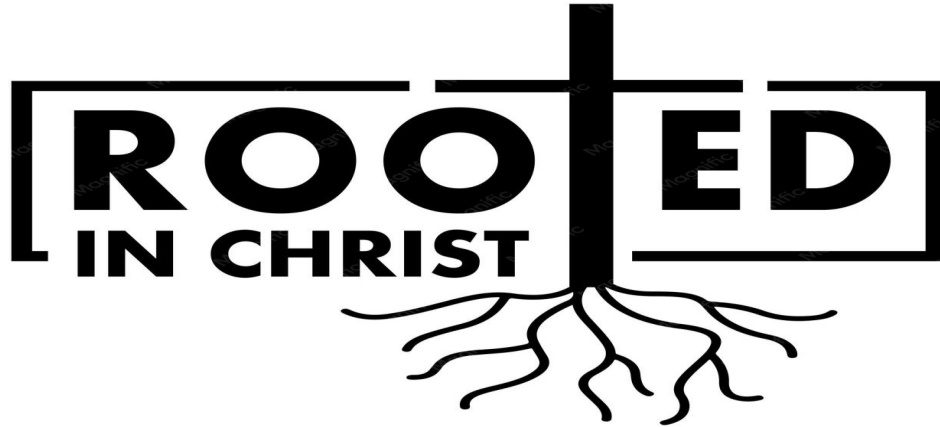


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Pastor Hoeppner's Message

Dear Faith Family,

This fall marks the fortieth-year anniversary of Faith Lutheran. I am personally excited and also humbled as we recognize the years that God has been leading His Church and being a light in our community. I was thinking back of the four pastors that had been installed here at Faith. Pastor Haack, Pastor Timmer, Pastor Rand, and myself. I thought of the amount of training it goes into training pastors and for the equipping of the saints. I am grateful for the three pastors that were before me, and I learned different things in different parts of my life.

I also thought of the many teachers that taught in the classrooms and even the places where we had to find room so that all could fit. I lost count how many teachers used their gifts in the teaching profession in order to give knowledge and insight to many of their students.

I thought about all the people who had served on various boards. I thank those who have served and continue to serve God's church as you use your gifts. I thank you for taking on different tasks so that the Gospel may shine in our community.

On Sunday, September 20th, we are having a special service recognizing our forty years and reflecting on those who shared God's Word in the pulpit. After the service, we will be having a special luncheon as we celebrate our forty years here at Faith. I invite you to come and celebrate with us.

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

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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 from 6-7 pm. Ladies will have a discussion on "Trustworthy: A Study of 1st and 2nd Kings", the men will be having on "The Armor of God" (Ephesians) and the children will have activities.
- September 13th is Rally Day! Sunday School for the children will begin after the service. Bible class after the service will feature "Stuff You Don't Learn in Sunday School" from the Lutheran Hour Ministries, focusing on the Letters from Paul.
- Church Council will meet on Sunday, September 27th at 8 am at Faith.
- All Boards will meet on September 16th at 6 pm at Faith.
- 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 having a lunch after the service on September 20th. Please join us for a luncheon celebration following the service as we give thanks for the blessings and guidance God has provided to Faith over the past forty years.
- Faith will soon need a new roof. A special fund has been established to support this project. Please keep this need in your prayers and consider it in your offerings.
- 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 September Birthdays

Steph Mazzoni	1	Kalie Hoeppner	22
Shannon Hoeppner	7	Haylie Wegner	23
Bradley Nelson	10	Nathan Hoeppner	25
Norman Wheeler	12	Luke Hoeppner	26
Benjamin O'Riley	15	Jim Puscheck	28
Shay DaWalt	15	Jackie Shane	29
Malachi Mock	17		



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 9/7 and 9/21 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

Calvinists solve this mystery, which God has not revealed in His Word, by denying the universality of grace; synergists, by denying that salvation is by grace alone. Both solutions are utterly vicious, since they contradict Scripture and since every poor sinner stands in need of, and must cling to, both the unrestricted universal grace and unrestricted "by grace alone," lest he despair and perish.

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 – September 2026

The greatest gift that Martin Luther gave to us was his Small Catechism. The word “enchiridion” is part of the original title of this work. This is the Greek word for “handbook.” The Small Catechism is a handbook of the Bible. All the basic knowledge that a Christian needs to understand the faith and live a godly life has been taken from the Bible and distilled into this beautiful little book of Christian piety.

Luther starts with the Ten Commandments.

The First Commandment:

You shall have no other gods.

What does this mean? We should fear, love, and trust in God above all things. (SC I)

We have a God above us. He is the Lord God and we are not. He is Almighty and in control. He is righteous and good. And therefore, we should fear Him.

This God is also our heavenly Father. He wants us to be saved. He does not want us to suffer His just wrath. He has provided salvation for us in His Son, Jesus Christ. And therefore, we should love Him.

Our heavenly Father will never leave us nor forsake us. He has promised as much — and the Bible shows us that He always keeps His promises. So, we should trust Him.

In the Large Catechism, Luther explains how money and possessions form one of the greatest temptations against the First Commandment:

This I must unfold somewhat more plainly, that it may be understood and perceived by ordinary examples of the contrary. Many a one thinks that he has God and everything in abundance when he has money and possessions; he trusts in them and boasts of them with such firmness and assurance as to care for no one. Lo, such a man also has a god, Mammon by name, i.e., money and possessions, on which he sets all his heart, and which is also the most common idol on earth. He who has money and possessions feels secure, and is joyful and undismayed as though he were sitting in the midst of Paradise. On the other hand, he who has none doubts and is despondent, as though he knew of no God. For very few are to be found who are of good cheer, and who neither mourn nor complain if they have not Mammon. This [care and desire for money] sticks and clings to our nature, even to the grave. (LC I 5–9)

These words of Dr. Luther should call us to repentance; sometimes, we live and act like we don't have a Father in heaven. We seek our comfort and peace outside of His gracious promises. But we do have a Father in heaven. He does love us. All His promises are true. And the Lord will surely provide. If that is our belief, then our outward lives will reflect this belief in our acts of generosity and mercy. We will see money and possessions not as gods but rather as tools for doing God's work.

Rooted in Christ! - Colossians 2:6-7

Happy Birthday & God's blessings!

9/6 Carter Woolard
9/17 Malachi Mock
9/26 Iris Cheng

SAVE THE DATE!

- September 7th—NO SCHOOL
- October 29 & 30th—NO SCHOOL

Our first PACE
meeting is
September 10th
at 3:10 pm!

Parent Sponsored Lunch

September 9th—Sponsored
by the Roell & Mock Family—Chicken on a bun,
chips and veggies

September 23rd—
Sponsored by the Yaresh
Family—

Come watch out girls play
volleyball!

September 9th—A Team 5 pm at Home
(Lebanon Gym) vs St. Paul's of Lake Mills

September 15th—4 pm B Team, 5 pm A
team—Home (Lebanon Gym) vs St.
Paul's of Fort Atkinson

September 23rd—4 pm B team, 5 pm A
team—Away vs St. Paul's of Ixonia
(W1956 Gopher Hill Road, Ixonia)

September 30th—4 pm B team, 5 pm A
team—Away vs St. Stephen's of Beaver
Dam (415 W. Maple Ave. Beaver Dam)

October 7th—4 pm B team, 5 pm A
team—Away vs
Helenville (W3255
Hwy 18 Helenville)



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SEPTEMBER

<u>Sunday</u>	<u>Monday</u>	<u>Tuesday</u>	<u>Wednesday</u>	<u>Thursday</u>	<u>Friday</u>	<u>Saturday</u>
		1 Sub Sandwiches, fruit & chips	2	3 Hot dogs, string cheese, veggies & dip, popcorn	4	5
6	7 NO SCHOOL	8 Pizza, yogurt & fruit	9 Parent Sponsored Lunch	10 Pancakes, sausage, fruit, & cheese cubes	11	12
13	14	15 Salad Bar Day!	16	17 Spaghetti & meat sauce, garlic bread & salad	18	19
20	21	22 Tacos, Spanish rice, & fruit	23 Parent Sponsored Lunch	24 Sloppy joes, veggies & dip, & tater tots	25	26
27	28	29 Scrambled eggs, hash-brown patty, fruit & donut hole	30	1 Pizza bagels, fruit & granola bars		

September 2026

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Door Openers: Ml- achi, Sophia, Shane, Violet & Ben		1	2 Chapel 9:30 am Confirmation 2:30—4 pm	3 Thursday Night Gathering 6-7 pm	4	5
6 9 am service Bible Study	7 NO SCHOOL Scrip due by noon	8 Commuter Bible Study 7:30 am @ McDonald's in Johnson Creek	9 Chapel 9:30 am	10	11	12
13 9 am service Bible Study & Sun- day School Rally Sunday!	14	15	16 Chapel 9:30 am All Boards Meeting 6 pm Confirmation 2:30—4 pm	17 Thursday Night Gathering 6-7 pm	18	19
20 9 am service Bible Study Church Picnic	21 Scrip due by noon	22	23 Chapel 9:30 am	24	25	26
27 Church Council 8 am 9 am service Bible Study & Sun- day School	28	29	30 Chapel 9:30 am Confirmation 2:30—4 pm	<u>READER/ASSISTANT</u> 9/6 Dan & Carl 9/16 Richard & John 9/20 John & Norman 9/27 Nathan & Rich- ard	<u>GREETERS</u> 9/6 The Prust Family 9/13 The Benninger's & Kay K 9/20 The Uttech's & Jim G 9/27 The Prust Family	<u>ACOLYTE</u> 9/6 Dylan Wegner 9/13 Jasmine Albe- dyl 9/20 Cora Fessler 9/27 Shane Hoepfner