

# Faith•times

Monthly Newsletter of Faith Lutheran Church and School | August 2022

FROM THE RISING OF THE SUN  
TO ITS SETTING, LET THE NAME  
OF THE LORD BE PRAISED.



## Pastor Hoepfner's Message

Dear Faith Family,

"If you don't use it, you lose it." This statement is very true to me when I think back studying languages when I was overseas. Every day, I practiced speaking and hearing the Khmer Language on the mission field. Now, the majority of my conversations are in English and I have lost most of my Khmer speaking ability.

I believe it also true about understanding God's Word. Maybe you learned God's Word on a regular basis at a Lutheran grade school, Sunday School, Confirmation or a youth group. But now the study of God's Word has fallen into the phrase, "If you don't use it, you lose it."

I challenge every member to daily read God's Word. I challenge you to attend Sunday Services and Bible class to grow daily and understand more about God's Word. We will be having new Bible studies in the upcoming year that I will announce in the near future. I want each of you to be immersed and fluent in God's Word. I challenge you to invite others to studies and services to let them know about God's language of love.

We are also having Vacation Bible School from August 8<sup>th</sup> through August 12<sup>th</sup>. Our theme is called Jerusalem VBS. We welcome children from ages 3-10 to participate in this faith-growing week. I thank you for all those who are volunteering and ask if you could spread the word about Vacation Bible School.

May God's peace be unto you,  
Pastor Hoepfner

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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 be meeting, August 21 at 8 am here at Faith.
- On August 14th after the 9 am service at Faith, please join us for a fellowship time of a meal and celebration. If you would like to bring a good item, there is a sign up sheet on the bulletin board at church, but more importantly just plan to worship and enjoy a meal together.
- VBS is the second week in August! Please pray for a week full of learning and loving Jesus!
- If you have a prayer request, please call the church office at 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 with August Birthdays

Aaron Erdmann	2	Joan Jacobson	16
Judi Hoepfner	6	Orv Jacobson	17
Kevin Stendel	8	Rebecca Frazier	24
Karen Clutterbuck	9	James Smith	27
Susan Finger	14	Gavin Smith	28
Zoe Kunert	16		



*God's Blessings to you*

### 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.



# 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 <http://www.shopwithscrip.com/> our school code 7D4EB33L48L9.

Faith earns a percentage of the money spent.

Contact Beth Stendel for more information at [kbdstendel@gmail.com](mailto:kbdstendel@gmail.com) or 920-261-8362

Orders for the month due 8/1, 8/15 and 8/29 by noon. •

Please keep bringing in BOX TOPS & Put the COKE CODES in online!

\*\*\*\* Box Tops is launching their APP based program and will no longer be making box tops that you will cut out. Now, 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 Faith In Christ

Since God has reconciled the whole world unto Himself through the vicarious life and death of His Son and has commanded that the reconciliation effected by Christ be proclaimed to men in the Gospel, to the end that they may believe it, 2 Cor. 5:18, 19; Rom. 1:5, therefore faith in Christ is the only way for men to obtain personal reconciliation with God, that is, forgiveness of sins, as both the Old and the New Testament Scriptures testify, Acts 10:43; John 3:16-18, 36. By this faith in Christ, through which men obtain the forgiveness of sins, is not meant any human effort to fulfill the Law of God after the example of Christ, but faith in the Gospel, that is, in the forgiveness of sins, or justification, which was fully earned for us by Christ and is offered by the Gospel. This faith justifies, not inasmuch as it is a work of man, but inasmuch as it lays hold of the grace offered, the forgiveness of sins, Rom. 4:16.

# Stewardship

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LCMS Stewardship Ministry – [lcms.org/stewardship](https://lcms.org/stewardship) Newsletter Article – August 2022

## The Ceremony of the Offertory

Have you ever noticed the subtle ceremony involved in receiving the offerings during the Divine Service? After all the offerings have been collected, they are brought forward and given to the pastor or one of his assistants. The pastor then turns toward the altar, and as he slightly bows his head, the collection plates with the offerings in them are raised slightly to the Lord and then placed either on the altar or a table for the offerings. Why do we do have this ceremony? And what does it teach us? For that is what ceremony does; it teaches, as the Augsburg Confession tells us, what we need to know about Christ (AC XXIV, 1–3).

Originally, this ceremony included more than simply bringing forward what was collected in the offering plates. The elements for the Holy Communion—the bread and the wine—were brought forward along with the offering plates. As the offering plates and the elements were lifted toward the Lord, and placed upon the altar, the elements would be put in the center and the altar, now made a table, would be set for the Lord's Supper.

These gifts brought to the altar came from the sweat of the people's brow. It is the bread and wine, the fruits of the peoples' labor in this fallen world. After six days of labor and toil, the people would bring a generous proportion for the Lord's work. It was set upon the altar and offered to the Lord for Him to take up and press into His service for His gracious work in and among them.

For what they offered to the Lord from the sweat of their brow, the bread of anxious toil, came back to them as the bread of life, the bread come down from heaven that whoever eats this bread and drinks this cup would receive life through the forgiveness of their sins.

This is not unlike what the Lord did for His people in the Old Testament:

You shall tithe all the yield of your seed that comes from the field year by year. And before the Lord your God, in the place that he will choose, to make his name dwell there, you shall eat the tithe of your grain, of your wine, and of your oil, and the firstborn of your herd and flock, that you may learn to fear the Lord your God always. And if the way is too long for you, so that you are not able to carry the tithe, when the Lord your God blesses you, because the place is too far from you, which the Lord your God chooses, to set his name there, then you shall turn it into money and bind up the money in your hand and go to the place that the Lord your God chooses and spend the money for whatever you desire—oxen or sheep or wine or strong drink, whatever your appetite craves. And you shall eat there before the Lord your God and rejoice, you and your household.

What a blessing! God provides for us in all things. He provides bread from the sweat of our brows, and He receives this from us in the first fruits offerings we give to Him in thanksgiving and praise. He receives and turns it into spiritual bread, heavenly bread, the bread of eternal life and gives it back to us so that we might have joy. So, the next time you are in the Divine Service, watch this ceremony in wonder, that the Lord gives back to us, what we have given to Him so that we may rejoice in the salvation He has won upon the cross and gives to us in His supper.

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# School • news



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**"He is before all things, and in Him, all things hold together." - Colossians 1:17**

**Happy Birthday & God's blessings...**

**Gabriel Hewion 8/5**  
**Mrs. Heoppner 8/5**  
**Quinn Meyering 8/16**  
**Mrs. Walter 8/25**



Our First Day of School is  
**THURSDAY,**  
**AUGUST 25th**

Join us at Jerusalem Marketplace VBS, where we'll explore what it was like to walk with Jesus during his last week on earth!

The adventure will last August 8th - August 12th

The celebration begins at 9:00 am

The day's adventures will end at 11:30 am

For more information call the church office at 920-261-8060



There are sign up sheets located on the bulletin boards near the church if you would like to make a donation to VBS!

# August 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 Scrip due by noon	2	3	4	5	6
7 9 am service Bible Study	8	9	10	11	12	13
14 9 am service Fellowship meal following service Bible Study	15 Scrip due by noon	16	17	18	19	20
21 9 am service Bible Study	22	23	24	25 First Day of School	26	27
28 8am Church Council 9 am service Bible Study	29 Scrip due by noon	30	31		<b>READER/ASSISTANT</b> 8/7 Nathan H/Carl H. 8/14 Richard L/Norman W 8/21 Dan B/Harry K 8/28 Harry K/Connor B	<b>USHERS &amp; GREETERS</b> 8/7 Harry & Kay Kopplin 8/14 Dan & Ingrid Baum 8/21 Judi & Carl Hoepfner 8/28 The Baneck's