



As I write this, leaves are changing color, the weather is getting cooler, school has started back up for students and teachers, and there is a general sense of change in the air. This happens every year as summer comes to a close, and yet the changes this year in particular seem bigger than usual.

Of course what comes to my mind first is welcoming our third child into our family and spending time on parental leave. Remy is the perfect addition to our family, and in some ways it feels like he has always been here, but all of us are still getting used to him. Brooklyn began kindergarten, Maggie began preschool, and I can't believe how fast time is flying by (and I hear it only gets faster as I get older).



And of course the pandemic still looms largely over us, an event that has caused some of the greatest changes of all. I don't think any of us will forget how this year has pushed us into imagining life and what is "normal" in new, innovative ways. There is a long running joke that Lutherans can't handle change, but somehow the Lutheran church, and Christianity at large, has survived far greater change than where and how to worship or what it looks like to love our neighbor.

Whatever the future has in store for us and God's church, let us be comforted by the fact that God is with us through it all and will be there with us on the other side. Thanks be to God.

Pastor Seyward

## News From the Re-entering Worship Taskforce

The Re-entering Worship Taskforce would like to thank everyone who has been involved in volunteering to help make our Parking Lot and Columbarium Prayer Garden Amphitheater worship such a success. The taskforce has recently made the recommendation that as we worship outdoors that worshipers can sing as long as they wear a mask. This recommendation allows increased participation in our worship experience. The Taskforce is also recommending that we continue our outdoor worship services for as long as the weather stays nice. There is a plan for face to face indoor worship, however this plan limits capacity in the sanctuary and reduces spoken and sung participation in worship.

The taskforce's newest recommendation concerning our gathering for indoor worship continues on the following page.

## Sunday School **BEGINS!**

October 4 at 9:30am

Please register your child at [faithspicer.org](http://faithspicer.org) or use a paper copy at church.  
Details on how it's run is **INSIDE** newsletter.



# Ways We're Gathering

## In Door Worship Begins October 18

Beginning Sunday, October 18, Faith will host an 8:30am worship service in the sanctuary. You are asked to pre-register to attend this worship service on our website: [faithspicer.org](http://faithspicer.org) go to SIGN UP tab, ATTEND WORSHIP or you can call the church office.

**Note our office is closed Friday, October 16.** Due to social distancing restrictions we have a limited seating capacity of 110 persons, so it is important that you pre-register for worship at Faith.

During our indoor worship services masks will be required to be worn for the duration of the time you are in the church building. We also ask that you follow the directions of our ushers as they will be trained to maximize our seating capacity. They will lead you to your seat.

Please understand the following limitation required for indoor worship. Singing will only be done by worship leaders. The only spoken responses by the congregation will be limited. Communion will be presided over and then be distributed at the end of the service. All worshipers will be ushered in and ushered out of the sanctuary.

The taskforce also recognizes that there are members who are unable to gather indoors, but appreciate the community created in worship. **Faith will offer an outdoor worship service at 10:45am on Sunday mornings.** Depending on the weather this service will either be held in the Columbarium Prayer Garden Amphitheater or in the parking lot. **To assist us in preparing for this service we ask you to pre-register as well.**

Your help is absolutely necessary to make these worship services happen. WE NEED YOU to assist us as Worship Hosts, Prayer Garden Hosts, Parking Lot Attendants, Communion Preparers, and Livestream Assistants. These roles are extremely important and must be filled in order for us to safely and faithfully worship together. You may volunteer by signing up as a worship assistant on [faithspicer.org](http://faithspicer.org), sign up tab, worship assistants.



## What is happening with The FEAST?

We understand that The FEAST has been an important part of many peoples school year routines. Faith has temporarily put The FEAST in a holding pattern until we can celebrate THE FEAST in the manner for which it was intended. Once a plan is in place we will make it known to the congregation.



## Interested in becoming a member at Faith?

Sign up for Faith 101!

This is designed for people interested in joining our church and wanting to learn more about our church community and the ministries and programs we offer. Due to Covid restrictions, this class will be offered on an individual/family basis with Pastor Seyward over Zoom or in a socially distanced setting.

All new members will be recognized during our 8:30am worship on Sunday, October 18. Please contact Pastor Seyward to set up a meeting or learn more: [seywarda@faithspicer.org](mailto:seywarda@faithspicer.org).

## Re-entering Thursday Morning Bible Study

Want a sneak peek into Sunday's sermon? Join the Faith Lutheran Thursday Morning Bible Study. This study is open to all members of Faith and is held both in-person and on-line. A safe and socially distanced study gathers at 9:30 Thursday mornings in the Faith Community Room. If you would like to join the Bible Study On-line, check out the Faith Facebook Page for the Zoom link. Please wear a mask into the church when you arrive. Thank you!

## Faith Merchandise



Stop in and purchase your new Faith t-shirt!  
Adults are \$15 and Kids \$10.

We also have our Faith coffee tumblers for \$15.  
The weather is turning and you will need something to  
keep that coffee and hot cocoa warm.



There is also a new supply of popcorn for sale.  
Just \$5 and remember it's always a youth fundraiser!

## Volunteers Needed



We are calling on you to help with being a host, live stream assistant or to set up and take down chairs. If you could go to: [faithspicer.org](http://faithspicer.org) and click on the sign up tab, go to worship assistants and sign up we would greatly appreciate it! It's a great way to pitch in as a single, couple or an entire family. **We need YOU!**

## Family Promise Donations Being Accepted

"According to the Annual Homeless Assessment Report to Congress, 39.7% of all homeless people in the US are women. Menstruation and homelessness remain taboo topics many don't enjoy discussing. For most of us, getting a period is not much more than an inconvenience, a search for a female hygiene product at the store or from a friend and we move on with the day. For the homeless, it is a different story many who are financially strapped may be choosing between a box of female hygiene products and a meal for their family.

**Faith is collecting feminine hygiene products during the month of October. If you are able to help, please do! Items can be dropped into a tote at our main entry. Thank you!**



## Teal's Receipts

Thank you to all those faithful savers! We have continued to receive A LOT of receipts and we just wanted to let you know, please continue bringing them in! The box is in the main entry way. Just stop by and drop them off. You make a difference!

# facebook

### Want to join one of our Facebook groups?

- \* Faith Lutheran Church
- \* Faith Lutheran Church Sunday School Teachers
- \* Faith Lutheran Church Small Group Leaders (Confirmation)
- \* Praise and Play Preschool

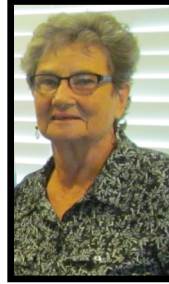
Check them out if you are interested in one of these areas of ministry.

# Church News

## Who's Who

### Thank You Nona Oie

After serving as the coordinator of the Faith Lutheran Altar Guild/Alter Care Team for the past twenty-eight years, Nona Oie has decided to step aside from this valuable ministry at Faith. We want to express our gratitude and thanksgiving to God for Nona's dedication to this position. Nona has served with and guided numerous volunteers in this very important ministry of our congregation. Thank you Nona for your wonderful organizational skills, hard work and dedication to the worship ministry of Faith Lutheran Church!



### Appreciation

Thank you for delivering Meals on Wheels in the month of August to our New London residents. We appreciate your support to our communities and the residents we serve. Dethlefs Community Center - Stacy and Michael

Thank you for your donation of \$400 back in August. Your gift makes a difference for so many. The Link is putting your gift to immediate use and your support makes it possible to provide help and hope to your neighbors in need. With gratitude, Chasity Ommodt Executive Director of The Link

### October Special Offering

We would like to hold up our faithful quilting ministry this month as our special offering recipient. These dedicated ladies work 4 days a month at Faith September through May designing, cutting, sewing, stuffing and tying these beautiful quilts. We have been so blessed to have this ministry and our faithful quilting ladies in our church community. Although they cannot resume quilting yet because of COVID they held a special quilting retreat at the end of September to make quilts for the port explosion in Lebanon which took out a warehouse where quilts were awaiting distribution so there is a great need for more quilts.

### Notes from the Council

The council would like Thrivent members to consider directing their Choice Dollars to Faith Lutheran Church. Just speak with your Financial Advisor. It's super easy. Our 2021 Mission Planning Team has begun meeting as well. And our Re-entering Task Force continues to tweak the plan for re-entering the sanctuary for worship, as our fall weather changes. Check out the back page for an up to date financial report about your Faith Lutheran.

### Baptisms

**Hezekia Henscheid**, son of Shane and Callie Henscheid  
**Valerie Baker**, daughter of Andrew and Sara Baker  
**Korbyn Caskey**, son of Kelvin and Amanda Caskey  
**Graham Johnson**, son of Kirby and Hallie Johnson

### Deaths

Janelle Joneson

### Prayer Concerns for September

Barb Gjerde  
Amber Ray  
Jody Kamholz  
Dan Joneson at the death of his wife Janelle

#### Church Council

Landon Fries - President  
Chad Haugen - Vice President  
Mari Kooiman - Secretary  
Sonya Erickson - Treasurer  
Michelle Goltz  
Dean Lindquist  
Louise Stenberg  
Ben Hoffman  
Travis Aufderheide

#### Main Office:

320.796.2522

#### Pastors

Todd Nelsen  
Seyward Ask

#### Office Administrator

Joy White

#### Children Youth & Family Ministry

##### Director

James Lucas

##### Worship & Music Director

Dave Eliason

##### Interim Property Manager

Jeff Johnson

##### Wednesday Worship Director

Pat Nelsen

##### Custodian

Paul Haney

##### Preschool Director/Teacher

Patsy Cordes

##### Preschool Teacher

Jean Anderson

##### Preschool Teacher

Pam Fox

##### Preschool Aide

Shari Herding

#### 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](mailto:office@faithspicer.org) or call Joy White at 796.2522.

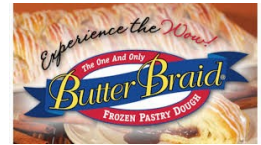
## Praise + Play Preschool

Praise + Play Preschool has been having so much fun their first full month!

We've learned our daily routines, made new friends and heard about each other's families. We talked about how we are all alike and yet all different. We've been learning to recognize our names and our friends names as well.

We've been learning shapes and colors, practicing holding our scissors and pencils correctly and loving our preschool. Singing and dancing, Chapel with our Pastors are all part of our week as well as OUTSIDE TIME! We discovered a frog on our playground, some red leaves which means Fall, and a few worms in the sand.

We will be holding our annual Buttered Braids Fundraiser Sale starting Wednesday, October 21 and will be selling until November 4.



With Covid-19 policies in place, only one parent is allowed to bring our preschooler in and they must be masked and can only be in the hallways, not entering the classroom. It is working well and we are all staying healthy with extra handwashing. All snacks are individually wrapped and such Covid is staying away!

We have made a decision to close our playground to anyone besides Praise + Play enrolled children and staff. We sanitize it twice a day and feel the need to keep it safe for us by closing it to anyone else.

\*Parent/teacher conferences will be held the week after MEA break.



## Want to hear a story? The Parable of the Persistent Widow

Then Jesus told them a parable about their need to pray always and not to lose heart. He said, "In a certain city there was a judge who neither feared God nor had respect for people. In that city there was a widow who kept coming to him and saying, 'Grant me justice against my opponent.' For a while the judge refused; but later he said to himself, 'Though I have no fear of God and no respect for anyone, yet because this widow keeps bothering me, I will grant her justice, so that she may not wear me out by continually coming.'" And the Lord said, "Listen to what the unjust judge says. And will not God grant justice to his chosen ones who cry to him day and night? Will he delay long in helping them? I tell you, he will quickly grant justice to them. (NRSV, Luke 18:1-8)

This parable tells us that we must be persistent in prayer and not give up. The Parable of the Friend Who Came at Midnight ([Luke 11:5-8](#)) is similar.

The parable compares God to an unjust judge and shows Him to be much more caring. If the unjust and uncaring judge can eventually be persuaded to give justice to the widow, then God, who is both just and loving, will surely give us the things we need. God has promised to answer our prayers and give us everything we need and more ([Mark 11:24](#), [John 15:7](#)). But a wise parent will not give a child everything he or she wants. Similarly, prayer is not a magical trick to get anything we want or a "quick fix" for problems that we should be solving ourselves. God answers prayer requests in His own way in His own time ([Psalms 40:1-3](#)), and will not grant requests that are against His holy and wise purposes ([1 John 5:14-15](#)), are selfish in nature, are not in our best long-term interest, or those made with impure motives ([Psalms 66:18](#), [Proverbs 28:9](#), [Isaiah 29:13](#), [Isaiah 59:2](#), [Hebrews 11:6](#), [James 4:3](#)). The answer, when it comes, may be in a form radically different than we expected, and we must be alert to that possibility ([Deuteronomy 3:23-27](#), [2 Corinthians 12:7-9](#)). **Sometimes, the answer must come from within ourselves** and persistent prayer will help us find that answer. We may need a new attitude or a different way of looking at things, or we may need to make amends with somebody.

# Things are happening...

## Children and Youth Education

### Sunday School Begins October 4

**Class time 9:30am-10:30am**

Please register your child by going to [faithspicer.org](http://faithspicer.org) and click on connect/education/children's ministry scroll to the link at the bottom. Or you can stop in and pick up a paper copy during the week or at Sunday worship.

Please drop your child off at the Community Room. Everyone is required to wear a mask and will be physically distanced in order to be COVID 19 compliant. Parents please note: You will not be allowed to stay in the church to visit. You will need to wait in your cars or come back when they are finished. Thank you for helping us stay compliant and open!

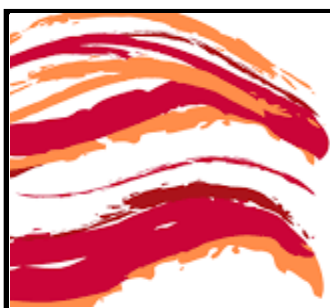
### Confirmation RESUMES Wednesday, October 7

**Class runs 6:45pm- 7:30pm**

Students Grades 6-9, please meet in the Community Room. Parents please pick your child up at 7:30pm. There will be no waiting for your kids inside the church. You will have to wait in your cars or come back and get them. Thank you too for helping us stay compliant and open!

**Please note: No Confirmation October 14 MEA Break.**

**October 28 will be a service project night! Drop off and pick up kids at Pirotta Park near O'Neil's at 6:00pm.**

 <p><b>CONFIRMATION</b> Affirmation of Baptism</p>	<h3>Affirmation of Baptism Service</h3> <p><b>Sunday, October 25, 1:00pm</b></p> <p>This service will be held outside in our prayer garden weather permitting, otherwise we will go inside the Sanctuary. This will be a Confirmation event, for families of 10th grade students affirming their baptism.</p>
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### Notes from the Columbarium

Fall is here as we can all see. If you have been to worship at Faith you have been able to sit outside in the Columbarium Amphitheatre. Hopefully that was an enjoyable experience for you. If you were watching at home you also saw the nicely maintained lawns and beds. Thanks to Tim Renner for keeping the irrigation and mowing accomplished and to Sue and Dean Westre for managing the flower beds. Just want to remind everyone that Columbarium Niches are available at a set fee of \$1600 per niche plus the engraving and urn costs which are determined at the time of inurnment. If you or a family member or even an acquaintance is interested in a niche please contact Gary Lagerstedt for more information. If you have questions or comments on the Columbarium itself please give me a call.

Jeff Johnson - Chairman, Columbarium Committee

### The Property Team at Faith

This is a busy time of year. Summer projects are winding down and we are preparing for winter. It is being said that LaNina could mean extra snow. To keep up we are going to need a number of you to step up and volunteer to be on the snow removal team. The more that volunteer the less each has to do. Main things will be to shovel the sidewalks in mornings before 7am so the pre-school and staff can access the spaces in a safe manner. The church provides the shovel and blowers and you provide the expertise and skill. So please contact the office and sign up. The fun will start before you know it. We are also busy preparing the mission plan from a property perspective for next year. As you have seen, we have repaired the cracks in the parking lot and had it restriped this year. This is a costly project but one that will save dollars over the long run by increasing the longevity of the pavement. Next year we hope to work on energy saving improvements with lighting and heat management. These items go along with the regular maintenance. We are very thankful to have a number of talented and knowledgeable individuals on the Property Team but always have room for others that want to volunteer for specific types of tasks. Please contact the office or myself so we can add your name to our lists of people that have various skills and figure out how to fit you in or in case we need someone for a special need.

Jeff Johnson - 320.905.1539

# Faith's 2020 Financials

Month	Mission Plan	YTD Total Mission Plan	Monthly Income	YTD Total Income	Monthly Expense	YTD Total Expense	YTD Net Income	2019 YTD Net Income	YTD Income to Mission Plan
January	\$58,545	\$58,545	\$40,380	\$40,380	\$51,685	\$51,685	-\$11,305	-\$12,123	-\$18,165
February	\$58,545	\$117,090	\$48,402	\$88,782	\$60,937	\$112,622	-\$23,840	-\$21,647	-\$28,308
March	\$58,545	\$175,635	\$50,860	\$139,642	\$50,239	\$162,861	-\$23,219	-\$18,732	-\$35,993
April	\$58,545	\$234,180	\$52,218	\$191,860	\$41,587	\$204,448	-\$12,588	-\$9,281	-\$42,320
May	\$58,545	\$292,725	\$55,085	\$246,945	\$55,165	\$259,613	-\$12,668	-\$22,350	-\$45,780
June	\$58,545	\$351,270	\$40,002	\$286,947	\$45,658	\$305,271	-\$18,324	-\$27,476	-\$64,323
July	\$58,545	\$409,815	\$43,338	\$330,285	\$52,358	\$357,629	-\$27,344	-\$43,173	-\$79,530
August	\$58,545	\$468,360	\$41,270	\$371,555	\$47,715	\$405,344	-\$33,789	-\$58,438	-\$96,805

## Sunday School Donations Needed

Our Sunday school students are in need of fleece fabric for making tie blankets (1.5 yards - 2.5 yards) as well as some snack donations. Individually packaged products like fruit snacks are preferred for sanitary reasons. **NO NUTS please!**

All donations can be dropped off in the main entry way, door #1. Thank you!



## In Other Words...

Mission Plan for 2020: \$702,500

### Year to date:

Offering Received = \$371,554.73

Actual Expenses = \$405,344.19

**Net Loss = -\$33,789.46**



**Keep a LOOK out!**

**Trunk or Treat news yet to come!**

## Please Keep Us Informed

In this time of the pandemic as we are more and more isolated, please keep us informed of major life changes you or your loved ones are experiencing. Your pastors and fellow disciples want to be able to walk alongside you during your journey but we can only do so when we know you are experiencing a change in your life. Please let us know if you are hospitalized, experience the death of a family member, experience changes in your occupation, relationships, or are on the move. We also want to be able to celebrate with you all of the good news you experience, so tell us about the births of children and grandchildren, marriages, anniversaries, promotions and other significant life events.

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**Current Worship Times**  
**Sundays at 8:30am**  
**Outdoor Prayer Garden**

**Beginning October 18**  
8:30am Indoor Worship  
10:45am Outdoor Worship  
*You must preregister for both  
online or call the office.*

**Details Inside!**



## Community Garden Clean Up

We had a bountiful year in the community garden and a record year for new gardeners. But, the weather is changing. Now is the time to think about cleaning out your plots. Please remember to pull out any items you put in your plots and take them home with you. We would like the plots cleaned up by the end of October.

Any one with questions please call Lynda Manselle at 320.796.6502. We hope to see everyone back for the 2021 growing season!