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Monthly Newsletter of Faith Lutheran Church and School | May 2026



Pastor Hoepfner's Message

Dear Faith Family,

The first week of May reminds us of National Teacher's Appreciation Week. Teachers are a tremendous blessing in this school, in our community, and throughout the world. They need patience, wisdom, knowledge, communicate effectively and have flexibility. Most teachers work long hours in order to care for their students in which they teach. I personally want to thank teachers who dedicate their time, effort, and energy in order to prepare students for life.

I asked my wife what her favorite thing about teaching is. She said, "When a student gets it." It is also the same for me when someone understands a scripture passage and applies it to their life. I rejoice and give thanks to God.

I am also reminded of our great teacher, Jesus. Jesus taught his disciples and the crowds about His Kingdom and His ministry. Many times, they didn't understand. But when they understood his teaching, it must have been a joy for Him to experience when his students would "get it" and use it in their life.

As we celebrate the gift of teaching the first week of May, remember to thank a teacher. Whether it is a day school teacher, Sunday School teacher or Bible study teacher. God is working through those teachers for you to grow in Scripture and hearing the voice of The Shepherd.

God's grace and peace be to you,
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.

- Church Council will meet on Sunday, May 17th at 8 am at Faith.
- All boards will be held on May 13th at 6 pm at Faith.
- Join us for Wednesday Night Gathering on Wednesday, May 6th at 6 pm. There is something for everyone!
- Faith is in need of a new roof. We will start fundraising in the near future. If you have any ideas on fundraising, please contact Korbyn Prust or Tim Nelson.
- 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.

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We Celebrate with May Birthdays

Judy Grove	6	Michelle Kunert	20
Beth Unser	6	Sonny Heger	21
Jonathan Andre	9	Kiersten Kunert	21
David Unser	10	Pastor Seth Hoepfner	26
Lori Christensen	14	Adrian Albedyll	28
Joseph Grove	19		



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 5/4 and 5/18 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 other hand, we reject also the Calvinistic perversion of the doctrine of conversation, that is, the doctrine that God does not desire to convert and save all hearers of the Word, but only a portion of them. Many hearers of the Word, indeed remain unconverted and are not saved, but because God does not earnestly desire their conversion and salvation, but solely because they stubbornly resist the gracious operation of the Holy Ghost, as Scripture teaches. Acts 7:51; Matthew 23:37; Acts 13:46.

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 – May 2026

Follow Him in Generosity

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Our Savior calls us to follow Him in generosity. “For I have given you an example, that you also should do just as I have done to you” (John 13:15). We cannot give our lives for the salvation of the world, of course. Praise God, that job is already done! But with hearts full of thanksgiving for what Jesus has given us, we can follow His example of generous giving. And Jesus’ generosity is not merely an example. Our Lord also commands us to act according to our gifts: “The one who contributes, [let him give] in generosity” (Rom. 12:8).

So, when we bring offerings to the Lord, we should strive to heed His command and follow the pattern He has established for us. Jesus did not give us leftovers. He gave His best. We should not give leftovers, either, but the first and best of what He has given us. Jesus did not give as an afterthought — He gave according to the plan of salvation God established from the foundation of the world. So, when it comes to our own offerings, we should make a thoughtful plan to give generously, in proportion to the way He has blessed us. Like the Macedonian Christians, who gave according to their ability, and even beyond their ability (2 Cor. 8:3), we should honor the Lord by giving a generous portion of the income that God provides us.

We should also give freely, just as Jesus gave freely for us. There is no compulsion involved in our works of love and our offerings to the Lord. We do not give grudgingly, but willingly and cheerfully, each “as he has decided in his heart,” as the Lord says (2 Cor. 9:7). There is no New Testament ceremonial law involved here. Rather, we are free to give as generously as our Savior has given for us!

In the same way, our Lord teaches us to give generously out of our love for Him and for our neighbor. Jesus shows us that genuine love is always love “in deed” (1 John 3:18). It is love that sees our neighbor in need and gives generously to help him. It is love that hears the Word of the Lord and does what it says. If we truly love, we give generously. If we give without love, our giving is not truly following Jesus.

Finally, we follow Jesus in generosity when we support His Gospel ministry and other works of mercy. The people of Israel gave generously to construct and support the operation of the tabernacle, for that was the place where the Lord received the Old Testament sacrifices, through which He bestowed the forgiveness of sins on His people. So, they gave abundantly, so abundantly that they had to be told to stop giving! (Ex. 36:5–6). In the same way, we should bring generous offerings to support the Lord’s work. We support our congregations in the preaching of His Word, Baptism and the Lord’s Supper, which bestow His gifts of forgiveness, life and salvation, and we take care of those who are poor and needy.

Our Savior calls us to follow His example in generous giving. Let us then, with thankful hearts, rededicate ourselves to following Him in generosity.

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A Mother's Love

A mother's love always comes from her heart,
She cannot give just only a part.
She is always there in the good times and the bad
Making you feel better instead of being sad.
She knows just what you need when you come calling
And how to comfort you when you are crying.
A mother is a jack-of-all-trades
And she is treasured as if she were a jade.
By Lori Christensen

Grandma's

Grandma's care about grandkids a great deal
They always want to make our favorite meal.
They tend to spoil us a whole lot
But, won't hesitate to spank us on the spot.
Grandma's play games and read books to us
Even though at times we can cause a great fuss.
We like to sleep over and have her babysit
Hope she will remain sane even after our fits.
Grandkids can be a pain, but also a lot of fun
We give you exercise because we love to run.
Just think Grandma when you have had it up to here
You can return us to our parents and say "They were a dear."
Grandmother's get honored on one very special day
That is set aside for them in the month of May.
They deserve a day because of all the special things they do
But, after having us for a day she may wish to have two.
By Lori Christensen

Soar on wings like eagles - Isaiah 40:31

Happy Birthday & God's blessings!

5/5 Elaina Maass
5/5 Harper Maass
5/19 Viola Hill
5/26 Pastor Seth
5/24 Charlie Cheng
5/29 William Woolard

SAVE THE DATE!

- May 4—May 8 Teacher Appreciation Week
- May 15—Spaghetti Dinner/ Trivia Night 5-9 pm
- May 22—End of the year party 12 pm
- June 19th—Brat Haus At Glenn's

**REGISTRATION
IS NOW OPEN**



Registration for the 2026-2027 school year is open!

Turn your registration form and fee of \$125 per child!

Refer a new family to Faith and you will receive a \$100 tuition credit!

- PARENT SPONSORED LUNCH -

-May 6—The Hoedel Family— Pizza!!

-May 20 —The Prust Family— Subs!!

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

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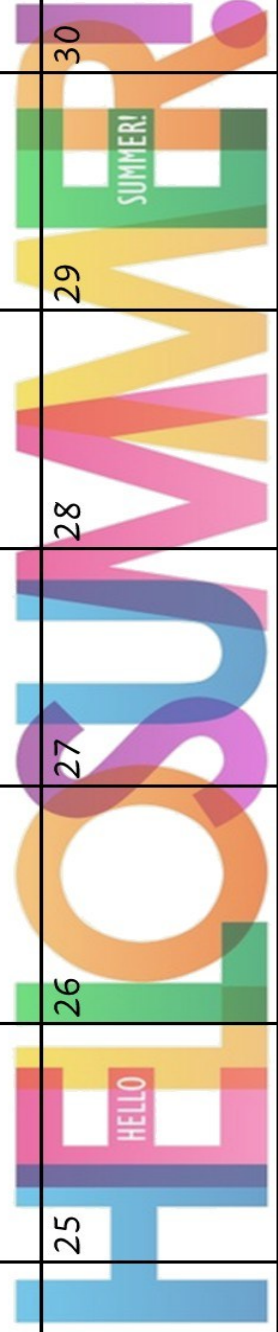


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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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3	4	5 Chicken Nuggets, mac n cheese, veggies & dip	6 -Family Sponsored Lunch - Avery Hoedel - Pizza!	7 FIELD TRIP TO THE DOCK-HOUNDS STADIUM	8	9
10	11	12 French toast, sausage links & fruit	13	14 Spaghetti & meat sauce, breadsticks & hot veggie	15	16
17	18	19 Tacos, Spanish rice & fruit	20 -Family Sponsored Lunch - The Prust Family - Subs!	21 Salad bar & smoothie day	22 LAST DAY OF SCHOOL!	23
24/31	25 HELLO	26 HELLO	27 HELLO	28 HELLO	29 HELLO	30 HELLO



May 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
READER/ASSISTANT 5/3 Richard L & Carl H 5/10 Carl H & Dan B 5/17 John M & Norman W 5/24 Dan B & John M 5/31 Ella M, Richard L & Carl	GREETERS 5/3 The Prust Family 5/10 The Benninger's & Kay K 5/17 The Uttech's & Jim G 5/24 The Benninger's & Kay K 5/31 The Prust Family	ACOLYTE 5/3 Damon Wegner 5/10 Cara Fessler 5/17 Shane Hoepfner 5/24 Kinsley Nelson 5/31 Shay DaWall	Door Openers: Malachi, Sophia, Shane, Violet & Ben		1	2
3 9 am service Sunday School & Bible Study	4 Scrip due by noon	5	6 Chapel 9:30 am Wednesday Night Gathering 6 pm	7	8	9
10 9 am service Sunday School & Bible Study	11	12 Commuter Bible Study 7:30 am @ McDonald's in Johnson Creek	13 Chapel 9:30 am All Boards Meeting 6 pm	14	15 Spaghetti Dinner/ Trivia Night 5-9 pm	16
17 Church Council 8am 9 am Service Sunday School & Bible Study	18 Scrip due by noon	19	20 Chapel 9:30 am	21	22 Last Day of School	23
24 9 am Service Bible Study	25	26 Commuter Bible Study 7:30 am @ McDonald's in Delafield	27	28	29	30
31 9 am Service Bible Study						