

Faith•times

Monthly Newsletter of Faith Lutheran Church and School | January 2025



Pastor Hoeppner's Message

Dear Faith Family,

I recently read an article on The Lutheran Church Missouri Synod website about a photojournalist named Erik Lundstadt, who traveled the world capturing pictures and stories of Lutherans in their daily lives.

Here are some descriptions of the pictures: In one, there is a small Lutheran church in Rome, Italy, with its doors open as the Word is being proclaimed. In another, an older gentleman is ringing the church bell to call people to worship. One picture shows a pastor comforting someone in the aftermath of a powerful storm, while another depicts a father reading a Bible story to his children. There is also a picture of a young girl holding onto the robe of her father, who is a pastor. I invite you to look at more photos on the LCMS website.

It would be incredible to capture the many stories and photos of people living in different vocations and how God's Word is being proclaimed throughout the world. It would also be very rewarding to capture pictures and stories of each of you here in Watertown and see the many vocations and ways God is working through us as His children.

In January, we have many activities here at church. We begin our Wednesday Night Gatherings on January 15th and 29th. We continue our Bible Study and Sunday School on January 12th. We invite you to chapel on Wednesdays at 9:30.

Blessings as we celebrate a new year and know that our Lord Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today, and forever. His love for you is steadfast.

Happy New Year,
Pastor Hoeppner

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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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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 January 19th at 8 am at Faith.
- Family Wednesday Night Gatherings at Faith- January 15th and 29th 6:00 pm . Women will be studying Habakkuk, the men will be studying Philippians and the children will be studying the Explorer Group.
- All Boards Meeting- January 22nd 6:00pm at Faith.
- 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 Hoeppner.

Faith • brations

We Celebrate with January Birthdays

Don Roell	18	Kort Schlichting	29
Timothy Nelson	21	Delores Herold	30
Connor Baneck	24	John Mock	30



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 1/13 and 1/27 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 Millennium

Over against this, Scripture clearly teaches, and we teach accordingly, that the kingdom of Christ on earth will remain under the cross until the end of the world; that the second visible coming of the Lord will be His final advent, His coming to judge the quick and the dead; that there will be but one resurrection of the dead; that the time of the Last Day is, and will remain, unknown, to come a thousand years after the beginning of a millennium; and that there will be no general conversion, a conversion en masse, of the Jewish nation.

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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A Breath of Fresh Air

We often overlook the role of humidity in our indoor environments. Dry air can lead to several uncomfortable issues. It can dry out our skin, irritate our sinuses, and worsen respiratory problems.

Here at Faith, we take the comfort of our students, staff, and church members seriously. That is why we would like to install a series of humidifiers in our church and school furnace room(s). A humidifier adds moisture to the air, creating a more comfortable environment. Installing humidifiers can:

Reduce the spread of germs, soothe itchy, dry skin and sinuses, ease respiratory problems such as coughs and allergies by reducing inflammation, improve sleep quality, reduce congestion and sore throats, manage asthma and more!

While the benefits of humidifiers are numerous, it is important to use them correctly. This is why we want to install a humidifier that will take the guessing work out of the correct amount of moisture in the air.

We have received a quote of \$2,685.00. This would include three humidifiers, and the install, so we can take care of our entire building and everyone in it! Would you consider donating to our cause? An anonymous donor has already pledged to match up to \$500. Your donation could be doubled! If you are willing and able to donate, or have any questions, please contact Korbyn Prust at (920) 545-9030.

Investing in a humidifier is investing in our health! By adding moisture to the air, we can create a more comfortable, and healthier environment for the children, and congregation of Faith. Any donation will be very appreciated! Thank you for your consideration.

-Korbyn Prust

Anchored in Christ - Hebrews 6:19

PARENT SPONSORED LUNCH:

January 8th: The Grey Family- Homemade Chicken Noodle Soup, rolls, fruit & cookie

January 22nd: The Phillips Family- Homemade mac & cheese, beef sticks, veggies & dip, rice Krispie treat

Happy Birthday & God's blessings!

Lizbeth Orona Gomez 1/24

As the temperatures get colder, please make sure your children come to school prepared! Please have them bring jackets, hats and gloves! If there is snow, please also have them bring snow boots and snow pants to be able to play in the snow!



SAVE THE DATE!

- January 1st - NO SCHOOL
- January 10th - Field trip for Kindergarten though 6th grade to Schauer Arts Center
 - January 17th - Pizza & Movie Night
 - February 8th - Open House
 - February 21st - NO SCHOOL
- February 28th- Field Trip to Maranatha College for a play
- March 14th - Spaghetti Dinner & Trivia Night
- March 24th - March 28th - NO SCHOOL
- April 1th - Doughnuts with Grown Ups
 - April 8th - Muffins in the Morning

FAITH LUTHERAN PRESENTS

PIZZA AND MOVIE NIGHT
FEATURING: RATATOUILLE

Friday, January 17th
5:00 PM - 8:00 PM

TICKETS ARE
\$4 PER PERSON OR
\$20 PER FAMILY

For More Info Please Contact Kristin at
schooloffice4faithlutheran@gmail.com

FREE POPCORN!

PLEASE FILL OUT THE REGISTRATION FORM AND SEND IT BACK TO THE OFFICE!!

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Anchored in Christ - Hebrews 6:19

January 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 NO SCHOOL	2 Scrambled eggs, hashbrown patty, fruit & cheese cubes	3	4
5	6	7 Sub Sandwiches, popcorn, fruit & treat	8 -Family Sponsored Lunch - The Grey Family- Homemade Chicken noodle soup, rolls, fruit & cookie	9 Chicken patty on a bun, buttered noodles, veggies & dip	10	11
12	13	14 Tacos, Spanish rice & fruit	15	16 Salad bar & strawberry banana smoothies	17	18
19	20	21 Lasagna, garlic bread & hot veg- gie	22 -Family Sponsored Lunch - The Phillips Family- Homemade mac&cheese, beef sticks, veggies & dip, rice Krispie treat	23 Crescent dogs, curly fries, veg- gies & dip	24	25
26	27	28 Hot sliced ham, cheesy potatoes & hot veggie	29	30 Breakfast sand- wiches, yogurt & fruit	31	

January 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<u>READER/ASSISTANT</u> 1/5 Harry K & Dan B 1/12 Pastor Seth & Carl H 1/19 Dan B & Harry K 1/26 Ella M, Norman W & Carl H	<u>GREETERS</u> 1/5 The Benninger's & Lenny 1/12 The Kopplin's 1/19 The Uttech' & Jim G 1/26 The Prust's	<u>ACOLYTE</u> 1/5 Cara Fessler 1/12 Shane Hoepfner 1/19 Kinsley Nelson 1/26 Shay DaWaly	1 No School	2	3	4
5 9 am service	6	7	8 Chapel 9:30 AM	9	10	11
12 9 am service Sunday School & Bible Study	13 Scrip due by noon	14 Commuter Bible Study 7:30 am @ McDonald's in Johnson Creek	15 Chapel 9:30 AM Wednesday Night Gathering 6 pm	16	17 Pizza & Movie Night 5:30 pm	18
19 Church Council 8 am 9 am service & Sunday School Program Bible Study	20	21	22 Chapel 9:30 AM Confirmation 2:30-4:30 PM All Boards Meeting 6 pm	23	24	25
26 9 am service & Sunday School Program Bible Study	27 Scrip due by noon	28 Commuter Bible Study 7:30 am @ McDonald's in Delafield	29 Chapel 9:30 AM Wednesday Night Gathering 6 pm	30	31	