



*I was glad when they said to me, "Let us go to the house of the Lord!" Psalm 122:1*



Friends on the journey,

There is something awfully special about being a part of the Body of Christ at Faith Lutheran Church. We are a vibrant gathering of sinners and saints, who love Jesus, one another, and the world which God has given to us. On Wednesday evenings and on Sunday mornings it is my privilege to look at all of us gathered together and smile at the promise that God has called us to be together as the church in this little corner of creation. We are unique and wonderfully created in God's imagination and from my vantage point behind the altar, we are a beautiful reflection of God.

It is no wonder that the Psalmist proclaims the promise of gladness in gathering with others in the house of the Lord. In God's house, we find welcome, belonging, understanding, friendship and so much more. As God's gathered people we encourage, comfort, challenge, and shape one another, as we are encouraged, comforted, challenged, and shaped by the good news of Jesus.

When God calls us together as Faith Lutheran, we **Nurture** one another with God's Word, spoken, sung, taught, and proclaimed. In our life together we **Inspire** one another to be better, to do better, to live better as reflections of God's goodness and grace. And when we come together, we **Share** what is best about ourselves, the gifts we have been given and the gifts we are to the church and the world. Faith's mission statement is a reflection of who we are called to be as a church gathered together and then sent into the world. **God gathers us as a family of Faith to nurture, inspire and share the love of Jesus with all people.**

I am curious where you find your place in our life together. Do you see yourself as a doer or a be-er? Are you out in front or behind the scenes? Are you more apt to be a nurturer, a source of inspiration, or a sharer of gifts? And I sincerely hope that you feel welcomed here at Faith, that this is a place of grace, where you matter to God and to others. **BECAUSE YOU DO MATTER!**

When we are together in worship, learning, fellowship, or serving, I often hear the Psalmist whisper in my ear, "I was glad, when they said to me, 'Let us go to the house of the Lord!'" Thank you for being part of the Spiritual House that is FAITH!

In Jesus Love,  
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.



- ∞ The council is continually focused on our hopes for each other, our church, and our church’s impact in God’s world.
- ∞ The council has spent time learning more about the happenings and work done at the Churchwide Synod Assembly. A particular topic of interest and confusion surrounded the motion declaring the ELCA a “Sanctuary Church”. This was discussed in great depth and Pastor Todd and Pastor Seyward will follow up with the entire congregation on what this means for Faith.
- ∞ The council is focused on the responsible stewardship of our many blessings steeped in the reality of meeting our obligations. This will require difficult work but we believe Faith is up to the task!

# Worship Attendance

<b>Aug. 3 &amp; 4</b>	<b>208</b>
<b>Aug. 10 &amp; 11</b>	<b>225</b>
<b>Aug. 17 &amp; 18</b>	<b>190</b>
<b>Aug. 24 &amp; 25</b>	<b>285</b>

## Monthly Numbers

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

Year to date, as of August 31:

Offering Received = \$424,589.86  
 Actual Expenses = \$483,027.93  
**Excess Expenses = -\$58,438.07**



### Add Your Thoughts to Our Whiteboard!

We are trying something new at Faith! In the display case to the right of the main entrance into the Fellowship Hall, we have installed a whiteboard. Every couple of weeks there will be a new question or prompt written on the board, and we invite everyone (all ages!) to participate by writing a response using the markers provided. We are excited to engage people in a new way and are hopeful this will spark both your faith and your creativity.



# 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

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

### October 2

- ⇒ Seeds & Sprouts
  - ⇒ Confirmation Class
  - ⇒ Adult Education - Faith Financial University
  - ⇒ Adult Education - Diving Deeper into Scripture
  - ⇒ Adult Education: Make an Origami Heart
- \*Sign up for class online or at the Welcome Center.

### October 9

- ⇒ Seeds & Sprouts
- ⇒ Confirmation Class
- ⇒ Adult Education - Faith Financial University
- ⇒ Adult Education - Diving Deeper into Scripture

### October 16

- ⇒ Seeds & Sprouts
- ⇒ NO Confirmation Class
- ⇒ Adult Education - Faith Financial University
- ⇒ Adult Education - Diving Deeper into Scripture

### October 23

- ⇒ Seeds & Sprouts
- ⇒ Confirmation Class
- ⇒ Adult Education - Discussion on Sanctuary Churches
- ⇒ Adult Education - Diving Deeper into Scripture

### October 30

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

## 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.

## Interested in helping serve one Wednesday?



We are always in need of volunteers to help serve and clean up. A sign up sheet is located at the Welcome Center. Everyone that comes on a regular basis is strongly encouraged to sign up to help at one meal. Let's all be helping hands in our community at Faith. Thank you!

## New Adult Ed Feast Class: Diving Deeper

Join us on Wednesday evenings at 6:35pm at the tables in the Gathering Area to take a deeper dive into the scripture and theme from worship. This is meant to be a relaxed, casual conversation where we can further explore what we heard in the message each night, and how we can apply it to our daily lives.

## October Menu

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

- October 2 - Turkey & Ham on a bun, creamy pasta salad
- October 9 - Build a burrito w/Black beans and white rice
- October 16 - Chicken, baby red potatoes and vegie
- October 23 - Sausage Marinara w/penne, Caesar salad
- October 30 - BBQ'S and tater tots and vegie tray





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## **Let's Meet!**

### **Property Team**

Wednesday, October 2  
6:35pm

### **Council**

Thursday, October 10  
6:00pm

### **Mission Resource Team**

Date & Time TBD

### **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 September:

Jody Kamholz  
Roger Schroepfel  
Elaine Ford  
Daryl Winkelman  
Jaden Hanson  
Tom Jacobson

### **Deaths**

Jon Pederson - August 29

## **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!

**October dates are: October 8 & 22 in the Fireside Room.**

### **Hobby Night**

Friday, October 11

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 at Faith!

### **Forecaster Submissions Due**

Tuesday, October 15

### **Tuesday's Table**

Tuesday, October 15  
6:00pm - 6:30pm

Join us for this free community meal right here at Faith!

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

Esther Bible Study Circle (Meet at Faith 9:15am for rides)  
October 16 - 9:30am - Brother's Café @ Bethesda

Rachel Bible Study Circle

Thursday, October 24 - 1:30pm - Gloria Schultz's Bethesda Apts.

We use the "Gather Magazine" from Augsburg Publishing for our studies. Check your weekly worship bulletins for updates or changes of locations. All women of Faith Lutheran Church are invited to join one of the Bible Study Circles. For more info contact Nona Oie at 796-5554.

### **Faith On Tap**

Thursday, October 17  
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, October 17 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).





## Lutefisk Lutefisk Lutefisk & Meatballs

**Saturday, October 12**

**4:00pm-7:30pm**

Pre-Sale Tickets \$14, at the door \$16

Kids 6-12yrs - \$6

Kids under 5 eat FREE!

For the freshest lutefisk around come to the Lutefisk Opener on October 12. Why are we serving lutefisk each fall? This is a community event and brings upwards of 600 people into our church. Some come from a great distance and others from around the corner. People talk about it for days to come. Some come only for the meatballs or the dessert. That is ok too. Most importantly it gives people a chance to visit oftentimes with people they don't know but who share a common bond.

The fish itself is codfish from the North Atlantic. It is shipped in a dried form to Olsen Fish Company in Minneapolis where it is treated with care and rehydrated. Years ago this was the only method to preserve meat. Once it is rehydrated it is delivered here to Faith on Friday. We cook it carefully to preserve the delicate flavor. For a real treat add some lingonberries and enjoy.

We will need volunteers, especially youth and their parents. As importantly we need marketers. Tell your friends and neighbors. Share the ads that you will see on Facebook. Keep the tradition alive. After all its all about making memories.

Mange tusen takk fra det Lutefisk team.



### Fall Clean Up Day Saturday, October 5

**Join us at 9:00am.** We need men, women and youth to help clean up the yards and flower beds and prepare the grounds for a long winters nap. With enough help it should not take very long. So please contact the office and get your name on the list.

### PET BLESSING

Wednesday, October 16  
6:00pm



Blessings may occur indoors or outdoors. Pets may include dogs, cats, fish, birds or whatever you want to bring. Some people choose to bring photos of their pets if it is difficult for their pets to attend the blessing. All members of Faith are encouraged to bring their pets or a photo of your pets for a blessing.

### Property Team Update

Fall will soon be here which means fall clean up and perhaps an early snow storm. Teams are being assembled to help with snow removal from the sidewalks. Please get your name in early as we never know when snow will begin. The more people that volunteer the less work for everyone.

Ideally we could use 20 or more volunteers. It usually takes 2 people each week. It only involves clearing the sidewalks and the church furnishes the blower and shovels. Give us a call if you would like to be on the team! 796.2522

### Baptism Orientation Two Options

Have you recently had a baptism or do you plan on it in the near future?

These orientations are for you. Please come to learn more about why we do baptisms.

**Sunday, October 6  
9:45am**

**Wednesday, October 9  
6:35pm**

### Blood Pressure Checks

Stop in office #114 between services the first Sunday of each month. Our Parish Nurse will check it for you for FREE.

**The Nurse is in...  
Sunday, October 6  
9:35am**



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An Action Team could supplement an already existing Faith Lutheran project or support an entirely new and exciting venture. Start with an idea powered by your passion. Bring together a team to make an immediate impact on a cause you care about. For more information contact Pastor Todd.

### Faith Financial University

The Faith Mission Resource Team is excited to announce the formation of **Faith Financial University**. This course will be offered by Financial Advisor, Tom Gilbertson, a member of Calvary Lutheran Church in Willmar. Tom has taught a similar course at Calvary and to members of the Willmar Chamber of Commerce. This course will help individuals and couples to learn to talk openly about money matters. Faith Financial University is a session course running Wednesdays until October 16.

**The schedule continues as follows:**

- October 2                    Debt
- October 9                    Generosity
- October 16                    Living It Not Talking

Please sign up on Sign Up Genius or the bulletin board near the office. A nominal fee will be received to cover costs of materials.

### Make A Difference



### Altar Guild Interest Meeting Sunday, October 13 @ 9:45am

Altar Guild helps prepare for worship services. The commitment is approximately 4 weekends a year and we can use women, men, or couples. Contact Nona Oie for more information at 796-5554.



### Regular Worship Times

Wednesdays  
6:00pm-6:30pm

Sundays  
8:30am & 10:35am

### Blessing of Quilts

Sunday, October 6 - Both Services

Quilts will be on display during worship, all made by the Faith Quilters. They will be blessed and sent on their way to new homes. So far this year the quilters have made 176 quilts. Many have already been sent this past summer. The quilts go to Lutheran World Relief, Faith Seniors, Hospice, Red Cross, Salvation Army, Woodland Center, Safe Haven, Green Lake Bible Camp, Habitat for Humanity, and other local needs.

The quilters can always use donated material, assorted colors of sewing thread, yarn, monetary donations and of course, your hands if you care to join us in cutting, ironing, pinning, tying, sewing, and assembling quilt tops.

**NO EXPERIENCE NECESSARY! *We really need people to sew and the machines are provided.***

***We thank each and everyone of you for your generous monetary and material donations.***

### Prairie Arts Chorale Concert

Sunday, November 10  
4:00pm



The Prairie Arts Chorale Fall 2019 Concert Series will be "A Time for Dancing". Tickets will be on sale soon at the Welcome Center.



### Christmas Cantata Rehearsal

Begins October 23  
6:35pm

Faith Lutheran will once again present a Christmas Cantata during Advent this year and anyone who's interested is welcome to sing. **Rehearsals will start on Wednesday, October 23 at 6:35pm or whenever "The Feast" worship has concluded.** Performances will be Sunday, December 22 at the 8:30am & 10:35am services. Because of the shorter time commitment, we hope new singers are able to join us.

### LINK Christmas Benefit Concert

Sunday, December 15  
3:00pm

The area churches are once again combining their choirs in an effort to benefit the LINK. The concert will be Sunday, December 15 right here at Faith! We will be in need of fellowship servers and bar makers for after the concert. Look for a place to sign up on our future Opportunity to Serve Cards during worship.

Mark the date on your calendar and plan to come hear and sing with the mass choir of the New London/Spicer area churches to benefit the LINK!

### October Choir Singing Dates

Sundays October 13 & 27  
Both Worship Services

### October Scriptures

October 6 - Habakkuk 1:1-4, 2:1-4, 2 Timothy 1:1-14, Luke 17:5-10

October 13 - 2 Kings 5:1-3, 7-15, 2 Timothy 2:8-15, Luke 17:11-19, Luke 17:11-19

October 20 - Genesis 32:22-31, 2 Timothy 3:14-4:5, Luke 18:1-8

October 27 - Jeremiah 14:7-10, 19-22, 2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18, Luke 18:9-14





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## Praise + Play Preschool - October 2019

### Preschool Highlights

- \* Twenty-three families are registered to date for preschool for the 2019-20 song year. Seven of those families come Monday through Friday.
- \* We started the school year learning about our routines and fun choices each day. This was followed by learning about our families, our friends and apples!
- \* In our Bible stories we started with the seven days of creation, then moved on to Noah and the Ark!
- \* As October begins we will visit the fire station and learn about fire safety.
- \* Special thanks to all who donated wallets and billfolds. We will now be set for our Apple pie shop!
- \* We still have a few openings so if anyone knows of someone still looking for a preschool, please call us!



Praise + Play will once again be doing our Buttered Braids fundraiser. Watch for information about those delicious treats!



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



## Register for Sunday School

Go online to [faithspicer.org](http://faithspicer.org) to register!  
Paper copies available at our Welcome Center.

**NEW INFO - Age is 3 years -5th grade.  
6th grade is now a part of Confirmation  
on Wednesday Nights!**

**Sunday School Sings October 20  
10:35am Worship**



## Snack Donations Needed for Sunday School

Single packaged snacks.  
No peanut butter or nuts please.



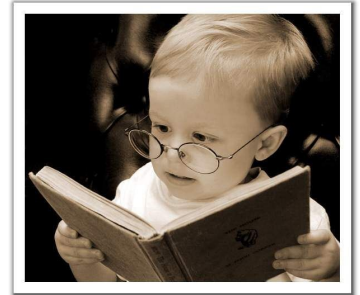
## Pumpkins & Paint Wanted

We need pumpkins and some paint! On Sunday, October 27, Sunday School students will be decorating pumpkins to be placed around our church for decoration for our annual Trunk or Treat event!

## 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!



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

Seeds and Sprouts is a Wednesday night ministry for pre school 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!



**\*\*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.

## Optional Youth Events

- \* Fall Frenzy Youth Retreat October 11-12 (2-6 grade)
- \* Junior High Youth Gathering November 22-23 or 23-24 (6-9 grade)
- \* Senior High Youth Gathering March 27-28, 2020 (9-12 grade)
- \* Middle School Lock In January 17-18 (5-8 grade)
- \* High School Lock In January 24-25 (9-12 grade)

Please contact James for more information:  
[education@faithspicer.org](mailto:education@faithspicer.org)



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## Communion for Beginners (ages Pre-K through 4th grade)

We are excited to offer a second Communion for Beginners class, kids ages 3 (Pre-K) through 4th grade, along with their parents, who are interested in receiving communion. Please join us at Faith on **Saturday, October 5 from 9:00-10:30am** to learn all about and prepare for this very special part of worship and our Christian faith. This is not mandatory, and it will be left up to the discretion of parents to determine at what age their child is ready to start receiving communion. If you have questions or would like further information, please contact Pastor Seyward at [seywarda@faithspicer.org](mailto:seywarda@faithspicer.org) or 796.2522 - Monday through Thursday.



## I ♥ Lutefisk

### Lutefisk & Meatball Dinner

Saturday, October 12

4:00pm - 7:30pm

Please mark your calendars because the Lutefisk is coming! Faith Lutheran Church will be serving a spread of lutefisk, meatballs, potatoes, corn, bread, and tons of traditional Scandanavian treats for dessert!

Tickets are on sale now!

\$14 in advance - \$16 at the door.

Kids 6-12 years \$6 and 5 and under FREE.

*This event is mandatory for Confirmation Students to work. Your assignments will be coming soon.  
If anyone has questions please contact James at 796.2522 or [education@faithspicer.org](mailto:education@faithspicer.org).*



### Confirmation Classes have **BEGUN!**

If you haven't joined us, there is still time. We meet Wednesdays beginning with Worship at 6:00pm and class continues from 6:30-7:30pm. Give James a shout if you need to sign up or have questions at 796.2522 or [education@faithspicer.org](mailto:education@faithspicer.org)



### Trunk or Treat Event

Thursday, October 31

5:00pm-6:00pm

All are welcome!

**Please bring a food shelf item as a donation!** Confirmation families are asked to create a fun themed trunk. Please let James know if you plan on bringing a decorated trunk at [education@faithspicer.org](mailto:education@faithspicer.org).



### Youth Group

Sundays 4:00pm-6:00pm in Youth Room  
9th-12th Grade



## 10<sup>th</sup> Grade Affirmation of Baptism Sunday, October 27 - 10:35am

Confirmation Sunday Service is on **October 27 at the 10:35am service**. Before that date we will get together on **Sundays, September 29, October 6 and October 13 at 12:00pm** to make your stoles and work on Faith Journey Essays. Once you turn in your Faith Journey Essay you should set up a time to meet with one of the pastors. Confirmation rehearsal will be on **Saturday, October 26 at 9:00am** where we will take pictures. Please dress appropriately. If you have questions please contact Pastor Todd or Pastor Seyward.



## Family Promise - Living Your Faith

Four times a year our congregation hosts families who are experiencing homelessness right here in Kandiyohi County. We are no different than other parts of the state where the cost of rent far exceeds what many families can afford. Life events, such as medical issues or loss of job, can be a pathway to homelessness. Family Promise is the pathway out of homelessness. Churches provide shelter & food, and our Day Center in Willmar provides services for budgeting, seeking employment and resources, and assistance in finding affordable housing.

You can become involved in this mission ministry by contacting Lynn Dwyer at [dwyerl@charter.net](mailto:dwyerl@charter.net). Our next hosting dates are Oct 27th-Nov 3rd.

We also ask you to pray about making a donation to Family Promise of Kandiyohi County in our upcoming Fall Fundraising Drive. More information on that next month.

## Upcoming Special Offerings

<b>October:</b>	Quilters
<b>November:</b>	Link Food Pantry donations
<b>December:</b>	Mitten Tree
<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

## Community Gardeners - Attention

The time is nearing to clean up our plots. We would like to see them clean of all cages, row markers and extras you may have placed in your garden plot by the end of October. The plants need to be cleaned up before the first hard frost. Many plants get extra messy after that frost and are no fun to clean up. If you are in need of help, please let us know and we can get someone to help you.



## Thank You

How grateful we have been to be a part of ministry with you at Faith for over 25 years. Thank you for your kind expressions of support as we now move into a Senior Living residence (Eventide) in Moorhead, Minnesota. May you continue to be blessed so you may be a blessing to others.

Paul & Ruth Idstrom





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## Questions and Answers About Sanctuary

At the most recent ELCA Churchwide Assembly, a resolution was passed declaring our denomination as a Sanctuary Denomination. There has been some confusion as to what this means for the ELCA and for local congregations. The following is a brief summary of the Churchwide resolution and what it means and does not mean for the ELCA and individual congregations.



- The ELCA is publicly declaring that walking along side of immigrants and refugees is a matter of faith.
- The ELCA is NOT calling for any person, congregation, synod, or organization to engage in illegal actions.
- The ELCA recognizes that our country has a broken system regarding immigration, refugees and asylum seekers. As a denomination, the ELCA seeks to provide concrete resources for those most vulnerable and impacted by the brokenness of this system.
- Our ELCA reminds us that the gospel of Jesus calls us to love God and love our neighbors.
- Being Sanctuary for others looks different in various contexts. Lutheran World Relief Quilts, Health Kits, and Layettes provide sanctuary to those we may never meet face to face. Our welcoming of those who are new to our communities and congregations provide a sense of sanctuary. Even here at Faith, ministries such as Tuesdays Table, Family Promise, Habitat for Humanity, and the Mitten Tree are a form of sanctuary.

You are invited to engage in a deeper discussion of the issue of Sanctuary, on **Sunday morning, October 20 at 9:45am and Wednesday evening, October 23 at 6:30 pm**. Please check your bulletin and the worship slides for more details.

## Are You An Ambassador?

Often word of mouth is the best form of advertising. Often when asking visitors where they heard about Faith Lutheran, I hear this response. Joe and Jane Pewdweller told us about Faith so we thought we would check it out. In this case, Joe and Jane Pewdweller were ambassadors, people willing to share information about a place they love and make an invitation. Here are some helpful hints on how to be an ambassador.

- Invite a friend to join you at Faith for an event or worship.
- Don't just like our Face Book Posts, share them.
- Never pass up an opportunity to tell someone else about our ministry and what excites you about Faith.
- Take a bulletin or Forecaster with you to work. When you hear a co-worker talk about their faith or if they are seeking a church, share information about Faith Lutheran with them.
- Bookmark our Website [www.faithspicer.org](http://www.faithspicer.org) on your browser for quick access to information about our congregation.



It doesn't take much to be an ambassador for our congregation but it can't happen without you!



## October Updates

It is a season of change and gratitude here at The Link. After 6.5 years of leadership, Rhonda Otteson is taking a new position with the Minnesota Coalition for the Homeless as their new Executive Director. She is incredibly grateful for the time she has spent at The Link, working with you: our incredible community. Your support has made it possible to touch the lives of so many people with support and compassion. This is a wonderful community that cares deeply for others and Rhonda has felt honored to have been a part of The Link's journey.



With Rhonda's departure, it's also a time to announce that Chasity Ommodt will be the new Executive Director. Chasity has been with The Link for five years and has deep connections to the community. She has successfully led the expansion of the Food Pantry and the Wildcat Backpack Program. She is deeply passionate about this work, the community and children, families and seniors in need.

The Link Board and staff have been preparing since the beginning of the year for this transition to ensure seamless services to the community.

Thank you all for your continued support. YOU are The Link.

## Community Choir Concert

The Annual Community Choir Concert to benefit The Link will be on Sunday, December 15, 3:00pm at Faith Lutheran Church. This Year's theme will be "God Came Near".

If your church is without a choir, please consider attending the following rehearsals:

**October 8th & 22nd and November 5th & 19th - 7:00pm at Our Lady of the Lakes Catholic Church**

**November 24th - 3:00pm to 5:00pm at Faith Lutheran Church**

### Tuesday's Table

#### October Schedule

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

**October 1:** No Tuesday's Table

**October 8:** Evangelical Covenant Church

**October 15:** Faith Lutheran Church

**October 22:** Peace Lutheran

**October 29:** O'Neil's hosted by the Open Door

### 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

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*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.

## October 2019 Bible Study

### Session two "No Hard Feelings"

Theme verses: Lamentations 2, Psalm 25 & 126

#### Quilting

October 14 & 15 - 9:00am-3:00pm

October 28 & 29 - 9:00am-3:00pm

#### Esther Bible Study Circle

October 16 @ 9:30am - Brothers Café @ Bethesda

\*Meet at church for rides at 9:15am.

#### Rachel Bible Study

October 24 @ 1:30pm - Gloria Schultz's Bethesda Apts.

Everyone is invited to join us in our Bible Studies and mission projects. For more information contact Nona Oie 796-5554.

#### Quilting Needs:

- donated material, assorted colors sewing thread, yarn, monetary donations .
- Can you sew a straight line, cut material, iron or pin?  
**We can use you--no experience necessary.** Stay as long or short as you need. Food - Fun - Fellowship while making beautiful quilts. **Please join us!**

# Happy Birthday

- 1) Todd Halvorson, Javin Lucas, Laurie Nelson, Sean Pederson, Dan Quale, Sheila Ward
- 2) Gary Heglie, Jodi Johnson, Claire Rolighed, Karen Schroepel, Bev Valentine
- 3) Nicole Barber, Carol Cappelen, Rebecca Clayton, Robin Hegreberg, Becky Homme, Jack Steffensen
- 4) Lily Debner, Nancy Fladeboe, Cleo Kilpatrick, Keith Seidler, Harold Skaalrud
- 5) Sharon Fostervold, Scott Quale, Joanne Suchy, Brett Welker
- 6) Alan Miller
- 7) Gage Pederson, Mark Rooney, Nick Thompson
- 8) Dexter Eichhorst
- 9) Brooks Fellows, Janelle Joneson, Lane Mtchell, Jon Noeldner
- 10) Axel Eichhorst, Sophia Hammer
- 11) Mya Rohman, Gavin Rosendahl, Ellery Scheevel, Jeff Welker
- 12) Thomas Bice, Burt Lind, Roland Wohlin
- 13) Kirsten Olness, Reese Peterson, Gerald Saetveit
- 14) Amy Buffington, Truman Homme, Kirby Johnson, Kevin Keck, Darwin Madden
- 15) Nixon Berghorst, Michael Gjerde, Megan Hooper, Cheryla Johnson, Kyle Lorensen, John Woodhall
- 16) Doug Bultman, Noah Condon, Owen Eichhorst, Ruth McDonnell, Gabe Rohman
- 17) Fred Gould, Sharon Nelson, Carolyn Noehl
- 18) Chris DeCathelineau, Jeff Henderson, Jennifer Lien
- 19)
- 20) Rosemary Chastek, Norma Harlow, Connor Kingman, Amber Lenz, Payton Madison, Chris Wharton
- 21) Michael Harlow, Don Johnson, Julie Wurm
- 22) Jeff Isdal, Andrew Lien, Levi Streich
- 23) Leah Fernelius, Greta Geest, Scott Kastner, Melinda Keller, Ben Noeldner, David Schneider, Jeremy Tharaldson
- 24) David Mohs, Jesse Olson, Katie Scheevel
- 25) Doug Anderson, Nate Goracke, Tim Kamholz, Rosella Lien, Matthew Vilven, Ryan Wentzel
- 26) Susan DeZeeuw, Brightyn Eisenbacher, Harold Olson, Diane Woodhall
- 27) Henry Pederson, Kathy Quam, Daniel Ree
- 28) Diane Nelson, Oaklee Ninow, Halle Thompson, Jase White
- 29) Todd Bridge, Janet Hey
- 30) Charlotte Hayden
- 31) Anna Cook, Brandon Nelson

Open House Bridal Shower  
for

**Miranda Tebben**

Sunday, October 13

2:00pm-4:00pm

Faith Lutheran Church







SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1	2	3	4	5
		7:30am-5:30pm Pre-school  6pm-6:30pm NO Tuesday's Table	7:30am-5:30pm Pre-school 9am I Am Bible Study  5:15pm-5:50pm Meal <b>6pm-6:30pm Worship</b> 6:35pm Education 6:35pm Property Team Meeting 7:35pm - Choir	7:30am-5:30pm Preschool 9:30am Bible Study  10:40 Preschool Chapel 12pm Ministerium at Faith 3:30pm-9pm Just For Kix	7:30am-5:30pm Preschool	9am Bible Study 9am-12pm Fall Clean Up 9am Communion for Beginners Class 10:15am-11am Music Together Class
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
Special Offering - Blessing of Quilts <b>8:30am Worship</b> 9:30am Sunday School/Coffee Hour/Blood Pressure Checks 9:45am Baptism Orientation <b>10:35am Worship</b> 12pm 10th Grade Confirmation Class	7:30am-5:30pm Preschool  7pm Caregiver Meeting	6:30am Guys on the Go Bible Study  7:30am-5:30pm Pre-school  6pm-6:30pm Tuesday's Table @ Evangelical Covenant Church	7:30am-5:30pm Pre-school 9am I Am Bible Study 10:30am Staff 5:15pm-5:50pm Meal <b>6pm-6:30pm Worship</b> 6:35pm Education/Baptism Orientation 7:35pm - Choir	7:30am-5:30pm Preschool 9:30am Bible Study  10:40 Preschool Chapel 3:30pm-9pm Just For Kix 6pm Council	7:30am-5:30pm Preschool  5pm-7pm Lutefisk Set Up 6:30pm Hobby Night	9am Bible Study 10:15am-11am Music Together Class (Choir Room)  4pm-7:30pm Lutefisk Dinner
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
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20	21	22	23	24	25	26
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27	28	29	30	31		
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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**

