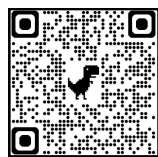


SUMMER CAMP 2026!

We are building back up our **Camp Scholarship Fund** so we can continue to provide scholarships to ALL Faith kids who attend camp each summer! Scan the QR code to the right to give now!



OVERNIGHT SUMMER CAMP

It's time to think about summer camp already, specifically overnight campers with Water's Edge Ministries!! The information below refers to **overnight camper opportunities for those completing Grades 1 and up**. You can find out information about all programs being offered at gllm.org.

Our Camp Week: July 26 - 30

- You can choose another week (choose any week of the summer!), but we will have a lot of Faith & Peace campers attending this specific week of camp together!!
- This is also the week we are doing Onsite Day Camp (see below for more information) for grades 1-5 (older siblings can attend camp the same week!)

Registration Link:

Scan the QR Code to the right or go to gllm.org



2026 SUMMER VBS

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 (see QR above).

WHEN: Monday, July 27-Thursdays, 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)

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 to the right to register or visit faithspicer.org - CHILDREN YOUTH tab, and click on SUMMER VBS.



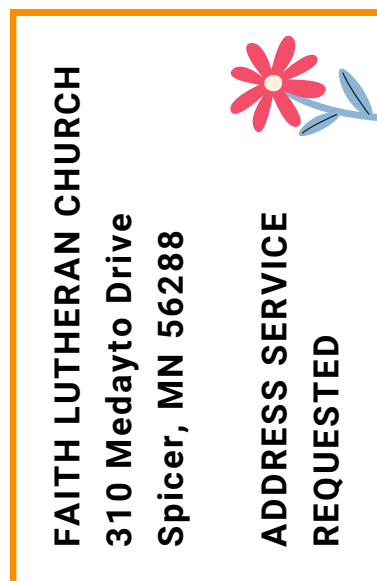
WHEN: Monday, July 27-Wednesday, July 29, 8:30-11:00am

WHERE: Faith Lutheran Church, 310 Medayto Drive, Spicer

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

COST: \$30 (scholarships available)

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SUMMER WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Sunday Morning Worship (starting Sunday, May 24):

- **8:30am at Water's Edge Ministries' GLBC Stave Chapel**
 - 9767 Lake Ave S, Spicer
- **10:00am at Faith Lutheran Church**
 - *This service will be live-streamed each week*

Monday, May 4 - Wednesday, May 6

- **OWL Camp** from 8:15-11:30am - "Sanctuary: God rested and it was good!"

Wednesday, May 6:

- **ALL CHURCH BINGO NIGHT** at 6:30pm

Sunday, May 10:

- Choir singing at the 9:00am service!
- **No Sunday School** (please enjoy celebrating your mom/motherly figures in your life and family!)

Wednesday, May 13:

- **Last Feast Meal and Worship** of the school year
- **ALL CHURCH DESSERT NIGHT** at 6:30pm

Sunday, May 17:

- **Senior Recognition** at the 9:00am service
- **Teacher Recognition** during the 9:00am service
- **Last day of Sunday School: Garden Clean Up & Lunch!**
 - Please report to the Community Garden at 10:00am and we will follow with a lunch inside afterwards.
 - Dress appropriately for outdoor work :)

A WORD FROM PASTOR TIM: Working the Angles

Greetings to all!

Eugene Peterson authored a book on “Pastoral Integrity” with the above title. Its premise reminds pastors that prayer, study of scripture, and spiritual direction are key to keeping our angles coming together for ministry. I have reflected on this throughout my pastoral calling. I also noticed the copyright for the book was 1987. Yikes!

The second part of “working the angles” is to not hit everything with full force. In ministry, encouragement, resolving things behind the scenes, keeping historical perspective often helps situations from spiraling. In churches, not everything needs to be blown up with the hammer. It might need a chisel or polishing stone and water. The discernment done with the community keeps us connected to God and each other.

Your prayers for the pastors of our church and our work together are appreciated! May God bless them!

On another note, there are a lot of transitions in the month of May. Please take time to enjoy them!

On a third note, please join me for Owl Camp. It should be a “hoot!”

Pastor Tim
(Fourth Week of Easter)

UPCOMING GARDEN WORK DAY

We have set aside **May 9th from 9:00-11:00am** as a time to get the garden area cleaned up. We will stop at 11:00 and hold a short meeting in the church's meeting space to discuss the wants and needs for the garden in this upcoming season. Tilling will happen during the week of May 1st.

If you have any other thoughts or concerns, please let me know.
Vera Weber, vera.s.weber@outlook.com

INTERESTED IN YOUR FAMILY HISTORY? JOIN US!

Have you researched your family history—or wondered how to begin? **Join us for an informal Genealogy & Family History Gathering - monthly on the second Tuesday at 10:00am in Room #120 of Faith Commons. Next meeting: Tuesday, May 12 at 10:00am.**

No experience required, just curiosity! Talk to Sharolyn Peterson or Lila Burmeister if you have questions.

FREE COMMUNITY PLAYTIME

The Commons is Faith’s new multi-purpose space, designed for connection, creativity and gathering. Join us for free community playtime for movement, shared toys, & opportunities to connect in a warm and welcoming space.

Next date: Tuesday, May 19, 9:00-11:00am.

NOISY OFFERING - SUNDAY, MAY 31

Collect your coins for our next noisy offering on Sunday, May 31. All money collected will go to: Water’s Edge Ministries.

We do a Noisy Offering collection on the 5th Sunday of the month. This year, we will also have one on Sunday, August 30 & Sunday, November 29.

A WORD FROM PASTOR KATHERINE: From Easter to Pentecost

“Spring has sprung” as the saying goes! Tractors appear on highways and dot the hillsides, while alfalfa fields, ditches, and lawns are green and growing, easily covering last fall’s brown remnants. Tree leaves continue unfurling, stretching heavenward in seeming gratitude for life, while blossoms of white, pink and red are beginning to cover fruit-bearing species with majesty! Oblivious to their brief span of existence, they adorn fence lines, frame houses, and farmsteads. It is breathtaking, even for those without allergies!

With senses on overload, Christians travel the remaining days of the Easter Season toward Pentecost, this year celebrated on Sunday, May 24th. Pentecost, follows the first fifty days after the resurrection of our Lord, and recounts the first Christ followers’ receiving of the Holy Spirit. Like an unpredictable and tumultuous wind, the Divine breath granted the bold fire and vision of God’s Kingdom breaking into the lives of ordinary mortals, forever changing a world view content with the status quo. The impossible became possible, the last became first, the powerless – were empowered, and the light that no darkness can overcome began to spread through the hearts of humankind! It is important to celebrate, remember, and then, most importantly, live into this truth.

In the midst of what feels like “the best of times and the worst of times”, we can learn from nature unfolding around us. Although our span of life is fleeting as well, we are also called to bear fruit that points to the majesty of our Sovereign God! Regardless of the chaos in our personal, communal, national or global experience, the “status quo” does not dictate the absolute Truth: “With God, all things are possible!” Take heart and be glad, for as Jesus said, “The Kingdom of God has come near you!”

In this season of spring, Faith Church is leaning into the winds of the Spirit, reimagining how Christ calls us into an ever-changing Mission Field. On the horizon are so many opportunities to learn together: OWL Camp; end of year faith formation; graduations; VBS; Camp Ministries; and much more. May Pentecost stir our hearts and open the way toward a long growing season of faith, hope and love.

God’s Peace,
Rev. Katherine Rood

A WORD FROM THE COUNCIL PRESIDENT

A heartfelt thank you to those who participated in our children/youth ministry and programming group discussions. I appreciate your willingness to dive into this very important ministry! We all agreed that Faith Church is committed to nurturing our baptized children, guiding them as they grow to become disciples.

I will prepare a summary of the findings and present it to the Council during our May meeting.

Carla Miller

THANK YOU TO JOY!!

Joy White, our Education Coordinator, will be stepping down this month. We want to say **A HUGE THANK YOU** for all of the amazing ministry that she did with Faith this year!! Our Sunday School program was blessed by her service! We wish Joy many blessings on whatever comes next. If you see her around, make sure to share your thanks with her!

ALL CHURCH EVENTS IN MAY

ANY AND ALL are welcome to join us for our All Church Events on **Wednesday evenings at 6:30pm!!**

May 6th: ALL CHURCH BINGO NIGHT!
May 13th: ALL CHURCH DESSERT NIGHT

QUILTING & RACHEL CIRCLE BIBLE STUDY

Quilting: Tuesday, May 12 from 9:00am-12:00pm followed by lunch at the golf course (last day of quilting for the school-year: see you in September!)

Bible Study: Thursday, May 28 at the home of Sandy George

GARDEN TOOL COLLECTION - HAPPENING NOW!

We are looking forward to our community garden being planted this spring and watching the growth! To help the gardens be successful, we are collecting garden tools in great condition to be shared amongst the gardeners. We’d love watering cans, rakes, shovels, hoes, pull behind carts, etc. Please bring your donations to Faith and we will place them at the garden site when it is open for the season. Cash donations are accepted as well, you can drop those off at the Welcome Center. Thank you!

SENIOR RECOGNITION SUNDAY

Our high school seniors and their families are invited to attend the **9:00am worship service on Sunday, May 17, 2026.** During this service, Faith Lutheran’s High School Class of 2026 will be recognized and seniors will be presented with a gift from the congregation as well as a beautiful hand-made quilt made with love by our Faith Quilters!

The Faith Quilters would love to give you a chance to pick out your own quilt!! Starting now through Wednesday, May 13, stop by the church and connect with a staff member and pick out which quilt you would like to receive!

WOMEN, WINE & THE WORD BIBLE STUDY

Thursday, May 28 @ 6:00pm | 8333 North Shore Drive, Spicer

Join together with some other awesome women for an evening of devotion and fun fellowship! Mary Felt is hosting this month’s event!

	January - March 2026		
	YTD Income	YTD Budget	Compared to Budget
Income	\$126,300.00	158,427.84	(32,127.84)
Expense	134,850.69	149,023.77	(14,173.08)
Net Income	(8,550.69)	9,404.07	(17,954.76)

Average of \$52,745 needed each month to make budget & mortgage principal. Due to Other Funds \$30,198