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Monthly Newsletter of Faith Lutheran Church and School | July 2021



Pastor Hoepfner's Message

Dear Faith family,

We are in the month of July, which feels like the heart and soul of summer. We will have many warm and humid days ahead. During this season, we are also in the heart and soul of our summer sermon series called Wilderness Escape. We are taking these summer months to focus on The Exodus and how many connections it has with Jesus and His ministry. We also will notice how many connections there are to our life of living in the wilderness.

I encourage you to read along with us the books of Exodus and Numbers. It is a fascinating read and things we will learn and re-learn as we go through these passages. Moses began leading God's People at the age of 80 through the Wilderness. For forty years he was strengthened by God's grace and power. We will learn about The Tent of Meeting, The Sacrificial System, Spies, and Sibling Rivalry.

We also have our Outdoor Summer Services on Wednesday, July 7th and Wednesday, July 21st at 6:30 pm. It will be a time of worship, learning and fellowship. If you are able, please bring a lawn chair.

We also will be having Vacation Bible School from July 19th to July 23rd. This week will be a fun adventure as kids and adults will learn about The Israelites journey out of Egypt and into The Promise Land. We have a sign-up sheet at church for different donations that are needed for this week.

Shalom Chaverim, (Which means "peace to you, close friend")

Pastor Hoepfner

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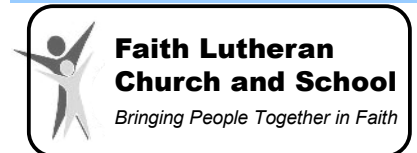
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"Raise up a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not depart from his ways."
Proverbs 22:6

Mission Statement

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

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.

Due to Covid 19 the following things have been postponed: - Adult Bible Class - Choir - Commuter Bible Study

- Church Council will be meeting, July 29th at 5:30 PM here at Faith.
- VBS will be July 19th - 23rd. Watch for more information on how to get involved and help!
- Boards and committees please submit 2-3 or more bullet points of your service or future area of ministry. This will be included in the annual report. Please submit information to Kristin.
- The Commuter Bible Study is postponed until further notice.
- 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.
- If you are new to the congregation or know of someone who is watching the services online and is not a member, please contact Pastor Hoepfner to attend a new member class as we will talk about membership.
- Please check out our updated Church and School website at faithlutheranwatertown.com
- If anyone is interested in joining a Bible Study via zoom, please let Pastor Hoepfner know. We meet on Thursday afternoons at 1 PM.

Faith • brations

We Celebrate with July Birthdays

Kinsley Nelson	2	Shane Hoepfner	22
Audra Uttech	3	Joel Nelson	24
Joseph Andre	13	Heidi Smith	27
Harold Kopplin	20	Richard Lowe	30



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.



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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 or 920-261-8362

Orders for the month due 7/12 and 7/26 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 The Antichrist

As to the Antichrist we teach that the prophecies of the Holy Scriptures concerning the Antichrist, 2 Thess. 2:3-12; 1 John 2:18, have been fulfilled in the Pope of Rome and his dominion. All the features of the Antichrist as drawn in these prophecies, including the most abominable and horrible ones, for example, that the Antichrist "as God sitteth in the temple of God," 2 Thess. 2:4; that he anathematizes the very heart of the Gospel of Christ, that is, the doctrine of the forgiveness of sins by grace alone, for Christ's sake alone, through faith alone, without any merit or worthiness in man (Rom. 3:20-28; Gal. 2:16); that he recognizes only those as members of the Christian Church who bow to his authority; and that, like a deluge, he had inundated the whole Church with his anti-christian doctrines till God revealed him through the Reformation -- these very features are the outstanding characteristics of the Papacy. (Cf. Smalcald Articles, Triglot, p. 515, Paragraphs 39-41; p. 401, Paragraph 45; M. pp. 336, 258.) Hence we subscribe to the statement of our Confessions that the Pope is "the very Antichrist." (Smalcald Articles, Triglot, p. 475, Paragraph 10; M., p. 308.)

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LCMS Stewardship Ministry

Newsletter article – July 2021

“For freedom Christ has set us free; stand firm therefore, and do not submit again to a yoke of slavery” (Galatians 5:1).

We celebrate this month because of the freedoms and liberties our country has afforded us. We are right to do this. We should be thankful for these liberties – the freedom to gather together to worship and to live out what believe in our daily lives.

But freedom and liberty in our age have devolved. It has become a freedom from duty instead of a freedom for it. Indeed, freedom and liberty in our age has turned into licentiousness – a license to do what we want, when we want. This license is a submission again to a yoke of slavery. For freedom as license to do what we desire when we desire it means we are slaves to our desires and slaves to our passions.

Christ died to set us free from our desires. In Holy Baptism, our Old Adam is drowned and put to death along with all sin and evil desires so that a new man may arise and live before God in righteousness and purity. In Christ, we are a new creation. We are set free from the passions of the flesh so that we are free to do our duty and bear fruits of the Spirit.

Our duty is what God calls us to do as members of a family, society, and the Church. God calls us to believe in His Word and gladly hear and learn it. He calls us to pray for all people. He calls us to live in faith toward Him and in fervent love for our neighbor. He calls us to put the gifts He gives to us in His service. God calls parents provide for their children and raise them in the fear and admonition of the Lord.

And God calls children to honor their parents and provide and care for them when they are no longer able to do so themselves. God calls the government to punish those who do evil and to reward those who do good. He calls citizens to pay their taxes and honor the governing officials as God's servants. He calls pastors to preach and teach the Gospel, repentance for the forgiveness of sins. And He calls hearers to support those who teach them with every good thing.

Christ died to set us free from the works of our selfish flesh, giving us the freedom and liberty to do our duty. Stand firm, then, and do not submit again to a yoke of slavery.

"Sent to Serve" Matthew 20:28

Happy Birthday & God's blessings...

Kinsley Nelson 7/3
Shane Hoepfner



Thank you to all who helped with the Brat Haus at Glenn's! It was a huge success and it wouldn't have been possible without all of you!

Vacation Bible School is July 19th - 23rd! Watch for more information on how to register your kids and for ways to help and get involved!



Our first day of school will be August 26th! Watch for more information about our back to school night!

Enrollment is still open for grades 3K-5th grade! When you refer a new family to Faith you will receive a \$100 tuition credit!

July 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 Zoom Bible Study 1 PM	2	3
4 9 am service	5	6	7 Outdoor worship 6:30 PM	8 Zoom Bible Study 1 PM	9	10
11 9 am service	12 Scrip due by noon	13	14	15 Zoom Bible Study 1 PM	16	17
18 9 am service	19	20	21 Outdoor worship 6:30 PM	22 Zoom Bible Study 1 PM Church Council 5:30 PM	23	24
25 9 am service	26 Scrip due by noon	27	28	29 Zoom Bible Study 1 PM	30	31
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