

# Faith•times

Monthly Newsletter of Faith Lutheran Church and School | November 2022



## Pastor Hoepfner's Message

Dear Faith Family,

This fall has been going quickly as we have added times for worship and study of God's Word. As I reflect on Thanksgiving Day, I am reminded of the many gifts that God has given me in which I am grateful. I am thankful for salvation, forgiveness and eternal life. I am thankful for faith that God has given me as a generous gift. I am thankful for this congregation and my family who help support and encourage me.

We will be having a Thanksgiving Service on Wednesday, November 23<sup>rd</sup> at 6:30 pm. Before the service I invite you to a Thanksgiving meal that will begin at 5:30 pm. There will be a sign-up sheet in the church hallway. If you have family coming into town that night, please bring them along.

The Advent season begins the last week in November. We are focusing on a series called Be Born in Us Today. There are four things that we will focus on: Blessing, renewal, guidance and power during the Advent series.

We continue our Wednesday Night Gathering from 6-7 every 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday. We welcome you and please get the word out on these opportunities to study God's Word and have fellowship with others.

Being Thankful,

Pastor Hoepfner

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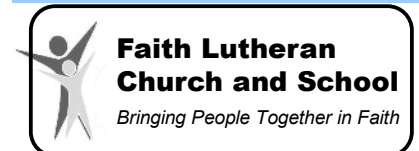
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*"Raise up a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not depart from his ways."*  
Proverbs 22:6

## Mission Statement

Faith Lutheran Church and School exists to worship, serve and grow in Jesus Christ.  
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# Announcements

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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.

- Join us for Faith, Family Gathering - Wednesday November 9th from 6-7 PM. Shannon and Ingrid will be leading the group through the book, "Women of the Bible." - (Abigail) 1 Samuel 25. Another group will be studying the Red Letter Challenge-Being- Prioritizing Prayer. There are activities for children. Everyone is welcome . Our Wednesday Night Gatherings will resume on January 11, 2023.
- Mark your calendars for Family Thanksgiving Fellowship Meal on November 23rd at 5:30 PM here at Faith with a Thanksgiving service at 6:30 PM.
- Church Council will be meeting, November 20th at 8 am here at Faith.
- Join us on Wednesday mornings for Chapel Devotions with the students at 10:00am. Our chapel offerings support Tirzah Krey Regional Human Care Coordinator in Latin America. Please pray for her and support her with your prayers and gifts.
- 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
- The General Election in Wisconsin is November 8th. Plan to vote! Let your voice be heard!
- Join us every Wednesday for Chapel and Fellowship at 10 am.
- 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 November Birthdays

Ashley Andre	5	Neil Rand	15
Candace Fessler	10	Keeleigh Wagner	19
Katelyn Esmeier	11	Kristi Wagner	21
Kaelen Smith	14	Jen DaWalt	29
Kyle Esmeier	15		



*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](mailto:kbdstendel@gmail.com) or 920-261-8362  
Orders for the month due 11/7 and 11/21 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 Conversation

On the other hand, we reject also the Calvinistic perversion of the doctrine of conversion, that is, the doctrine that God does not desire to convert and save all hearers of the Word, but only a portion of them. Many hearers of the Word indeed remain unconverted and are not saved, not because God does not earnestly desire their conversion and salvation, but solely because they stubbornly resist the gracious operation of the Holy Ghost, as Scripture teaches, Acts 7:51; Matt. 23:37; Acts 13:46. As to the question why not all men are converted and saved, seeing that God's grace is universal and all men are equally and utterly corrupt, we confess that we cannot answer it. From Scripture we know only this: A man owes his conversion and salvation, not to any lesser guilt or better conduct on his part, but solely to the grace of God. But any man's non-conversion is due to himself alone; it is the result of his obstinate resistance against the converting operation of the Holy Ghost. Hos. 13:9.

# Stewardship

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## LCMS Stewardship Ministry – [lcms.org/stewardship](https://lcms.org/stewardship) Newsletter Article – October 2022

### What Makes for a Cheerful Giver?

St. Paul wrote to Church of Christ in Corinth: “Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver” (2 Cor. 9:7). God loves a cheerful giver. But who is a cheerful giver?

Abel was. By faith, he gave the firstborn of his flock, and it was acceptable in God's sight. Abraham was. By faith, he prepared cakes and a tender choice calf for God and entertained angels unaware. So also were David and Solomon. By faith, David would not make a sacrifice to God that cost him nothing, so he paid Araunah his due. By faith, Solomon built a house for God, where his name would dwell and thereby where He would dwell to be Israel's God and they His people.

What more shall we say? For time would fail us to tell of all those who gave not simply for the joy of giving but for the joy of knowing the One to whom they gave.

So also our Lord, who for the joy set before Him, gave everything – yes, even His life – enduring the cross and scorning its shame. He gave to the shedding of His blood, willingly and resolutely setting His face toward Jerusalem to die for the life of the world. Though He was rich in every way, He became poor, so that by His poverty, we might be rich beyond measure.

So then, let us like Abel and Abraham, like David and Solomon, and even like our Lord Jesus Christ, give cheerfully to God for the work of His kingdom in our midst. Like them, let us decide in our heart for the joy set before us. It's the joy of knowing the One to whom we give is the One who gives us all good things.

– LCMS Stewardship Ministry: [lcms.org/stewardship](https://lcms.org/stewardship)



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

**There is  
NO SCHOOL  
November  
23rd - 25th.**



Join us for  
Chapel and  
fellowship  
every  
Wednesday  
at 10 am!

Our Annual Kringle Fundraiser will be sent home on Friday, November 18th. Please note that Kringle prices went up to \$11 per Kringle.

Orders and payment are due back to Faith no later than Tuesday, November 29th. Delivery of the Kringle will be on Wednesday, December 14th.



# School • news

November 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2	3	4 Chocolate Chip Pancakes, fruit, cheese sticks & sausage links	5
6	7 Tacos, fruit, Spanish rice	8	9	10	11 Grilled hot dogs homemade pret- zels, pickles & fruit	12
13	14 French Toast, scrambled eggs, fruit & yogurt tube	15	16	17	18 Pizza day, granola bar & fresh fruit	19
20	21 Grilled Cheese, tater tots, veggies & dip	22	23 No School	24 No School	25 No School	26
27	28 Spaghetti & meat sauce, hot veggie & breadstick	29	30			

# November 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 Confirmation 5-6 pm	2 Chapel & Fellowship 10 am	3	4	5
6 9 am service Bible Study & Sunday School	7 Scrip due by noon	8 Commuter Bible Study 7:30 am @ Johnson Creek Confirmation 5-6 pm Elder's Meeting 6:15 pm	9 Chapel & Fellowship 10 am Wednesday Night Gathering 6-7 pm	10	11	12
13 9 am service Bible Study & Sunday School	14	15 Confirmation 5-6 pm	16 Chapel & Fellowship 10 am	17	18	19
20 Church Council 8 am 9 am service Bible Study & Sunday School	21 Scrip due by noon	22 Commuter Bible Study 7:30 am at McDonalds in Delafield Confirmation 5-6 pm	23 Thanksgiving Service 5:30 meal and service No School	24 No School	25 No School	26
27 9 am service Bible Study & Sunday School	28	29	30 Advent Service - 6:30 PM Chapel & Fellowship 10 am		<u>READER/ASSISTANT</u> 11/6 Richard L/Connor B 11/13 Nathan H/Harry K 11/20 Harry K/Dan B 11/23 Harry K 11/27 Norman W/Carl H 11/30 Richard L	<u>USHERS &amp; GREETERS</u> 11/6 The Baneck's 11/13 Kent & Audra Uttech 11/20 Harry & Kay Kopplin 11/27 Dan & Ingrid Baum