

Todd Talks...

“During the night, Paul had a vision of someone from Macedonia who was standing there and begging him, “Come over to Macedonia and help us!” After Paul had seen the vision, we began looking for a way to go to Macedonia. We were sure that God had called us to preach the good news there.” Acts 16:9-10

Partners In the Good News of Jesus,

Faith Lutheran is experiencing a Macedonia moment in our life as a congregation. Earlier this year, I received a phone call from someone representing the Redwood Central Parish, which is composed of Our Savior’s Lutheran Church in Milroy, Trinity Lutheran Church in Lucan, St. Matthew Lutheran Church in Wabasso, and Sundown Lutheran in Springfield, asking if Faith might be interested in providing live stream services to the parish. The parish has experienced a pastoral vacancy and due to the shortage of interim pastors in our synod, they may be without a pastor to serve them for an undetermined amount of time. The result is that Faith Lutheran and the Redwood Central Parish are entering into a collaborative relationship where Faith will provide three live-streamed and one in-person worship service a month.

So what does this mean for Faith? On Sunday Mornings, starting September 5th, our worship community will expand to include new friends from the Redwood Central Parish. We will include the Parish in our announcements and prayers. On the Second Sunday of the month, a pastor from Faith will be present in the Parish leading worship and celebrating the sacraments. The Parish will compensate Faith for live-streaming, in-person worship, and mileage. This opportunity allows us to be the body of Christ for our neighbors and mirror for other congregations in our synod new possibilities for how congregations can walk together in proclaiming the good news of Jesus.

Seyward Says...

This past month our church council made the decision to move to one Sunday worship service beginning this fall. We are excited for this change because we believe having one full service will create a sense of unity, and a more dynamic and engaging worship experience for everyone who comes through our doors, whether they are a lifelong member or visiting for the very first time. Worship will be at 9am, followed by Sunday school and fellowship time at 10am. This will begin on Rally Sunday, September 12th. We are also excited to bring back the Feast on Wednesday nights beginning September 15th, which includes a worship service at 6pm. If you have questions or would like to talk further about our fall worship schedule, please reach out to me, Pastor Todd, or a member of our council. Thank you!

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

*For more information, visit the Faith Lutheran Website or
Follow us on Facebook!*

Interested in becoming a member at Faith?

Join us for Faith 101! This class is designed for people wanting to learn more about our church community and the ministries and programs we offer.



The next set of classes will meet on September 19th and 26th at 10 a.m. in the Fireside Room.

New members will be officially welcomed on October 3rd during worship at 9 a.m.

Everyone interested in learning more about our church is welcome to attend! Please contact Pastor Seyward with any questions.

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
6:30 p.m. Educational Opportunities

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

Please pray for...

Dean Madsen
Pastor Bill Miller
Tom McConnell
(the Henscheids’ uncle)



Children & Youth



We are looking forward to starting a new Sunday school year! You can register your child using this QR code, or by clicking the link on the church website. We have another great group of volunteer teachers this year. We

are still looking for a couple more people to join our group. If you are interested in teaching Sunday school, please contact Anna or Mya. Sunday school will be from 10:00-11:00 each Sunday. We will meet in the multipurpose room for 15 minutes of "Kid Worship", then go off to the classrooms to read a bible story, do an activity, and eat a snack. Our theme for the fall is the Fruits of the Spirit. We will be learning about: love, peace, joy, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self control.



Praise+Play Summer Clubs wrapped up August 19. Our last week was spent with two great field trips: one to Green Lake Bible Camp to swim at their beach and a picnic lunch; the second to Robbins Island Playground with a pizza delivery for lunch. Fun trips! Special thanks to Dave Eliason for driving the green bus for us all summer. Now it's back to regular school year preparations. Our back to school night was held August 23, with parents and children coming with their school supplies and necessary forms required.

They got to meet the teachers and check out their classrooms. This year our enrollment is the highest to date for Praise+Play with 39 families enrolled. We increased our license capacity to 30 at a time and were able to add an aide to that equation with our 3 teachers. We are currently working on our Parent Aware rating for the next two years. All paperwork has to be submitted by September 30, 2021 with the award out by December 31. We have previously had a 3-star rating allowing us grant dollars and scholarship funds to those families that qualify. This year the state changed their guidelines on the top rank 4 star programs, which previously could not receive grant funding for their programs, to now



allow that so we are hoping to earn that 4-star rating which is the top rating. Don't forget to check us out on our Praise and Play Facebook page.

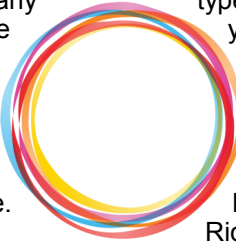


6th - 9th grade confirmation students and parents please mark your calendars for our confirmation orientation Wednesday, September 8th at 6 p.m. 10th graders please come at 7 p.m. to discuss Confirmation Sunday.

Opportunities

Circle of Support

Did you know there are many types of grief? Would you like to be part of a group where you can get information, support, safely share your journey, and see how beneficial a few laughs can be? Join Circle of Support on Wednesday, September 15th at 6:35 in the Fireside Room. The month for an hour. There will be some inspiring speakers from time to time. Evy Hatjstilianos, former Volunteer Coordinator for Rice Hospice, will be at the first meeting. She will speak about listening skills and confidentiality among other things. After a few months the frequency of meetings will be revisited as well as any other changes. Feel free to bring a friend!



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Faith Focus Forums

During September we would like to engage the members of Faith in a series of listening sessions to help us reconnect, share our stories, and help guide our leadership in discerning what is God's promised and preferred future for our congregation. Your voice matters and we want to hear how the past 18 months have shaped your faith journey. What are your hopes for and prayers for your family in the next few years? What is the impact of your personal faith on your loved ones? And we want to talk about how this community of faith-Faith Lutheran Church-can best walk alongside you. These one-hour sessions will help us set the course for how we live into our future. We want you to be part of the conversation, please call the church office or sign up on Sign-up Genius to participate. A list of sessions will be posted on our website, Facebook page and throughout the church building.

Faith Choir - Changes Ahead

As if we didn't have enough changes last year, there are more ahead. Here's what remains the same and what will be different for our Faith Chancel Choir this year.



The Same: We still plan on being able to have the choir return this year. We're being cautious due to the new Covid variant, but we hope that threat will pass and choir can convene again later in the fall, hopefully in October. Dave Eliason will continue to direct the choir and a full year of music is planned including Christmas and Easter cantatas and lots of Sunday singing. There will be special concerts throughout the year including the Prairie Arts Chorale, The All-State Lutheran Choir and the Link Benefit Concert.

Changes: The choir season will be shortened a bit to allow some time off for Dave and Liz to enjoy their retirement. Liz is newly retired, so now joins Dave in that season of life. They hope to do some extensive traveling this year. As a result, choir will start a bit later—in October, and there will be a two month break in January and February. The choir season will conclude after Easter. In the choir "break times" the plan is to utilize our fine musicians to continue to provide special music regularly for our worship.

So, the good news is, if you'd like to sing with the choir this year but can't commit long term, here's a chance to sing for a couple months at a time and then take a break or be finished. Please consider joining us and truly make our church's musical experience wonderful!

Looking Ahead...

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

Sept. 5	8:30 a.m. 10 a.m.	Worship in the Stave Chapel at GLLM Worship in the Faith Sanctuary
Sept. 8	6 p.m. 7 p.m.	Confirmation Mtg. 6 - 9th graders & parents Confirmation Mtg. 10th graders
Sept. 9	6:30 p.m.	Faith on Tap @ Goat Ridge Brewery
Sept. 12	9 a.m.	Rally Sunday Worship in Prayer Garden activities & light brunch following Worship
Sept. 15	5:15 p.m.	The Feast begins
Sept. 21	6:30 p.m.	Women, Wine & the Word
Sundays	9 a.m. 10 a.m. 10 a.m.	Worship in the Faith Sanctuary Sunday School Fellowship
Thursdays	9:30 a.m.	Bible Study in the Fireside Room
Saturdays	9 a.m.	Men's Bible Study

Worship Assistants for Fall Worship

Faith is in need of worship assistance as we return to Sunday services in the sanctuary. A Sign-up Genius page will be established for Greeters, Ushers, Scripture Readers, Communion Assistants, Livestream Assistants, and Slideshow Assistants. Your participation helps make worship happen at Faith!



- * New Sunday Worship schedule. 9am service with 10am Sunday school.
- * New hire for Property Manager position, Tim Kamholz.
- * Loving Arms daycare and preschool lease agreement is tentatively approved pending final negotiations.

January 1-July 31, 2021	
Income	311,207.73
Expense	336,137.28
Net Income	-24,929.55
Mortgage Principal TTL	30,230.70
Inner Fund Transfer	\$15,138.27
Net Profit (Loss)	\$20,439.42