

In Our Thoughts & Prayers

- The family and loved ones of Jim Werner on his death
- The family and loved ones of Naomi Mahler on her death
- Mike Westberg (father of Heather Westberg King)
- Louis Hoekstra (sister-in-law of Lloyd Hoekstra) who is battling cancer
- Lila Burmeister
- Brian Gieseke
- Phyllis Jacobson
- Doug Anderson
- Betty Nordby



A WORD FROM PASTOR TIM: INTERSECTIONS

Greetings to all of you!

One of my classmates once served as pastor in Wisconsin. His parish was in a rural part of the state, close to a town called Black Earth.

While at Madison's farmer's market we decided to 'stop in' at our friend's parish and see him. We thought, "Perhaps the church will be open, and we can see what he is up to on a Saturday in the summer." He was not there but there was a beautiful church, rolling hills, and a wedding about to start.

Instead of staying as uninvited guests, we drove to his address in town. As we pulled up, we noticed the address was connected to a funeral home. Amazingly, my friend was living above the funeral home! I thought to myself, "Well isn't that interesting."

Tell me friends; would you like your pastor to live above one of our funeral homes? There are jokes to be told about this, some more interesting than others. Here is one of mine, "Well, at least his downstairs neighbors are quiet!"

As a symbol (or a reminder to us of our lives together), this is a true statement: "Wherever the cross of Christ is, there is death and life." Where the cross is, there is death. It is an instrument used to conduct judgment. Where the cross is, there is a reminder of life. For the Christian community, Jesus' death brings about life from the grave. God's life will not be contained by our fractured judgment.

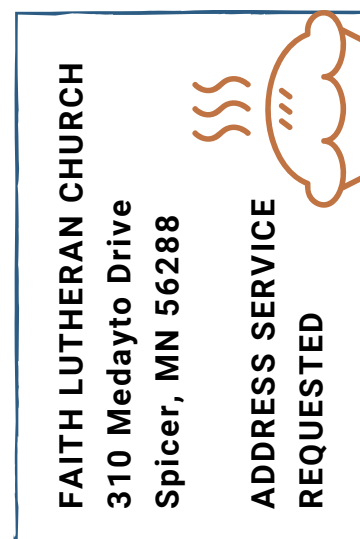
The cross is an intersection of death and life. It is why so many crosses in our imagery have the sun coming up around it and the hill 'greening.' St. Paul says, "For if while we were enemies we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, much more, now that we are reconciled, shall we be saved by his life" (Romans 5:10). We are reconciled by death and saved by life.

It is funny, even though my friend lived above the funeral home - he is one of the most hopeful people you could meet. He was touched by the 'intersection' of God's love. Just as we are!

God bless you at the intersections!

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NOVEMBER HAPPENINGS:

ALL SAINTS' SUNDAY - NOVEMBER 5

All Saints' Service is Sunday, November 5 at 9:00am. We will be reading off the names of members who have died in the past year (All Saints' to All Saints') - a bell will be tolled and a candle will be lit in each person's memory. During the service, all who have lost someone will be invited to come forward and light a candle as they wish.



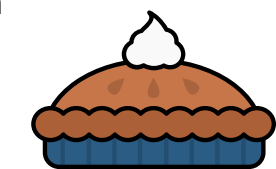
FIRST COMMUNION

We had 22 kids participate in the First Communion Class in October! They will be taking communion for the first time on Sunday, November 5 at the 9:00am service - help us celebrate this awesome milestone!

THANKSGIVING EVE WORSHIP

Join us on Wednesday, November 22 for a Thanksgiving Eve Worship at Faith Lutheran Church. We will be partnering with Peace Lutheran Church for this service.

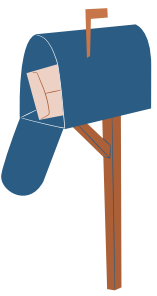
There will be a Feast Meal served from 5:15-5:50pm as normal and there will be pie for dessert (you can come just for the pie if you don't want the meal!). Worship will be at 6:00pm and there will be no programs after the service.



OFFICE CLOSED - NOV. 23-24

The Faith Offices will be closed on Thanksgiving Day and the Friday after Thanksgiving.

6th - 12th GRADE EVENTS:

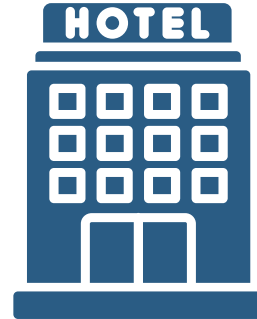


SUMMER 2024 BROCHURE

We are excited to release our 2024 Summer Brochure for our 6th-12th grade programming. It will include general information for mission trips, fun trips in God's creation, and more! They have been mailed out on November 1, so check your mailboxes! It will also be available on our website: www.faithspicer.org.

JUNIOR HIGH YOUTH GATHERING

November 17-18: This is one of the finest events we can offer for our Middle School students. The event is held for students all across Southwestern Minnesota and includes moving speakers, snacks, worship times, and the most popular "Nightlife" free time. Cost includes all of these activities as well as lodging, meals, and a free T-Shirt.



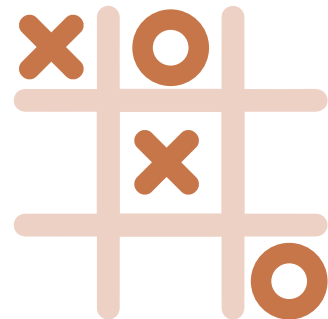
MALL OF AMERICA RETREAT

January 27-28: our 3rd annual trip to Mall of America for students in grades 9-12 promises to be as fun as the rest! We'll leave at 6:00am from Peace and head to the Twin Cities for a service project. We'll spend the rest of the day at the Mall of America which will include a laser tag battle and supper. We'll stay at a Twin Cities church in the evening before we worship with them on Sunday and head home.



BOARD GAME NIGHT

Our December youth event will be a Board Game Night at Faith on **Dec. 9th** from 6pm-9pm for all students in grades 6-12. Quentin will have a few to share, but students are encouraged to bring their favorite game to share. There will be some hot dogs and snacks to share.



CONGRATS TO OUR 2023 CONFIRMANDS:

- ~ Devin Buffington
- ~ Owen Eichhorst
- ~ Lucas Finstrom
- ~ Blaine Goracke
- ~ Grant Henjum
- ~ Abby Hjelle
- ~ Jonah Louwagie
- ~ Silas Wharton



The Prairie Arts Chorale Presents:

A LIFE IN SONG: *Connecting generations through the magic of music*

Faith will be hosting the Prairie Arts Chorale once again this year on Sunday, November 19 at 4:00pm. Join in for an evening of great music from singers around Southwestern Minnesota directed by Brandon Hurley.

Tickets are \$15 for adults, 18 and under are free. Tickets are available for purchase at the Welcome Center, from chorale members or can be purchased at the door.

NEW: MAINTENANCE REQUEST FORMS

With our Property Manager, Tim Renner, working odd hours at Faith that don't often line up with others being here, we have introduced Maintenance Request Forms. These forms are meant for you to fill out if you have a maintenance request or area that needs attention - simply fill out the form and leave it in the main office for Tim to pick up next time he comes around! If it is an immediate need, you can call him at the number listed on the bottom of the form.

Pick up a form at the Welcome Center or main office.

NOVEMBER QUILTING

November 13, 9:00am-3:00pm

FROM THE COUNCIL:

January 1-September 30, 2023					
	YTD Budget	2023	2022	Difference	Compared to Budget
Income	537,562.52	356,880.65	383,494.99	(26,614.34)	(180,681.87)
Expense	537,165.76	406,563.14	460,179.22	(53,616.08)	(130,602.62)
Net Income	396.76	(49,682.49)	(76,684.23)	27,001.74	(50,079.25)
Mortgage Principal TTL	44,529.75	43,875.99	42,758.24	1,117.75	(653.76)
Other Income		1,531.16	100,367.52	(98,836.36)	1,531.16
Net Profit (Loss)	44,926.51	(4,275.34)	66,441.53	(70,716.87)	(49,201.85)

The other income in 2022 contains preschool payback and ERC funds.



MISSION MINDED OPPORTUNITIES

Quilters

Family Promise

The Link

Freezer Meals

Tuesday's Table

As members of an ELCA congregation, we know that helping others through "mission" is at the heart of spreading God's love. Each month we highlight an opportunity to financially support the Mission of the Month. It's also rewarding to offer our time, talents, and resources to support others in need. Volunteering is a great way to model love and outreach to the next generation.

We continue to seek volunteers for The Link Community Thrift Store, and Family Promise. If interested, contact the church office.



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.

Transportation to other local food shelves, for some, is difficult, impossible or creates a cost burden. If we have people in the community struggling to afford the cost of food, they are likely struggling to fill their gas tank as well.

In addition, a family's food needs often exceed the 2-3 day food allotment provided by other local food shelves — the Food Pantry will play a complementary role in addition to "filling the gap."

The Food Pantry is serving an average of 140 households each month.

Anyone is welcome to utilize The Food Pantry. The Link Board and staff stress that "Hunger doesn't have a zip code". Individuals, Couples, Families and Seniors can utilize The Food Pantry once a month (and as needed for shelf items and food rescue options).