

JOIN US AT THE GIVING OVEN THIS SUMMER!

Join your neighbors for wood-fired pizza that is prepared and served by community volunteers! You can eat the pizza on site or take it home with you. Proceeds support the non-profits and youth organizations that help make the pizzas each night. Pizza is served every other Wednesday in July 2026, and every Wednesday in August 2026. See you there!



The 2026 Summer Schedule includes the following Wednesdays:

- July 1 - Hosts: Hope Presbyterian Church Youth & Adults
- July 15 - Hosts: Jr. Golf & Water's Edge Ministries
 - **Musical Group Playing on July 15: Custom Made Band**
- July 29 - Hosts: Tool Cats - NLS Robotics & Eagle Lake Luth.
- August 5 - Hosts: Youth Hockey & The Link
- August 12 - Hosts: NLS Football & United Methodist Church
- August 19 - Hosts: NLS Trap Team & Spicer Lions
- August 26 - Hosts: Cub Scouts & Family Promise

The online ordering window for a particular Wednesday date will be open from the Sunday before the event at noon to that Wednesday afternoon at noon. Please include your name on the online order!

SUMMER ALTAR FLOWERS

Help us make our summer worships **COLORFUL** with altar flowers! Simply sign up online (faithspicer.org - SIGN UP tab), or call the church office. The cost is \$40 and we take care of the ordering of the flowers! We have the following summer dates still available to fill with **COLOR**:
July Dates: 7/5, 7/19, 7/26, August Dates: 8/2, 8/9, 8/23, 8/30
September Date: 9/6



MONTHLY FOOT CARE CLINIC

Is it getting harder to bend and reach your toes? Do you have thick toenails that are hard to cut? The Foot Care Clinic is for you! Sign up online or by calling the church office. The clinic will be run by licensed nurses from Bethesda Home Care. Cost is \$20/person. This will be the first Thursday of Month, 1:00-3:00pm. **Upcoming Dates:** Thursday, July 2 (full, but put your name on the waitlist!) and Thurs., August 6.

VBS VOLUNTEERS NEEDED WEEK OF JULY 27!

ON-SITE DAY CAMP VOLUNTEERS: We are looking for 8 volunteers to accompany our kids attending Day Camp at Shores of St. Andrew. You will accompany a group of our kids, help model and participate, and be a familiar face for those with camp jitters! If available to help, please contact Deacon Amanda: amanda.randall@peacenewlondon.com.

PRE-K/KINDERGARTEN VBS VOLUNTEERS: Faith & Peace are hosting this VBS again, and we need your help to make it happen! 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 as well. Contact Libbie Anderson if you are available to help: 651-399-1611 or libbieanderson@gmail.com.

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JOIN US FOR SUMMER VBS!!

FOR GRADES WHO HAVE COMPLETED K-5th

ONSITE DAY CAMP 2026

Join us for our annual Onsite Day Camp with Peace Lutheran Church at Shores of Lake Andrew Bible Camp in New London! Kids will be transported from Faith to camp in the mornings and then back to Faith from camp in the afternoons. Join us for another amazing camp week as we explore the theme: Living Stories! Registration is done through camp: glm.org or scan the QR code below.

WHEN: Monday, July 27-Thursday, July 30, 8:30am-3:30pm

WHERE: Shores of St. Andrew Bible Camp, New London

FOR: Kids who have completed Kindergarten - 5th Grade

COST: \$90 (use the NLS Onsite Day Camp code during registration)

FOR KIDS ENTERING PRE-K & KINDERGARTEN

PRE-K & K VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 2026

Faith Lutheran and Peace Lutheran Churches are joining together again this summer to host Preschool & Kindergarten VBS at Faith! Join in the fun of daily crafts, snacks, games, outdoor activities, play, music and more! Open to anyone in the community! (Free registration for kids whose parent/grandparent volunteers at VBS). Scan the QR code below to register or visit faithspicer.org - CHILDREN YOUTH tab, and click on SUMMER VBS.

WHEN: Monday, July 27-Wednesday, July 29, 8:30-11:00am

WHERE: Faith Lutheran Church, 310 Medayto Drive, Spicer

FOR: Kids entering PreK & Kindergarten (must be potty trained)

COST: \$30 (scholarships available)



REGISTER
FOR PREK/
VBS HERE



REGISTER
FOR ON-
SITE DAY
CAMP HERE



A WORD FROM PASTOR TIM: What is Good News?
“The gospel, the good news with which we are charged is that the reign of God, present in Jesus, has brought us all together under judgment and has in the same act brought all together under blessing. In the presence of the cross there are no innocent parties. In its presence we know that we are all together guilty and yet altogether forgiven, loved, and set free. The good news is that we are liberated, and it is out of that actually given liberation our actions for justice and mercy flow.” (Leslie Newbinger, Mission in Christ’s Way)

As I was thinking about some words to say at the congregational meeting I came across this passage about “Good News.” This “news” is not just positive thinking. It is honest about our situation. There are sinners here...there is also love and forgiveness. If we are a community, it is because Jesus makes us so. He redeems us and sets us back on our feet. To love the people of God – is to love the people of God as Jesus puts us together.

We are not perfect! But we are bonded together by God’s love! To work and love in God’s church is to see what is possible with imperfect things and people.

Thank you for the opportunity to serve among you! God’s people at Faith Lutheran Church of Spicer, MN. Now who can tell me about “Good News?”

Pastor Tim
(The last week of June, 2026)

PS We are planning some things in worship on the 4th of July for our country. Please join me in starting our prayers early. God bless you! PT

****SEMI-ANNUAL MEETING UPDATE****

Faith Members,

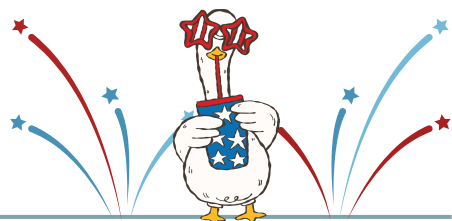
Thank you for your support! 90% of your votes were in favor of increasing our budget. **This increase will enable us to add an additional full time staff member who specializes in Youth and Family programming.** A leader who is visible, makes connections, is fun, and creates a sense of belonging.

This is exciting friends! We will keep you updated as our work continues!

“Lord, is this the time.....? (Acts 1:6)

I truly believe in my heart it is!

Carla Miller



USA Semiquincentennial Worship - July 5

Join us on Sunday, July 5 at 8:30am & 10:00am as we celebrate 250 of the United States of America! We have a special worship service planned, so wear red, white and blue and let’s celebrate together!

RACHEL CIRCLE BIBLE STUDY

Thursday, July 23 at 1:30pm in the Fireside Room at Faith. The hostess will be Bev Tharaldson and Bible study leader will be Nona Oie.

A WORD FROM PASTOR KATHERINE: The Key Question
You are called to be a disciple. Straightforward, simple. A disciple's primary relationship is not only with a congregation but with Jesus. The congregation is primarily a community through which we grow in faith and proclaim the good news.

Giving is an important part of being in a relationship with Jesus. How we steward the finances that God has entrusted to us will have a huge impact on our discipleship. Financial stewardship has the potential to be either a roadblock to discipleship or a catalyst to a growing discipleship.

The questions we ask shape the way we think about money and possessions. Let’s imagine two people sitting in church on Sunday morning. The Ushers are slowly and methodically making their way to each member/family of the congregation.

Sue is sitting there thinking, "How much of my money does the church need this year, anyway? How do I feel about how things are going at church these days? Times are tight, so can I really spare more?"

Next to Sue, Joe is thinking, "God has blessed me in so many ways. How do I feel God is calling me to respond to those blessings?"

Sue’s focus is on the need of the church to receive. Joe’s focus is on the need of the giver to give. Sue is giving as a member, thinking first about the need of the institution. Joe is giving as a disciple, thinking first about God's presence in his life and God's call to him to respond to that presence.

God is up to some amazing ministry at Faith Lutheran Church and new opportunities for our spiritual growth as disciples are sprouting right beneath our feet! Our goal is to help you grow in your relationship with Jesus through the use of the time, talent and money God has entrusted to you as a family, or individual. The Key Question we invite you to consider is this, "**How is God calling you to respond to God's presence in your life?**"

God’s Peace,
Rev. Katherine Rood

TWO WAYS TO SUPPORT THE JULY MISSION OF THE MONTH: AMERICAN RED CROSS

Each month, Faith picks a “Mission of the Month” to support financially. In July, our mission is The American Red Cross. **To financially support the Red Cross,** you can give online by scanning the QR code or at faithspicer.org - GIVE NOW tab. For cash or check gifts, please include your name and write “July Mission of the Month” with your gift.

BLOOD DRIVE AT FAITH – MONDAY, JULY 13, 12:00-6:00PM

Support the Red Cross with a blood donation and help save lives! To sign up, go to www.redcross.org – GIVE BLOOD tab – “Find a Blood Drive”, enter the zip code 56288. If you scroll down the list, you’ll find Faith Church, Spicer and can see the available times.

The American Red Cross prevents and alleviates human suffering in the face of emergencies by mobilizing the power of volunteers and the generosity of donors.

Our mission is more than words. We always aim to prevent and relieve suffering with every action. The Red Cross shelters, feeds and provides comfort to people affected by disasters; supplies about 40% of the nation’s blood; teaches skills that save lives; distributes international humanitarian aid; and supports veterans, military members and their families.

TWO OPPORTUNITIES SPONSORED BY OWL CAMP:
OWL Camp is sponsoring two events in September. All are welcome to attend but need to sign up to attend through SignUp Genius (faithspicer.org - SIGN UP Tab) or by calling the church (796-2522) with your phone number & email so we know the number of people to expect.

BOOK STUDY

A Book Study on *Theo of Golden* by Allen Levi will be held on Thursday, September 17th at 1:30pm at Faith. It is a story of giving and receiving, of seeing and being seen. It is a beautifully crafted novel about the power of creative generosity, the importance of wonder to a purposeful life, and the invisible threads of kindness that bind us to one another. You can purchase a book (about \$15 paperback), borrow one from the public library or there are several copies available in the Welcome Center to borrow.

ST. JOHN’S BIBLE EXHIBIT TRIP

A visit to the St John’s Bible exhibit is planned for **Thursday, September 3rd.** There will be a presentation by the curator of the exhibit and time to spend exploring the original Bible. There will be an opportunity following the presentation to visit the St. John’s Abbey, as well as an opportunity to join the monks for a prayer service. To keep costs down we will carpool from Faith Church to Collegeville (about a 55 minute drive) at 8:15am to leave by 8:30am to make the 9:30-11:30am presentation. More information to follow if you sign up.

FAMILY HISTORY GROUP

Do you have drawers full of photos and family papers? There’s a story waiting to be told – yours. Learn simple ways to organize your family history and turn it into something meaningful to share.

This group meets monthly on the second Tuesday at 10:00am in Room 120 of Faith Commons. **Upcoming Date: Tuesday, July 14 at 10:00am.**

2026 QUILT AUCTION - WATER’S EDGE MINISTRIES

The 42nd annual Quilt Auction will take place Friday, July 24 and Saturday, July 25 at the Green Lake Bible Camp in Spicer! Visit Green Lake Bible Camp to see over 200 handmade quilts, enjoy quilting demonstrations and live music, shop in the Makers Market for your next crafting supplies, enjoy doughnuts and meals, a silent auction, concert, and so much more! See the schedule of events and find more information at gllm.org.

<u>January-May 2026</u>			
	YTD Income	YTD Budget	Compared to Budget
Income	\$240,299.54	\$264,046.32	(23,746.78)
Expense	\$225,578.57	\$248,372.79	(22,794.22)
Net Income	\$14,720.97	\$15,673.53	(952.56)

Average of \$52,745 needed each month to make budget & mortgage principal.
Due to Other Funds \$13,199