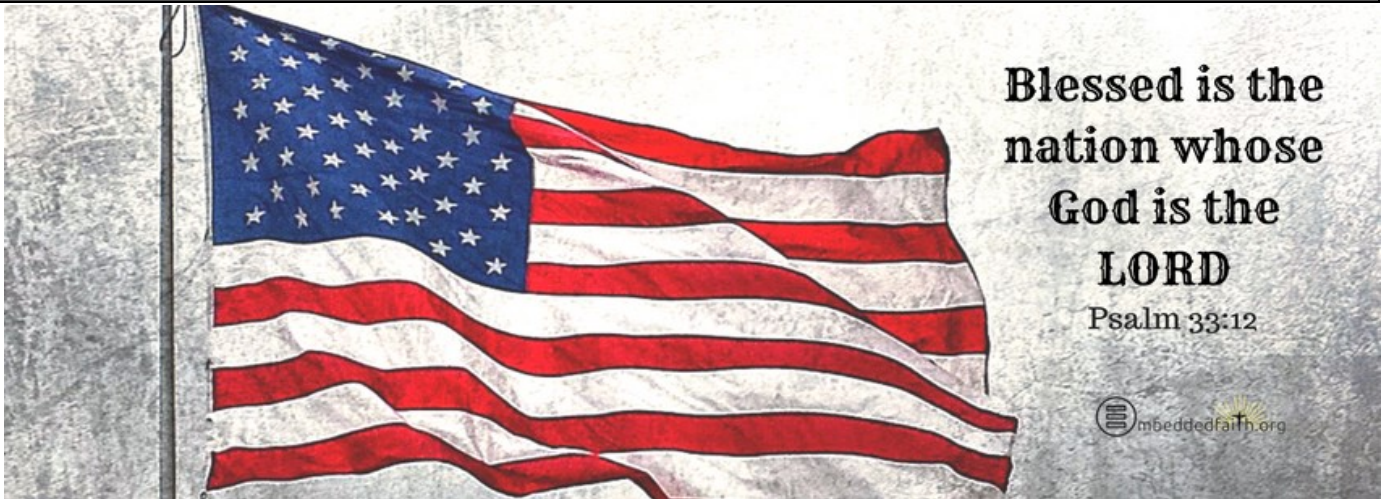


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Pastor Hoepfner's Message

Dear Faith Family,

The word "again" is used 1,504 times in the Bible. From Genesis 4 when Eve bore a son again to Revelation 19:3 where again the great multitude in heaven cried out, "Hallelujah!"

I encourage you this month to reflect on the word "Again" and different Bible passages. For example, "Rejoice in the Lord always, and again I say rejoice." (Philippians 4:4) Or "After three days I will rise again." (Matthew 27:63.)

In life, there are many questions. One of the greatest gifts we have is God's Word and especially The Four Gospel Books of Matthew, Mark, Luke and John. I challenge you to read the four Gospel books. And after reading them, read them again. Invite the Holy Spirit to open your heart to the reading of Holy Scriptures.

We can always learn something new about God's grace and mercy as we read again how God has brought us salvation.

During this month, we are generally outside more and have many more outdoor activities. If it is not too hot or the air is not filled with too many mosquitos, I encourage you to read the four Gospels again and again. Listen to His voice.

Have a wonderful July,
Pastor Hoepfner

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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.

- If you would like to walk with the float in the 4th of July Parade, please meet us at the 200 block of North Washington. The parade begins at 10 am, but we will not move right away so please arrive around 10:30 am as we are near the end of the parade line up.
- Church Council will be meeting, June 21st at 8 am here at Faith.
- Sanctuary Refresh Meeting and Update will be held on Tuesday, July 9, at 5:30pm at Faith.
- VBS is coming in August and we need your help! There are sign up sheets on the bulletin board in the hallway if you feel called to help! Any questions, please contact Shannon Hoepfner.
- Would you like to help with the maintenance of the lawn here at Faith? There is a sign up sheet for lawn mowing in the hallway near the kitchen. Please sign up for the weeks you would like to help! If you have any questions, please contact David Nelson at 920-248-1501.
- Faith is taking part with a number of other churches in Watertown a Movie Night during three or four summer Friday evenings at the downtown square. We are also planning a Kid's Fest at a local park in August. We are looking for individuals who would help being on the "Movie Night Team" and "Kid's Fest." If you are interested, please contact Pastor Hoepfner.
- 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.

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We Celebrate with July Birthdays

Kinsley Nelson	2	Harold Kopplin	20
Audra Uttech	3	Shane Hoepfner	22
Emma Wegner	6	Heidi Smith	27
Joseph Andre	13	Richard Lowe	30
Avery Hodel	17		



God's Blessings to you!

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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 <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 7/1, 7/15 and 7/29 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 the Election of Grace

But as earnestly as we maintain that there is an election of grace, or a predestination to salvation, so decidedly do we teach, on the other hand, that there is no election of wrath, or predestination to damnation. Scripture plainly reveals the truth that the love of God for the world of list sinners is universal, that is, that it embraces all men without exception, that Christ has fully reconciled all men unto God, and that God earnestly desires to bring all men to faith, to preserve them therein, and thus to save them, as Scripture testifies, 1 Time 2:4; "God will have all men to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth." No man is lost because God has predestined him to eternal damnation. - Eternal election is a cause why the elect are brought to faith in time, Acts 13:48; but election is not a cause why men remain unbelievers when they hear the Word of God. The reason assigned by Scripture for this sad fact is that these men judge themselves unworthy of everlasting life, putting the Word of God from them and obstinately resisting the Holy Ghost, whose earnest will it is to bring also them to repentance and faith by means of the Word, Act 13:46, 7:51; Matt 23:37.

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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Stewardship

John 8:12 "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life"

Matthew 5:14-16 "You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden. Nor do people light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a stand, and it gives light to all in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven."

Dear Followers of Jesus,

First of all, Jesus tells us that He is the light of the world. By grace, through faith, He gives us eternal hope. Then, He tells us that we are His witnesses and we are to be lights in the world to reflect His love.

We are so blessed with the many people who serve. It is all to glorify God and we are grateful to reflect His love together as the people of God.

Here are just a few of the ways lights were shined during last year:

Worship Services, Bible Studies, Christian education, Confirmation, Family of Faith through Baptism, (Ben, Nimueh, Marcus, Julius, Adrian, and Sean), new clavino for worship music, updated audio-visual equipment, tree trimming, lawn mowing, fixing flagpole, changing garbage service, with a substantial saving, Safe Families, Operation Christmas Child, Repairing Windows, Participating in Good News in the Square community outreach, Vacation Bible School and supporting missionaries, begin the process of Sanctuary Refresh and much more. Updating the lighting in the interior of the church, but also providing a new light pole outside that glows brightly in the evening to shine the light on the church on the hill!

We know that there are many more lights that have shined during the year and we thank you all who have served and we know that the future is bright with Jesus!

May God richly bless us in ministry as we invite and share so that we reflect the light and love of Jesus and together shine in His community. Thank you and God bless all of us as we serve Him.

Shine Like Stars - Daniel 12:3

Registration for the 2024-2025 school year is now open! Return your registration form and the \$125 registration fee today! Don't forget to refer a new family and get a tuition credit!

SAVE THE DATE!

- 4th of July Parade 10 am- We are #87 in the line up and we will line up on the 200 block of N Washington Street email the office if you would like to walk in the parade with Faith!

Happy Birthday & God's blessings...

7/2 Kinsley Nelson
7/22 Shane Hoepfner

Vacation Bible School is August 5-9th from 9-11:30 am!

We are looking for volunteers, donations and children to attend! Visit the bulletin board outside of Pastor's office for all the information you will need!

Register your kids today!



July 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 Scrip due by noon	2	3	4 Fourth of July Parade	5	6
7 9 am service	8	9 Commuter Bible Study 7:30 am @ Johnson Creek Sanctuary Refresh Meeting 5:30 pm	10	11	12	13
14 9 am service Bible Study	15 Scrip due by noon	16	17	18	19	20
21 Church Council 8 am 9 am service Bible Study	22	23	24	25	26	27
28 9 am service Bible Study	29 Scrip due by noon	30	31	<p>READER/ASSISTANT 7/7 Carl H & Nathan H 7/14 Kayla W, Norman W, & Dan B 7/21 Harry K & Carl H 7/28 Ella M, Dan B & Norman W</p>	<p>GREETERS 7/7 The Prust Family 7/14 Harry & Kay Kopplin 7/21 Kent & Audra Ufftech 7/28 Karen Clutterbuck</p>	<p>ACOLYTE 7/7 Zoe Kunert 7/14 Emma Wegner 7/21 Madeline Mock 7/28 Dylan Wegner</p>