

Faith•times

Monthly Newsletter of Faith Lutheran Church and School | March 2023



Pastor Hoepfner's Message

Dear Faith Family,

As we enter the season of Lent, I learned something about the Gospel Lessons for each Sunday. Each scripture passage focuses on an individual encounter with Jesus. Jesus went one-on-one with people. Whether it was Nicodemus, the woman at the well or Martha, Jesus spoke to them and we benefit from their conversations.

As we read Scripture, Jesus goes one-one-one with you. Not to go one-on-one in basketball or football, but to show us who He is and as He challenges us to come, follow Him in our daily lives. These Sundays in Lent are a great opportunity for us to grow individually so we can better strengthen the church as a whole.

We have many opportunities to come to worship this month. We have a Lenten Fellowship meal on Wednesdays at 5:30 pm. And our Lenten service begins at 6:30 pm. If it is difficult for you to make it at night, we also invite you to come at 10:00 am for our Wednesday chapel service.

May the Lord guide you through this season and may you remember the following verse: "who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame." Hebrews 12:2. Jesus had joy as He endured the cross because He knew what the outcome for us would accomplish.

Let us be filled with the joy of the Lord,
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, March 19th at 8 am here at Faith.
- Join us every Wednesday for Chapel with the Children and fellowship at 10:00am at Faith.
- During this season of Lent, dear Lord, help us express our hope in You and help us do this faithfully, humbly, confidently and prayerfully. Some of the opportunities in the next few weeks are the Lenten Services and Meals before the services. Meals will be at 5:30 and worship at 6:30. Please check the sign-up sheets in the hallway at church.
- Family and Movie Night is planned for Thursday March 16th beginning at 5:00pm We would love to see you and friends!
- Trivia Night at Faith is being planned for April. More details to follow.
- 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 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.

Faith • *brations*

We Celebrate with March Birthdays

Mike Berry	1	Merlin Holtz	21
David Neslon	1	Scott Andre	22
Carl Hoepfner	5	Jenna Baneck	24
Kyle Nelson	5	Rianne Remsik	24
Madelyn Berry	19	Lisa O'Riley	26
Mary Lou Zuhlke	19	Kay Kopplin	31



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 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 3/6 and 3/20 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 Good Works

Before God only those works are good which are done for the glory of God and the good of man, according to the rule of divine Law. Such works, however, no man performs unless he first believes that God has forgiven him his sins and has given him eternal life by grace, for Christ's sake, without any works of his own, John 15:4, 5. We reject as a great folly the assertion, frequently made in our day, that works must be placed in the fore, and "faith in dogmas" -- meaning the Gospel of Christ crucified for the sins of the world -- must be relegated to the rear. Since good works never precede faith, but are always and in every instance the result of faith in the Gospel, it is evident that the only means by which we Christians can become rich in good works (and God would have us to be rich in good works, Titus 2:14) is unceasingly to remember the grace of God which we have received in Christ, Rom. 12:1; 2 Cor. 8:9. Hence we reject as unchristian and foolish any attempt to produce good works by the compulsion of the Law or through carnal motives

Stewardship

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

Lenten Discipline: Denying the Self

We are at the beginning of Lent. During the Lenten season, the church calls to our attention the sufficiency of what God gives. It points to the sufficiency of God's grace in the atoning work of Jesus. It shows us the sufficiency of faith in Jesus' work for us. It makes known the sufficiency of God's Word in faith and life.

But Lent doesn't just remind us of the sufficiency of God's spiritual gifts — the gifts that pertain to our redemption and salvation. Lent also reminds us of the sufficiency of the physical, temporal gifts of God which pertain to this body and life. In other words, it reminds us of the importance of godly contentment and of outward discipline and training of the body.

This outward training of the body teaches us not to give in to every desire of our flesh, but to learn to say no to them. And it does this in such a way that if you fail, it is no sin. It is a way to practice without putting yourself into a compromising situation.

Fasting is a good example of this outward training. When you fast, you are practicing saying no to the desires of your body. But if you fail in this, if you break your fast, you have not sinned. But you have learned something about how your flesh works, how difficult it is to fight against it, and how you need help from above to discipline the desires of your body.

Another example is almsgiving. An increase in giving to the church and its mission during Lent is also a form of outward training. We all know that our flesh finds security in money and stuff. By committing to give more to the church, you are training your flesh. You are, by this outward discipline, training yourself to be content with what God gives. You are practicing saying "no" to your desires. Again, if you fail, you have not sinned. But you've learned just how powerful your flesh is — it leads you instead of you leading it. You've learned how you need help from above in being content with what God gives.

This is why St. Paul instructs young Pastor Timothy in this way:

But godliness with contentment is great gain, for we brought nothing into the world, and we cannot take anything out of the world. But if we have food and clothing, with these we will be content. But those who desire to be rich fall into temptation, into a snare, into many senseless and harmful desires that plunge people into ruin and destruction. For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evils. It is through this craving that some have wandered away from the faith and pierced themselves with many pangs. (1 Tim. 6:6–10)

Our sufficiency is not of ourselves; it is in God. Let us learn this without sin by training our flesh this Lenten season.

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

Happy Birthday & God's blessings...

Addi Hewison 3/19
Mrs. Shelly 3/29

FAITH LUTHERAN SCHOOL

PIZZA & MOVIE NIGHT

FEATURING: SING2

Thursday, March 16TH
5:00 PM - 8:00 PM

SHOWTIME STARTS AT 5:30 PM

SIGN UP HERE  **PIZZA DINNER AT 6:00** 
626 MILFORD ST, WATERTOWN
\$4 Per Person
\$20 MAX PER FAMILY

PLEASE SIGN UP AND REGISTER YOUR GROUP AT THE QR CODE LINK ABOVE.
BRING A FRIEND!!!
PIZZA, SALAD, SODA AND POPCORN WILL BE SERVED.
KIDS ARE WELCOME TO WEAR PJS AND BRING A BLANKET

★ Questions: please call (920)261-8060

NO SCHOOL -
MARCH 27-31

Join us on
Wednesday's for
Chapel and
fellowship at 10
am!

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2	3 Pizza Day! Yogurt tubes & fruit	4
5	6 Taco Day! Spanish rice & fruit	7	8	9	10 Chocolate chip Pancakes, sausage & fruit	11
12	13 Spaghetti, garlic bread & hot veggie	14	15	16	17 Grilled Cheese, tater tots, veggies & dip	18
19	20 Chicken nuggets, French fries & hot veggie	21	22	23	24 Sub Sandwiches, popcorn, yogurt tube & fruit	25
26	27	28	29	30	31	

===== SPRING BREAK =====

March 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p><u>READER/ASSISTANT</u> 3/5 Harry K & Norman W 3/8 Harry K 3/12 Jim P & Carl H 3/15 Pastor Kneer 3/19 Nathan H & Dan B 3/22 Harry K 3/26 Carl H & Norman W 3/29 Pastor Kneer</p>	<p><u>USHERS & GREETERS</u> 3/5 Judi & Carl H 3/12 The Baneck's 3/19 Kent & Audra J 3/26 Harry & Kay K</p>		<p>1 Chapel & Fellowship 10 am Lenten Meal 5:30 & Service 6:30 PM</p>	<p>2</p>	<p>3</p>	<p>4</p>
<p>5 9 am service Bible Study & Sunday School</p>	<p>6 Scrip due by noon</p>	<p>7 Confirmation 5-6 pm Elder's Meeting 10 am</p>	<p>8 Chapel & Fellowship 10 am Lenten Meal 5:30 & Service 6:30 PM</p>	<p>9</p>	<p>10</p>	<p>11</p>
<p>12 9 am service Bible Study & Sunday School</p>	<p>13</p>	<p>14 Commuter Bible Study 7:30 am @ Johnson Creek Confirmation 5-6 pm</p>	<p>15 Chapel & Fellowship 10 am Lenten Meal 5:30 & Service 6:30 PM</p>	<p>16 Pizza & Movie Night 5-8 pm</p>	<p>17</p>	<p>18</p>
<p>19 Church Council 8 am 9 am service Bible Study & Sunday School</p>	<p>20 Scrip due by noon</p>	<p>21 Confirmation 5-6 pm</p>	<p>22 Chapel & Fellowship 10 am Lenten Meal 5:30 & Service 6:30 PM</p>	<p>23</p>	<p>24</p>	<p>25</p>
<p>26 9 am service Bible Study & Sunday School</p>	<p>27</p>	<p>28 Commuter Bible Study 7:30 am at Panera in Delafield</p>	<p>29 Lenten Meal 5:30 & Service 6:30 PM</p>	<p>30</p>	<p>31</p>	