FAMILY COMMUNITY PLAYTIME

Join us for a Family Community Playtime happening at Faith Lutheran Church on the 1st Thursday of each month. All ages are welcome and there is no registration cost! **November Date: Thursday, Nov. 5, 9-11am**

COLLECTING ITEMS FOR SUNDAY SCHOOL

This fall Faith's elementary youth programs of Sunday School and Seeds+Sprouts would like to invite the congregation to join us for a service project. We are partnering with Arrive Ministries in making household kits to give to local immigrant/refuge families who are new to our community. These kits are a way to welcome our new neighbors and share love with them. **So please join us in donating the following items: bucket, disinfectant spray, toilet bowl cleaner, hand soap, cleaning rags, sponges, toilet paper, baby wipes, handwritten cards, packaged snacks, personal care items.** Please bring items to church by Wednesday, November 18. THANK YOU!

NOISY OFFERING: Sunday, November 29

Collect your coins and bring them with you to worship on Sunday, November 29 (5th Sunday of the month) for our Noisy Offering. **All proceeds will go to Family Promise!**

COMMITMENT WORSHIP WEDNESDAY & SUNDAY

The Stewardship Committee has sent out a letter and a commitment card to all members of Faith. Please bring your completed commitment card to our upcoming Commitment Worship Services on Wednesday, November 18 and Sunday, November 22, in which during the service we will have a special time to bring the commitment cards forward. Thank you for helping to support, maintain and grow the ministry and mission of Faith!

NOVEMBER MISSION OF THE MONTH: CHRISTMAS JOY - THE LINK

Help support the AMAZING program put on by The Link, New London this time of year: Christmas Joy! **Your donations will help support Christmas meals, gifts, and gift cards for those in our area who need it.** We will still be participating in the Mitten Tree (*watch for upcoming information as we get closer to the time*), but will be collecting monetary donations too!

January-September 2026

	YTD Income	YTD Budget	Compared to Budget
Income	$398,183.27	$475,283.28	(77,100.01)
Expense	$398,374.93	$447,070.83	(48,695.90)
Net Income	**(191.66)**	**$28,212.45**	**(28,404.11)**

Average monthly income needed to meet budget & mortg. payment: *$52,745*
Average monthly received 2026: *$49,773*

BAL of Mortgage Debt Owing: **9/30/26: $200,357**
Due to other funds: $40,860

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NOVEMBER HAPPENINGS:

ALL SAINTS' SUNDAY - NOVEMBER 1

All Saints' Service is Sunday, November 1 at 9:00am. We will be reading off the names of members who have died in the past year (All Saints' to All Saints') - a bell will be tolled and a candle will be lit in each person's memory. During the service, all who have lost someone will be invited to come forward and light a candle as they wish.



FIRST COMMUNION RECOGNITION - NOVEMBER 1

We have 7 kids who have been educated in communion and will be joining us at the communion table! They will be taking communion for the first time on Sunday, November 1 at the 9:00am service (All Saints' Sunday) - come and help us celebrate this awesome milestone!

NEW MEMBER SUNDAY - NOVEMBER 8

We are so excited to welcome our newest members at our New Member Sunday on Sunday, November 8 at 9:00am!! **If you would like to become a new member and haven't yet connected with the church office, please do soon so we can get you the information you need!**

FAITH & PEACE JOINT THANKSGIVING EVE WORSHIP

Join Faith and Peace members on **Wednesday, November 25**, for a Thanksgiving Eve Worship - this year Peace Lutheran Church is hosting!



- Worship at 6:30pm at Peace Lutheran Church
- Pie following the service!
- Joint Faith & Peace Choir for Special Music!
- Rotates between the two churches each year

Faith Quilters: November 9 & 10 and 23 & 24: 9:00am — 3:00pm
Rachel Circle Bible Study: Nov. 19 at 1:30pm in the Faith Fireside Rm.

A Word From Pastor Tim: God's Work in November!

To all the saints!

November is an incredible month. We will welcome seven young people to receive Holy Communion with us. We will remember those who have gone before us and remember God's promise to care for them. We will receive new members with hopefulness and joy. And we will give thanks with Peace Lutheran on Thanksgiving Eve.

All of this is overseen by God's care for individuals and our community. Our faith journey has moments of God pulling us in and God sending us out. On Reformation Sunday Jesus said to those who had believed in him, "If you continue in my word, you are truly my disciples, and you will know the truth, and the truth will make you free."

When we walk with Jesus we will learn the truth of who God is and will be made free. John 1 says, "But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God."

This month we are invited to participate in the life of Jesus. Please partake with me.

Pastor Tim (Reformation 2026)

PS Please make note of our Stewardship Letters mailed to you! Our joint sharing and thankfulness makes discipleship possible in Jesus' name. Blessings! *PT*

A Word From Council President

Happy November Faith Church!

As the Lutefisk team finishes up another successful event, we give THANKS to all who made it possible! From Marketing, Coordinating, Setting up, Table Decor, Team Leaders and Youth, Cooks, Bakers, Servers, Musicians, Clean up Crew, Dishwashers, and Donations ….. it takes many hands to make this our largest yearly event! "Thank You" for saying "YES"!!!!

Team Leaders would like to hear your comments or improvements for next year!

The Church Council has approved to share the proceeds for the following missions:

1. To subsidize the Feast Meals and keep the pricing for the hot meals at $7.00 a plate.
2. To subsidize Meals to our Homebound and delivered by the Visitation Team.
3. To provide scholarships for our youth who will be attending the National Youth Gathering next summer.

"Serve others unselfishly. Turn your gratitude into action by sharing your resources, time and kindness with those in need as a reflection of Christ's love." Hebrews 13:16

In Gratitude,
Carla Miller

A Word From Pastor Katherine



"O give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; for his steadfast love endures forever." (Psalm 106:1)

Before our well-being, there was your graciousness,
before our delight, there was your
generosity,
before our joy, there was your good will.

We are second and you are first.
You are there initially with your
graciousness, your generosity, your good will—
and we receive from your inscrutable goodness
grace upon grace,
gift upon gift, life upon life
—because you are there at the beginning,
at all our beginnings.

For a quick glimpse, we move out beyond our competence, our productivity, our self-sufficiency
—in our new freedom what we glimpse is you
—outpouring yourself unreservedly in
the midst of our hurt and toward our hopes.
You are there in the splendor of your self-giving.

So we speak our timid, trembling praise back to you, timid because we are no match for your goodness,
trembling because our praise means
turning our life back to you,
and we do not turn loose easily.
But we do turn loose to you,
source and goal of our very life.

Our gratitude arises out of the dailiness of our well-being,
of meals regularly before us,
of folks regularly caring for us,
of homes regularly warm and safe,
of sleep regularly refreshing,
of new days regularly given against
the darkness,
of work regularly filling our days with
order and dignity.
And in our taken-for-granted regularity,
we discern your abiding and fidelity that holds
our world toward well-being.

Our gratitude wells up in the midst of such regularity
—new words spoken,
new children born,
new vistas opened,
new risks taken,
new words uttered that heal.

We dare confess that in these startling break points,
we glimpse your powerful care which runs
beyond our capacity to manage
and beyond our exhausted capacity to cope.
You…after all our best efforts, it is you,
you who hold and you who break.
And we are grateful. Amen.

Walter Brueggemann

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November: All Saints Day, harvest time, school events, Veterans' Day, Thanksgiving Day, Christ the King Sunday – the last day of the Church year, a time of awareness of blessings, of gratitude for gifts. We celebrate baptisms and remember the saints who have gone before us; November is a time of hurrying to finish and preparing to begin.

It is important and necessary to ponder deeply all that we have been given. If we reflect quietly and honestly, we can almost be overwhelmed by all that is ours.God has been very generous. God gives all gifts freely just as Jesus is an abundant free gift to us! God is lavish in love, generous in the outpouring of goodness. This great generosity can draw us to look at our own generosity: How generous have we been with others in our lives? Are we people who freely give of our treasures? Do we yearn to have the heart of God, the one who lavishes love upon us freely? Do we cherish deeply all that we are and all that we have been given? Do we hold love with open hands, allowing it to be readily available to others or do we clutch it to ourselves in fear that we might lose it?

Clutching material things to our hearts moves us to also cling to the things of the spirit. Life, love and time are three of our greatest gifts, but in our clutching, we can become convinced that there won't be enough of them left for ourselves either.

A generous heart gives freely not only in the material realm, but from its blessings of compassion, understanding, patience and forgiveness. A generous heart seeks to give with no strings attached, without counting the cost. In reality, even the most generous heart will always have a tendency toward clutching and self-preservation, but when we offer our lives to the one "*who holds and breaks*," we experience the joy of ever new beginnings. And Christ promises to be with us always!

November is a wonderful time to take stock of all that we have received, to reflect on the changes in our lives, and to offer thanks and praise for all that has been. Take time each day this month to pray for open hands and an open heart that you might receive and share God's blessings in the season(s) before us.

God's Peace,
Reverend Katherine Rood

Congratulations to our 2026 Confirmands!



Elisen Barber, Hunter Eisenbacher, Claire Fries, Myles Gehrking, Svea Haugen, Landon Keller, Hayden Klebe, Max Munkholm, Harper Olness, Zoe Peterson, Ean Shea