

## QUILTING

March 9 & 10, March 23 & 24, 9:00am-3:00pm

## RACHEL CIRCLE BIBLE STUDY

Thursday, March 26 - location TBD



## 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 -**

**Monday, March 2 at 10:00am in Room #120 of the Faith Commons.**

Learn how to get started (or move forward) with your research, label and organize photos, interview your relatives, and write and preserve family stories. Helpful handouts will be provided.

Bring your ideas, questions, and interests—what you'd like to learn, discover, or preserve. Our plan is to continue to meet on a regular basis. No experience required, just curiosity! Talk to Sharolyn Peterson or Lila Burmeister if you have questions.

## MARCH MISSION OF THE MONTH: LINK FOOD PANTRY

**No one should go hungry. No one.** That's why The Link Board decided to open a Food Pantry in New London to help meet the need. The Food Pantry is serving an average of 140 households each month.

**BATTLE OF THE CHURCHES:** Have you heard?! We are challenging Peace Lutheran Church to a GENEROSITY BATTLE to see who can raise the most money to support The Link Food Pantry! Give today!!

## 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, go to [faithspicer.org](http://faithspicer.org) - CONNECT tab or scan the QR code - deadline is April 9.



## ALL CHURCH EVENTS IN LENT

The season of Lent is here and to reflect the church calendar we are changing our Seeds & Sprouts schedule. With confirmation class not having their program after the Feast service **we are doing All Church Events instead of Seeds & Sprouts.** This will give the whole congregation a chance to connect during Lent. So join us (any and all!) after the Feast Worship at around 6:30pm!

**Here is our schedule during Lent...**

- 👉 March 4th: **ALL CHURCH LENT ACTIVITIES**
- 🎮 March 11th: **ALL CHURCH GAME NIGHT**
- 🚫 March 18th: *No Seeds+Sprouts (Spring Break)*
- 🥰 March 25th: **ALL CHURCH EASTER PARTY**
- 🚫 April 1st: *No Seeds+Sprouts (Holy Week)*

## SUNDAY SCHOOL ANNOUNCEMENTS

No Sunday School March 22 and April 5

**Sunday School kids sing Sunday, March 29 at Palm Sunday Service 9:00am.** Meet in the kids worship room at 8:45am to practice.

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# The Marks of the Church

**LENT 2026**

**PRAYER, PRAISE  
& THANKSGIVING**

**PROCLAMATION  
OF THE WORD**

**THE OFFICE  
OF MINISTRY**

**BAPTISM**



**THE SACRAMENT  
OF THE ALTAR**

**THE OFFICE  
OF THE KEYS**

**THE SACRED CROSS**

This Lent, we are exploring Martin Luther's Seven "Marks of the Church". Join us on Wednesday evenings (and continued throughout Holy Week for Maundy Thursday & Good Friday) for our 2026 Lenten Journey! Feast Meal at 5:15, Worship at 6:00pm.

## A WORD FROM PASTOR TIM: Lent for the Rest of Us!

With Ash Wednesday being 'weathered' out, it gives me a chance to talk to you about the spirituality of Lent. The heart of Lent is our reflection on Jesus' own wilderness journey, (he was pushed out to the wildness by the Holy Spirit), with fasting and prayer. The challenges of identity, weather, and simple staples of diet like food and water cause us to verbalize questions deep in our hearts. The questions and statements I have include:

- "Who am I?"
- "What am I doing here?"
- "Am I making a difference?"
- "Where are you God?"
- "Do not forget me God! I am in trouble!"

These types of thoughts come naturally to a person as our physical conditions are challenged. Other thoughts may come to us about our loved ones:

- "Please protect them."
- "I love you!"
- "Thank you for everything!"

All this to say, when Jesus' physical and emotional health were low and exhausted – the devil found time to tempt him with questions of God, love and relationship, and who is worthy to worship. As he rebuked the devil with scripture and trust in God, he became nourished for what was to come – his proclamation and life about the kingdom of God at hand.

His words and life became a living witness of God's love for the world. We should desire the same. This is the spirituality of Lent.

Please join us on Wednesdays as you are able! We journey as Jesus' community, together.  
God be with you!

Pastor Tim  
Lent 2026

*PS (Some of these questions and statements came to me as I waited to fly out of Iraq in 2009). PT*

## SUPPORT FAITH KIDS GOING TO CAMP!

We are working to build back up our **SUMMER CAMP SCHOLARSHIP FUND** so we can continue to provide support for ALL Faith kids who attend camp each summer! Scan the QR code to GIVE NOW!



## OWL CAMP 2026

### IT'S BACK FOR YEAR 3!!

OWL (Older, Wiser, Learners) Camp is happening again this year on **May 4-6 from 8:30-11:00am**. Come for another year of fantastic programming, this year centered around the theme Sabbath. We hope to see you again this year and invite your friends too! Registration coming soon!

## A WORD FROM PASTOR KATHERINE: Freed to Serve...

Money is a blessing, but it is also a burden. We all desire more, but when money comes it is laden with traps of greed and idolatry. Being a faithful steward also takes more energy than one would ever imagine. It is a constant nagging companion who always wants more of your attention, crowding out our relationship with Jesus. It is impossible to serve both and therein lies the battle.

Stewardship **is** the Christian life. It is about what we do with every resource given to us, every day we walk the earth, and every relationship we have. Here's an analogy. Imagine that you are responsible for millions of dollars used to market Microsoft's products. Each year starts with a certain dollar amount, and you are responsible for making each dollar spent equate to more money earned. If one year you decided to use some of the money (since there is so much 'extra' anyway) to pay off your house and buy a boat, at best you would be fired and sued for damages. How unfair! Wouldn't we be more productive at work if we were free from the stress of debt and had adequate leisure time? No, Microsoft or any other employer wouldn't go for this logic. You would be a thief, plain and simple. It is the same when we rob God by not being a good steward of what he has given us.

Spending is no problem when money is no problem. Our spending habits are not a problem if we've been able to recognize all that we have is God's and we've learned to be a good steward of all that has been entrusted to us. Sound easy? Seriously, it takes a lifetime of practice to really learn this one.

Giving (tithing in particular) is a safeguard that God has created for us. When we tithe, we are regularly reminded that all we have belongs to God, not us. When we neglect tithing, we easily slip into thinking about the things we should do with 'our' possessions and money. When we tithe, we accept God's help to manage everything...not unlike when our children ask us to help carry a heavy load for them, acknowledging they need our help.

We need God's help to manage the temptations that come along with great abundance, and tithing is an opportunity to take God's hand and accept his offer to help. But remember this, tithing is not a donation to God! God gets along just fine without our meager donation. The tithe is for us! It is our safeguard, our return to balance. God is our true lifeline, our source for everything.

The more we give, the more we're given to give away. I think about the disciples giving away loaves and fishes and imagine them becoming completely giddy as they went through their first dozen baskets of food. To give until all are satisfied! Next to walking every day at the side of Jesus and seeing Him resurrected, this had to be the highlight of their lives on earth! The only real freedom that money offers is when you give it away.

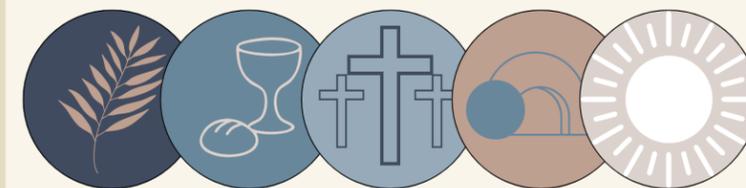
Giving produces freedom 100% of the time; freedom from the bondage of things, freedom to receive more from God, and freedom to be a conduit of blessing to others. Being **Freed to Serve**, Christians experience firsthand what it means to partner in God's joy of creating all things new, including us!

This Lenten Season, as we explore the **Marks of the Church**, let's challenge ourselves to increase our giving by 1, 2, 5, or 10%!! Don't you wonder what God might entrust to Faith Lutheran next?!

A Blessed and Holy Lent be Yours,  
Rev. Katherine Rood

# HOLY WEEK 2026

**PALM SUNDAY** - March 29 @ 9:00am  
**MAUNDY THURSDAY** - April 2 @ 6:00pm  
**GOOD FRIDAY** - April 3 @ 6:00pm  
**EASTER SUNDAY** - April 5 @ 7:00, 9:00 & 10:30am



**HE IS NOT HERE: FOR HE IS RISEN!**

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## EASTER SUNRISE BREAKFAST & EASTER EGG HUNT

The Easter Sunrise Breakfast is back again this year! Serving starts after the Sunrise Service from 7:30am to 8:45am. The Church Council and the Senior Choir welcome you and your family to join us! RSVP at the Welcome Center or online so we can get a good count - all money raised will go to our **Summer Camp Scholarship Fund**.

The Annual Easter Egg Hunt will take place on Saturday, April 4 from 10:00-11:00am!! More information coming soon!

## VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

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

**Pizza Oven Website Builder:** We are seeking someone with the technical skills to help us build a website to invite our community to enjoy a pizza, order or volunteer their not-for-profit organization to help serve. If you have experience with WORDPress, GoDaddy, etc. we could sure use your help!

## LYF HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP

Grades 9-12 are invited to LYF every Wednesday evening at 7:30pm. Each week alternates between Faith & Peace.

The schedule for this month is: March 4 @ Faith, March 11 @ Peace, March 18: **Cocoa & Create** @ Faith, March 25 @ Peace

January 2026			
	YTD Income	YTD Budget	Compared to Budget
Income	42,164.04	52,809.36	(10,645.32)
Expense	46,773.06	49,674.75	(2,901.69)
Net Income	<b>(4,609.02)</b>	<b>3,134.61</b>	<b>(7,743.63)</b>

Average of \$52,745 needed each month to make budget & mortgage principal.