

BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS: SUNDAY, SEPT. 20

9:00am:

- Outdoor Worship at the pergola!
- Bring your pets to worship today!!

10:00am:

- Yummy treats & coffee
- Sunday School starts (PreK-5th Grade)



FIRST COMMUNION CLASS

Join Pastor Tim on **Saturday, October 10 from 9:00am - 12:00pm** for Faith's First Communion Class to learn all about communion! For any age (parents, if you feel like your child is ready to learn about communion and participate, all are welcome!). Parents AND children should attend. **Kids will participate in Communion on Sunday, November 1.** Scan the QR code to sign up!

WOMEN, WINE & THE WORD BIBLE STUDY

Tuesday, September 15 @ 6:00pm | 3875 198th Ave. NW, New London

Join together with some other awesome women for an evening of devotion and fun fellowship! Erin Hoffman is hosting the September event at her cabin - carpooling is encouraged as parking is limited.

QUILTING STARTS BACK UP FOR THE SEASON!

September 14 & 15 and September 28 & 29, 9:00am-3:00pm

RACHEL CIRCLE BIBLE STUDY

Thursday, September 24 at 1:30pm in Faith's Fireside Room.

MONTHLY FOOT CARE CLINIC

Upcoming Dates: Thursday, September 3 and Thursday, October 1.

***NEW:** We are looking for some **FOOT CARE HELPERS!** Each month, we are looking for one volunteer to assist Bethesda nurses with foot care clinic by filling and emptying foot soak bins, applying lotion to feet, giving a brief foot massage, and visiting with folks. If you are interested in helping, please sign up (same sign up as the clinic link - just choose the Foot Care Helper).

FALL ENDOWMENT APPLICATIONS

The applications for Fall Endowment Grants open Sept. 1! To learn more about the Endowment Grants available and to access the application, go to faithspicer.org - CONNECT tab or scan the QR code - deadline is Oct. 5



FALL REGISTRATION NOW OPEN!

Registrations are now open for 2025-2026 Sunday School, Seeds+Sprouts and 6th-8th Grade Confirmation! Go to our website: faithspicer.org and click on the CHILDREN/YOUTH tab to register today! Or, simply scan the QR code to be taken directly to the registration page.



6th - 8th
Grade Conf.
Registration

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Office Hours: Mon - Thurs

8:00am - 4:00pm



RALLY SUNDAY!

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 13 @ 9:00AM



We will have an **OUTDOOR WORSHIP** at Faith's pergola! During the worship service, there will be:



- Blessing of the Backpacks (so make sure to bring yours!). You'll get a keychain (or two!) to put on it for the year!



- Recognition & blessing of this year's education volunteers as they get ready for an amazing year of ministry!



- Presentation of 3yr old and 4th grade Bibles! (If your 4th grader hasn't received an NRSV Bible yet, this is for you!)

Following worship, we will have coffee and yummy treats, fun outdoor games for all and a chance to check out your Sunday School classroom! Don't miss out as we celebrate another year together!



FEAST KICK-OFF: WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 16

Feast Meal at 5:15pm:

- \$7 per person/\$28 family max
- Sign up online or call church at 320-796-2522

Outdoor Worship 6:00-6:30pm:

- At the outdoor pergola!
- Contemporary worship music led by our Praise Band!

Youth Education Hour 6:30-7:30pm:

- Seeds+Sprouts (PreK - 5th Grade)
- Confirmation (Grades 6-8)

Choir Rehearsal at 6:45 (starts on Sept. 9).



September Mission of the Month: LSS Meals on Wheels

Give online or write "Mission of the Month" on your offering.

A WORD FROM PASTOR TIM: Still Learning!

Greetings to all!

Luther, in his instruction for his catechisms, exhorted both pastors and lay alike to continue to learn as children about our God. We do not stop learning of scripture or who Jesus’ is or how to pray. We continue as we have been taught and through the Holy Spirit grow until God calls us home. It would be an odd thing to hear, “We have mastered our faith!” No, humbly, we will always be students of the Holy One.

This year in confirmation class we will study Luther’s Catechism. For the newsletter, I have decided to prepare two or three reflections on portions of Luther’s excellent work. For September, we will consider the commandments.

In the commandments, God speaks to us as beloved creatures. We can learn what is right and wrong and hear what is good for us and the community. When God says, “You shall” it is a good command. It is meant to bless. This is “Torah.” In Psalm 1 we hear, “but their delight is in the law of the Lord and on his law, they meditate day and night,” (vs.2). The translation of “law” is “torah.” On God’s “good command” or “law” we meditate day and night.

So, what are God’s good commands we should meditate on? We start with listening to God pronounce God’s name: **“I am the Lord your God!”** Afterwards we hear:

- You shall have no other gods.
- You shall not make wrongful use of the name of the Lord your God.
- Remember the sabbath day and keep it holy.
- Honor your father and your mother.
- You shall not murder.
- You shall not commit adultery.
- You shall not steal.
- You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.
- You shall not covet your neighbor’s house.
- You shall not covet your neighbor’s wife, or male or female slave, or ox, or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor. (Exodus 20)

“God tells us what he has made us to be and will yet make of us; to hear and obey is only obvious.” (Robert Jenson’s Large Catechism) Luther opined about Christians having no knowledge of these commands by saying, *“As a result they live like simple cattle or irrational pigs and, despite the fact the gospel has returned, have mastered the fine art of misusing all their freedom.”* (Luther’s Preface to the Small Catechism of 1529)

I invite all of us to meditate and prayerfully consider what these words might mean to us again. God be with you!

Pastor Tim (13th Week After Pentecost)

5th Quarter at Peace Lutheran: Friday, September 25

6th-8th Graders: Hang out, play games and bring friends! Following the NLS Varsity Football Game - Friday, Sept. 25, 9:00-11:00pm at Peace.

NEW FAITH DIRECTORY COMING SOON!

Exciting news! Faith has decided to create a new church picture directory this fall, and we want everyone to be included. We will be working with the Universal Church Directory Company.

- You will be able to schedule your professional photography session online, at the sign-up tables on Sundays, or through the church office.
- If you haven’t scheduled an appointment, you will receive a phone call inviting you to participate.
- Every household photographed by Universal will receive a complimentary 8x10 portrait and a directory!
- Universal will provide a complete professional portrait studio right here at our church, offering a variety of poses, backgrounds, sizes, finishes, and framing options available for purchase.

Watch for more information about setting up your appointment soon! Our church directory will not be complete without you!

A WORD FROM PASTOR KATHERINE: Stewardship Thoughts

Rev. Gary Langness, a retired pastor who was currently working with eight congregations on their fall stewardship programs, primarily served in Tanzania where he taught and provided stewardship training to pastors and lay leaders in the Iringa Diocese of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of Tanzania. The following are highlights from a presentation given during a conference I attended at Luther Seminary.

Gary began by sharing that he was the youngest of a family of five children (if my memory serves me) whose father died while they were all very young. He remembers his father as not being overly spiritual and that while he was alive their family did not tithe as regards giving to the church. They were not a wealthy family and he understood that his father was only trying to care for them as he believed he best could.

After his father died, his mother informed the family that from this time onward they were going to regularly tithe, that whatever the Lord gave them, they would return the first 10%. She worked very hard and long hours, cleaning houses, sewing clothing, taking in washing or doing whatever presented itself to be done. **And** she tithed faithfully. Her **offering** included baking way into the night, sewing clothing for her own family and those in need, and on holidays preparing baskets of food and goodies to give to those who were so *poor* (Gary often wondered who could be poorer than they were!). She also volunteered regularly in countless ways at their church. Mrs. Langness taught all her children the importance of giving first fruits to God and gave them the gift of a certain confidence that God would always provide for them.

On one occasion, Gary remembered that a relative had died, and that an automobile was left as an inheritance for his mother to help ease her burden of walking great distances to the various places where she worked. At the time, Gary was about sixteen and he was so excited! A car! He thought that would be so cool so he wouldn’t have to walk everywhere with his mom (not cool)! He could actually drive, be a man of means!

But his mother refused the gift! She decided that the dollars it would take to insure the vehicle, put in gas and maintain it, would eat up the dollars she had saved to educate her children. So she sold the car, continued walking and educated her five children. All this with 90%!

God’s Peace,

Rev. Katherine Rood

A WORD FROM OUR COUNCIL PRESIDENT

Hello Faith Friends! Thank you for voting “Yes” in adding a full time Youth and Family Faith Formation Director!

Since our Semi Annual meeting, the Personnel Team has been busy writing a job description, creating an online platform account with “Indeed”, reviewing resumes, phone interviews and one Zoom interview thus far. It is a process and our team is looking for a candidate that is a “Good Fit” for Faith Church!

Please include us in your daily prayers. Pray for hope, guidance, and patience as we traverse through this journey.

We are grateful for Julie Knutson and Anna Haats for working on the Sept. and October Sunday school curriculum. We also acknowledge Libbie Anderson who is preparing ideas for Wednesday’s Seeds+Sprouts and for Paul and Katherine Ragan who will be leading the children’s music time. A huge “Thank you” to all who are actively working to keep the programming alive!

Rally Sunday is September 13th.... the kickoff to welcome all ages back! Education registration is now open for the fall programming. Watch for the link on Tuesdays Weekly Feed email or on Faith’s website.

Enjoy the last days of summer! **Carla Miller**

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.

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.

BOOK STUDY

A Book Study on Theo of Golden by Allen Levi will be held on Thursday, September 17th at Faith – there are two time options to choose from: 1:30pm or 6:30pm. 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.

SAVE THE DATE! The Great Lutefisk Reunion, October 24, 2026

Dig out Grandma’s cookbooks and find a favorite Scandinavian treat to share – sandbakkels, rosettes, krumkake, or another family favorite!

We’ll also need other food donations, but most importantly, we need the next generation to help carry on the tradition. Middle-aged and younger lefse makers and bread bakers are especially encouraged to join us, along with volunteers of all ages. Help keep these traditions alive.

It takes all of us to make the Great Lutefisk Reunion happen! Watch for volunteer and food sign-up sheets coming soon.

Mange takk!

REMEMBER: October 24 is only 58 days away

January-July 2026			
	YTD Income	YTD Budget	Compared to Budget
Income	\$313,446.53	369,664.80	(56,218.27)
Expense	307,270.71	347,721.81	(40,451.10)
Net Income	6,175.82	21,942.99	(15,767.17)

Average of \$52,745 needed each month to make budget & mortgage principal.
Due to Other Funds \$28,272

