

Faith•times

Monthly Newsletter of Faith Lutheran Church and School | March 2026



Pastor Hoepfner's Message

Dear Faith Family,

The popular phrase, "All Roads Lead to Rome" has been around for centuries. The Roman Empire built over 250,000 miles of roads and they all led to the city of Rome, which was the heartbeat of the Empire.

In a similar phrase, "All of God's promises lead to Jesus." There are hundreds of promises by God that all lead to Jesus and how He fulfilled them all. One of the promises that God gave Abraham was that through him, all the nations will be blessed. Jesus would be the seed that would come and bless all of humanity through His life, death, resurrection and ascension. There are over eight billion people in this world. The vast majority of people have failed to recognize the blessings we have in Christ. The blessings of forgiveness of sins, eternal life, and peace with a holy God. During the month of March, I challenge each of you to pray to God for guidance in sharing your faith. Pray for the Holy Spirit to reveal to you the will of God and how we share The Gospel to the Nations.

We are continuing our Lenten services as 6:30 with a meal at 5:30 on Wednesday evenings. It is a time for fellowship and learning more of the value of Jesus' sacrifice for all of humanity. All promises of God eventually lead us to Jesus Christ.

God's grace and peace to you,
Pastor Hoepfner

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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.

- During the month of March we will have fellowship, supper and worship for Lenten services on Wednesday's (March 4, March 11, March 18 and March 25). The meal is at 5:30 pm and the service at 6:30 pm. Please join us for this time of family devotion and reflection.
- All boards will be held on March 16th at 6 pm at Faith.
- Faith will be celebrating our 40th anniversary! Do you have some ideas or want to help plan for some special events? Plans will be made! There is a sign up sheet on the bulletin board or if you have a question contact Kent or Carl.
- 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 Hoepfner.

Faith • brations

We Celebrate with March Birthdays

David Nelson	1	Scott Andre	22
Carl Hoepfner	5	Benjamin Prust	24
Kyle Nelson	5	Rianne Remsik	24
Joann Duckworth	8	Jenna Baneck	24
Mary Lou Zuhlke	19	Kay Kopplin	31
Mikaylah Fessler	20		



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 3/9 and 3/23 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 Conversion

On the basis of these clear statements of the Holy Scriptures we reject every kind of synergism, that is, the doctrine that conversion is wrought not by the grace and power of God alone, but in part also by the cooperation of man himself, by man's right conduct, his right attitude, his right self-determination, his lesser guilt or less evil conduct as compared with others, his refraining from willful resistance or anything else whereby man's conversion and salvation is taken out of the gracious hands of God and made to depend on what man does or leaves undone. For this refraining from willful resistance or from any kind of resistance is also solely a work of grace, which "changes unwilling into tilling men," Ezek. 36:26; Phil 2:13. we reject also the doctrine that man is able to decide for conversion through "powers imparted by grace," since this doctrine presupposes that before conversion man still possesses spiritual powers by which he can make the right use of such "powers imparted by grace."

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 – March 2026

As a kid, I remember my Grandma and Grandpa Diepholz' home with extraordinary joy. Family fun. Great food. A legacy of faith. One of my lasting memories of that house was the table that sat between their twin beds. It contained a lamp, a Bible, a catechism and a hymnal. These were well-worn, as Grandpa read to Grandma every night before they went to sleep! What a treasure these tools of faith are! Let us spend some time this month in the hymnal to help us better understand our life as Christian stewards! To do this, we will use LSB 785 "We Praise You, O God."

*We Praise You, O God, our Redeemer, Creator;
In grateful devotion our tributes we bring.
We lay it before You, and kneel and adore You;
We bless Your holy name, glad praises we sing.*

Stewardship is an act of worship. It flows from the grace and mercy we have received in Jesus! Faithful stewardship can never start with us. Our sinful nature will make us and our desires the center of our worship. Our tributes, our giving and our serving only flow from how the Lord Jesus has given of Himself for our sake! When we have this in clear view, our knees bow and our praises flow freely! All this flows from the Name that has been placed on us in Holy Baptism!

*We worship You, God of our Fathers, we bless You;
Through trial and tempest our guide You have been.
When perils o'ertake us, You will not forsake us,
And with Your help, O Lord, our struggles we win.*

Our stewardship that flows from what God has done for us in Jesus Christ is rooted in history. Passed from one generation to the next, stewards of the Gospel connect God's provision in the past to His continued care in the present.

So often, the struggles we face are self-inflicted. While there are indeed perils that can shake us from outside of ourselves, we are more likely enduring the suffering that comes because of our own choices that are outside the Word and will of God! But even in these situations, the Lord who loves us will never forsake us. When we become selfish, self-serving and self-destructive, the Lord NEVER abandons! The Lord helps us to overcome the struggles in faith and win the victory the steward rejoices in!

*With voices united our praises we offer
And gladly our songs of thanksgiving we raise.
With You, Lord, beside us, Your strong arm will guide us.
To You, our great redeemer, forever be praise!*

Stewardship is more than just an individual thing. There is a corporate nature to our steward life. We see this in the Divine Service. There, stewards of all ages, all economic strata and all languages are joined in the singular task of praise. This stewardship of praise flows from the altar to us, out into the world and then back to the altar! God's strong arm leads us in this stewardship 24/7. This makes stewardship, in all times and places, a matter of worship. We praise our Redeemer who has entrusted us with this great stewardship of the Gospel which forgives our sins, grants us new life and salvation. And this treasure we freely share for God's glory and the benefit of our neighbor!

Soar on wings like eagles - Isaiah 40:31

Happy Birthday & God's blessings!

3/9 Mrs. Flegner
3/18 Kira VanHorn
3/19 Addi Hewison
3/24 Benjamin Prust
3/31 Inez Phillips



NO SCHOOL
MARCH 30 -
APRIL 6TH

SAVE THE DATE!

- March 2-6th—National Lutheran Schools Week
- March 6th—Talent Show
- March 18th—25th— Book Fair
- March 18th—8:30-10 am— Doughnuts with Grownups
- March 25th—8:30-10 am— Muffins in the Morning
- March 30-April 6th— SPRING BREAK
- Spaghetti Dinner Trivia Night—April 17th 5-9 pm

NLSW Dress Up Days:

Monday- **C**o**o**z**y** **d**a**y**

Tuesday — **C**o**L**o**r** **D**a**y**

PS/PK — **B**l**u**e

K-2nd — **G**re**e**n

3rd-4th — **Y**e**L**l**o**w

5th — **O**ra**n**g**e**

6th-7th — **R**e**d**

Staff — **P**ur**P**l**e**

Wednesday — **C**are**e**r **D**a**y**

Thursday — **S**pi**r**it **D**a**y**

Friday — **M**i**S**m**a**t**C**h **D**a**y**

- PARENT SPONSORED LUNCH -

-March 4—The Mathias Family—Pizza!

-March 11th—Yearesh Family

-March 18th—The Hoepfner Family—
pulled pork, chips, fruit & veggies

**Please remember that we have roughly
30 people that are served for lunch**

Join us for

Donuts With Grownups!

Wednesday
March 18
8:30 - 10 am



Faith Lutheran School
626 Milford Street
Watertown

Join us for a delightful morning celebrating the incredible grown-ups who shape our lives!

We extend this invitation to you dads and cherished men in your life for this special event.

RSVP to Kristin in the office

Join us for

MUFFINS



in the Morning

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 25TH

8:30-10 AM

FAITH LUTHERAN SCHOOL 626 MILFORD ST.

Don't miss out on this amazing event!
We extend this invitation to you moms
and all other cherished women in your
life for this special event!



Please RSVP to Kristin in
the office!

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	
1	2	3 Chocolate Chip Pancakes, bacon, fruit & string cheese	4 -Family Spon-sored Lunch - The Matthias Family - Pizza!	5 Chicken patty on a bun, mac n cheese & hot veggie	6	7	
8	9	10 Lasagna, garlic bread & salad	11 -Family Spon-sored Lunch - The Yareh -	12 Sub sandwiches, chips & fruit	13	14	
15	16	17 Chicken nuggets, curly fries, veggies & dip, treat	18 -Family Spon-sored Lunch - The Hoepner Family- pulled pork, chips, fruit & veggies	19 Salad bar & strawberry banana smoothies	20	21	
22	23	24 French toast, sausage links & yogurt tubes	25	26 "Opening Day Lunch" hot dogs, hot pretzels, fruit & treat	27	28	
29	30	31	----- SPRING BREAK -----				

March 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 9 am service Sunday School & Bible Study Confirmation	2	3	4 Chapel 9:30 am Lenten Meal 5:30 pm—Service 6:30pm	5	6 Talent Show 2 pm	7
8 9 am service Sunday School & Bible Study	9 Scrip due by noon	10 Commuter Bible Study 7:30 am @ McDonald's in Johnson Creek	11 Chapel 9:30 am Lenten Meal 5:30 pm—Service 6:30pm	12	13	14
15 9 am service Sunday School & Bible Study Confirmation	16 All Boards Meeting 6pm	17	18 Donuts with Grownups 8:30 am Chapel 9:30 am Lenten Meal 5:30 pm—Service 6:30pm	19	20	21
22 9 am Service Sunday School & Bible Study	23 Scrip due by noon	24 Commuter Bible Study 7:30 am @ McDonald's in Delafield	25 Muffins in the morn- ing 8:30 am Chapel 9:30 am Lenten Meal 5:30 pm—Service 6:30pm	26	27	28
29 9 am Service Sunday School & Bible Study Confirmation	30	31	<u>READER/ASSISTANT</u> 3/1 Nathan/Carl & Richard L 3/4 John M 3/8 Richard L & John M 3/11 Carl H 3/15 John M & Carl H 3/18 Richard L 3/22 Ella M, Dan B & Carl H 3/25 John M 3/29 Carl H & John M	<u>GREETERS</u> 3/1 Kay K & Judi H 3/4 The Uttech's & Jim G 3/8 The Benninger's & Lenny 3/11 The Uttech's & Jim G 3/15 The Uttech's & Jim G 3/18 Kay K & The Benninger's 3/22 The Benninger's & Lenny 3/25 The Benninger's & Lenny 3/29 The Uttech's & Jim G	<u>ACOLYTE</u> 3/1 Cora Fessler 3/8 Shane Hoepfner 3/15 Kinsley Nelson 3/22 Shay DaWall 3/29 Michael Andre	Door Openers: Malachi, Sophia, Shane, Violet & Ben