

# Faith•times

Monthly Newsletter of Faith Lutheran Church and School | June 2021



## Pastor Hoepfner's Message

Dear Family of Faith,

Summer is here and we can spend more time outdoors. But sometimes summer can also be a time of wilderness. We can experience more time in the wilderness in forests and parks. Summer can also mean a spiritual wilderness where church attendance drops and we might meet less.

I thought about the word wilderness and I couldn't help to think of our VBS this year in July. It is called Wilderness Escape. We will go through the life of Israel as they lived in the wilderness for 40 years. It will be an exciting week for the children.

This has led me to plan a summer wilderness outdoor service. We are working on an outdoor worship area north of the church where it will be held. We will have a fire pit, altar and benches. But more importantly, we will study God's Word, sing songs of praise, pray and worship together with our brothers and sisters in Christ.

Services will be held every other Wednesday at 6:30 pm. We will begin on Wednesday June 9<sup>th</sup> and the second service will be June 23<sup>rd</sup>. If you would like more information or play a musical instrument, please let me know.

May God's presence be with you always,  
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.

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

- There is a voters meeting planned for Sunday, June 27th immediately following the church service.
- Church Council will be meeting, June 24th 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](http://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 June Birthdays

Kyle Albedyll	1	Jackson Danne	16
Stefanie Folts	7	Hannah Mock	17
Michelle Elias	9	Jared Elias	19
Ingrid Baum	10	Miles Berry	22
Sophia Hoepfner	10	Chris DaWalt	22
Gary Elias	11	Hope Heger	23
Emma Frazier	11	Cory Brozek	26
Rebecca Roell	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 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 6/14 and 6/28 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 Millennium

Over against this, Scripture clearly teaches, and we teach accordingly, that the kingdom of Christ on earth will remain under the cross until the end of the world, Act 14:22; John 16:33; 18:36; Luke 9:23; 14:27; 17:20-37; 2 Tim. 4:18; Heb. 12:28; Luke 18:8; that the second visible coming of the Lord will be His final advent, His coming to judge the quick and the dead, Matt. 24:29, 30; 25:31; 2 Tim. 4:1; 2 Thess. 2:8; Heb. 9:26-28; that there will be but one resurrection of the dead, John 5:28; 6:39, 40; that the time of the Last Day is, and will remain, unknown, Matt. 24:42; 25:13; Mark 13:32, 37; Acts 1:7, which would not be the case if the Last Day were to come a thousand years after the beginning of a millennium; and that there will be no general conversion, a conversion en masse, of the Jewish nation, Rom. 11:7; 2 Cor. 3:14; Rom. 11:25; 1 Thess. 2:16.

According to these clear passages of Scripture we reject the whole of Millennialism, since it not only contradicts Scripture, but also engenders a false conception of the kingdom of Christ, turns the hope of Christians upon earthly goals, 1 Cor. 15:19; Col. 3:2, and leads them to look upon the Bible as an obscure book.

# Stewardship

## LCMS Stewardship Ministry - Newsletter Article – June 2021

“There are three conversions necessary to every man: the head, the heart, and the purse.” Attributed to Luther, though yet to be located in his vast writings, this statement echoes what Jesus taught about hearts and treasures. He said, “For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also.” (Matthew 6:21; Luke 12:34)

But which conversion comes first? I submit that the order is this: first the head, then the purse, then the heart. Let's explore this topic.

Our Lord Jesus Christ dwelt among us to save us. He took on our flesh, fulfilled the demands of the law in our place, became sin for us, and suffered torture and death on our behalf. He did this in order that we would be free from sin, death, and hell. He gives us what He accomplished through Baptism, Absolution, and the Lord's Supper. And so, He doesn't just do it for us but gives it to us. He makes what He did ours by making us His. Thus, we are called by His name: Christians. We have a new life in Him.

Through the preaching of Law and Gospel, God grants us repentance, a changing of our minds. It is a conversion of the mind. We are called to turn away from our sins and turn toward Him for forgiveness, life, and salvation. For when God calls us away from something, He is, at the same time, calling us to something.

And thus, He calls us to a new life, with new deeds. This is the conversion of the purse. Jesus said that “it is easier for a camel to enter through the eye of a needle than for a rich person to enter the kingdom of God.” (Matthew 19:24) “For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also.” Notice that our hearts follow our treasures, not the other way around. As Christians, God calls us to invest our treasures in His Kingdom to ensure that the gospel is preached and the sacraments are administered. He calls us to share all good things with the one who teaches us the doctrines of Christ. He calls us to be generous in giving to the church, for it is more blessed to give than to receive.

So where is your treasure? If it is not invested in the kingdom of God, then the only response is repentance – a conversion of the heart – and to begin doing just that. And as our Lord promised, where your treasure is there your heart will be also.

This is not to say that you earn your way into heaven. It is simply to say that as Christians, those who have been made to be temples of the Holy Spirit, who have been given a new life in Christ, who are dead to sin and now alive in Him, we are actually to live – think (conversion of the mind), do (conversion of the purse), and be (conversion of the heart) – a new life in Him. And when you fail, know that God in Christ loves and forgives you and still calls you away from that and to Himself.

## "Sent to Serve" Matthew 20:28

Happy Birthday & God's blessings...

**Sophia Hoepfner 6/10**

**Emily Marciel 6/18**

**Miles Berry 6/22**



Faith is hosting the Glenn's Brat Haus on Friday, June 18th! Join us for some delicious lunch and baked goods! We are also looking for volunteers to help with this event. Volunteers are needed from 9 am to 3 pm. Email the school office if you would like to help!

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!

# June 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2	3	4	5
6 9 am service	7	8	9 Outdoor worship 6:30 PM	10 Zoom Bible Study 1 PM	11	12
13 9 am service	14 Scrip due by noon	15	16	17 Zoom Bible Study 1 PM	18 Brat Haus 9-3 (Glenn's Market)	19
20 9 am service	21	22	23 Outdoor worship 6:30 PM	24 Zoom Bible Study 1 PM Church Council 5:30 PM	25	26
27 9 am service Voters meeting after service	28 Scrip due by noon	29	30		<u>READER &amp; ASSISTANT</u> 6/6 Richard Lowe 6/13 Pastor Kneer 6/20 6/27	<u>USHERS &amp; GREETERS</u> 6/6 The Baneck's 6/13 Kent & Audra Uttech 6/20 Harry & Kay Kopplin 6/27 Dan & Ingrid Baum