

SUMMER VBS



ON-SITE DAY CAMP AT SHORES OF ST. ANDREW

Completed grades K-5 | Shores of St. Andrew Bible Camp | Camper Fee: \$165 (**\$65 with code 2025NLS**) | Monday, July 28 – Thursday, July 31

Join us and Peace Lutheran Church for Day Camp held at Shores of St. Andrew Bible Camp, offering a week of community-building, Bible study, crafts, games, and swimming. Campers return home each afternoon and come back the next morning refreshed and anticipating another fun day. **A bus will pick up and drop off kids from Faith and Peace each day.** Register at gllm.campbrainregistration.com or use QR code below.

PRE-K VBS AT FAITH

VBS for Pre-K - starting Kindergarten aged kids

Join us for VBS here at Faith Lutheran Church on **Monday, July 28th-Wednesday, July 30th from 8:30am - 11:00am**. The kids will be following the same theme as the older kids and their time will be packed with learning, crafts, games, music and more! This VBS will be led by Faith and Peace staff & volunteers. Cost is \$25 per child.

You can register online at our website: faithspicer.org - CHILDREN/YOUTH tab or use the QR code below.

FAITH & PEACE PK VBS VOLUNTEER SIGN UP

Faith & Peace Lutheran Churches are hosting VBS for kids entering Preschool and Kindergarten and **we need your help to make it happen!** VBS is July 28th through July 30th from 8:30am to 11am.

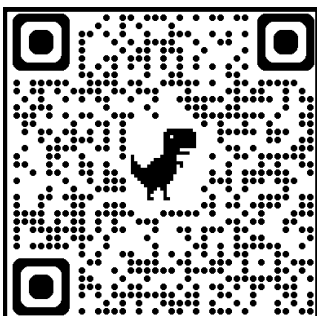
Please let us know if you can help any of the days. Even if you can't help in person we have other ways to help. We appreciate it!

Please email or call Libbie Anderson with any questions: libbieanderson@gmail.com (651) 399-1611. Scan the QR below to see the various volunteer needs.

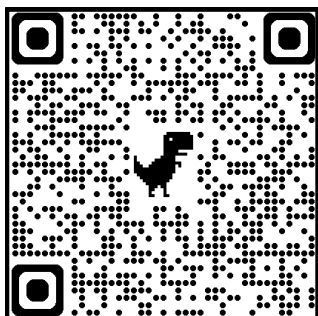
ON-SITE DAY CAMP REGISTRATION



PREK/K VBS REGISTRATION



SIGN-UP: VBS VOLUNTEERS



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Phone: 320.796.2522
Office Hours: Monday - Thursday
8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

**JUNE 2025
NEWSLETTER**

SUMMER WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Sunday Mornings (starting May 25):

- 8:30am at the Stave Chapel
- 10:00am at Faith Lutheran Church
 - ***This service will be live-streamed***

Join in the Green Lake Lutheran Ministries' Summer Kick-Off Event on Sunday, June 1 from 8:00am-12:00pm. They will be serving french toast with a variety of syrups and toppings, sausage links, fruit, juice and coffee. Price: \$10.00 for adults and children 13+, \$6.00 for children 5-12, children under 5 free! Proceeds will support our camp scholarship fund.

JUNE MISSION OF THE MONTH: VBS SCHOLARSHIPS

Our VBS with Peace Lutheran at Shores of St. Andrew and the preschool VBS here at Faith strives to provide fun and educational experience rooted in Christ for all students ages pre-K to 5th grade. Donations collected will help cover our fee that we pay to Green Lake Lutheran Ministries for their help in this ministry. Funds will also be used to support the needs of the preschool VBS here at Faith, as well as offer scholarships for those that are in need.

A WORD FROM PASTOR TIM

Hi everyone, in honor of Memorial Day and our first day of summer worship, I wrote this piece while deployed many years ago. God's blessings to you! *PT*

In the military, the days of your life often lose meaning. There is a regiment for what you do. You get up, eat, pack, move out to train or work, and come home. To live by a normal Sabbath schedule is difficult. The training schedule says we will train seven days a week, everyday...

Yet, God says Sabbath is part of life itself. It is not a secondary piece at all - instead, it is what life moves toward. Genesis chapter two says, *"Thus the heavens and the earth were completed in all their vast array. By the seventh day God had finished the work he had been doing: so, on the seventh day he rested from all his work. And God blessed the seventh day and made it holy, because on it he rested from all the work of creating that he had done."*

Rabbi Abraham Joshua Heschel wrote: *"Six days a week we live under the tyranny of things of space: on the Sabbath we become attuned to holiness in time. It is a day on which we are called upon to share in what is eternal in time, to turn from the results of creation to the mystery of creation, from the world of creation to the creation of the world."*

For Jewish peoples, the Sabbath incorporates the most cherished values of their tradition: *"the sanctity and dignity of human life, the covenantal relationship between God and Israel, the warmth, closeness and mutual respect of family life, the experience of spiritual joy, and the prospective fulfillment of the 'world-to-come' in the Messianic Era."*

What can we do to remind ourselves, *"More than Israel has kept the Sabbath, the Sabbath has kept Israel?"* We are kept by the Sabbath more than the other way around. In my current setting it means bringing the Sabbath with me to the field when I go. I pack devotionals, Bibles, Holy Communion, religious supplies for our Roman Catholic, Orthodox, and other Christian believers. I also bring books for our other soldier's faith traditions including Jewish and Muslim. (I would add other traditions now including Hindu.)

We can't spend a whole day of rest right now, but we can share the peace, rejoice in the company of other saints, receive our Lord's Supper upon our lips and into our bodies, hear the Word of God which created the world, and be blessed upon our way. The Word of God spoken, eaten, and lived brings Shabbat (Sabbath) to people in the field. It brings us rest; it brings us promise; it brings us Christ.

UPCOMING YOUTH EVENTS

- **LYF HIGH SCHOOL EVENT - ROMANS & CHRISTIANS**
 - Wednesday June 4th at 8:00pm at Peace Lutheran
- **MIDDLE SCHOOL NIGHT GAMES**
 - Wednesday June 18th at Faith from 8pm-10pm

4TH OF JULY PARADE WATER DONATION

Faith youth are asking for donations of 16-20oz water bottles to sell at the Spicer 4th of July Parade. All donations help us save costs and help our students earn more money. Donations can be dropped off at Faith Lutheran at the Welcome Center from now until parade day. Thank you!



CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR CLASS OF 2025!



- Brock Buffington
- Ava Carlson
- McKenna Doty
- Collin Peterson
- Jadyn Proehl
- Caleb Reich
- Daniel Vanderwerf
- Henry Vetsch
- Garret White

A WORD FROM PASTOR KATHERINE FREED TO SERVE

It's amazing how loving, merciful, and ridiculously generous our God of abundance is! Through the waters of Baptism, we who are claimed, forgiven, and adopted, are sons and daughters of the most-high God! We are invited to daily swim in the ocean of God's divine love and providence, and as we do, we are empowered to become more and more like the One we follow.

However, the cacophony of voices and distractions in our world seriously jam our lines of communication with God, and we fall, ever deeper into a pseudo reality that can obscure our Calling and subverts our mission. Kingdom building, slowly but surely, drifts to the bottom of our priorities. Forgetting who we are Called to be by God, we imagine that all that we have and are, is a result of our personal hard work and intelligence. It's a short fall to believing that we are more deserving than those around us.

Freed to Serve is Faith Lutheran's invitation for us all, young and not so young alike, to begin again with intentionality our Calling to be disciples, to be good stewards of all that God has entrusted to us, to place God first in our lives.

Faith is answering that Call in new and exciting ways! Decisions about how to utilize our Praise and Play space have been made by our Task Force, Council, and congregation that will serve our youth, members, and the community. A Wood-fire Pizza Grill, if not already under construction, will soon be built to enhance our outdoor Worship, fellowship, and ties to the larger community. The Stewardship Committee and Church Council are asking that we prayerfully come together to pay down our mortgage debt to lower interest and free up finances so that we may continue responding to the leading of the Holy Spirit. And lastly, the Transition Committee and Pastor Tim continue the work of identifying the needs of Faith Lutheran and our search for an Associate Pastor.

Brothers and Sisters, the winds of the Spirit are blowing mightily! Come be a part of all that is being made new so that your gifts, time, and finances can truly make a difference. Christ's Church, of which Faith Lutheran is a part, has a mission and a limitless mission field. As we celebrate Pentecost and the outpouring of the Holy Spirit in just a week's time, let us pray for an extra measure to guide us and the whole Church on earth!

God's Peace,
Rev. Katherine Rood

TASK FORCE RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL

The space task force has made a recommendation to the church council. After much research, discussion and prayer, the task force recommends the space to become an integral part of our church using it as a multi generational life center.

First, this will increase space for our children and youth, providing them with movement areas, education and a brighter, fun atmosphere to gather. The younger generation will be the future of our church. A dynamic program will enhance growth with younger families, feeling connected to Faith's mission of Nurture, Inspire and Share.

Secondly, there will be an opportunity to delegate spaces for multi generational use such as arts and crafts, music, book clubs, yoga, adult education and many more. The task force visualizes the spaces to be shared with our members and our community. This may result in repurposing some of the existing spaces as well.

The church council is determined to move forward with this recommendation. Our short term goal is to use the next month for taping and repair, paint and buff and seal the vinyl floors. During this time, I'd like to create a small group to volunteer as an "implementation team". This team will evaluate the spaces, dream about the inviting bright atmosphere and implement the next step towards completing a few areas that will be ready for next fall.

Our long term goal is then to analyze spaces within our existing areas, perhaps reorganizing spaces that fit into the next decade of Faith's Mission.

With limited resources, but a lot of creative and talented members, we are driven to make Faith Church an inviting place to love Jesus and share his love through our ministries.

Thank you Faith members for your participation. It was exciting to see the outpouring of ideas from members young and old. Thanks for your suggestions and to the task force members who unselfishly gave up Sunday mornings for meetings to discuss these ideas and formulate a recommendation. Onward we go!

Carla Miller - Council President

JANUARY - APRIL 2025					
	YTD Budget	2025	2024	Difference	Compared to Budget
Income	217,051.30	167,557.20	183,539.19	(15,981.99)	(49,494.10)
Expense	196,125.77	189,408.79	215,610.21	(26,201.42)	(6,716.98)
Net Income	20,925.53	(21,851.59)	(32,071.02)	10,219.43	(42,777.12)

Principal mortgage payment of \$5208 per month not included in 2025.