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Monthly Newsletter of Faith Lutheran Church and School | October 2026



Pastor Hoepfner's Message

Dear Faith Family,

Beginning in the month of October, you will notice a new format for our worship bulletin. The format will look more like what is presented in the hymnal. We have been transitioning and learning more about the computer software called Lutheran Service Builder. I would like to thank those who have been working on this format the past couple of months. Learning a new skill and program takes time! Also, if you have a request for a hymn from the hymnal, please let me know and we will find an appropriate time in a church service to sing it.

Lori Christensen, a member from the church wrote a poem called, Come Explore...Learn More to invite you to our Thursday Night Gathering Bible Studies. I would like to share it with you.

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I would like to thank Lori for her gift of poetry. I like to highlight different gifts that each member has. We praise God!

Have a blessed October,

Pastor Hoepfner

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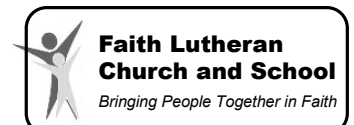
Mission Statement

Faith Lutheran Church and School exists to worship, serve and grow in Jesus Christ.

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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



Announcements

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- We invite you to come to a Bible Study Group that is called Thursday Night Gathering. The groups are held the first and third Thursday's of the month (October 1st & October 15th) from 6-7 pm. The ladies will be discussing "Trustworthy: A Study on a 1 and 2 Kings", the men will discuss "Armor of God" and there will be activities for the youth.
- Church Council will meet on Sunday, October 25th at 8 am at Faith.
- Join us for Sunday School and Bible Study following service. The adults will be discussing "Stuff You Didn't Learn in Sunday School" focusing on the letters of Paul.
- Next year, Faith will be putting a new roof on our church, and a fund has been started. Please keep this project in your prayers and support as you are able. Thank you!
- Thank you to everyone who helped make our 40th anniversary celebration a wonderful and memorable dedication.
- 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 October Birthdays

Michael Andre	8	Violet Prust	14
Lainey Nehls	11	Kasen Martzelt	17
Macy Nehls	11	Deanna Stendel	21
Frank Unser	11	Sandy Higgins	22
Madeline Mock	12	Jasmine Albedyll	29



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 10/5 and 10/19 by noon. •

THANKS FOR SUPPORTING THIS PROGRAM!

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 Justification

Holy Scripture sums up all its teachings regarding the love of God to the world of sinners, regarding the salvation wrought by Christ, and regarding faith in Christ as the only way to obtain salvation, in the article of justification. Scripture teaches that God has already declared the whole world to be righteous in Christ, Rom 5:19; 2Cor 5:18-21; Rom 4:25; that therefore not for the sake of their good works, but without the works of the Law, by grace, for Christ's sake, He justifies, that is, accounts as righteous, all those who believe, accept, and rely on, the face that for Christ's sake their sins are forgiven. Thus, the Holy Ghost testifies through St. Paul: "There is no difference; for all have sinned and come short of the glory of God, being justified freely by His grace, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus," Rom 3:23-24. And again: "therefore we conclude that a man is justified by faith without the deeds of the Law," Rom 3:28.

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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It's in the Way that You Use It *Originally Published October 2023*

Consider the humble baseball bat. It is a simple tool designed for a complex task. The batter needs a tool that can consistently deliver force to a small ball which may be thrown at over 100 miles per hour, but which might also come slanting across the plate as a slow curve. For a game like this, the founders of baseball had to redesign the old cricket bat, which is more of a flat paddle. The tool had to fit the job.

But even a specially-designed tool can be used for a different purpose. It turns out that some years ago in England, the home of cricket, baseball bats suddenly started selling like hotcakes. What were folks across the pond doing with all those baseball bats? Using them as clubs in riots!

A tool can be used, and it can be misused. It's all in the way that you use it.

The same is true with the things of God. The Second Commandment states that we should "not misuse the name of the Lord." In the Small Catechism, Luther goes on to tell us exactly what this misuse is, as well as the proper use: "We should fear and love God so that we do not curse, swear, use satanic arts, lie, or deceive by His name, but call upon it in every trouble, pray, praise, and give thanks." (SC I)

The Lord has given us His name: He has placed it upon us in Holy Baptism and He has invited us to pray to Him as our Father. In this sense, the Lord's name is something for us to use. We should not misuse it ... and we should not fail to use it. The Pharisees of old were so afraid of misusing the name of God that they decided to simply never say the name of God (YHWH, Jehovah) at all! This non-use is just as bad as misuse. The Lord gives His gifts for our use.

A Christian steward is one who is called to use all of God's gifts for His purposes. This includes things like the Name of God, the Sacraments and the Word, and it also includes things like our family and friends, our talents and skills, our money and resources. Everything that God has given to you, He has given to you so that you may be blessed to use it for His kingdom.

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Rooted in Christ! - Colossians 2:6-7

Happy Birthday & God's blessings!

10/13 Graham R

10/14 Violet P

10/17 Kasen M

10/22 Jack P

10/24 Xander D

10/28 Mackenzie F

10/29 Jasmine A

SAVE THE DATE!

- October 29 & 30th—NO SCHOOL
- November 6th – Trivia Night! 5:30-9 PM
- November 25-27 – NO SCHOOL

Come watch out girls play volleyball!

October 7th—5 pm B team, 6 pm A team—Away vs Helenville (309 Bluff Street Fort Atkinson)

Parent Sponsored Lunch

October 7th – Sponsored by Avery Hoedel - Pancakes!

October 21st —Sponsored by the Hoeppner Family – Pizza bagels, veggies & fruit

Sign up to help with the Trivia Night using the link below!

www.signupgenius.com/go/20F0D4CA9A62AA1FAC43-661030201-trivia#/

Picture Day is
Thursday, October 15th!



Think Laugh Play Support!

TRIVIA NIGHT

All proceeds support Faith Lutheran

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 6TH
5:30 PM - 9:00 PM

Faith Lutheran School
Watertown, WI

SANDWICHES AND CHIPS AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE

BAKE SALE
SWEET TREATS FOR A GREAT CAUSE!

TRIVIA
GATHER YOUR FRIENDS AND PUT YOUR KNOWLEDGE TO THE TEST!

\$10 PER PERSON

OR REGISTER AN ENTIRE TEAM OF 8 FOR **\$70**

ONLY 8 TEAMS OF 8!
SPOTS WILL FILL FAST GET YOUR TEAM IN SOON!

Good Food. Great Questions. Even Better Company.

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1 Schuster's Field Tip - Cold Lunch Required	2	3	
4	5	6 Cheddar dogs, homemade pretzels & cheese, fruit	7 Parent Sponsored Lunch - The Hoedel Family - Pancakes!	8 Lasagna, breadsticks & salad	9	10
11	12	13 French toast, bacon & fruit	14	15 Homemade mac & cheese, little smokies & buttered peas	16	17
18	19	20 Cheese tortellini or chicken noodle soup & rolls	21 Parent Sponsored Lunch - The Hoepfner Family - Pizza bagels, veggies & fruit	22 Egg & cheese or sausage bake, yogurt & fruit	23	24
25	26	27 Snack lunch (cheese, sausage, crackers, fruit, etc...) & milkshakes	28	29 NO SCHOOL	30 NO SCHOOL	31

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Door Openers: Malachi, Sophia, Shane, Violet & Ben	<u>READER/ASSISTANT</u> 10/4 Nathan & Richard 10/11 John & Carl 10/18 Richard & Norman 10/25 Dan & John	<u>GREETERS</u> 10/4 The Prust Family 10/11 The Benninger's & Lenny 10/18 The Prust's 10/25 The Uttech's & Jim G	<u>ACOLYTE</u> 10/4 Kinsley Nelson 10/11 Shay DaWalt 10/18 Michael A. 10/25 Malachi M	1 Thursday Night Gathering 6-7 pm	2	3
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