



It is so beautiful to go for a drive this time of year! Wild flowers are blooming in fields and road ditches, trees are nearly in full leaf, as are shrubs, fruit trees and other flora. It is awesome!

Everything looks so green and new. Spring green, not to be confused with summer green, is a breathtaking promise of things to come.

While crops are being furiously planted, here and there little shoots of corn and small grains are already peeking out of the soil! Seeds, planted in faith, promise a harvest of which we cannot yet see, and expectantly fill those who work the land with hope. The rest of us simply enjoy the vistas and go on our merry way.

Stewardship can be experienced in the same way. Your Stewardship Committee gathered to plan and implement our Stewardship Emphasis, "Discipling Faith", that culminated on Pentecost Sunday. What a glorious day it was as we celebrated several ministries of Faith Lutheran Church. Children thanked teachers for another year of learning, we gave thanks for Rae Peterson's partnership, recognized our 2024 graduating class of Seniors, and finally, Intention Cards were carried forward as a witness to our partnership in the work of the Gospel. Seeds planted in faith have, by God's grace and growth, borne much fruit.

All these wonderful ministries become possible only when God's people are *Informed, Inspired, and Invested* in the ongoing work of sharing the Gospel. All of us together, contributing to the hard work of planting, tending and harvesting can make our church more than a fleeting bit of scenery for passersby. Faithfully sharing our resources, time, talent, and plethora of gifts serves as an invitation to others who just might pull off Highway 23 to join us!

Granted, summer is a change of pace in Minnesota; sometimes it slows down and at others speeds up. Wherever you travel, enjoy Worshipping in a new space when you can, and be sure to look for God's presence in all the places and people you will see and meet. Truly, God is everywhere!

If you have not yet done so, please fill out and drop your Intention Card in the mail or stop by the Church Office. Consider signing up for or increasing your Simply Giving amount so that you can partner in the exciting and growing ministries of Faith Lutheran Church whether you are at home or away. You don't want to be struck by FOMO (the Fear Of Missing Out) on all the wonderful new things God is up to right here at home!

God's Peace,  
**Rev. Katherine Rood**

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## SUMMER WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Sunday Worship (starting Sunday, May 26):

- 8:30am at the Stave Chapel
- 10:00am at Faith Lutheran Church - **this service will be live-streamed**



### CHECK OUT A UKULELE!

Did you learn how to play ukulele at OWL Camp and want to keep practicing?! Or have you just had the urge to learn something new?

Bob Whitney has left 3 ukuleles in the church office that you can check out for free! We have extra song books and chord charts to go with it. Call or stop by the church office today and get busy making music!!

### GLLM SUMMER KICK-OFF

Green Lake Lutheran Ministries is hosting their Summer Kick Off event from **8:00am-12:00pm on Sunday, June 2**. Stop by before or after worship to help support our awesome partner in ministry!

Come for a time of fellowship, fun and get a delicious french toast breakfast! They will be serving french toast with a variety of syrups and toppings, sausage links, fruit, juice and coffee. Summer staff will be ready with activities for the whole family to enjoy by the lake!

**Price: \$9.00 for adults and children 13+, \$5.00 for children 5-12, children under 5 free!** Proceeds will support our camp scholarship fund.

## A WORD FROM PASTOR TIM: THANKFULNESS

After the Holy Spirit's coming to the people of God on Pentecost, it created an incredible spirit of sharing (see Acts 2). The sharing of gifts is a hallmark of any healthy Christian community. I want to take a moment to say, "Thank You!" for all the sharing people at Faith. Please reflect with me on the Litany below as a gift from God.

**God be with you! PT**

### Litany for Volunteers

God, we are grateful for each member

**Of our Beloved Community.**

Here, there is no Us or Them,

**Only We,**

Only All,

**Only Welcome.**

Empower each of us to find our place

**In the Family,**

In the network of community,

**In the work.**

Grant that we may know ourselves well,

**Our giftings and callings,**

And that we may know each other well,

**Encouraging each other to thrive.**

There is no greater;

**There is no least.**

There are no glorified tasks;

**There are no meaningless tasks.**

Give to those who volunteer their time, effort, and resources

**Rest and renewal,**

Support and connection,

**Purpose and energy,**

Satisfaction and encouragement,

**Joy and fulfillment.**

For each person who joins in the work that we do

**We thank you.**

For each person who contributes as they are able

**We thank you.**

For each person who puts the weight of their effort into the work of Justice,

**We thank you.**

For each person who must, at various times, rest and receive the community's love,

**We thank you.**

And may each volunteer be blessed with every spiritual blessing

**In Christ Jesus. Amen**



## YOUTH AND KIDS

### PRE-K VBS

Join us for VBS sponsored by Faith Lutheran and Peace Lutheran churches. This VBS is for kids entering Preschool and Kindergarten and is located at Faith Lutheran Church on **Monday, July 29th-Thursday, August 1st from 8:30am - 11:00am**. This VBS is the mini version of our Elementary age Onsite Day Camp at Shores of St. Andrew and will be also doing the GLLM theme of "Created To Be". Our VBS will have daily Bible lesson, craft, snack, games, outdoor activities, music and small group time. It is led by Faith Lutheran and Peace Lutheran staff and volunteers. All from the community are welcome! Registration for the Day Camp is through Faith Lutheran Church and the cost is \$10 per child. To sign up, volunteer to help, donate supplies or get more info contact Libbie Anderson at 651-399-1611 or libbieanderson@gmail.com.

### ON-SITE DAY CAMP

Completed grades K-5 | Shores of St. Andrew Bible Camp | Camper Fee: \$150 (\$50 with code NLSDAYCAMP2024) | **Monday, July 29 – Thursday, August 1, 8:30am - 3:30pm**

Join us for Day Camp held at Shores of St. Andrew Bible Camp, offering a week of community-building, Bible study, crafts, games, and swimming. Area congregations and local community residents are invited to this enriching event, running Monday through Thursday. Campers return home each afternoon and come back the next morning refreshed and anticipating another fun day. A bus will pick up and drop off kids from Faith and Peace each day.

### LYF OVERNIGHT @ SIBLE STATE PARK

**AGE:** Completed grades 8-12 | **DATE:** June 12-13 | **COST:** \$25

### FOURTH OF JULY PARADE

**AGE:** Grades 6-12 | **DATE:** July 4 | **COST:** Earn \$ towards your student account!

### SERVICE TRIP - ST. CLOUD

**AGE:** Grades 6-8 | **DATE:** July 9-10 | **COST:** \$150

### VALLEY FAIR SERVICE AND FUN

**AGE:** Grades 8-12 | **DATE:** July 15-16 | **COST:** \$150

### CROW WING RIVER CANOE TRIP

**AGE:** Grades 6-8 | **DATE:** August 5-8 | **COST:** \$175

*To get more information about any of the youth trips and to register, contact Quentin - youth@faithspicer.org*

### WOMEN, WINE & THE WORD BIBLE STUDY

Monday, June 17 @ 6:00pm | 9102 Riverwood Cir. New London

Join together with some other awesome women for an evening of devotion led by Pastor Katherine and fun fellowship!

*Congratulations to our Class of 2024!!*



- Samantha Behne
- Logan Doty
- Rebecca Gaasterland
- Delaney Hanson
- Sam Hanson
- Ava Hauer



- Lauren Hunt
- Ian Kastner
- Sofia Lien
- Lilly Prentice
- Claire Rolighed
- Lucas Swenson

## JUNE MISSION OF THE MONTH: VBS SCHOLARSHIPS

Our VBS with Peace Lutheran at Shores of St. Andrew and the preschool VBS here at Faith strives to provide fun and educational experience rooted in Christ for all students ages pre-K to 5th grade. Donations collected will help cover our fee that we pay to Green Lake Lutheran Ministries for their help in this Ministry. Funds will also be used to support the needs of the preschool VBS here at Faith, as well as offer scholarships for those that are in need.

## FROM THE COUNCIL:

January 1, 2024 - APRIL 30, 2024					
	YTD Budget	2024	2023	Difference	Compared to Budget
<b>Income</b>	205,360.72	183,060.15	176,224.15	6,836.00	(22,300.57)
<b>Expense</b>	204,431.44	215,131.17	199,311.52	15,819.65	10,699.73
<b>Net Income</b>	929.28	(32,071.02)	(23,087.37)	(8,983.65)	(33,000.30)
Mortgage Principal TTL	19,814.65	19,512.07	20,212.77	(700.70)	(302.58)
<b>Other Income</b>			1,470.00	(1,470.00)	0.00
<b>Net Profit (Loss)</b>	20,743.93	(12,558.95)	(1,404.60)	(11,154.35)	(33,302.88)

\$51,108 of income needed each month to meet our budgeted expenses.