

January 1, 2024 - October 31, 2024					
	YTD Budget	2024	2023	Difference	Compared to Budget
Income	513,401.68	466,421.54	428,566.18	37,855.36	(46,980.14)
Expense	511,078.36	522,395.36	461,580.72	60,814.64	11,317.00
Net Income	2,323.32	(55,973.82)	(33,014.54)	(22,959.28)	(58,297.14)
Mortgage Principal TTL	49,536.66	52,861.71	48,769.06	4,092.65	3,325.05
Other Income			1,470.00	(1,470.00)	0.00
Net Profit (Loss)	51,859.98	(3,112.11)	17,224.52	(20,336.63)	(54,972.09)

\$51,108 of income needed each month to meet our budgeted expenses.



## Tuesday's Table

### DECEMBER MISSION OF THE MONTH

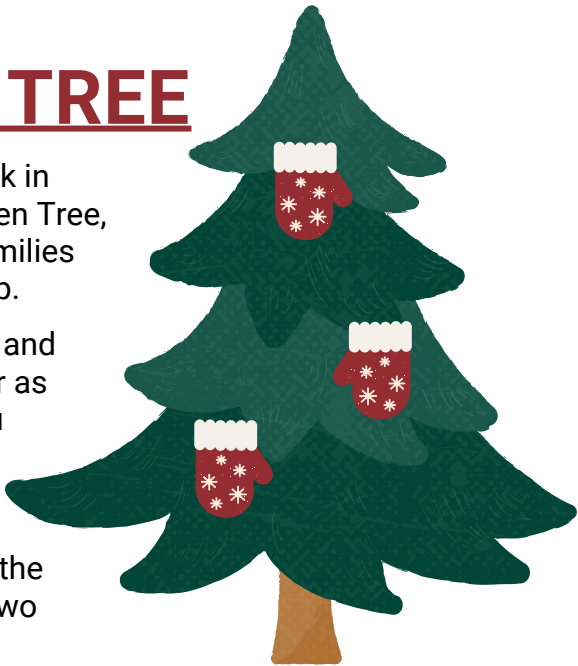
Faith hosts Tuesday's Table each month on the third Tuesday. This is a wonderful ministry for the community and serves people from every walk of life - whether they just want an evening of fellowship or are barely making ends meet: this ministry gives them a little financial breathing room. Help support this amazing ministry today!!



## MITTEN TREE

Faith is partnering with The Link in New London again for the Mitten Tree, which helps provide gifts to families who may need a little extra help.

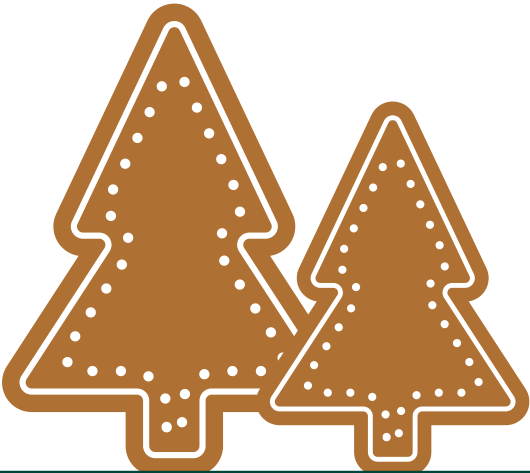
Each mitten will have a gender and age for you to shop for gifts for as well as a family ID #. When you return the gifts, make sure the family ID # is listed on the tag so we make sure it gets to the right person! When the tree goes up, take a mitten or two and help spread some love!



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### DECEMBER 2024

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## NEWSLETTER

### PCOMING DATES TO NOTE

- Tuesday, December 10:**
- Poinsettia orders are due (more info inside!)
- Sunday, December 15:**
- Sunday School Christmas Program during 9:00am Service
  - Yummy treats to follow!
- Tuesday, December 24:**
- Christmas Eve Service #1 at 3:00pm
  - Christmas Eve Service #2 at 5:00pm
- Wednesday, December 25:**
- NO SERVICE** - Merry Christmas!!
  - Office Closed**
- Thursday, December 26:**
- Office Closed**
- Sunday, December 29:**
- Worship at 9:00am with coffee fellowship to follow
  - Noisy Offering for Family Promise
  - No Sunday School**
- Wednesday, January 1:**
- No evening programming
  - Office Closed**

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## WORD FROM PASTOR TIM

### Stir Up!

In Advent, we look for the coming and going of God in our world and wait in expectation for God's work to be done. Interestingly, the Prayer of the Day in Advent all use the phrase "Stir up."

**Advent 1:** "Stir up your power, Lord Christ, and come."

**Advent 2:** "Stir up our hearts, Lord God, to prepare the way of your only Son."

**Advent 3:** "Stir up the wills of your faithful people, Lord God."

**Advent 4:** "Stir up your power, Lord Christ, and come."

The word "stir" is connected to the Latin *excita*. We pray for God's power and Lord Jesus to come to the world and God's people again. We also pray for our hearts and wills to be connected to God's coming.

The image I have is the stirring spoon/stick that mixes the drink. Recently, I have been mixing granular powder into my large glass of water after dog walking. I like the extra flavor and electrolytes. I would not like the taste if I did not apply spoon spinning to the bottom of the glass. The powder must become part of the whole. The church must become part of the whole of God's plan otherwise we become ineffectual.

Individually, we pray for God's coming and communally we pray for God's coming. Both are needed to be effectually prepared. We must be "stirred" together. "Please God, stir up our hearts!" Ah...our hearts are stirred to look up, to rejoice, to receive the babe, and celebrate with the angels.

"Stir up our hearts and come!" This is the prayer of the Christian people. Please join me, individually and communally in these prayers! They are God's preparatory gift for us as we wait.

God be with you church!

Pastor Tim  
(Advent 1, 2024)



### Faith Quilters:

Quilters will not be meeting during the month of December

### Rachel Circle Bible Study:

Thursday, December 19 at 1:30 at the home of Arlys Ousman

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## EW MEMBER ORIENTATION

In early January, we will be holding a New Member Orientation as well as a New Member Sunday to welcome those who wish to join our Faith family! If you or anyone you know is interested in joining, please reach out to the church office at [office@faithspicer.org](mailto:office@faithspicer.org) or 320-796-2522 and we will coordinate a date to meet with you!

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## OMEN, WINE & THE WORD

Tuesday, December 10 @ 6:30pm | 11524 Indian Beach Rd

Join together with some other awesome women for an evening of devotion led by Pastor Katherine and fun fellowship! Jill Jackson is hosting this month's event. RSVP on Facebook or at [faithspicer.org](http://faithspicer.org).

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## UNDAY SCHOOL CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

Join us on Sunday, December 15 at the 9:00am service, to hear the Christmas message shared to us through our very own Sunday School students! They have been hard at work practicing their parts, trying on costumes, and singing loudly, so come enjoy the fun and celebrate the story of Christmas together. There will be coffee and treats to follow the worship service.

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## HRISTMAS EVE SERVICES

You are invited to come celebrate the birth of Jesus with us on Christmas Eve! This year, we will have 2 services again for you to choose from on Tuesday, December 24. There will be no Christmas Day Worship Service and our offices will be closed Wednesday, December 25 and Thursday, December 26.

*Christmas Eve Service #1 - 3:00pm*

*Christmas Eve Service #2 - 5:00pm*



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## HRISTMAS POINSETTIAS

The Advent Season is here, which means we are ready to order some poinsettias to fill our church! If you would like to purchase one in honor or in memory of a loved one, please fill-out an order form (found in the Welcome Center) and it will be included in the Christmas Bulletin.

The cost per plant is \$12. Please drop off your form and payment to the Welcome Center or order online by December 10 by scanning the QR code or going to [faithspicer.org](http://faithspicer.org).



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## OUTH EVENTS

### 3RD HALF @ PEACE

Winter is here, and so is our winter version of 5th Quarter! **Students in grades 6-8 are invited to join Quentin at Peace on three Fridays this basketball season after doubleheader games.** We'll have snacks, open gym, and large group games from **9pm-11pm on Dec. 13, Jan. 10th, & Jan. 31st.** Friends are always welcome! Additional adults are needed to help supervise these nights. If you are able, please connect with Quentin at [youth@faithspicer.org](mailto:youth@faithspicer.org).



### LYF CHRISTMAS PARTY

LYF, our shared high school youth group, will be hosting our annual Christmas Party on **Wednesday, December 20th at 7:30pm at Peace Lutheran** in the Youth Room. **All students in grades 9-12 are welcome to attend**, even if they don't attend regularly! All are welcome! We will be having a potluck of appetizers, beverages will be provided. We will be doing a White Elephant Gift Exchange, where students are highly encouraged to find something around the house. If they choose to buy something, \$15 is the maximum price we are asking them to spend.

