

# SUMMER CAMP 2026!

Join us for **CAMP WORSHIP** on **Sunday, April 12 & Wed. April 15** when Travis Aufderheide, Executive Director of Water's Edge Ministries, will help lead worship & share about camp!



## 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](http://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](http://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 - 5<sup>th</sup> Grade

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

### PRE-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](http://faithspicer.org) - CHILDREN YOUTH tab, and click on SUMMER VBS.



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

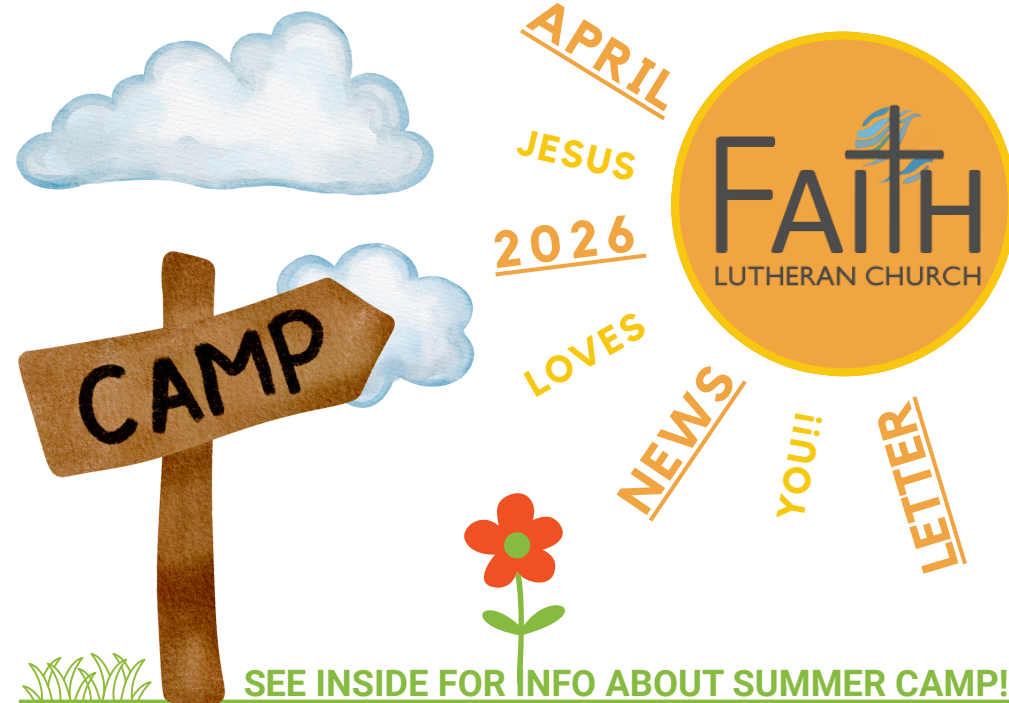
**WHERE:** Faith Lutheran Church, 310 Medayto Drive, Spicer

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

**COST:** \$30 (scholarships available)

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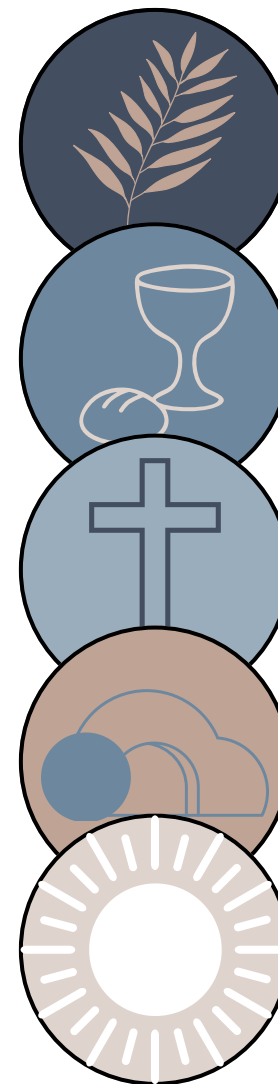
Website: [faithspicer.org](http://faithspicer.org)

Email: [office@faithspicer.org](mailto:office@faithspicer.org)

Address: 310 Medayto Drive, Spicer, MN 56288

Phone: 320.796.2522

Office Hours: Monday - Thursday 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.



## EASTER MORNING WORSHIP TIMES

Join us on Easter morning on Sunday, April 5, as we celebrate the resurrection of our Lord! We have three different services to choose from as well as an Easter Breakfast at 7:30am!

### Easter Morning Schedule

- Easter Sunrise Service**
  - 7:00am at the Outdoor Pergola
- Easter Breakfast** from 7:30-8:45am
- Easter Service:**
  - 9:00am (choir singing!)
  - 10:30am (choir singing!)
  - No Sunday School today

### EASTER BREAKFAST!

Easter Breakfast from 7:30am-8:45am.

All proceeds go to our **Summer Camp Scholarship Fund** to help support all Faith kids going to camp! SCAN QR CODE TO RESERVE YOUR SPOT NOW!!!



### ANNUAL EASTER EGG HUNT!

Join us on Saturday, April 4 from 10:00-11:00am for our Annual Easter Egg Hunt here at Faith Lutheran Church! Hunt for eggs outside & donuts, coffee and more fun inside! **ALL ARE WELCOME!** We are accepting food donations for [The Link](#).

## A WORD FROM PASTOR KATHERINE: Easter People...

Our Lenten Journey, "The Marks of the Church", has provided us with an opportunity to rediscover the roots of our faith, the tenets we hold unapologetically, that Jesus Christ is the center of our life and salvation! These timeless Marks as outlined by Martin Luther are: Proclamation of the Word; Baptism; Office of the Keys; Prayer, Praise & Thanksgiving; Office of the Ministry; Sacrament of the Altar; and the Sacred Cross. Through them, we who are Christ's Church in the world have been reoriented toward a proper perspective of a profound truth: where these Marks are absent in community, there is no church, and without a community of believers, neither is Christ present. The Marks of the Church rightly lived out in a community of faith constitute Christ's Church for the sake of the world because Christ is present. A promise given, a promise fulfilled!

As we come to the beauty, color, and promise of new life inherent within our Easter celebrations, Pastor Tim and I give thanks for your partnership in making Christ known in this time and place. We pray that your gatherings will be filled with faith, hope, and love and having been renewed in both body and spirit, that our collective calling to be an Easter People will also be renewed! But what does this mean?

Easter people are committed to lives of service, standing with the poor and marginalized, with a bent toward loving justice for all people, no exceptions! Easter people understand that everything we have and are, is God's gift to us, and how we utilize and share them to shine forth the light of Christ is our gift to God in return. An amazing truth is that the more we give away, the more we have. See Matthew 13:12, often referred to as the Matthew effect: "To those who have, more will be given." Those who use their gifts, talents or knowledge wisely will receive more, leading to abundance, while those who do not will lose what they have. Easter people humbly and diligently pray to keep Christ as the Lord of their lives, so that they do not become seduced into thinking it works the other way around. God's world needs authentic Easter People NOW!

As we gather in community in the coming days, experiencing together the Passion of our Lord in the holiest of weeks in Christian liturgies, and arrive at Easter morning, may we be filled and electrified by the Life that is truly Life, the only Life worth living! And once again, as we are called from death to life, forgiven, redeemed, and invited to join in the glorious resurrection of our Lord and Savior, may we do so with "Alleluias" that reach the very throne of God!!

**Have a Blessed and Holy Easter!**

*Rev. Katherine Rood*

## APRIL MISSION OF THE MONTH: Bible Camp Scholarships

Help make camp possible for our youth!! We are building back up our Bible Camp Scholarship Fund so we can help ALL Faith kids attend summer camp! THANK YOU for helping us support our Faith kids!!

To help raise money, we also have an **ENVELOPE FUNDRAISER** to help support our cause! Stop in the Faith Gathering Area, grab an envelope, put the amount of money inside the envelope that is listed on the front & return it to Faith office/offering plate.



## SENIOR RECOGNITION SUNDAY

Our high school seniors and their families are invited to attend the **9:00am worship service on Sunday, May 17, 2025**. During this service, Faith Lutheran's High School Class of 2025 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!

## A WORD FROM OUR COUNCIL PRESIDENT

Hello Faith Friends,

The Church Council participated in our annual retreat last week led by Pastor Tim. It was an opportunity for our Council and Pastors to connect as one body to share in scripture and discuss future goals for 2026.

Our top area of focus for 2026 is children's ministry and developing a strong youth program...both needing parental guidance and increasing attendance. The Council felt the best way for parents' involvement is to move forward with one hour long discussions after Sunday worship and also offer a few Wednesday Feast meal times to gather. We are looking for current ideas, visions, current parts that work and what doesn't. By gathering our members' thoughts, the Council felt some changes could be implemented for next fall. More details coming soon!

Our second goal for 2026 is putting energy towards Faith's outdoor campus, including the revitalization of our Community Garden and the completion of the first phase of our Wood Fired Pizza Oven Project. Both areas invite our neighbors to experience the love and compassion Faith members have for the local community. What better way to enjoy our hospitality, conversation and pizza...all for creating an opportunity for non-profits to volunteer, serve others, and share in the proceeds generated.

Last, the Council is excited for the progress that was made last year updating the new Faith Commons area. The mission of this area was to include multi-use areas for our members and neighbors. We have seen several mission opportunities offered and are hoping for more! The church use forms are now available. We are looking for large and small groups to use our beautiful facility. The implementation Team has completed the update in the "Garden View Room" (the old youth room). Take a look and see this addition for another multi-use room!

The Council extends a huge thank you to our congregation for actively supporting our church in so many ways. God bless you all this spring, a season of renewal and rebirth!

*Carla Miller*

## 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!

## VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY

**Community Garden Leader(s):** We are looking for volunteer(s) to help lead our Community Garden Program at Faith. Job description coming soon!

## SPRING ENDOWMENT APPLICATION

The applications for Spring Endowment Grants are now open! To learn more about the Endowment Grants available and to access the application, **scan the QR code** or go to [faithspicer.org](http://faithspicer.org) - CONNECT tab - **deadline is April 9**.

**How can I give to the Endowment Funds?**

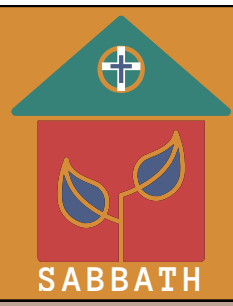
- Write a check or give online
- Gift of Stock
- Name the church or fund in an life insurance policy
- Estate Plans
- Required Minimum Distributions
- Speak to your tax or financial advisor



## OWL CAMP 2026 - IT'S BACK FOR YEAR 3!!

Join us for OWL (**O**lder **W**iser **L**earners) Camp on May 4, 5, & 6 from 8:30am-11:00am at Faith Lutheran Church. **The 2026 theme is Sabbath.**

Each morning, there will be a light breakfast, WONDERFUL music, a time of study with the pastors and a time of choice activities (music, cooking, art, games, etc). **ALL ARE WELCOME to this event - you do not have to be a Faith member to attend!** Registration coming soon!



## WOOD FIRED PIZZA VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

**Wood Fired Pizza** is coming to Faith and the greater community and volunteers are needed especially for assembling the pizza. **If you are remotely interested, please contact one of the Steering Team Members** with questions and to get your name on the list. They are Dean & Paulette Lindquist, Todd & Jill Jackson, and Jeff & Chery Johnson. This will be an opportunity to expand Faith's mission in the area and provide an opportunity for non-profits to generate some upside profit. We will be serving 9 times over the course of the summer so spread the word. More information will be coming.

## WOMEN, WINE & THE WORD BIBLE STUDY

Thursday, April 23 @ 6:00pm | 310 5<sup>th</sup> Ave, Spicer, MN 56288

Join together with some other awesome women for an evening of devotion and fun fellowship! Megan Deisting is hosting this month's event!

## LOOKING AHEAD: SUNDAY SCHOOL MAY SCHEDULE

- **May 3:** Regular Sunday school
- **May 10:** No Sunday School
- **May 17:** Garden Clean-Up & lunch at church!
  - We will be weeding and mulching the garden paths, weather permitting. That will be the last Sunday for Sunday School until fall. Bring gardening gloves and wear appropriate clothing.

January - February 2026			
	YTD Income	YTD Budget	Compared to Budget
Income	88,710.99	105,618.60	(16,907.61)
Expense	92,926.05	99,349.26	(6,423.21)
Net Income	<b>(4,215.06)</b>	<b>6,269.34</b>	<b>(10,484.40)</b>

Average of \$52,745 needed each month to make budget & mortgage principal. Due to Other Funds \$22,639