FALL ENDOWMENT APPLICATIONS

The applications for Fall Endowment Grants are now open! 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 October 5.**

OCTOBER MISSION OF THE MONTH: QUILTERS

So far this year the Faith Quilters have made over 65 quilts, and have gifted them to Faith Seniors, Red Cross, Lutheran World Relief, Salvation Army, Willmar Community College, Green Lake Bible Camp, the Willmar Cancer Center, and others, and these were made possible thru your generous contributions. Whether it be your time, talents, gifts of material, or monetary contributions, we most humbly thank each and everyone of you! Without you, we would not be able to make this happen. So with the love of Jesus Christ, help us gift quilts to everyone we can!

God bless us all,
The Faith Quilters

Faith Quilters: October 12 &13, October 26 & 27: 9:00am — 3:00pm
Rachel Circle Bible Study: Oct. 22 at 1:30pm in the Faith Fireside Rm.

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, all are welcome!). Parents AND children should attend.
Kids will participate in communion on Sunday, November 1.

NEW MEMBER SUNDAY - NOVEMBER 8!!

Are you interested in becoming a member of Faith Lutheran Church? If so, please contact the church office so we can get you and your family connected with a pastor and collect new member paperwork from you. We will lift up our new members in worship on Sunday, November 8.

DATES TO NOTE:

- **Tuesday, October 6 -** Family History Meeting (a week early this month)
- **Wednesday, Oct. 14** - No Feast Meal, Worship, or Programming (MEA)
- **Sunday, October 18** - No Sunday School (MEA)
- **Saturday, October 24**: The Lutefisk Reunion from 4:00-7:00pm
- **Sunday, October 25** - Confirmation Sunday
- **Sunday, November 1** - All Saints' Sunday
  - Any kids who participated in the First Communion Class on Saturday, Oct. 10 will join us at the communion table this Sunday!
- **Thursday, November 5** - November Foot Care Clinic (sign up online)
- **Wednesday, Nov. 4 - Saturday, Nov. 7** - DIRECTORY PHOTOS!
  - *See more information inside this newsletter!*

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THE LUTEFISK REUNION - OCTOBER 24, 2026

Join us for our annual LUTEFISK REUNION!! We will be serving Lutefisk, Meatballs, Mashed Potatoes, Lefse, Sanbakels, Krumkake and many other treats! **Take a risk, try Lutefisk!** This is a community event that helps support Faith's youth and family ministries!

Volunteers help to make this event possible!! If you are available to help at the event or donate food, please sign up below!

TICKET PRICING:
Adults (ages 14+): $23 ($25 at the door), Youth (6-13 years old): $12, Kids 5 and under: Free

You can buy tickets online at faithspicer.org or at the church office.

VOLUNTEER: **DONATE FOOD:** **BUY TICKETS:**

A WORD FROM PASTOR TIM: Creedal Belief

In honor of teaching the catechism again this year, I wanted to give you some hints on how to use the creed in your daily life. Our creeds are grounded in biblical statements of belief. Asked which commandment is greatest, Jesus began, *"Hear, O Israel: the Lord our God, the Lord is one"* (Mark 12:29).

Paul wrote, *"For us there is one God, the Father, from whom are all things and for whom we exist, and one Lord, Jesus Christ, through whom are all things and through whom we exist"* (1 Corinthians 8:6). In its structure, the Apostles' Creed reflects our understanding of God as triune (Matthew 28:19).

A creed is a group's confession or statement of shared belief about who God is and how God acts. In a creed, a tradition or community of believers says, "This is what we teach." At different times different aspects of a creed may be more important to us than other parts.

The church's most basic creedal statement is "Jesus is Lord." Who is Jesus for us? He is Son and Lord. The Apostles' Creed was a response to Marcionism and Gnosticism. Marcion, a second-century Christian, taught the heresy that the God of the Old Testament was different from the God revealed in Jesus Christ. The Creed addressed Gnosticism by asserting Jesus' humanity (the incarnation) and God's sovereignty over heaven and earth.

During the persecutions of the second and third centuries, some Christians denied their faith. The words "I believe in the forgiveness of sins" responded to the question of whether these Christians could be readmitted to the church's fellowship.

A creed helps believers to state who they believe God is and to understand who they are as believers. As members of the church, we live with this shared statement and live as well with our questions about what it means. Understanding and appropriating a creed as one's own is part of an individual's faith journey. Likewise, understanding and interpreting the meaning of our shared creeds is an ongoing process in the faith community. Creeds are not static. They help us understand our faith in our time and space.

Blessings to your faith journey!
Pastor Tim

NEW PICTURAL DIRECTORY AT FAITH!

Our picture dates are: Wednesday-Friday, November 4-6 from 2:00-8:40pm and Saturday, November 7 from 10:00am-4:00pm.

HOW TO SIGN UP FOR A PICTURE TIME: To sign up online go to faithspicer.org and click on the link at the top of the page or go to: schedule.ucdir.com - on this page you will be asked for the following: **Church Code:** MN691 and **Password:** MNmembers691

You can also call the church office and we can get you signed up or if you have any questions! 320-796-2522.

Everyone who is photographed will receive a complimentary 8x10 portrait and a directory! You will also have the opportunity to purchase portraits (our date is early enough for Christmas cards as well!).

You can submit your own personal family photo to be included in the directory. The cost is $15 if you want to submit your own photo. Please send this picture to the church office (office@faithspicer.org). This picture should be in portrait orientation, not landscape, if possible.

A WORD FROM PASTOR KATHERINE:



Living in Minnesota during the fall season has to be one of God's greatest blessings!! While the best of color has yet to shine forth in our geographic area, I love the "hints" of autumn color unexpectedly appearing. You know, while the foliage is largely intact, mostly shades of deep green, and suddenly a kiss of color pops out like a lone candle shining in the dark!! No matter what my circumstance may be, this unmerited blessing fills my soul and I think, "What a great day to be alive! Thank you, God!"

Life is filled with transitions, however, and over and over we find ourselves navigating farewells and welcoming the unknown. Truth be told, it is painful, and change is hard. It is difficult to let go of what has been, our oft recurring memories filled with nostalgic longing are always a "little more" magically whimsical with each remembrance. This is true whether recalling personal happenings or our communal experiences of yesteryear. Why? Because, what lies behind us, that which is cemented in our memory, gives us a pseudo sense of control. But the future is uncertain and escapes our determined willfulness.

As beautiful as autumn may be, we know that what lies beyond the brilliant and breathtaking color, is decreasing light and less clarity. Such is nature. Such is our fleeting mortality. How do we persevere, walk into the unknowns of an unfamiliar future with faith? Church attendance continues to decline, faithful volunteers feel on the brink of flaming out, and it's hard to not quote Chicken Little's famous line, "The sky is falling! The sky is falling!" and give in to grief and sadness.

The apostle Paul, states in many and diverse ways the theological truth that Christians live in the tension between the "already" and the "not yet." As in, we are saved by grace through faith in Jesus Christ and yet the fullness of God's Kingdom and the true joy of our salvation await the day of Christ's return in glory. I know, it's a lot to wrap our hearts and minds around. In its simplest form, we reap the benefits of our baptismal promises and eternal life "now", but most fully in Christ's Kingdom coming at the end of the age!!

So, there is much to be said for holding tight the faith kindled within us, remaining prayerfully expectant, and keeping watch for what God is up to in this present time and space. We are invited to partner with Christ in ushering in his Kingdom now and forever. This much I know and believe, what that will look like, the new ways we will make Christ known to others will be transformative. Not only will we witness life-giving change for others, but we ourselves might also be transformed, changed more and more into Christ's own likeness!!

Please join us in praying that we may be prepared for the future God wills for Faith Lutheran and the whole Christian Church on earth. Now is the time, today is the day, if not us, then who?

God's Peace,
Rev. Katherine Rood

WOMEN, WINE & THE WORD BIBLE STUDY

Thursday, October 29 @ 6:00pm | 18003 115th Street NE, New London

Join together with some other awesome women for an evening of devotion and fellowship! Jennifer Hanson is hosting this month!

A WORD FROM OUR COUNCIL PRESIDENT

I am glad to see each of you at Faith Church as we enter the hustle and bustle of Fall. It is such a beautiful season…. And a season of transition and change!

I invite each of you to consider volunteering for many opportunities to serve with fellow Faith friends….a chance to share , make new friends, and fill yourself with a feeling of "belonging"!

It takes many hands to pull off a successful project, a dinner, or any of Faith Church's missions! It is so exciting to see our members work together… Nurture, Inspire and Share!

Did you know that volunteers live longer? It is a proven fact that when we enrich our lives with servanthood, community connection, purpose and well being, we can extend our lives! Now, isn't that worth the effort to challenge ourselves to say "YES, I can help"?

Peace be with you,
Carla Miller

Hello, People of Faith!
I hope you are finding the return to the fall rhythms and routines as comforting as I am! I am writing to extend an invitation to add to the rhythms of your life. **If you are looking for a space to connect your creativity to our creating God as well as to connect with other wonderful people, choir rehearsal is the place to be!** We rehearse on Wednesday evenings from 6:45-7:45pm, and we usually sing 2 Sundays a month. Many members travel south for the winter and return in the spring, as well as come and go based on their work schedules. We are happy to have you join us for as much or as little time as you can commit. All are welcome!
If you have questions, please reach out to Katherine Ragan: 320-979-9162

Blessings upon you all!
Katherine



January-August 2026

	YTD Income	YTD Budget	Compared to Budget
Income	366,339.91	422,474.04	(56,134.13)
Expense	352,685.92	397,396.32	(44,710.40)
Net Income	**(47,384.18)**	**41,851.21**	**(11,423.73)**

Average monthly income needed to meet budget & mortg. payment: *$52,745*
Average monthly received: *$45,792*

BAL of Mortgage Debt Owing: **8/31/26: $203,797**
Due to other funds: $23,797