

Faith•times

Monthly Newsletter of Faith Lutheran Church and School | November 2020

GIVE THANKS TO THE LORD.
In Everything Give Thanks!

Pastor Hoepfner's Message

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

When November comes, I think about Thanksgiving. A day to meditate and reflect on the things in our lives that make us grateful. But I believe one day is not enough. I heard on a Christian radio broadcast say that when one wakes up, think of one or a couple of things that you are grateful for. It helps improve one's mood and they are more ready for the day.

We as Christians are grateful for the many blessings in our lives. We have salvation and the forgiveness of sins. We rejoice in our mighty warrior, Jesus, who conquered sin and death. He has brought restoration and healing. As we think about Thanksgiving, we think that everything is the Lord and we receive them like gifts. Think about using everything you own to His glory.

We have a Thanksgiving service on November 25th at 6:30 PM. During the Sundays of November, I ask, if you are able, to bring a non-perishable food item for those who need some assistance with food. There will be a basket upon your entry into church. You can always drop off food during the weekday at church.

Blessings as you celebrate Thanksgiving,
Pastor Hoepfner

Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, teaching and admonishing one another in all wisdom, singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, with thankfulness in your hearts to God. Colossians 3:16

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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 - Commuter Bible Study - Choir

- Reminder to vote: As Christians we are encouraged to pray for our leaders in government. On November 3, we have an important election in our country to determine the future of our country. Please pray and take the time to vote.
- Church Council will be meeting, Thursday, November 19th at 5:30 PM here at Faith.
- Confirmation meets every Tuesday at 3:30 PM.
- The Commuter Bible Study is going to try a slightly different format. This group has been meeting for over 30 years, with Pastor Rand as the host. Over the years we have studied and prayed for many many things, such as most of the books of the Bible, current concerns in theology, and basic Biblical history. Currently, we are on the "Acts of the Apostles". We have met at McDonald's for most of the years. As you know this Covid-19 has reduced inside fast food places. We have found a restaurant in Oconomowoc called Scramblers that is willing to allow us to use their facility. We will be meeting on Tuesdays at 7:00 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.
- 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.

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	Stanley Clutterbuck	28
Kyle Esmeier	15	Jen DaWalt	29



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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Operation Christmas Child Boxes are available from Faith to be filled with children's items that will be distributed by Samaritan's Purse. Children need great joy now more than ever. Most of all, they need the hope only in the Gospel of Jesus Christ. This effort at Faith is coordinated by John and Hannah Mock. Please contact them with any questions. Thank you.

- 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 11/2, 11/16 and 11/30 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 Election of Grace

By the election of grace we mean this truth, that all those who by the grace of God alone, for Christ's sake, through the means of grace, are brought to faith, are justified, sanctified, and preserved in faith here in time, that all these have already from eternity been endowed by God with faith, justification, sanctification, and preservation in faith, and this for the same reason, namely, by grace alone, for Christ's sake, and by way of the means of grace. That this is the doctrine of the Holy Scripture is evident from Eph. 1:3-7; 2 Thess. 2:13, 14; Acts 13:48; Rom. 8:28-30; 2 Tim. 1:9; Matt. 24:22-24 (cp. Form. of Conc. Triglott, p. 1065, Paragraphs 5, 8, 23; M., p. 705).

Stewardship

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LCMS Stewardship Ministry

Newsletter article – November 2020

Our Father in heaven has claimed us as His own. By the shedding of His Son's blood, His death for our sins, and His resurrection for our justification, God the Father has received us back into His family. By water – combined with His Word, promise, and Name – the Holy Spirit has taken up residence in us. We belong to Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. He is in us, and we are in Him. And, being in Him, all things are ours. In Him, we are richly and abundantly blessed.

Our true treasure is that we belong to the most Holy Trinity, and everything that is His – righteousness, peace, eternal life – also belongs also to us. Even our temporal treasures are gifts from His fatherly divine goodness and mercy.

We receive our treasures from Him, and thus, as good stewards of His varied grace, we manage them in such a way that they may be returned to Him. We bring them to Him, hallowed through prayers of thanksgiving and God's holy Word, as a sacrifice.

Thus, all our possessions, as gifts from God, are also sacrifices to Him. We eat to nourish our bodies. We share with our family, neighbors, fellow Christians, the poor, and even our enemies as holy things given by the holy God. His temporal gifts are blessings to and for us, and they bring blessings upon us even as they are pressed into His service for His kingdom.

Thus, we place all that we have into God's hands, and He never fails to remember us. He pours out the fullness of His promises upon us. We give thanks for all that He has done, is doing, and will continue to do. We give thanks by not taking for ourselves, but, giving to all even as our heavenly Father has given to us.

As we prepare for the celebrations of Thanksgiving, may we all give thanks continually for all that we are and all that we have because of God's providential care. And may we be all the more diligent in bringing everything that we have received from God to Him, so that He may bless it and employ it for the good of all – even for us. For to the one who has, more will be given, and he will have an abundance.

O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; for his steadfast love endures forever.

-1 Chronicles 16:34

Thanks to all of you who have been so generous and thoughtful in bringing to God your offerings..

The nomination committee will be meeting to develop a list of candidates for board members to serve Faith Lutheran for 2021.

Do you have the gift of encouragement and a heart of caring? If you are asked to serve on a board, please prayerfully consider the opportunity.

"Sent to Serve" Matthew 20:28

Happy Birthday & God's blessings...

Annie Gramann
11/28



**Our delicious Racine Kringle
Fundraiser is back!
Order forms and payment, made
out to Faith
Lutheran are due back to the
school on December 4th!**



Keeping Up With P.A.C.E

**PACE stands for Parents Active in
Christian Education.**

We are well into our plans for the 2020-21 school year! If you have any suggestions for fundraisers, field trips or family activities, please send them to Kristin Walter at schooloffice4faithlutheran@gmail.com

**There is no
school
November
25th - 27th!**



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November 2020							
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	
1	2	3	4	5	6 Pizza, yogurt & fresh fruit	7	
8	9	10	11	12	13 Chocolate Chip pan-cakes, fresh fruit, sausage & cheese sticks	14	
15	16	17	18	19	20 Hotdogs, home-made warm pretzels with cheese, fresh fruit & treat	21	
22	23	24	25 NO SCHOOL	26 NO SCHOOL	27 NO SCHOOL	28	
29	30						

November 2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 9 am service	2 Scrip due by noon	3	4	5	6	7
8 9 am service	9	10	11	12	13	14
15 9 am service	16 Scrip due by noon	17	18	19 Church Council 5:30 PM	20	21
22 9 am service	23	24	25 NO SCHOOL 6:30 PM Service	26 NO SCHOOL	27 NO SCHOOL	28
29 9 am service	30 Scrip due by noon	<u>ALTAR GUILD</u>	<u>WA/CA</u>	<u>READER</u>	<u>ACOLYTE</u>	<u>USHERS</u> 11/1 The Kopplin's 11/8 Judi & Carl Hoepfner 11/15 The Baum's 11/22 The Uttech's 11/29 The Baneck's