

Faith•times

Monthly Newsletter of Faith Lutheran Church and School | July 2025



Pastor Hoepfner's Message

Dear Faith Family,

We are at the half-point to this year. We thank God for the months before us and we pray for His grace and guidance before us. We thank God for our youth both at the church and the school. The school exists to form disciples of Jesus and teach children to walk in the ways of The Lord.

On Sunday, July 6th, one of my former students, Kira Schlichting, will be giving a missionary presentation after the benediction in the service. Kira will be sharing what she will expect as she prepares to go to Thailand. If you are unavailable that Sunday to hear about the work she will be doing, I will save you a brochure. God has guided her to walk in the streets of Thailand and in the midst of people who speak little to no English. We rejoice in this special time in her life as she prepares for this next year.

During the days of July 19 through 24th, two of our youth are going down to The Lutheran Church Missouri Synod Youth Gathering in New Orleans. The Gathering is more than the five days of the event. The preparation process for the Gathering brings together young people and supportive adults to encourage each other in their baptismal identity. The Gathering provides young people a vision for the vastness of Christ's Church and equips them for vocational service as they continue their walk with Jesus. If you would like to support these two youths to go on the trip, please make a note in the offering.

I went three years ago and it was an amazing time to watch the youth grow in their understanding and see over twenty-two thousand youths in one place worshipping the Lord.

God's grace and peace to you,

Pastor Hoepfner

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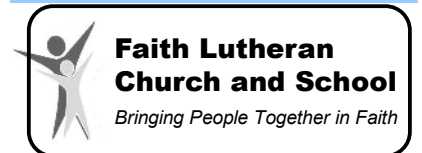
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"Raise up a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not depart from his ways."
Proverbs 22:6

Mission Statement

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

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 meet Sunday, July 20th at 8 am here at Faith.
- Vacation Bible School is August 4-8 from 9-11:30 am. We are in need of volunteers and donations of items, please see the bulletin board to sign up!
- Do you have a birthday or anniversary or special event in the future? Would you like to provide treats for fellowship or flowers for the altar? The sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board so pick the day that you would like!
- If you have a prayer request, please call the church office at 920-261-8060.
- If you would like to serve on a cleaning team or be a greeter/usher, please contact Pastor Hoepfner.

Faith • brations

We Celebrate with July Birthdays

Kinsley Nelson	2	Harold Kopplin	20
Audra Uttech	3	Shane Hoepfner	22
Emma Wegner	6	Heidi Smith	27
Joseph Andre	13	Richard Lowe	30
Avery Hodel	17		



God's Blessings to you!

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- Purchase Scrip Gift cards for your favorite places to shop and the things you use every-day.

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 7/14 and 7/28 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 The Holy scriptures

We furthermore teach regarding the Holy Scriptures that they are given by God to the Christian Church for the foundation of faith, Eph 2:20. Hence the Holy Scriptures are the sole source from which all doctrines proclaimed in the Christian Church must be taken and therefore, too, the sole rule and norm by which all teachers and doctrines must be examined and judged. With the Confessions of our Church we teach also that the "rule of faith" according to which the Holy Scriptures are to be understood are the clear passages of the Scriptures themselves which set forth the individual doctrines. The rule of faith is not the man-made so-called "totality of Scripture".

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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Stewardship

What is "the church?"

Forty years ago if you drove past 626 Milford Street in Watertown you would see an old farm house and an empty barn. By God's grace and dedication of the followers of Jesus there is a church that is reaching out with Christ's love.

As we reflect on the abundant blessings given to us, we are filled with gratitude for your faithfulness in giving and your heartfelt service to Jesus. This commitment is the stewardship principles rooted in Scripture, that "each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver" (2 Corinthians 9:7) Stewardship is a joyful response to all God has done for us. We are entrusted with His gifts, our time, talent and treasure-not to keep for ourselves, but to manage faithfully in service to others and for the glory of His name. This means participating actively in worship, supporting our pastor and ministries and teaching the faith to the next generation.

At Faith, we understand the Church is not merely a building or organization, but as the Body of Christ, where God's people gather around His Word and Sacrament. The Greek word for church is "ekklesia", which means an "assembly". It refers to "the People", followers of Jesus. You are the church!

During the past year, there are many examples of people working together for the church. An example is the sanctuary beautification, which included repairing windows, painting the interior of the church, lighting and new carpeting. God has given us different abilities to serve together.

We thank you all who have served so that the "church" will grow and prosper in the love of Jesus in our community.

The next time you drive by 626 Milford, think of the growth the Lord has provided during the last 40 years. Better yet, stop in and be part of the "church" to worship, serve and grow!

Blessings



Register for VBS today!

When: August 4th - 8th

Time : 9:00 - 11:30 am

We are in need of some supplies for VBS, please check out the bulletin board to see if there is anything that you can help with! Share VBS with all the kids you know!



School • news



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Anchored in Christ - Hebrews 6:19

Happy Birthday & God's blessings!

7/2 Kinsley Nelson
7/22 Shane Hoeppner

SAVE THE DATE!

- Vacation Bible School - August 4th - 8th
from 9-11:30 am



Registration for the
2025-2026 School
year is still open!
Refer a new family
and you will receive
a \$100 tuition credit!



July 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
READER/ASSISTANT 7/6 Carl H & Richard L 7/13 Ella M, Norman & Dan 7/20 Richard L & Carl H 7/27 Dan B & Norman W		1	2	3	4	5
6 9 am service	7	8 Commuter Bible Study 7:30 am @ McDonald's in Johnson Creek	9	10 Pizza Ranch Night 4-8 pm	11	12
13 9 am service	14 Scrip due by noon	15	16	17	18	19
20 Church Council 8am 9 am Service	21	22	23	24	25	26
27 9 am service	28 Scrip due by noon	29	30	31	GREETERS 7/6 The Prust Family 7/13 The Benninger's & Lenny 7/20 The Uttech's & Jim G 7/27 The Benninger's & Lenny	ACOLYTE 7/6 Zoe Kunert 7/13 Emma Wegner 7/20 Madeline Mock 7/27 Dylan Wegner