
- 17) Cheryl DeZeeuw, Nathan Klaers, Kellie Prentice, Mark Thompson, Jeff Vetsch
- 18) Connor Dierkhising, Caleb Louwagie, Derrick Nieland, Robert Sogge
- 19) Dave Eliason, Brooke Lien, Sharon Willen
- 20) Dee Dee Hanson, Marlys Jacobson
- 21) Debbie Hoekstra, Kelly McMillan, Jacob Reich, Susan Rime, Jody Wharton
- 22) Michelle Revermann, Erik Woodhall
- 23) Gavin Degner, Christopher Isdal, Elmer Mead, Nicole Pederson
- 24) Brianna Fredrick, Bri Johnson, Lincoln Pederson
- 25) Gayle Kass, Elin Kriese, Alicia Larsen, Jeremy Pfeifer
- 26) Loretta Fenske, Gail Johnson, Dean Madsen, Lauren Marquardt, Jack Noeldner, Amanda Steffensen
- 27) Brooklyn Dolan, Sara Goebel, Steve Hunt, Linda Lucas, Linda Stai
- 28) Johanna Asche, Phil Quam
- 29) Kathleen Anderson, Kory Klebe, Karen Peterson, Ella Quale, Logan Schaaf
- 30) Andrea Bloedel, Jeni Gafkjin, Kodi Goracke, Janet Johnson, Sam Nelson, Merryn Skarphol
- 31) Steve Brisendine, Watson Hood, Cal Knudsen, Cynthia Mathisen



**Special Offering**

**Upcoming Special Offerings**

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| <b>January:</b>  | Tuesday's Table                  |
| <b>February:</b> | Camp scholarships                |
| <b>March:</b>    | MN Food Share Month challenge    |
| <b>April:</b>    | Family Promise                   |
| <b>May:</b>      | Youth service trips scholarships |
| <b>June:</b>     | VBS scholarships                 |

## Worship Attendance

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|----------------------|-----|
| November 6 & 10      | 327 |
| November 13 & 17     | 329 |
| November 20 & 24     | 329 |
| November 27 & Dec. 1 | 328 |

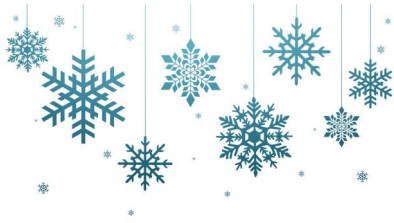
# January

| SUNDAY  | MONDAY   | TUESDAY   | WEDNESDAY   | THURSDAY  | FRIDAY   | SATURDAY   |
|---|--|---|---|---|--|--|
|   |  |   | 1<br><b>Office is Closed All Day</b><br><br><b>Happy New Year!</b>  | 2<br>9:30am Bible Study<br><br>3:30pm-9pm Just For Kix  | 3<br><b>Office is Closed All Day</b>                             | 4<br>9am Bible Study   |
| 5<br><b>8:30am Worship</b><br>9:30am Sunday School/Coffee Hour/Blood Pressure Checks<br><b>10:35am Worship</b><br>Special Offering - Tuesday's Table<br><br><b>Family Promise Week Begins</b> | 6<br>7:30am-5:30pm Preschool<br><br>10:30am Staff                      | 7<br>7:30am-5:30pm Preschool<br><br><br>6pm-6:30pm Tuesday's Table @ Our Lady of the Lakes Catholic   | 8<br>7:30am-5:30pm Preschool<br>9am Women's Bible Study<br>5:15pm-5:50pm Meal<br><b>6pm-6:30pm Worship</b><br>6:35pm Education<br>6:35pm Property Team Meeting / BWC Trip Meeting<br>7:35pm - Choir | 9<br>7:30am-5:30pm Preschool<br>9:30am Bible Study<br>10:40 Preschool Chapel<br><br>3:30pm-9pm Just For Kix<br>6pm Council                                | 10<br>7:30am-5:30pm Preschool<br><br><br>6:30pm Hobby Night      | 11<br>9am Bible Study  |
| 12<br><b>8:30am Worship</b><br>9:30am Sunday School/Coffee Hour<br>9:45am Baptism Festival Brunch<br>9:45am BWC Trip Meeting<br><b>10:35am Worship</b><br>Opportunity to Serve Cards          | 13<br>7:30am-5:30pm Preschool<br><br>9am-3pm Quilting<br>10:30am Staff | 14<br>6:30am Guys on the Go Bible Study<br>7:30am-5:30pm Preschool<br>9am-3pm Quilting<br><br>6pm-6:30pm Tuesday's Table @ Evangelical Covenant Church                                    | 15<br>7:30am-5:30pm Preschool<br>9am Women's Bible Study<br>9:30am Esther Circle @ Iris Johnson's<br>5:15pm-5:50pm Meal<br><b>6pm-6:30pm Worship</b><br>6:35pm Education<br>7:35pm - Choir          | 16<br>7:30am-5:30pm Preschool<br>9:30am Bible Study<br>10:40 Preschool Chapel<br><br>3:30pm-9pm Just For Kix<br>6:30pm Faith on Tap at Goat Ridge Brewery | 17<br>7:30am-5:30pm Preschool                                    | 18<br>9am Bible Study  |
| 19<br><b>8:30am Worship</b><br>9:30am Sunday School/Coffee Hour<br>9:45am Mission Plan Review<br>9:45am Baptism Orientation<br>10:30am CMT Meeting<br><b>10:35am Worship</b>                  | 20<br>7:30am-5:30pm Preschool<br><br>10:30am Staff                     | 21<br>7:30am-5:30pm Preschool<br><br><br>6pm-6:30pm Tuesday's Table @ Faith   | 22<br>7:30am-5:30pm Preschool<br>9am Women's Bible Study<br>5:15pm-5:50pm Meal<br><b>6pm-6:30pm Worship</b><br>6:35pm Education<br>6:35pm Baptism Orientation<br>7:35pm - Choir                     | 23<br>7:30am-5:30pm Preschool<br>9:30am Bible Study<br>10:40 Preschool Chapel<br><br>3:30pm-9pm Just For Kix  | 24<br>7:30am-5:30pm Preschool<br><br><br>6pm High School Lock In | 25<br>9am Bible Study<br><br><br>11am High School Lock In Finished |
| 26<br><b>8:30am Worship</b><br>9:30am Sunday School/Coffee Hour<br>9:35am Annual Meeting<br><b>10:35am Worship</b>  | 27<br>7:30am-5:30pm Preschool<br><br>9am-3pm Quilting<br>10:30am Staff | 28<br>6:30am Guys on the Go Bible Study<br>7:30am-5:30pm Preschool<br>9am-12pm Quilting<br>1pm-7pm Blood Drive<br>6pm-6:30pm Tuesday's Table @ Peace Lutheran<br>7pm WWW @ Erin Hoffman's | 29<br>7:30am-5:30pm Preschool<br>9am Women's Bible Study<br>5:15pm-5:50pm Meal<br><b>6pm-6:30pm Worship</b><br>6:35pm Education<br>7:30pm YMT Meeting<br>7:35pm - Choir                             | 30<br>7:30am-5:30pm Preschool<br>9:30am Bible Study<br><br><br>3:30pm-9pm Just For Kix  | 31<br>7:30am-5:30pm Preschool                                    |  |

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**Worship Times**

**Labor Day — Memorial Day  
At Faith Lutheran Church**  
Wednesdays 6:00pm-6:30pm  
Sunday at 8:30am & 10:35am  
Education Hour at 9:30am

**Memorial Day — Labor Day  
At Green Lake Bible Camp Chapel**  
Saturday at 6:00pm  
Sunday at 8:30am  
**At Faith — Sunday at 10:00am**

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