

Todd Talks...

"Every time I think of you, I thank my God!" Philippians 1:3

Friends in Christ,

Words cannot begin to express my gratitude to God for the opportunity to have served as your pastor for the past seven years. It indeed has been a delight to work with and walk alongside you as we engaged in ministry together. Whenever I remember Faith Lutheran, I will say a prayer of thanksgiving and rejoice in what God has done, is doing, and will do in the life of this beautiful congregation.

During my service here at Faith, you have welcomed me into your lives in many ways. We have celebrated births, baptisms, confirmations, marriages, graduations, anniversaries, and many special events. We have prayed together and for one another in times of pain, loss, and grief. We have played and laughed together in worship and outside of the walls of Faith Lutheran Church.

At Green Lake, Shores of St. Andrew, and Camp House, we have experienced the wonder and creativity of God in creation. Together we have been willing to try new things and say farewell to some old ways. In all of our life together, our good and faithful God has been present with us all the time. For all these things and so much more, I thank my God for all of you.

Transitions and change can be difficult. I can assure you that I have shed many tears and have had many sleepless nights as I considered the changes in my life and ministry and the life and ministry of Faith.

Yet, I am confident that the one who calls us to be the church will strengthen and support us as we take new steps on the journey we walk with Jesus. Therefore, after November 21st, I will no longer be your pastor. I want you all to understand that Pat and I will not participate in the life and ministry of this congregation for the health of Faith. We will still live in this community, but I will be caring for another congregation as their pastor.

As my time comes to completion here at Faith, please feel free to stop by or give me a call. I want to thank you for your ministry and your gift to me, but even more so to Faith. The very first words I spoke to the congregation in October of 2014 were, "I am grateful!" Today I am still grateful. Grateful for the wonderful people I have had the opportunity to work with daily. Grateful for the committed leaders who have helped shape the direction of ministry here at Faith. Grateful for all of you and your Faith. May God abundantly bless Faith Lutheran Church with goodness and grace.

Seyward Says...

As we continue on in our worship theme "God Speaks, We Live," we will be spending the month of November exploring some of Jesus' teachings and parables. In the parable of the Prodigal Son, who do you find yourself relating with? In the Great Banquet story, do you think God is the host, and if so, why did no one want to attend his dinner? As we delve into these teachings and parables, we will be pondering two main questions: What does God have to say to us? And how do we find ourselves living out that message today? My hope is that you will come to worship with open minds and hearts as we explore these questions together.

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Fall Office Hours:
Monday - Thursday 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.



DRIVE THROUGH LUTEFISK OPENER

Lutfisk, Meatballs, Mashed Potatoes, Gravy, Corn, Lefse, & Dessert

*\$20 per delicious meal
November 13th 2:00 to 3:00 PM
Take home and bake*

Purchase tickets by reservation only by November 4th

Order form available at faithspicer.org or Faith's Welcome Center

Fall 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
7:35 p.m. Faith Chancel Choir

*Find our worship services on our
YouTube channel, website or
Facebook page.*

Please pray for...

~ Lila Burmeister
~ Nathan and Jason Saetveit
~ Pat Carlson
~ Paul Wilker, *friend of Pastor Todd and Pat*
~ Beverly Eaton, *sister of Don Johnson*
~Mike Bubholtz and family, at the passing of Mike's father, Virgil



Children & Youth



Praise+Play is busy with their one and only fundraiser, our Butter Braids. We will have parents offering samples during the coffee hour on Sunday, Oct. 31. Stop and have a bite and see how delicious these are. Great to have on hand during the holidays for a quick and easy but awesome morning delight! If you miss having a chance to order during those times, please stop and make an order at the Welcome Center at any time. Payment is required at time of order, make checks payable to Praise+Play. Orders must be in by Nov. 3. Delivery date is Tuesday, November 23, in time for Thanksgiving company. You may pick up at Praise + Play anytime that day or after that we will place it in the main kitchen freezer with your name on your bag. Thanks in advance to all who help support us while enjoying those tasty Butter Braids. October was busy with the New London and Spicer fire trucks arriving for a visit during Fire safety week. We had our first Field trip on the green Bus to the Country Stop and A&W. Katie and Neil Christenson treated us to a lesson on fudge making, which Katie makes weekly for the Country Stop. Every child got to take home a sample box of four different flavors, an A&W stuffed bear and an A&W kids meals as well as the Teachers and Dave Eliason our bus driver. What a great field trip! Special thanks for the Christenson's for the fudge and lunch! Our Halloween Party, in costume, was held Oct. 28. This year we had some Moms volunteer to help us play the games and then we all attended Chapel in costume. Afterwards we treated the office and pastors to some treats from us without any tricks! In November, a couple of our Dads and an uncle who work for the Kandiyohi Power, brought their bucket trucks to Praise+Play and explained their work for Kandiyohi Power. Several think that would be a great job to have! Thanks guys! Our November focus for the last two weeks is Thanksgiving. We talk about what we are thankful for and of course that wonderful turkey dinner. We set up a dramatic play area similar to that first Thanksgiving, we actually shuck some real corn, and try to catch that turkey or some fish in our river! Happy Thanksgiving from all of us at Praise+Play Preschool!



If you or someone you know is interested in filling our Youth Ministry position, please contact Pastor Seyward. We would love to have a delightful person in this position to start planning some great activities for our Faith youth.

Opportunities

Christmas Cantata Opportunity

Faith Lutheran will be presenting a Christmas Cantata again this year on Sunday, December 19th at the 9AM worship service (and possibly Wednesday, December 15th). Anyone interested in singing is welcome to do so. Rehearsals begin Wednesday, November 3rd. They will be immediately following the Feast worship and continue on Wednesdays until the performance. Here's an opportunity to sing in a choir even if you don't have a lot of time to spare. It's only a 6 week commitment and then you're done! The Cantata is called "Joy Has Dawned," and is a fun, upbeat retelling of the Christmas story. In addition to the choir, the performance will include additional instrumentation and slides to enhance the performance. If you like to sing, consider joining us on November 3rd and be a part of this wonderful tradition.



Prairie Arts Chorale Concert

Faith Lutheran is hosting this lovely concert again on November 6th at 4 p.m. Tickets will be sold at the door. This year's theme is "Together in Song." Join us for a fun, festive afternoon!



All Saints' Day

remember God's saints who live in the light eternal.

On Sunday, November 7th we will celebrate All Saints Sunday.

On All Saints Sunday we remember and celebrate the lives of those who have passed away this past year. We will light a candle and toll a bell in memory of the saints of Faith Lutheran who have passed away this year. We will also observe a time of prayer and meditation where you will be able to light a candle in memory of the saints who are dear to your heart. Please join us as we

It's not here yet...but we know snow will come sooner or later! We are looking for volunteers to help when it does! If you are willing to be on the list of snow-blowing volunteers please contact our property manager, Tim. You can give him a call at 320-423-8735.



Mission of the Month November:



The Link Food Pantry

* Please pick up a paper bag from the entryway and fill with non-perishable food items this month! If you prefer to give a monetary donation, the Link would appreciate that as well!

Looking Ahead...

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

Nov 2	6:30 p.m.	Women, Wine, & the Word at Hallie Johnson's home
Nov 6	4 p.m.	Prairie Arts Chorale Concert
Nov 9 & 10	9 a.m. - 3 p.m.	Quilting
Nov 11	6:30 p.m.	Faith on Tap at Goat Ridge Brewery
Nov 18	TBD	Rachel Circle Bible Study
Nov 18	6 p.m.	Council Mtg
Nov 21		Pastor Todd's Farewell
Sundays	9 a.m. 10 a.m. 10 a.m.	Worship in the Faith Sanctuary Sunday School Fellowship
Wednesdays	5:15 p.m. 6 p.m. 6:35 p.m. 7:35 p.m.	Meal Worship Educational Opportunities, Cantata Rehearsal Faith Chancel Choir
Thursdays	9:30 a.m.	Bible Study in the Fireside Room
Saturdays	9 a.m.	Men's Bible Study

Serving on Sundays

Can you say hello to people as they come in the door Sunday? Can you make coffee? Faith needs lots of volunteers to help everything run smoothly! There is a Sign-up Genius page with all of the opportunities we need help with; you can also call the office. Your participation makes everything happen at Faith!



January 1 - September 30

	2021	2020	Difference
Income	412,143.79	404,495.66 [1]	7,648.13
Expense	442,350.55	458,343.01	-15,992.46
Net Income	-30,206.76	-53,847.35	23,640.59
Mortgage Princip	38,903.44	37,801.15	1,102.29
Inner Fund Trans	\$18,246.71		\$18,246.71
Net Profit (Loss)	\$26,943.39	-\$16,046.20	\$42,989.59