

# Todd Talks...

“Jesus did this, the first of his signs, in Cana of Galilee, and revealed his glory; and his disciples believed in him.” (John 2:11)

Water to Wine, Feeding of Five Thousand, Giving Sight to the Blind, Raising the Dead all of these stories and many more point to the promise that Jesus of Nazareth was more than a captivating preacher of God’s Word. These miracle stories reveal the presence of God in the person of Jesus. The writers of the gospels carefully report the details of healings, exorcisms, and miracles of multiplication so that we may see in Jesus the authority and power of God at work among God’s people. Having heard and experienced the miraculous things done by Jesus, his disciples were sent out into the world to do the same thing. They preached, taught, fed, and healed. The miracles occurred in everyday life, this was and is ministry.

During October our “God speaks, We live” sermons and bible studies will focus on Miracles and Ministry. We invite you to join us as we hear of the miraculous signs and wonders Jesus performed and follow the call to live out these signs and wonders in our ministry together.

See you in worship!

# Seyward Says...

It has been so great to return to our full programming of the Feast on Wednesday nights! It’s wonderful to see so many members and families eating dinner together, participating in worship, and attending our youth and adult educational offerings. Some of our best adult ed classes over the years have been led and taught by members: learning how to transform your habits; a DVD bible study focused on processing emotions and conflict; creating a prayer journal; crafting an epiphany star; even learning how to use an instant pot! All of these classes (and more) were led not by your pastors, but by fellow church members.

We want to return to offering classes led by YOU! It can be a one-time class or spread over multiple weeks. And as you can see from previous classes offered, the topic of your class can be almost anything! We are more than happy to help you create a class if you have an idea and need some assistance. We really want the Feast to remain a vibrant ministry in our congregation, and it is always the most successful with your help and participation. Please reach out to me or Pastor Todd with questions and ideas. I hope to hear from you soon!

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## Faith News

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**Website:** www.faithspicer.org  
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**Fall Office Hours:**  
Monday - Thursday 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.

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*Thank you.*  
*The dictionary defines this phrase as*  
*"expressing one's gratitude or thanks."*  
*The definition is so short and simple*  
*and yet, for some,*  
*it is one of the most difficult things to do.*

*October is Clergy Appreciation Month,*  
*I urge you to take just one moment, and*  
*let your pastors know you appreciate them.*

### Fall Worship Schedule

### Please pray for...

#### Sundays:

9 a.m. Worship  
10 a.m. Fellowship  
10 a.m. Sunday School

Bishop Dee Pederson  
Nathan Saetveit, son of Jerru and  
Margaret Saetveit  
Pat Carlson

#### Wednesdays "The Feast":

5:15 p.m. Meal  
6 p.m. Worship  
6:35 p.m. Educational Opportunities  
7:35 p.m. Choir

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



# Children & Youth



## Praise+Play

We have our first few weeks under our belts and all the children are beginning to get into our daily schedule. A vast majority are fine having Mom or Dad leave them at the classroom door after a hug or two. We still have one or two with an occasional tear but that is very normal for those entering a formal school setting for the first time, and sometimes parents have a harder time than the

child. We have been learning the basics of colors and shapes as well as discussing families, friends and a few school rules. We ended our September with an Apple Unit. October always starts out with Fire Safety and Community Helpers, then we move into pumpkins and Halloween. One week our playground was invaded with ground bees so we took to playing games in the parking lot. They seemed to have left so we are once again enjoying the playground. We started the year out having our backpacks blessed in Chapel, then spent a couple of weeks on Creation,

which always finds Pastor Todd getting to sing his favorite Hippo Song. Now we move into the stories from the old testament such as Noah and Joseph. **Our annual fundraiser of those delicious Butter Braids will be starting Wed. Oct. 20, ending Wed. Nov. 3 with delivery date of Tues. Nov. 23.** We hope to supply you some samples during a Feast meal and a Sunday morning coffee hour. The Welcome Center will have a sign up sheet if you miss seeing us. Don't forget to check us out on our Facebook page: Praise and Play to see what we are up each week!



Our Rally Sunday was a success! Full of worship, crafts, climbing, a yummy breakfast, and the BEST company, our hearts were

filled. The day started off fall-like with the perfect chilly morning, and turned into a gorgeous sunny afternoon. Remember that any kiddos 3yrs - 5gr are welcome to join Faith's Sunday School at 10 a.m. on Sundays.



**REFORMATION Sunday**

Attention 10th graders: rehearsal for Reformation Sunday will be Saturday, October 30th from 9-10 a.m. Students will be confirmed on Reformation Sunday, October 31st during a special 11 a.m. Worship service, the congregation is invited to attend.

# Opportunities

## Pet Blessing Service

During the first week of October, churches around the world will celebrate something that St. Francis of Assisi began almost 800 years ago: Blessing our Animals. It was Francis who first introduced the idea that human beings are only one of a myriad of creations of God and all are blessed in God's "eyes." Every year Christians mark the feast day of St. Francis on October 4th, and a blessing of the animal services usually occur during that week. Here at Faith, we will celebrate the Feast of St.



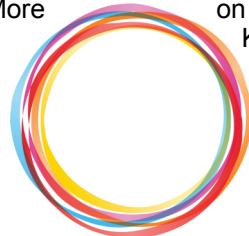
Francis with a **pet blessing during our Feast Service on October 6th.** Our hope is that we will be able to celebrate this service in the prayer garden amphitheater. In case of inclement weather, we will worship indoors. Please bring your pets or a picture of your pets to worship so we may bless them. We ask that dogs be leashed and be prepared to clean-up if your fur baby decides to leave a special offering.

Faith is happy to welcome to our staff, Ashtynne Engler, as our new custodian! Ashtynne will primarily be cleaning our building a couple of evenings a week. If you see Ashtynne in the building, please welcome her and let her know how glad you are that she is part of our staff.



## Circle of Support

Join Circle of Support on Wednesday, October 20th at 6:35 p.m. in the Fireside Room for "More on Grief." Joining us will be David Rivers and his wife, Krista. David developed the Rice Hospice some years ago, the state of Minnesota and served as its director. Come get information, support, safely share your journey, and see how beneficial a few laughs can be. Feel free to bring a friend or two!



## Serving on Sundays

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!

Mission of the Month October:

*The Faith Quilters*



# Looking Ahead...

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

Oct. 3rd	9 a.m.	Welcoming New Members Sunday Worship
Oct. 6th	6 p.m.	Pet Blessing Worship Service
Oct. 12th & 13th	9 a.m. - 3 p.m.	Quilting
Oct. 14th	6:30 p.m.	Faith on Tap @ Goat Ridge Brewery
TBD	6:30 p.m.	Women, Wine, & the Word
Oct. 26th & 27th	9 a.m. - 3 p.m.	Quilting
Oct. 28th	1:30 p.m.	Rachel Circle Bible Study @ Arlys Ousman's
Oct. 30th	9 a.m.	10th graders rehearsal
Oct. 31th	11 a.m.	Special Confirmation Worship Service, congregation is invited

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 Faith Chancel Choir
Thursdays	9:30 a.m.	Bible Study in the Fireside Room
Saturdays	9 a.m.	Men's Bible Study



- The church council is excited to announce a joint Youth Ministry agreement with Peace Lutheran Church in New London! This partnership allows us to celebrate the positive experiences we share and encouragement in the areas we may find difficult. This partnership is a gift from God, and we will treat it as such.

January 1 - August 31		
	2021	2020
Income	367,248.57	371,554.73
Expense	388,284.40	405,344.19
Net Income	-21,035.83	-33,789.46
Mortgage Principal TTL	34,558.75	33,657.48
Inner Fund Transfer	\$18,246.71	
Net Profit (Loss)	\$31,769.63	-\$131.98