

Faith•times

Monthly Newsletter of Faith Lutheran Church and School | October 2025

Change my heart, Oh God.



*Create in me a clean heart,
O God, and renew a right spirit within me.
Psalm 51:10 ESV*

Pastor Hoeppner's Message

Dear Faith Family,

We have recently concluded a sermon series on the Book of First Timothy. We will now go through the Book of Second Timothy the next three weeks before we observe Reformation Day on October 26th. Paul's second letter to Timothy is a deeply personal and urgent message written from prison as he faces imminent execution.

I share with you a preview of the next three weeks. Paul encourages Timothy to remain steadfast in faith, endure suffering for the gospel, and uphold the truth amid growing false teachings. He urges Timothy to faithfully preach the Word, train others, and stand firm in the face of opposition. Paul reflects on his life of ministry, expressing confidence in his faithful service and in God's justice.

Paul warns of increasing apostasy and the importance of Scripture for teaching, correction, and righteousness. As a final charge, Paul expresses longing for companionship and requests Timothy's quick return.

There is a lot of material to cover in just four chapters of this book. I pray that you may prepare yourselves for Sunday to read a chapter a week of this letter to better understand how we too can learn perseverance, keep sound doctrine and loyal to Christ as we serve one another in service of Christ.

The Lord be with your spirit. Grace be with you. (2 Timothy 4:22)

Pastor Hoeppner

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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

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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 Sunday, October 19th at 8 am here at Faith.
- If you would like to learn more about Grief Share support group, please go to griefshare.org. There are a couple of places in Watertown that are hosting tis support group.
- The Men's Bible Class that meets on the 1st and 3rd Wednesday nights of each month is going to study the Book of Revelation that Christ gave to St. John on the Island of Patmos through a very special angel. And the book itself will be addressed in three parts: (1) John's vision of Jesus Christ, chapter 1; (2) Jesus' seven letters to the seven Christian churches in Asia Minor, i.e., modern day Turkey, in chapters 2 and 3; (3) And John's many frightening, mysterious, and symbolic visions of what the End of the World will look like as it impacts our lives, in chapters 4-22. Verses from both the Old and New Testaments will be consulted in an attempt to decipher the meaning of the 400 plus verses of this book, thereby, letting Scripture interpret Scripture. Join us on October 1st and October 15th at 6 pm.
- 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 Hoeppner.

Faith • brations

We Celebrate with October Birthdays

Michael Andre	8	Kasen Martzelt	17
Frank Unser	11	Deanna Stendel	21
Madeline Mock	12	Jasmine Albedyll	29
Violet Prust	14		



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 10/6 and 10/20 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 Creation

We teach that God has created heaven and earth, and that in the manner and in the space of time recorded in the Holy Scriptures, especially Gen. 1 and 2, namely, by His almighty creative word, and in six days. We reject every doctrine which denies or limits the work of creation as taught in Scripture. In our days it is denied or limited by those who assert, ostensibly in deference to science, that the world came into existence through a process of evolution; that is, that it has, in immense periods of time, developed more or less of itself. Since no man was present when it pleased God to create the world, we must look for a reliable account of creation to God's own record, found in God's own book, the Bible. We accept God's own record with full confidence and confess with Luther's Catechism: "I believe that God has made me and all creatures."

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 – October 2025

Harmonious Stewardship

"For as in one body we have many members, and the members do not all have the same function, so we, though many, are one body in Christ, and individually members one of another" (Romans 12:4-5).

One of the most forgotten concepts in stewardship is the interdependent nature that makes up the Body of Christ and the way that body supports the shared work of the Gospel of Jesus Christ. This is experienced in the local congregation, as well as in broader mission and ministry efforts at the district and Synod levels. Yet in these words, St. Paul reminds the Romans and us that we are indeed members of one another. This is true in our worship. It is also true in our stewardship of the Gospel. Stewards of all shapes and sizes, ages and abilities, affluence and influence are all assembled around Word and Sacrament in the local congregation with no one being more important than the other.

Part of this forgetting lies in what the eyes see and how our human mind operates. Our eyes and our minds are quick to come to the erroneous conclusion that the person who writes the biggest check is the more important steward. Human logic, flawed by sin as it is, could make a claim that the youngest child or the most infirm, aged member of the congregation would certainly be considered something less than important when it comes to the stewardship of the Gospel.

Paul makes it clear in these words that this is not how stewardship of the Gospel is measured in the Body of Christ. Rather, it would be better to view local stewardship like the lost art of harmony in congregational singing. This has been lost not only due to the performative nature of the lead singers of the local praise team, but also because modern hymnals are written to almost force the novice hymn-singer into unison voice. Creative harmonization by talented organists is beautiful to listen to, but does not always support the people in the pews in singing in parts. This is a loss in demonstrating a very practical aspect of whole-body stewardship.

The sound that builds when choral and congregational singers settle into their voice parts is nothing short of heavenly! Yet when altos, tenors and bass sing their individual parts without any concept of how they fit together, the music doesn't sound as powerful. The narrow range of the typical alto line almost sounds monotonous. The tenor line can get painfully high, and the base line can get uncomfortably low. But, when interdependently entwined, along with the melody that is so often carried by the sopranos, the music becomes a tremendously powerful tool in communicating the Gospel.

The same is true of individual stewards. Certainly, stewards with more financial means are in a unique place to "carry the tune" for ministry in a local congregation. But that doesn't rule out the faithful stewardship of the saint-like 94-year-old Hulda, who prayed for her young pastor in German every night while the aches and pains of arthritis and the grief of losing a daughter to cancer kept her awake. This does not rule out Jimmy, the profoundly developmentally disabled confirmand whose basic but dramatically eloquent confession of the faith left an impression on a congregation long after he went to be with Jesus. It doesn't rule out the single parent, the recovering addict, the family coming out of bankruptcy, the elderly widow and everyone in between.

The Lord has entrusted all the baptized with stewardship of the one thing needful: the Gospel of Jesus Christ. No one member of any congregation is more important than another when it comes to this stewardship. The biggest check isn't always the best way to communicate the Gospel. In fact, it is almost always better communicated with the widow's mite, the tenacious stewardship of the talents and so much more.

In the local congregation and beyond, our corporate stewardship of the Gospel needs each other to fill out our great confession. It is not about equal amount. It is about interdependence that only the Holy Spirit can work! Each of us has a role to play, a harmony to sing. The standard for that role is faithfulness. We do not have the same function, but we have the same Jesus! As we sing the parts entrusted to us by the Holy Spirit, the sweet music of the Gospel goes out!

School • news



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Soar on wings like eagles - Isaiah 40:31

Happy Birthday & God's blessings!

10/14 Violet Prust
10/17 Kasen Martzelt
10/22 Jack Phillips
10/24 Xander Donner
10/28 Mackenzie Finger
10/29 Jasmine Albedyll

Candy Bar Fundraiser is coming soon!!!

All candy bars are \$2 and come in a box of 40 assorted flavors! Please return money for each box to the office before signing out another box!



Our next PACE meeting is on Thursday, October 16th at 6 pm!

PICTURE DAY IS
THURSDAY,
OCTOBER 9th!

SAVE THE DATE!

- October 7th 8:30-11 am - Eberts Field Trip for K-2nd
- October 8th 10am-3pm - Old World WI field trip for 3rd-7th
- October 17th - 2-3 pm Pumpkin Patch Party!
 - October 23-24th NO SCHOOL
 - November 7th, 6pm - Fall Musical
- November 15th 8-11 am - Pancake Breakfast
- December 12th (during school) - Christmas Store
- December 13th, 11am-2pm - Cookie Walk
- December 17th 6 pm - Christmas Program
- December 22 - January 2nd- NO SCHOOL

- PARENT SPONSORED LUNCH -

- October 1st - The Grey Family - Chicken soup & fruit
- October 15th - The Hoedel Family - Pizza & dessert
- October 29th - The Maass & Van Horn Families - Salad bar, cold pasta salad, dinner rolls & fruit

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

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 Parent Sponsored Lunch - The Gray Family - Chicken soup & fruit	2 Sloppy Joes, pickles, chips & treat	3	4
5	6	7 Pizza, yogurt, fruit	8	9 Fench toast sticks, bacon & fruit	10	11
12	13	14 Finger food lunch (cheese, sausage, fruit, yogurt tubes, crackers)	15 Parent Sponsored Lunch - The Hoedel Family - Pizza & Dessert	16 Corn dogs, tater tots, veggie & dip	17	18
19	20	21 Chicken patty on a bun, homemade mac n cheese, hot veggie	22	23 NO SCHOOL	24 NO SCHOOL	25
26	27	28 Shredded pork on a bun, mashed potatoes, hot veggie	29 Parent Spon- sored Lunch - The Maass & Van Horn Families - Salad bar, cold pasta salad, din- ner rolls & fruit	30 Egg & cheese or egg & sausage bake, fruit & do- nut ball	31	

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
READER/ASSISTANT 10/5 Carl H & Norman W 10/12 Ella M, Dan B & Carl H 10/19 Richard L & Dan B 10/26 John M & Richard L	GREETERS 10/5 Kay Kopplin & Karen Clutterbuck 10/12 The Benninger's & Lenny 10/19 The Uttech's & Jim G 10/26 The Prust Family Door Openers: Malachi, Shane, Violet & Ben	ACOLYTE 10/5 Damon Wegner 10/12 Cora Fessler 10/19 Shane Hoepfner 10/26 Kinsley Nelson	1 Chapel 9:30 am Wednesday Night Gathering 6 pm	2	3	4
5 9 am service Sunday School & Bible Study	6 Scrip due by noon	7 Ebert's Fieldtrip (K-2nd) 8:30-10a am	8 Chapel 9:30 am Old World WI Fieldtrip (3rd-7th) 10am - 3pm	9 Picture day!	10	11
12 9 am service Sunday School & Bible Study	13	14 Commuter Bible Study 7:30 am @ McDonald's in Johnson Creek	15 Chapel 9:30 am Wednesday Night Gathering 6 pm	16	17 Pumpkin Patch Party 2-3 pm	18
19 Church Council 8am 9 am Service Sunday School & Bible Study	20 Scrip due by noon	21	22 Chapel 9:30 am	23 NO SCHOOL	24 NO SCHOOL	25
26 9 am service Sunday School & Bible Study	27	28 Commuter Bible Study 7:30 am @ McDonald's in Delafield	29	30	31	