

Faith•times

Monthly Newsletter of Faith Lutheran Church and School | February 2023



Pastor Hoeppner's Message

Dear Faith Family,
Oh, how I long for spring! Wait, it is the first part of February and we have frigid temperatures in the forecast. Well, we have the hope of warmer temperatures. One of the things about spring is spring clean-up. Cleaning up things around the house that have been accumulating over the winter months. We are starting to plan on what spring clean-up items we can do in the upcoming months. We are thinking about both sprucing up the property outside and refreshing the sanctuary. Who know, we might find something valuable in the cleanup. (See 2 Kings 22)

We also begin the season of Lent this month. We observe the solemn day of Ash Wednesday on February 22. Lent is a time of reflection of ourselves and repentance, and also the journey that Jesus took to purchase us for salvation. We will be following the series, "His Final Steps." This series focuses on some of the recorded events of Holy Week. Services begin at 6:30 with a fellowship Lenten meal beginning at 5:30.

We also have some new faces that join us on Sunday worship. Please introduce yourself to them and welcome them into our fellowship.

The Lord be with you,
Pastor Hoeppner

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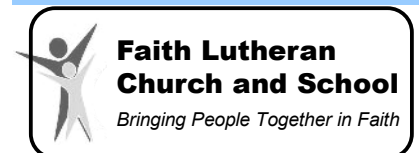
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*"Raise up a child in the way he should go, and
when he is old he will not depart from his ways."
Proverbs 22:6*

Mission Statement

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

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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 be meeting, February 19th at 8 am here at Faith.
- Join us for Faith, Family Gathering on Wednesday February 8th from 6-7pm Shannon and Ingrid will be leading the group through the book, "Women of the Bible." Another group will be studying the Red Letter Challenge- "Being"-entitled "Why Choose Church? There are activities for children. Everyone is welcome!
- Join us every Wednesday for Chapel with the Children and fellowship at 10:00am at Faith. Currently we are taking a trip to India and hearing about the work of Lutheran Hour Ministries in that country.
- Ash Wednesday is on February 22nd. Soup and Sandwich meal will be served at 5:30 pm. A sign up sheet is on the bulletin board. Worship service beings at 6:30. Please plan to attend.
- Do you have a birthday, 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!
- Would you be willing to use your gift of time and talent to serve Jesus by helping on one of the leadership teams at Faith? The nominations committee will be meeting soon and if you are called to serve on a team please prayerfully consider the opportunity because the Lord has called us for such a time as this! For information, please contact Kent Uttech or Carl Hoeppner
- 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 Hoeppner.

Faith • *brations*

We Celebrate with February Birthdays

Adam Fessler	1	Joshua Esmeier	15
Bobbie Rand	1	Kaylee Uttech	18
Megan Wegner	4	Jacob Wegner	20
Beth Stendel	7	Dan Baum	22
Lisa Esmeier	11	Nancy Nelson	26
Kent Uttech	11		



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 everyday. 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 or 920-261-8362 Orders for the month due 2/6 and 2/20 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 Jurisdiction

We reject as apostasy from the Christian religion not only the doctrine of the Unitarians, who promise the grace of God to men on the basis of their moral efforts; not only the gross work-doctrine of the papists, who expressly teach that good works are necessary to obtain justification; but also the doctrine of the synergists, who indeed use the terminology of the Christian Church and say that man is justified "by faith," "by faith alone," but again mix human works into the article of justification by ascribing to man a co-operation with God in the kindling of faith and thus stray into papistic territory.

Stewardship

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LCMS Stewardship Ministry – lcms.org/stewardship Newsletter Article – February 2023

Don't Replace "And" with "Or"

We've all heard that stewardship means giving to the church of our time, talents and treasure. This alliterative trinity helps us see that giving is not just about money, but about our whole lives. As we confess in the Small Catechism's explanation of the First Article of the Apostle's Creed, God gives us everything we have and enjoy. First we confess that God gives us "our body and soul, our eyes, ears, and all our members, our reason and all our senses" (SC II). Then we confess that He gives us material things. The time, talents, and treasure trinity places before our eyes the fact that we are to give something of all three of these things toward the mission of the church in thanksgiving for what God has provided. For everything we have, and indeed, everything we are, comes from God's fatherly, divine goodness and mercy.

The problem with this alliterative trinity comes when we replace one little word with another little word — when we replace the word and with the word or. It is always written with the and, but when we read it, we read it with the or. Thus this quite helpful trinity, which extolls that everything that we have and are is a gift from God, to be given back in service of His church, turns into a trinity that we can pick and choose from when we serve God. The giving of our time, talents and treasure turns into the giving of our time, talents or treasure.

Then the question arises: Can we give of our time and talents instead of our treasure? Or perhaps it is the other way round: Can we give of our treasure and not of our time and talents? But these are the wrong questions. The right question is, can we give of our time and talents in addition to our treasure? Yes, indeed, we are called to give of all three. The things that God gives us are not to be pitted against one another. Rather, they are given to us, and we are to press them all into God's service for benefit of His church and our neighbors in need.

Thus, we give all three. We give our treasure in the form of a generous, first-fruits proportion of our income. We give of our time in generosity for the benefit of Christ's holy church. We give of our talents in the same manner. Since God gave us all these things, we are called to give generously of all these things in faith toward Him and in fervent love to our neighbors.

For God has provided all these things for us. Out of His fatherly, divine goodness and mercy, He gives us each time, talents AND treasure as a means to bless those around us. We serve our neighbors with these things, blessing them with the blessings with which God has blessed us. We give of our time, talents and treasure to our families, our society, our church and our local congregations. And we do this because we know that we are not our own. Rather, we belong to God. We have been bought with a price: the holy, precious blood and innocent suffering and death of our Lord Jesus Christ. He gave everything — His time, His talents and His treasure — to have us as His own and to live under Him in His kingdom and serve Him in everlasting righteousness, innocence and blessedness. We have these things as gifts and blessings from God. Let us then press them all into service for the sake of His love — time, talents and treasure together.

– LCMS Stewardship Ministry: lcms.org/stewardship

*"For we walk by faith, not by sight"
- 2Corinthians 5:7*

Happy Birthday & God's blessings...

Sophie Young 2/21

Wednesday, February 15th students in grades K-4th will be going on a field trip to Olbrich Gardens in Madison. If you would like to be a chaperone, please contact your child's teacher.



**You are invited to the
Faith Lutheran Open
House!**

**When: Saturday,
February 11th**

Time: 10 - 11 AM

**This is a great time for fellow-
ship! There will be snacks
and refreshments served!**

NO SCHOOL - FEBRUARY 17TH

School • news

February 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2	3 Pizza Day, fresh fruit & yogurt tubes	4
5	6 Hot Dogs, tater tots & fresh fruit	7	8	9	10 Sub Sandwiches, popcorn & fruit	11
12	13 Spaghetti, garlic bread & hot veggie	14	15	16	17 NO SCHOOL	18
19	20 Chicken Nuggets, curly fries & fresh fruit	21	22	23	24 Chocolate Chip Pancakes, sausage links & fruit	25
26	27 Corn Dogs, mac n cheese & hot veggie	28				

February 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 Chapel & Fellowship 10 am	2	3	4
5 9 am service Bible Study & Sunday School	6 Scrip due by noon	7 Confirmation 5-6 pm Elder's Meeting 10 am	8 Chapel & Fellowship 10 am Wednesday Night Gathering 6-7 pm	9	10	11
12 9 am service Bible Study & Sunday School	13	14 Commuter Bible Study 7:30 am @ Johnson Creek Confirmation 5-6 pm	15 Chapel & Fellowship 10 am	16	17 No School	18
19 Church Council 8 am 9 am service Bible Study & Sunday School	20 Scrip due by noon	21 Confirmation 5-6 pm	22 Chapel & Fellowship 10 am Lenten Meal 5:30 PM Ash Wednesday Service 6:30	23	24	25
26 9 am service Bible Study & Sunday School	27	28 Commuter Bible Study 7:30 am at Panera in Delafield Confirmation 5-6 pm			<u>READER/ASSISTANT</u> 2/5 Harry K/Norman W 2/12 Jim P/Dan B 2/19 Carl H/Norman W Wed. 2/22 Richard L/Harry K 2/26 Nathan H/Dan B	<u>USHERS & GREETERS</u> 2/5 Judi & Carl 2/12 The Baneck's 2/19 Kent & Audra 2/26 Harry & Kay