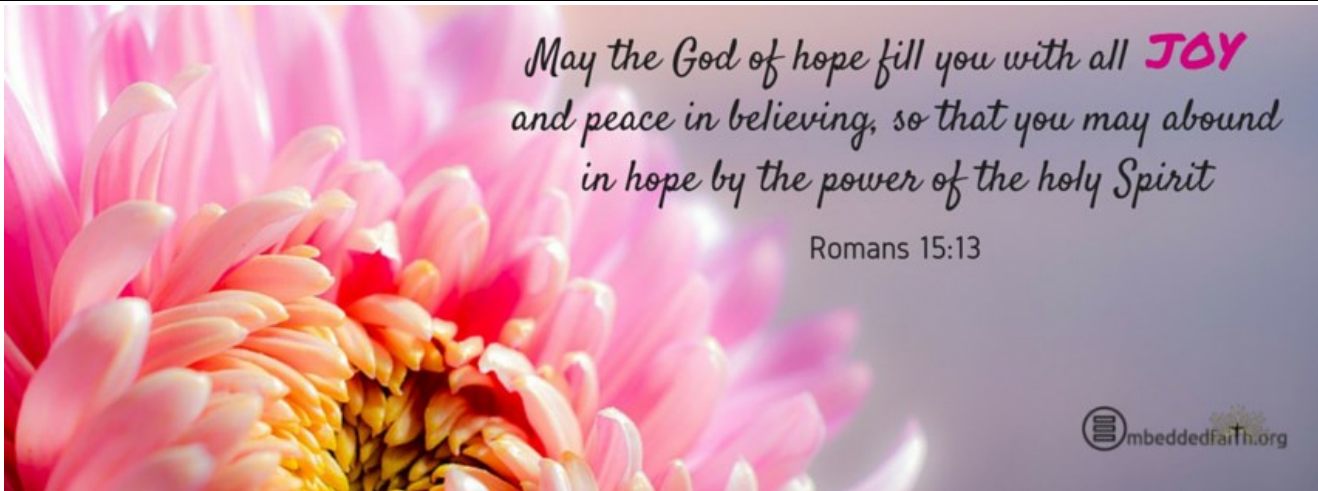


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Pastor Hoepfner's Message

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

Lent is a special time of the church year that prepares us to focus on Christ's death on the cross. It is a time of self-reflection on sin and repentance. We are never without hope as we look to The Lamb of God who takes away our sin. Lent is also time when we anticipate the resurrection of our Lord.

We have opportunities to learn more about Jesus' journey to the cross. We are following a midweek Lenten series called Sounds of the Passion. In the series we will hear different sounds that happened during Holy Week. Sounds like the ripping cloth, clinking coins, the crowing rooster and eventually the pounding hammer.

The Midweek Service times are at 6:30 pm and we will also have a meal at 5:30 pm. The sign-up sheet for the meal is on the bulletin at church.

We also have a trivia night with a spaghetti meal on Friday, March 14th. This is a wonderful opportunity to show your knowledge in many ways. Please register with the church secretary.

May the Lord bless you this month,
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.

- Church Council will meet March 23rd at 8 am at Faith.
- All Boards Meeting is on Monday, March 17th at 6pm at Faith.
- Lent will begin on Wednesday, March 5th with a meal at 5:30 pm and service at 6:30 pm.
- 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!
- Sign up today for the Spaghetti Dinner & Trivia Night on March 14th from 5-9 PM. There will be 8 teams of 8! The cost is \$20 per person, or register your whole table of 8 for \$140. If you would like a carry out of spaghetti dinner, the cost is only \$10.
- Join us for Chapel with the school children on Wednesday's at 9:30 am.
- 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	Lisa O'Riley	26
Mikaylah Fessler	20	Kay Kopplin	31



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 3/10 and 3/24 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 Open Questions

Those questions in the domain of Christian doctrine many be termed open questions which Scripture answers wither not al all or not clearly. Since neither an individual nor the Church as a whole is permitted to develop or augment the Christian doctrine, but are rather ordered and commanded by God to continue in the doctrine of the apostles, 2 Thess 2:15; Acts 2:42, open questions must remain open questions. Not to be included in the number of open questions are the following: the doctrine of the Church and the Ministry, of Sunday, of Chiliasm, and of Antichrist, these doctrines being clearly defined in 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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LCMS Stewardship Ministry – lcms.org/stewardship Newsletter Article – March 2025

God's Instruments, God's Stewards

For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them. (Eph. 2:10)

Some pastors refer to these words as “the most forgotten words in the Scriptures.” They are forgotten because they follow the familiar and critical words before it. The preceding two verses that overshadow Ephesians 2:10 are words of justification: “For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, not a result of works, so that no one may boast” (Eph. 2:8–9). These are words preached regularly. They are assigned as confirmation verses. They carry with them the very heart of what it means to be a redeemed child of God!

Precisely because the previous verses are so central to salvation, they often overpower our practice of stewardship! We have been saved by grace. This is certain and sure because of Jesus. Works play no role in our salvation. No credit taking for us! Grace is freely given. Faith is miraculously created by the Spirit and joyously received. This truth is so wonderful and so encompassing that we often miss out on WHY we are redeemed.

The grace of God revealed in Jesus calls us to faith. But St. Paul doesn't stop with grace and faith. He continues to the logical conclusion. Just like the creation declares the handiwork of God, the redemption of sinners like you and me declares His greatest handiwork! Redeemed stewards are created to reflect the grace and mercy God showers on us to others.

As Lutherans, we understand that good works flow from faith in Jesus Christ. They are the fruit of the tree of salvation into which we have been grafted by grace. Sanctification and stewardship are both on-going and active confessions of what the Lord has done in us. These works are not always spectacular. Many times, they are simply parents showing Jesus to their children. They are compassionate actions that live out the truth of the Gospel to co-workers and even complete strangers. While they can be grand endeavors, more likely they are simple, beautiful works which highlight what Jesus has done in us.

These works aren't random either. They have been planned by God. God planned to use you as a faithful steward as you walk the road that leads you through your daily life. There are no chance encounters or coincidences. They have been planned by the Lord of the universe for the benefit of His creation. Good works are what point to God's greatest work: Jesus!

He calls you and me to walk in this faith, which flows from this grace, which has been poured out on us in Jesus. But even this is not to our credit. We are simply called to be faithful stewards of God's grace so that we may share it with those who need it as much as we do.

God's Spirit carries us along in this. We are just the steward — the instrument in His hand to accomplish His plan and glorify Him!

Events

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SPAGHETTI

Dinner & Trivia Night

Friday, March 14th

5:00 PM - 9:00 PM

Adults

\$20

DINNER MENU

Classic Spaghetti

Vegetarian Spaghetti Option

Garlic Bread and Salad

Desserts & Drinks

Limited to 8 teams of 8! Register for a whole team at one time for only \$140! Register your team today by emailing the office at schooloffice4faithlutheran@gmail.com

All proceeds will benefit the school & youth!

Order dinner to go for only \$10!

Anchored in Christ - Hebrews 6:19

PARENT SPONSORED LUNCH:

March 5th - The Mock Family -
Nacho bar!

March 19th - The Finger Family -
Sub sandwiches & chips

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

SAVE THE DATE!

- March 5-19th - Cookie Dough Fundraiser
- March 14th - Spaghetti Dinner & Trivia Night
- March 17th - 21st - National Lutheran Schools Week
- March 24th - March 28th - NO SCHOOL
- April 1th - Doughnuts with Grown Ups
 - April 8th - Muffins in the Morning
 - April 1-8th - Bookfair Week!
 - April 18 & 21 - NO SCHOOL
 - May 23rd - Last Day of School

National Lutheran Schools Week is March 17th - 21st!

We have fun dress up days and some fun activities planned!

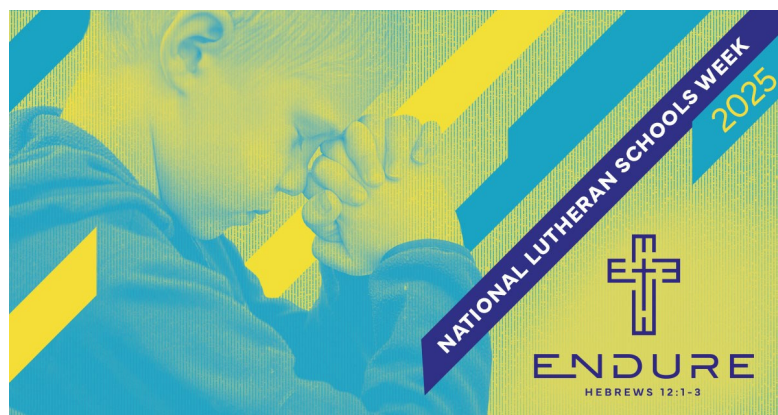
MONDAY: **Green Day for St. Patrick's Day**

TUESDAY: *Career Day*

WEDNESDAY: *Whacky Tacky Day*

THURSDAY: **Pajama Day**

FRIDAY: **SPIRIT DAY**



TUESDAY: WE INVITE YOU TO JOIN US FOR LUNCH ON TUESDAY, MARCH 18TH AT 11:30 AM AND TO STAY FOR LUNCH RECESS WITH THE KIDS. PLEASE LET THE OFFICE KNOW IF YOU WILL BE ATTENDING BY MONDAY, MARCH 17TH TO ENSURE WE HAVE THE RIGHT AMOUNT OF PIZZA FOR LUNCH!

FRIDAY: JOIN US FOR OUR FAITH LUTHERAN TALENT SHOW!

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Join us for

MUFFINS

in the Morning

TUESDAY, APRIL 8TH

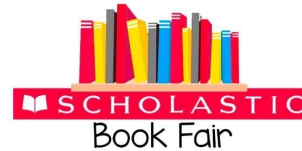
9:30-10 AM

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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It is time for our annual Scholastic Book Fair! It will be open daily March 31st - April 8th from 7:30-8 am and from 3-3:30 pm. It will also be open after our parent events and spring musical (April 14th)!

Spring Break is March 24-28th. We are looking for a few people with carpet cleaners that would be willing to come in over spring break and do some spot cleaning on the carpet upstairs and in the preschool classrooms. Please contact the office if you would be willing to help!



Join us for

Donuts With Grownups!

Tuesday
April 1st
9:30 - 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

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Anchored in Christ - Hebrews 6:19

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	
2	3	4	5	6	7	8	
		Sloppy Joe's, popcorn & fruit	-Family Sponsored Lunch - The Mock Family - Nacho bar!	Popcorn Chicken, buttered noodles, veggies & dip			
9	10	11	12	13	14	15	
		Salad bar, yogurt with choice of toppings		Breakfast Sandwiches, hash-brown patty & fruit			
16	17	18	19	20	21	22	
		Little Cesar's Pizza Day!	-Family Sponsored Lunch - by the Fin-ger's - Sub sandwiches & chips	Chicken Noodle & tomato soup with rolls			
23	24	25	26	27	28	29	
30	31						

March 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
READER/ASSISTANT 3/2 Carl H & Norman W 3/5 Carl H & Norman W 3/9 Richard L & Carl H 3/16 Norman W & Richard L 3/23 Ella M, Norman & Carl 3/30 Nathan H & Carl H	GREETERS 3/2 The Benninger's & Lenny 3/5 The Uttech's & Jim G 3/9 The Prust Family 3/12 The Benninger's & Lenny 3/16 The Uttech's & Jim G	GREETERS 3/19 The Prust Family 3/23 The Prust Family 3/26 The Uttech's & Jim G 3/30 The Benninger's & Lenny	ACOLYTE 3/2 Sophia Hoepfner 3/9 Damon Wegner 3/16 Jasmine Albedyll 3/23 Cora Fessler 3/30 Shane Hoepfner			1
2 9 am service Sunday School & Bible Study	3	4	5 Chapel 9:30 AM Confirmation 2:30-4:30 PM Ash Wednesday Meal (5:30 pm) & Service 6:30 pm	6	7	8
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