

Faith•times

Monthly Newsletter of Faith Lutheran Church and School | April 2024



Pastor Hoepfner's Message

Dear Faith Family,

I recently read a portion of the book "Healthy at 100" by John Robbins. The focus is on how one can—at any age—dramatically increase one's life span and one's health span. After I read a little of this book, I then looked at some of the readings for April. The lectionary Epistle readings come from the book of 1 John.

I realized that the Apostle John either lived to be near 100 years old. This was a very old age in first century AD. Also, the other apostles were killed for their faith. Somehow, The Lord allowed John to give testimony of the things he witnessed so that we can know more about the life and teachings of Christ.

The Apostle John focused his writings about God's love and how we are to love one another. He also focused on teaching the Gospel of Christ. Love and teaching are important pillars in the Christian Faith.

Confirmation Day is Sunday, April 7th. It is a time where teaching is present about the Love of God and the basic doctrines of the Christian Faith. I ask that you keep Kayla in your prayers as she will be confirming her faith that day.

I also encourage you to meditate on the 1 John readings as we approach each Sunday. In the announcements, you can find the readings for the following week.

On Sunday, April 14th, we welcome a representative for Cornerstone of Grace. It is a house where women and children can go for help as they hear God's Word and receive the love of God and have their lives transformed. Here is a beautiful word from the Apostle John: "If God so loved us, we ought to love one another." 1 John 4:11

Have a wonderful April,
Pastor Hoepfner

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"Raise up a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not depart from his ways."
Proverbs 22:6

Mission Statement

Faith Lutheran Church and School exists to worship, serve and grow in Jesus Christ.
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Announcements

Our English District is launching a new model for funding missions to which every congregation is invited to participate. It is completely voluntary but we believe that as God's people see and hear what is being accomplished specifically and directly in support and development of new missions and enhancing existing missions, more and more of us will want to be involved. This funding model is based on the belief that "there is power and strength in many giving a little." Loving our neighbor includes caring for their spiritual well-being. This is why the need exists for God's people to come together in support of missions that are bearing kingdom fruit. It's simple. Very simple. It is NOT burdensome, nor sacrificial. It involves every baptized member of the Body of Jesus in your congregation, from the newest baby baptized to the oldest member. It demonstrates the power of the beautiful body of Christ working together, prompted by faith. It shows how much can be accomplished by many, giving little. \$1/per baptized member/per week. Simple, right? Self-explanatory almost. Not burdensome, nor sacrificial. All can participate. If every baptized member of our district congregations did ONLY this plan, we could produce \$2.5 million in addition to our district's total budget of \$1.8 million. The numbers are staggering. Just think what else we could do! Through the next year, Faith Lutheran will adapt this new model. There will be a plastic case in the back of the church where the money can be placed. This will replace our current mission of the month program.

- Church Council will be meeting, April 28th at 8 am here at Faith.
- Over the week of spring break we are going to do a spring clean up! If you are able to help, please sign up on the sheets in the hallway. Many hands make light work! Let's get the to do list done together! Please contact Korbyn at 920-545-9030 if you have any questions,
- Would you like to help with the maintenance of the lawn here at Faith? There is a sign up sheet for lawn mowing in the hallway near the kitchen. Please sign up for the weeks you would like to help! If you have any questions, please contact David Nelson at 920-248-1501.
- Join us for doughnuts with Dads on April 16th from 9:30-10 am and then for Muffins with Moms on April 23rd from 9-10:30 am.
- We will be hosting a book fair that will run from April 15th through April 25th. You can shop the book fair during the week or Sunday after service.
- The school children will have a musical on Thursday, April 18th at 6 pm.
- Join us every Wednesday for chapel with the children and fellowship at 10:00 am at Faith.
- Faith is taking part with a number of other churches in Watertown a Movie Night during three or four summer Friday evenings at the downtown square. We are also planning a Kid's Fest at a local park in August. We are looking for individuals who would help being on the "Movie Night Team" and "Kid's Fest." If you are interested, please contact Pastor Hoepfner.
- If you have a prayer request, please call the church office at 261-8060.
- If you would like to serve on a cleaning team or be a greeter/usher, please contact Pastor Hoepfner.

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We Celebrate with April Birthdays

Dylan Wegner	4	Mildred Chapman	22
Terry Frazier	11	Kira Schlichting	23



God's Blessings to you!

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- Purchase Scrip Gift cards for your favorite places to shop and the things you use everyday. You can pick them up in the office or order online any time at <https://www.raiseright.com> our school code 7D4EB33L48L9.

Faith earns a percentage of the money spent.

Contact Beth Stendel for more information at kbdstendel@gmail.com or 920-261-8362

Orders for the month due 4/8 and 4/22 by noon. •

**** Box Tops launched their APP based program and will no longer be making box tops that you will cut out. You will need to download the app and scan your receipt to enter your box tops. If you prefer not to do that, you can bring your receipts into the office and I will scan them using my phone! ****

Every bit helps the church & school!!

THANKS FOR SUPPORTING THESE PROGRAMS

Your offering can be automatically withdrawn weekly, monthly, or even just one time. How convenient is that when you are out of town, but still need to make your offering for the week. Please contact Beth Stendel to get an ACH form that needs to be filled out and on file to do so. We will also have cards in the pew to write down that ONE-TIME offering that you can put in the offering plate if you forgot your checkbook or have no cash on you. You still need to have the ACH paper filled out and on file in order to use the pew cards. Stewardship will still keep track of your giving, just as if it were cash or a check.

Doctrinal Review

Of Church and State

Accordingly we condemn the policy of those who would have the power of the state employed "in the interest of the Church" and who thus turn the Church into a secular dominion; as also of those who, aiming to govern the State by the Word of God, seek to turn the State into a Church.

Prayer Concerns

For our military, the sick, discouraged, & troubled, For those experiencing major life changes like divorce, unemployment or underemployment, difficulty making ends meet. The well being of the church & state, and whatever rests in our hearts.



Stewardship

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LCMS Stewardship Ministry – lcms.org/stewardship Newsletter Article – April 2024

Whose Is It Anyway?

If you have ever bought or sold a house, you are acquainted with the concept of a “title search.” Before you can sell your house, and before anyone else will feel comfortable putting down the money to buy it, you have to prove that you really own it. So a title company looks through the public records to ensure that you bought it from the person who really owned it, who bought it from the person who really owned it before that, all the way back to the earliest records of your state, including when your state was only a territory or colony of England.

Peak into a preschool classroom during playtime and you’ll see a simplified version of this. A child starts playing with a ball, but another child says, “That’s mine: I had it first.”

You can’t understand the Seventh Commandment without understanding this concept of ownership or title. As the Small Catechism puts it:

You shall not steal. What does this mean? We should fear and love God so that we do not take our neighbor’s money or possessions, or get them in any dishonest way, but help him to improve and protect his possessions and income.

Your neighbor’s possessions are his: you don’t have a right to take them. And likewise, your possessions are yours. Ownership and property rights are foundational to any functioning society.

But there is something deeper to know about ownership, and that is the question of who has the title and ownership to you? Paul says, “Or do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, whom you have from God? You are not your own, for you were bought with a price” (1 Cor. 6:19–20).

If you yourself are owned by God, then of course everything that you own, you really only possess by God’s leave: all of it, at bottom, belongs to Him since you belong to Him. For you were bought with the blood of Christ.

This notion is the foundation of all Christian stewardship. It all belongs to God. It should all be used for things that bring honor to His name, blessings to our neighbors and the extension of His kingdom.

Shine Like Stars - Daniel 12:3

No School - April 1st



There will be a kids musical on Thursday, April 18th at 6 pm!



Registration for the 2024-2025 school year is now open! Return your registration form and the \$100 registration fee before April 15th to get the early bird pricing! After April 15th the registration fee goes up to \$125 per child.

Teacher Appreciation Week is coming up the May 6-10th. If you would like to purchase something for your child's teacher to show them some appreciation, you can use this Amazon link for their wish lists!

https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/1FCQRD4FQSMGZ?ref_=wl_share

FAMILY SPONSORED LUNCH

April 3 - Sponsored by Mrs. Shannon - Bagel Bar

April 17 - Sponsored by the Woolard Family - Grilled cheese sandwiches

We have a lot of upcoming events planned! Please mark

SAVE THE DATE!

your calendars and save the dates!

- April 15 - April 25th Book Fair Week
- April 16th, 9am - Doughnuts with Dads (or Grandpas or Uncles)
 - April 18th at 6 pm - kids musical
- April 20th - Children's Fair 9-12 at the Watertown High School
- April 23rd, 9 am - Muffins with Moms (or Grandmas or Aunts)
 - May 24 - End of the Year party at noon
 - Rummage Sale May 30, 31st & June 1st.

Happy Birthday & God's blessings...

4/16 Mrs. Clouse
4/16 Imogene Matthias
4/19 Isabel Young

YOU ARE INVITED TO JOIN US FOR

DONUTS

With **DADS**



TUESDAY
APRIL **16** 9:30 - 10 AM
At Faith Lutheran

Come & enjoy donuts, coffee & juice with your student! Dads, grandpas & uncles are welcome!

RSVP to 920-261-8060 or schooloffice4faithlutheran@gmail.com

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MUFFINS WITH MOM

TUESDAY, APRIL 23RD - 9:30 - 10AM

Come and enjoy muffins, coffee and juice with your student!

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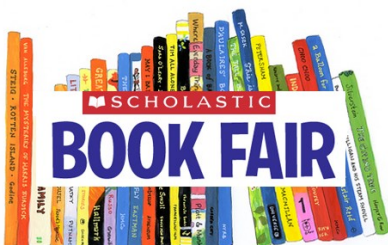


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BOOK FAIR WEEK

THE BOOK FAIR WILL BE OPEN DAILY FROM 7:40 - 8 AM & 3 - 3:20 PM. IT WILL ALSO BE OPEN AT THE FAMILY EVENTS & THE MUSICAL.

HELP US REACH OUR GOAL AND EARN FREE BOOKS FOR OUR SCHOOL!



May 30, 31 & June 1st

RUMMAGE SALE FOR Faith Lutheran

DON'T MISS THIS HUGE
RUMMAGE SALE

All donations must be
unbroken, clean and clothing
needs to be sorted by size and
gender!

Want to help? Bring donations to Faith
starting April 2nd weekdays from 7:30-8:30
am and 3:30-4:30 pm + Sundays from
11am-1pm. *** Korbyn, Hannah or Megan
must be there for donation drop off***

Contact Korbyn with any questions
920-545-9030

We will NOT be accepting: exercise
machines, drop side cribs, car seats, large
appliances, anything broken, TV's,
computers, mattresses or stained clothing.

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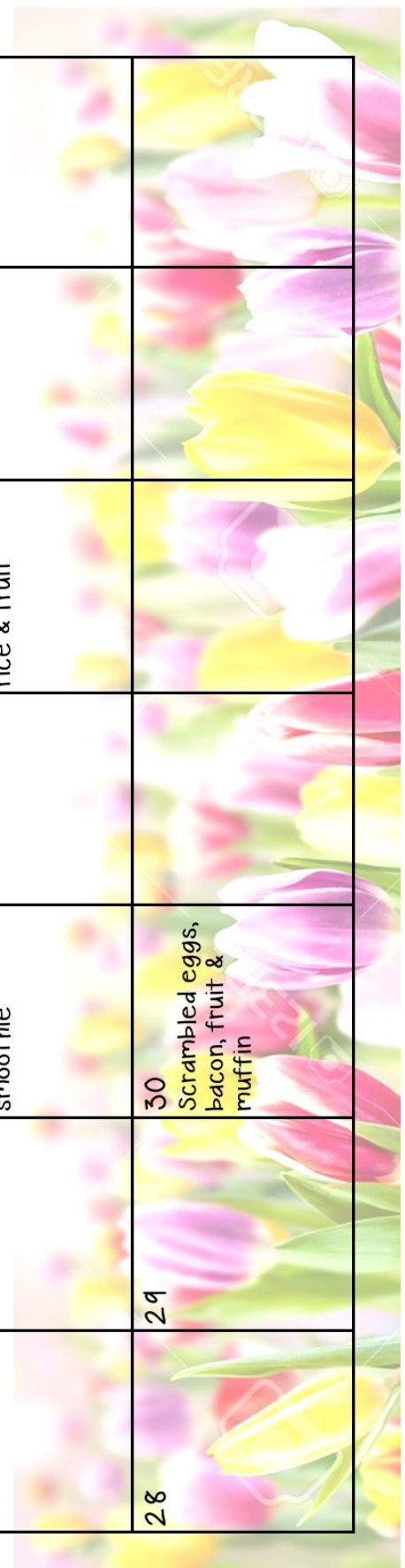


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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 NO SCHOOL	2 Grilled hot dogs, chips, pickle & treat	3 -Family Sponsored Lunch - Bagel Bar	4 French toast, sausage links & fruit	5	6
7	8	9 Grilled cheese, smiley face fries, veggies & dip	10	11 Pizza Day! Yogurt & fruit	12	13
14	15	16 Little smokies, buttered noodles with parmesan cheese & corn	17 -Family Sponsored Lunch - Grilled Cheese Day!	18 Sub sandwiches, popcorn, fruit & treat	19	20
21	22	23 Salad Bar & fruit smoothie	24	25 Tacos, Spanish rice & fruit	26	27
28	29	30 Scrambled eggs, bacon, fruit & muffin				



April 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 No School	2	3 Chapel 10 am Confirmation 2:30-4 pm Wed. Night Gathering 6-7 pm	4	5	6
7 Confirmation Sunday 9 am service Bible Study & Sunday School	8 Scrip due by noon	9 Commuter Bible Study 7:30 am @ Johnson Creek	10 Chapel 10 am	11	12	13
14 9 am service Bible Study & Sunday School	15	16 Doughnuts with Dad's 9-9:30 am	17 Chapel 10 am Wed. Night Gathering 6-7 pm	18 School Musical 6 pm	19	20 Children's Fair at the High School 9-12
21 9 am service Bible Study & Sunday School	22 Scrip due by noon	23 Commuter Bible Study 7:30 am @ Johnson Creek Muffins with Mom's 9-9:30 am	24 Chapel 10 am	25	26	27
28 Church Council 8 am 9 am service Bible Study & Sunday School	29	30		<p><u>READER/ASSISTANT</u> 4/7 Carl H & Nathan H 4/14 Ella M, Norman W & Harry K 4/21 Pastor Kneer, Carl H & Dan B 4/28 Harry K & Norman W</p>	<p><u>GREETERS</u> 4/7 The Prust Family 4/14 Harry & Kay Koppin 4/21 Kent & Audra Uttech 4/28 Karen Clutterbuck</p>	<p><u>ACOLYTE</u> 4/7 Dylan Wegner 4/14 Sophia Hooppner 4/21 Kayla Wegner 4/28 Jasmine Albedyll</p>