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Monthly Newsletter of Faith Lutheran Church and School | March 2024



Pastor Hoeppner's Message

Dear Faith Family,

It is a good thing March has thirty-one days in order to fit everything in the calendar.

The week of March 3rd to the 9th, we celebrate Christian Lutheran education. Throughout the country, many other schools will be recognizing the blessing of God's Word being shared to hundreds of thousands of students. I thank all teachers and staff for their dedication and love of teaching. Please contact the church office if you would like to give something to a teacher to show your appreciation.

Daylight Savings Time begin Sunday, March 10th . I always rejoice having longer day hours in the evening. Please mark your calendars. On March 11th , from 6 pm to 7 pm, we are having an all Church boards meeting.

We continue our Lenten Services on Wednesday, with a meal beginning at 5:30 pm. Please encourage others to come. For the school, our spring break is from March 23rd to April 1st . Please look on the calendar for all the service times. Last, WE CELEBRATE EASTER THIS MONTH! This is not just an ordinary day. This is a day of rejoicing and we should mark it on our calendar. Christ lives and the victory is ours. We have a church and school because of Christ's death and resurrection. As you are preparing for this day, through the days of Lent, I pray that you have this excitement for inviting others to church and sharing The Gospel Story of salvation.

Blessed Lent, Pastor Hoeppner

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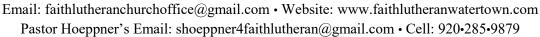


"Raise up a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not depart from his ways." Pronents 22:6



Mission Statement

Faith Lutheran Church and School exists to worship, serve and grow in Jesus Christ. 626 Milford Street • Watertown, WI 53094 • Phone: 920•261•8060





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, March 17th at 8 am here at Faith.
- March 10th marks the 5th anniversary of the ordination of Pastor Seth Hoeppner. Please continue to pray for Pastor Seth and his family as they serve in the church.
- Lenten Services will be held on March 6th, 13th, and 20th. Soup and sandwich supper will be held before each service beginning at 5:30 pm and service at 6:30 pm. Sign-up for the meal is on the bulletin board. Plan to attend! Maundy Thursday Service on March 28th and Good Friday service on March 21st will be at 6:30 pm. Easter Sunday service is March 31st at 9am.
- Join us every Wednesday for chapel with the children and fellowship at 10:00 am at Faith.
- Join us for Pizza and Movie Night on Friday March 15th from 5-8 pm.
- There is an all boards meeting on Monday, March 11th from 6-7 pm here at Faith.
- 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 next 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 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.

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We Celebrate with March Birthdays David Nelson 1 Benjamin Prust 24 Rianne Remsik Carl Hoeppner 5 24 5 24 Kyle Nelson Jenna Baneck Lisa O'Riley Joann Duckworth 8 26 Mary Lou Zuhlke 19 Phil Higgins 31 Mikaylah Fessler Kay Kopplin 31 20 Scott Andre 22



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 3/11and 3/25 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 Church and State

Although both Church and State are ordinances of God, yet they must not be commingled. Church and State have entirely different aims. By the Church, God would save men, for which reason the Church is called the "mother" of believers Gal 4:26. By the State, God would maintain external order among men, "that we may lead a quiet and peaceable like in all godliness and honesty," 1 Tim 2:2. It follows that the means which the Church and State employ to fain their ends are entirely different. The Church may not employ any other means than the preaching of the Word of God, John 18:11, 36; 2 Cor 10:4. The State, on the other hand, makes laws bearing on civil matters and is empowered to employ for their execution also the sword and other corporal punishments, Rom 13:4.

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.



Stewardship

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LCMS Stewardship Ministry – Icms.org/stewardship Newsletter Article – March 2024

Cherish What God Has Given

In the Small Catechism, Luther follows a pattern when explaining the Ten Commandments. With each commandment, there is something prohibited, and something commanded. There is something wrong which must be avoided, and there is something right which must be done.

The one time this pattern is not followed is with the Sixth Commandment.

"You shall not commit adultery. What does this mean? We should fear and love God so that we lead a sexually pure and decent life in what we say and do, and husband and wife love and honor each other" (SC I).

Here, the catechism focuses solely on the positive: we should live in a chaste and decent manner in both word and deed, and husbands and wives should cherish and honor one another.

Keeping this commandment, and all of the commandments, is a lot easier if you see your chastity and your spouse as a gift from God that is to be protected and cherished. In the same way, you will find keeping the Fourth Commandment easier if you see your parents and other authorities as a gift from God, given to you for your blessing.

This is the key stewardship insight that runs through all of the Christian life: Everything that we have has been given to us by God. We deserve none of it. All of it comes to us by God's fatherly kindness and open-handed generosity. If I know that everything I have — every possession, every relationship, every ability — is a gift from God, then my perspective changes. All of these things are both gifts to be cherished, and things that I should direct towards God's purposes. My possessions should be shared generously according to how God has called me in my family, church and community. My spouse should be cherished, loved and encouraged in faith. My children are on loan from my own Heavenly Father, and I have but a brief time to show them the path of righteousness. My neighbor is a gift from God so that I can imitate His kindness toward me.

No matter the gift, everything has been given to me by God so that I may participate in His own goodness and open-handed generosity.

- LCMS Stewardship Ministry: lcms.org/stewardship

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Shine Like Stars - Daniel 12:3

Spring Break - March 25 - April 1st

Join us for Pizza & Movie Night!
Featuring Prince of Egypt on Friday, March 15th from 5-8 pm.
Please make sure to fill out the registration form!



There will be a kids musical on Thursday, April 18th at 6 pm!



REGISTRATION FOR the 2024-2025
SCHOOL YEAR IS NOW OPEN! RETURN
YOUR REGISTRATION FORM AND THE
\$100 REGISTRATION FEE BEFORE APRIL
15th to get the early bird Pricing!
After April 15th the registration
fee goes up to \$125 per Child

FAMILY SPONSORED LUNCH

March 6 - Sponsored by the Yaresh Family

March 20 - Sponsored by the Prust Family

We are looking for lunch sponsors for April 3rd and May 1st. Please contact the office if you would like to sign up!



We have a lot of upcoming events planned! Please mark your calendars and save the dates!

- March 15th, 5 pm 8 pm Pizza Movie Night
 - April 15 April 25th Book Fair Week
- April 16th, 9am Doughnuts with Dads (or Grandpas or Uncles)
 - April 18th at 6 pm kids musical
- April 23rd, 9 am Muffins with Moms (or Grandmas or Aunts)
 - May 24 End of the Year party at noon
 - Rummage Sale May 30, 31st & June 1st.



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March 2024	Tuesday Wednesday	*****	6 -Family Spon- sored Lunch - Sub Sandwich Day!	5	20 -Family Spon- sored Lunch - Pizza Day!	27	SPRING BREAD
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24 9 am service Bible Study & Sunday School	25 Scrip due by noon	26 Commuter Bible Study 7:30 am @ Johnson Creek	27	28 Maundy Thursday Service 6:30 pm	29 Good Friday Service 6:30 pm	30
31 9 am Easter service & Easter meal following service						