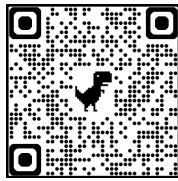


FALL ENDOWMENT APPLICATIONS

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 Oct. 6**



DONATIONS NEEDED

Sunday, October 26, our Sunday School children will be learning about kindness and helping others in need. As part of our lesson, we will be creating Homeless Care Kits to share with those who may be struggling in our community.

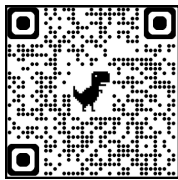
We invite each family to bring a few small items to help us fill these kits. Here are some suggestions:

- Travel-size toiletries (soap, shampoo, lotion, toothpaste, toothbrush, floss)
- Warm adult socks or gloves
- Non-perishable snacks (granola bars, trail mix, crackers)
- Bottled water
- Small packs of tissues or hand wipes
- Lip balm
- Can Openers
- Hand Warmers
- Six Quarters for dryers at laundromat
- Notes of encouragement or prayers (handmade by the children!)

Please bring your items by **October 22** and drop into the tub next to the Lion's shoe donation box under the east wall coat rack so we can assemble the kits together during Sunday School.

FIRST COMMUNION CLASS

Join Pastor Tim on **Saturday, October 11 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 2.**



UPCOMING YOUTH EVENTS

5th Quarter @ Peace, October 3, 9-11pm

For grades 6-8, join in the fun following the Varsity Football Games. There will be snacks and games before heading home at 11:00pm.

SW MN Synod Junior High Youth Gathering

November 21 & 22, Grades 6-8 | Our Synod youth gathering is one of the best off site experiences we can offer to our Confirmation aged students each year! The themes this year is Strengthened by Faith. Registration information available on our website (due by Oct. 9).

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THE LUTEFISK OPENER - OCTOBER 25, 2025 4:00 - 7:00PM, DOORS OPEN AT 3:45PM

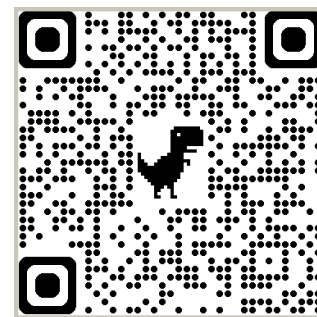
Join us for our annual LUTEFISK OPENER!! We will be serving Lutefisk, Meatballs, Mashed Potatoes, Lefse, Sanbakels, Krumkake and many other treats! **Take a risk, try Lutefisk!** This is a community event that helps support Faith's youth ministries as well as many of the other ministries here at Faith.

TICKET PRICING:

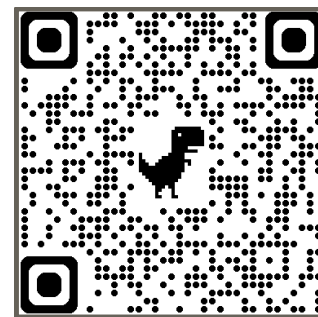
Adults (ages 13+): \$20 (\$22 at the door), Youth (7-12 years old): \$12, Kids 6 and under: Free

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

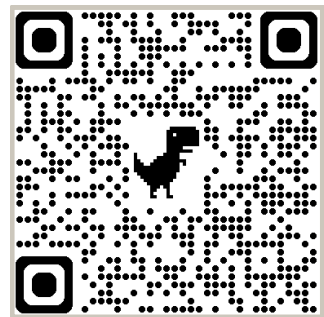
ADULT TICKETS



YOUTH TICKETS:



VOLUNTEER:



A WORD FROM PASTOR TIM: LIVE THE LIFE

Blessings to all!

I want the congregation to know, I give thanks for the tremendous life events and worship we have experienced together. Even the moments of grief and suffering, we have walked together by God's grace. To me, these are signs of our community functioning like the body of Christ.

Here is a text from the letter to Timothy, *"But as for you, child of God, shun all this; pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, endurance, gentleness. Fight the good fight of the faith; take hold of the eternal life to which you were called and for which you made the good confession in the presence of many witnesses."* (1Timothy 6:11-12)

This month, I will be working with some of our young folks towards Confirmation Sunday, (October 26th); enjoying our serving together on the Lutefisk Opener (25th); working towards a new member Sunday, celebrating at least one baptism, grieving with you on an upcoming funeral, and sending off what we can to pay down our mortgage with Freed to Serve.

It is a wonder to see all the things going on...it makes me feel joyful to see the Spirit of God working in our midst. Keep up the good work with "faith, love, endurance, and gentleness."

God be with you!

Pastor Tim

(16th Week after Pentecost)

SEEDS+SPROUTS HELPERS NEEDED

Fall is upon us and youth programs have started! We could use some help with Wednesday's program called Seeds and Sprouts (for PreK - 5th Grade). Also we need Sunday School subs a few Sundays per month. Please contact Libbie Anderson (libbieanderson@gmail.com) for more info or to sign up. You can also sign up for a date or two by scanning the QR code.



WOMEN, WINE & THE WORD BIBLE STUDY - OCTOBER

*Tuesday, October 28 @ 6:00pm
18003 115th Street NE, New London*

Join together with some other awesome women for an evening of devotion led by Pastor Katherine and fun fellowship! Jennifer Hanson is hosting the October event!

A WORD FROM PASTOR KATHERINE: JOY

What joy it is to partner with you in all things FAITH!! Our Christian Education Classes are off to the races; how fun it was to have the children singing along with Paul and Katherine Ragan (faster & faster), proudly receiving their Bibles, and to see how excited they were to receive the Blessing of their Backpacks! The pet parade on Animal Blessing Sunday was also great fun; I personally feel that the adorable chicken should've won a blue ribbon! In case you haven't heard, our outdoor Worship was a hit! Thank You to all who worked to set up the sound and prepare for Worship, our Chancel Choir, musicians, and Jeff Johnson for recording it all. A huge Thank You to our Christian Education Team, teachers, parents, and the Hospitality Committee for splendiferous treats, you are a veritable army of servants for the Lord!

Joy also describes the faithful response of all who contributed to Faith Lutheran's Freed to Serve campaign! As the 30th of September looms ever-nearer, we rejoice that funds continue to come in, even as we are exceeding our hoped-for target to pay down our mortgage principal! As of our September Council meeting, we received the news that to date, we have achieved \$120,000 toward our goal! Still dollars continue to come in, and as Heather & Griffin Thompson and Hallie Johnson shared, there are hopes of achieving another \$50,000! Whatever the amount, every gift great or small has made a difference! If you have not yet contributed, there is still time! Thank you all!

Lastly, Joy reminds us that it is our duty and privilege to give God thanks and praise by sharing first fruits for the ongoing work of the Lord. Even as gifts are given for special projects or campaigns, we continue our labor of love by contributing regularly to support the ordinary, less visible work of sustaining our day-to-day ministry.

The Apostle Paul writes in Philippians 1:6, *"I am confident of this, that the One who began a good work among you will bring it to completion by the day of Jesus Christ."* And I pray that the Spirit of Christ kindling the flame of joy within our hearts, will empower us more and more to boldly proclaim that Jesus is Lord. May all our words and deeds glorify the One we follow!

God's Peace,
Rev. Katherine Rood

NEW MEMBER SUNDAY COMING SOON!

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 coordinate a date with you and other new members for a New Member Sunday!



DATES TO NOTE:

- **October 6-7** - Pastors and Tina off-site for Fall Theological Conf.
- **Wednesday, October 15** - No Feast Meal, Worship, or Evening Programming (MEA)
- **Sunday, October 19** - No Sunday School (MEA)
- **Sunday, October 26** - Confirmation Sunday
- **Sunday, November 2** - All Saints' Sunday
 - Any kids who participated in the First Communion Class on Saturday, October 11 will join us at the communion table this Sunday!

Faith Quilters:

October 13 & 14, October 27 & 28: Starts 9:00 am – 3:00 pm

Rachel Circle Bible Study:

October 23 at 1:30 pm - Place TBD (*Nona Oie leading & Bev T. hostess*)

OCTOBER MISSION OF THE MONTH: FAITH QUILTERS

The Faith Quilters would like to send our thank you to each and everyone of you who have blessed our mission with many years of monetary gifts and donations of material, sewing notions, and helping hands. With these blessings you have bestowed to us, we in turn have passed those blessings on in the form of hundreds of quilts to bless lives of many individuals in need. This year January 2025 thru September we have donated 96 quilts to Faith seniors, LWR, Red Cross, Willmar Campus ministries, Salvation Army, Habitat for Humanity and Green Lake Bible Camp. We will continue to do so as long as we can with your continued support. So we thank and bless all of you! **PS We also welcome helping hands.** Our hours are 9:00am thru 3:00 pm every 2nd and 4th Monday and Tuesday of the month except June thru August and December.

January-August 2025			
	YTD Income	YTD Budget	Compared to Budget
Income	347,757.08	434,102.46	(86,345.38)
Expense	395,141.26	392,251.25	2,890.01
Net Income	(47,384.18)	41,851.21	(89,235.39)

*Principal mortgage payment of \$5,208 per month not included in 2025.
Average of \$52,757 needed each month to make budget & mortgage principal.*