

# Faith•times

Monthly Newsletter of Faith Lutheran Church and School | August 2025

...but those who hope in the LORD will renew their strength.  
They will **soar on wings like eagles**; they will run  
and not grow weary they will walk and not be faint.

- Isaiah 40:31



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## Pastor Hoeppner's Message

Dear Faith Family,

We are gearing up going back to school here at Faith. August will be a very busy month. Fun for all ages.

We invite you to share the word about our Vacation Bible School. It starts on Monday, August 4<sup>th</sup> and goes to August 8<sup>th</sup>. We will be meeting from 9-11:30 am. It is a special week for all who are involved. There will be a community meal at 11:30 on Friday, August 8<sup>th</sup>.

School begins Thursday, August 21<sup>st</sup>. We are blessed to teach many children the Word of God. Please pray for all of the students, teachers and parents for a wonderful school year. Our chapel services begin on Wednesday, August 27<sup>th</sup>. We will meet at 9:30 am on Wednesdays. This is for all ages.

We also have our Family Fun Friday community outreach event at Bentzin Town Square. We are looking for volunteers to help set up. We are in charge with crafts and small games. The event is from 6-8 pm.

A big thank you to all the teachers who will be starting up leading their classrooms. They deserve great respect and I thank them for their dedication in service to those they teach.

Pastor Seth

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**Faith Lutheran  
Church and School**

*Bringing People Together in Faith*

*"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.

- The Men's Bible Class that meets on the 1st and 3rd Wednesday nights of each month is going to study the Book of Revelation that Christ gave to St. John on the Island of Patmos through a very special angel. The study will begin on Wednesday night, September 3rd. And the book itself will be addressed in three parts: (1) John's vision of Jesus Christ, chapter 1; (2) Jesus' seven letters to the seven Christian churches in Asia Minor, i.e., modern day Turkey, in chapters 2 and 3; (3) And John's many frightening, mysterious, and symbolic visions of what the End of the World will look like as it impacts our lives, in chapters 4-22. Verses from both the Old and New Testaments will be consulted in an attempt to decipher the meaning of the 400 plus verses of this book, thereby, letting Scripture interpret Scripture.
- We invite you to attend Family Fun Night on August 22 at the Bentzin Town Square from 6-8 pm.
- We invite you to attend chapel services on Wednesday's at 9:30 am during the school year.
- 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 Hoeppner.

## Faith • brations

### We Celebrate with August Birthdays

Aaron Erdmann	2	Zoe Kunert	16
Julius Albedyll	5	Joan Jacobson	16
Marcus Albedyll	5	Orv Jacobson	17
Judi Hoeppner	6	Nim Albedyll	23
Kevin Stendel	8	James Smith	27
Karen Clutterbuck	9	Gavin Smith	28



*God's Blessings to you!*

# Faith • *full*

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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 8/11 and 8/25 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 reject the doctrine which under the name of science has gained wide popularity in the Church of our day that Holy Scripture is not in all its parts the Word of God, but in part the Word of God and in part the word of man and hence does, or at least, might contain error. We reject this erroneous doctrine as horrible and blasphemous, since it flatly contradicts Christ and His holy apostles, set up men as judges over the Word of God, and thus overthrows the foundation of the Christian Church and its faith.

## **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](https://lcms.org/stewardship) Newsletter Article – August 2025

## Jesus' transforming presence

*"But Zacchaeus stood up and said to the Lord, 'Look, Lord! Here and now I give half of my possessions to the poor, and if I have cheated anybody out of anything, I will pay back four times the amount.' Jesus said to him, 'Today salvation has come to this house, because this man, too, is a son of Abraham. For the Son of Man came to seek and to save the lost'" (Luke 19:8-10 NIV).*

Who knew, all those kids sitting in Sunday school were getting a lesson in stewardship! Generations of children have very often heard lessons based on the familiar account of Zacchaeus. The diminutive tax collector's curiosity surrounding the person and ministry of Jesus is what the Holy Spirit used to set him on a collision course for a total stewardship transformation. This transformation, according to the text of Luke 19, is not just about this life. This stewardship transformation is about eternity as well!

Remember the story: Zacchaeus was a tax collector. Do not think of friendly neighborhood IRS agents. This was more like a toll booth operator, but the governing authorities did not set the toll. They would contract men to staff roadside booths and tax the commerce that was passing along the road. This was an enterprise full of greed and graft. The tax collectors would take as much as they could and only pass on a portion to the government. The rest did not go into the community chest either! It went into the pocket of the tax collector.

This is why the people had such disdain for Jewish tax collectors. They were seen as both crooks and traitors. They were crooks in that they extorted their compatriots and others in the toll process. But worse, they were seen as traitors because their efforts supported the occupying Roman authorities. That is the real reason that the people would not make way so that short Zacchaeus could see Jesus.

For this reason, he runs ahead and climbs a tree. He had heard all the stories. He wanted to see this Jesus with his own eyes. Mercy is on display. This hated crook and traitor gets a direct audience with Jesus — at Jesus' own request! Jesus invites Himself to Zacchaeus' house. This is where the transformation is about to take place!

Notice how Jesus does it. He does not preach a three-week sermon series, nor does He ask Zacchaeus to make a pledge. There is nothing programmatic about Jesus' approach. But Zacchaeus is completely transformed! The transforming force is the very presence of Jesus! Direct time with Jesus takes a crooked, selfish, criminal and makes him the most faithful steward.

This new life of stewardship is marked by the promises made. First, he gives half of his ill-gotten gains to the poor. These are people whom he would not have defrauded at all! Yet, after spending time with Jesus, they are His first concern. Only after this does he double the requirement of the Levitical law on fraud.

And what does Jesus say is the result? Salvation!

Doing the acts of stewardship does not save. Rather, the faith in Jesus that is created by the Holy Spirit is what saves! This is critical for us to confess. Failed stewardship can and will cut you off from God. The only antidote for failed stewardship is the presence of Jesus.

We do not need to run ahead and climb a tree for this presence of Jesus. He makes Himself available to us every week in the Divine Service. He speaks His Word of invitation to us in the pages of Holy Scripture. This, and this alone, transforms us from sinner to saint, from owner to steward of all that belongs to the Lord.

Do you want to become a more faithful steward? Spend more time with Jesus. Make the Divine Service a weekly priority. Feast on Christ's body and blood weekly! This is the great gift that brings salvation from God's House to yours!



Soar on wings like eagles - Isaiah 40:31

Happy Birthday & God's blessings!

8/5 Gabriel Hewison  
8/6 Mrs. Hoepfner  
8/25 Mrs. Walter

SAVE THE DATE!

- Vacation Bible School - August 4th - 8th  
from 9-11:30 am
  - Back to School Night:  
August 11th from 4-6 (preschool)  
August 19th from 5-7 om (K-7th)
    - 1st day of school: August 21!

## BACK TO SCHOOL NIGHT!

Bring your school supplies in, fill  
out all registration papers and  
see your teachers!

August 19th 5-7 PM

PRESCHOOL:  
August 11th 4-6 PM

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

WELCOME

BACK TO

SCHOOL

The first day of  
school is Wednesday,  
August 21st! School  
begins at 8 am!

We have missed you  
all and cannot wait  
to see you!

# August 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>READER/ASSISTANT</b> 8/3 Nathan H & Carl H 8/10 Dan B & Norman W 8/17 Pastor Kneer, Pastor Seth & Richard L 8/24 Ella M, Carl H & Norman 8/31 Richard L & Dan B	<b>GREETERS</b> 8/3 The Prust Family 8/10 The Benninger's & Lenny 8/17 The Uttech's & Jim G 8/24 The Benninger's & Lenny 8/31 The Prust Family	<b>ACOLYTE</b> 8/3 Sophia Hoepfner 8/10 Damon Wegner 8/17 Jasmine Albedyll 8/24 Cora Fessler 8/31 Shane Hoepfner			1	2
3 9 am service	4	5	6	7	8	9
10 9 am service	11 Scrip due by noon Preschool Back to school night 4-6 pm	12 Commuter Bible Study 7:30 am @ McDonald's in John- son Creek	13	14	15	16
17 9 am Service	18	19 Back to school night 4-6 pm (K-7th)	20	21 1st Day of School!	22 Fun Friday Family Night at Bentzin Town Square 6-8 pm	23
24 9 am service	25 Scrip due by noon	26	27	28	29	30
31 9 am service						