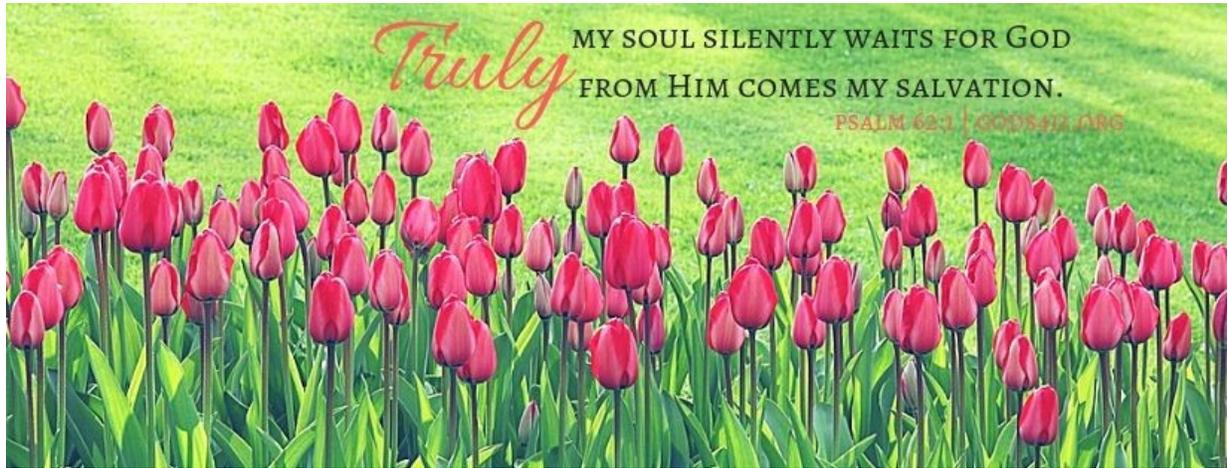


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Pastor Hoepfner's Message

Dear Faith Family,

The month of May has many special days and observances. For example, Mother's Day, Memorial Day, Ascension and even my 40th birthday. Yikes! But there is one day that I wait all year for, The Day of Pentecost. This year, we observe Pentecost on Sunday, May 23rd. This day has been observed by God's people for over three thousand years.

In Leviticus 23, it is all called The Feast of Weeks of Shavuot. It was 50 days after Passover and it was the 2nd annual festival in which God's people were to bring grain offerings to the temple in Jerusalem. In Jesus day, it also had an emphasis of God giving the Law and Old Covenant at Mount Sinai. At Mount Sinai, there was fire, smoke, and wind in which God gave His covenant to His people.

After 50 days after the resurrection of Jesus, thousands of Jewish people made their pilgrimage to Jerusalem to offer their grain offerings and to commemorate God giving the Law to them. But there would be different types of fire and wind. There would be new tongues of fire and God gave His firstfruits of the Spirit to His people. The disciples gave the firstfruits of the New Covenant in which they announced that God's grace was for all. That there is no other name in heaven and earth in which we must be saved. They proclaimed salvation in Jesus.

As you observe the many days this month, think about one of the greatest days of the church year, Pentecost. Let God kindle in our hearts faith, hope and love.

Happy Pentecost,
Pastor Seth

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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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LCMS

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

- Amanda Combs, Chapter Director of Safe Families for Children - Jefferson & Dodge Counties, will be sharing about Safe Families after service on Sunday, May 16th. She is excited to share how you can be involved in the movement of family preservation here in Watertown, and use the gifts you've been blessed with to prevent child abuse and neglect. You'll learn how Safe Families surrounds parents in crisis with a Circle of Support and the different roles that might fit your giftings. If you're unable to attend, but would like more information, contact Amanda at amanda@safefamilieswi.org
- Church Council will be meeting, May 20th at 5:30 PM here at Faith.
- 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 May Birthdays

Sebastian Folts	4	Blaydin Gunderson	17
Judy Grove	6	Joseph Grove	19
Beth Unser	6	Sonny Heger	21
David Unser	10	Roger Krause	24
Samantha Folts	13	Pastor Seth Hoepfner	26



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 5/3, 5/17, 5/31 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

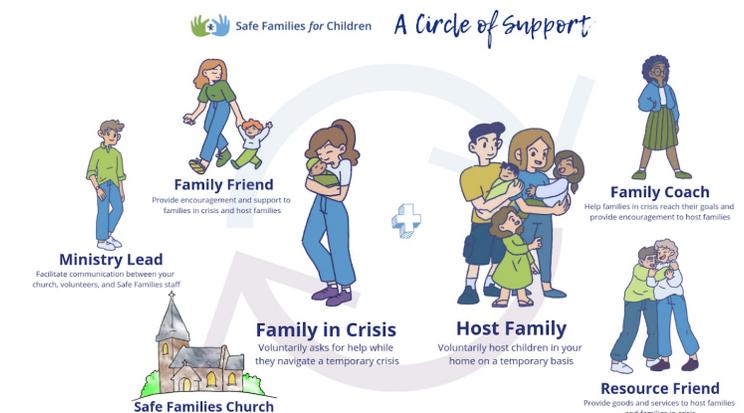
With the Augsburg Confession (Art. XVII) we reject every type of millennialism, or Chiliasm, the opinions that Christ will return visibly to this earth a thousand years before the end of the world and establish a dominion of the Church over the world; or that before the end of the world the Church is to enjoy a season of special prosperity; or that before a general resurrection on Judgment Day a number of departed Christians or martyrs are to be raised again to reign in glory in this world; or that before the end of the world a universal conversion of the Jewish nation (of Israel according to the flesh) will take place.

Stewardship

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On Sunday, May 16th immediately following the service we are having a presentation from one of our school families, Amanda Combs, about Safe Families for Children. We invite all of you to attend!

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Memory Verse Challenge:

The church confesses to Christ, "You have the words of eternal life" (John 6:68). The church is encouraged to "Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly" (Col. 3:16). Psalm 1 teaches us to meditate on God's Word day and night. It is our great opportunity and joy to read and study God's Word. One beneficial practice is to meditate or memorize The Scriptures and, in so doing, strengthen our walk with Jesus. Faith Lutheran Church and School invites everyone to join together meditating or memorizing a verse together each week.

Week of May 2 - Easter - **John 1:4** - In him was life, and the life was the light of men.

Week of May 9 - Ascension - **Ephesians 1:16-20** - I do not cease to give thanks for you, remembering you in my prayers, that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you the Spirit of wisdom and of revelation in the knowledge of him, having the eyes of your hearts enlightened, that you may know what is the hope to which he has called you ... that he worked in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places.

Week of May 16 - Holy Spirit - **Ephesians 1:13** - In him you also, when you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and believed in him, were sealed with the promised Holy Spirit.

Week of May 23 - Pentecost/Holy Spirit - **1 John 4:2** - By this you know the Spirit of God: every spirit that confesses that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is from God.

Week of May 30 - Trinity - **2 Corinthians 13:14** - The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

"Sent to Serve" Matthew 20:28

Happy Birthday & God's blessings...

Betsy Keepman 5/8

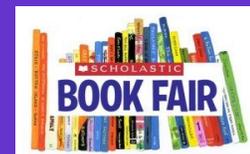
Pastor Seth 5/26

William Woolard 5/29

Our last day of school is May 28! Children are released at noon! Have a GREAT summer!



Faith will be hosting our book fair from April 30th through May 7th! It will be done a bit differently this year because we cannot gather as large groups. You can come before or after school, and one family is allowed in the room at a time to shop.



Kindergarten Graduation is Thursday, May 27th at 6 PM! We are hoping for it to be an outside ceremony!



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!

School • news



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
2	3	4	5	6	7 Pizza, yogurt & fruit	8
9	10	11	12	13	14 Corn dogs, curly fries, veggieles & dip	15
16	17	18	19	20	21 Chocolate Chip Pancakes, sausage, fruit & cheese stick	22
23	24	25	26	27	28 Last day of School! Re-leased at noon	29
30	31					

May 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2 9 am service	3 Scrip due by noon	4	5	6 Zoom Bible Study 1 PM	7	8
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