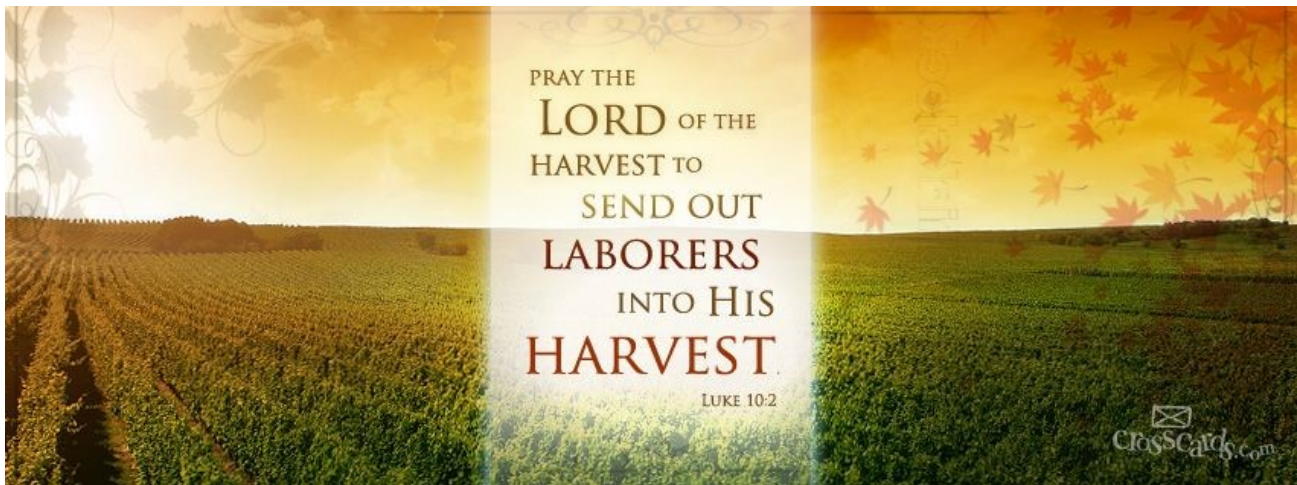


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Monthly Newsletter of Faith Lutheran Church and School | October 2021



Pastor Hoeppner's Message

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,
Our Church body has been blessed with many gifted people who love Jesus and want to share their wisdom to us and to the rest of the world. I wanted to highlight two organizations that have helped me in my walk of faith.

The first organization is The Lutheran Hour. I enjoy listening to the speaker's message because a pastor also needs to hear from another pastor The Word of God. There are also many resources about evangelism and outreach. It is amazing what this organization is doing around the world and I am excited about the many stories they share about new believers. If you have access to the internet, you can go to www.lhm.org.

Another great organization is 1517.org. If you enjoy digging deeper into theological teaching and doctrine, this is for you. They have many videos, blogs and articles about the various texts from the lectionary and how to best apply law and Gospel to the texts. Many students of the Word have listened to their various podcasts and shows. This is another great organization that has helped me personally become more knowledgeable about God's Word. If you want to check it out, you can go to www.1517.org.

We have many treasures in our Church body and I am highlighting these two this month because they have helped me tremendously.

May God's peace be unto you,
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."
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, October 21st at 5:30 PM here at Faith.
- 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.
- Immanuel Lutheran Church, 210 Lincoln Avenue in Reeseville will be serving their annual turkey dinner on Sunday, October 3RD, 2021, from 11:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. Out of an abundance of caution due to on-going COVID-19 concerns, this year's dinner will again be CARRY-OUT ONLY. Each carry-out will contain bountiful portions of roast turkey, homemade mashed potatoes, gravy, stuffing, vegetable, cranberries, dinner rolls and coleslaw. Also included will be your choice of either pumpkin, apple or cherry pie. Each carry out will cost \$12.00. Pre-orders are strongly encouraged and may be ordered by calling the church at 920-927-5734.

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We Celebrate with October Birthdays

Michael Andre	8	Deanna Stendel	21
Frank Unser	11	Seth Bowman	26
Madeline Mock	12	Jocelyn Folts	27
Alex Esmeier	15	Jasmine Albedyll	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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- 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 10/11 and 10/25 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 Symbols of the Lutheran Church

We accept as our confession all the symbols contained in the Book of Concord of the year 1580. -- The symbols of the Lutheran Church are not a rule of faith beyond, and supplementary to, Scripture, but a confession of the doctrines of Scripture over against those who deny these doctrines.

Since the Christian Church cannot make doctrines, but can and should simply profess the doctrine revealed in Holy Scripture, the doctrinal decisions of the symbols are binding upon the conscience not because they are the outcome of doctrinal controversies, but only because they are the doctrinal decisions of Holy Scripture itself.

Stewardship

LCMS Stewardship Ministry - Newsletter article – October 2021

Why do we give? Is it simply because God commands us to? Or is there more to it? To be sure, the Word and instruction of God in the Bible says we should give, and this is sufficient to encourage us to give (Luke 6:38; Acts 20:35; 1 Cor. 16:2; 2 Cor. 8:7; Gal. 6:6).

But there's more to it than just obligation. We're not just trying to fulfill a work of the law. We are bearing fruits of the Spirit given to us by our Father in heaven through His Son our Lord Jesus Christ. In other words, we're not just doing what our Father said, we're also doing what He did.

Children emulate their parents. When they grow up, they often carry many of the same mannerisms and characteristics as their parents. But there is more to it than that. Children copy their parents even on a more mundane level. They watch how their parents cross their legs, how they fold their hands, how they stand and sit and walk, and how they do and say most everything. Then children try to copy it.

This can be quite humorous when caught in the act. They do this even when parents don't want them to. Everyone has been in the uncomfortable – and embarrassing situation – where a child does or says something one of their parents have done or said that is less than polite. Sitcoms thrive on these. It only works because of the truth that children emulate their parents, and they do it because they want to be like them.

We are the children of God – by grace through faith. In Holy Baptism, God the Father declares of us what He declared of Jesus at His Baptism in the Jordan, “You are my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased.” God the Father claims us as His own. He takes away all our sins. In exchange, He gives us His righteousness, His purity, His holiness, and His Spirit – by which we cry out, “Abba, Father.”

We are born again – born from above, born of water and the Spirit – to a new life in Christ as His children. We are sons of God in Christ through Baptism. Since we are sons, we are heirs who share in the glory of the Son of God. The inheritance is ours because of the Father's grace, mercy, and generosity in sending His Son in time to save us for all eternity.

This is why we give generously of our income to the work of the church. We want to be like our heavenly Father. We want to emulate His generosity by being generous ourselves. We give to the work of the church because we have witnessed the generous giving of our Father in heaven.

More than that, we are recipients of it. It is because we have received our Father's gifts that we desire to give ourselves. His gifts are not just spiritual. They are temporal and earthly as well. As *Luther's Small Catechism* teaches in the Fourth Petition of the Lord's Prayer:

Give us this day our daily bread.

What does this mean? God certainly gives daily bread to everyone without our prayers, even to all evil people, but we pray in this petition that God would lead us to realize this and to receive our daily bread with thanksgiving.

What is meant by daily bread? Daily bread includes everything that has to do with the support and needs of the body, such as food, drink, clothing, shoes, house, home, land, animals, money, goods, a devout husband or wife, devout children, devout workers, devout and faithful rulers, good government, good weather, peace, health, self-control, good reputation, good friends, faithful neighbors, and the like.

In other words, He gives us everything that we need for the care of both body and soul. His generosity knows no bounds. Therefore, we sit down at the beginning of the year, the beginning of the month, or the beginning of the week and set aside a generous portion of God's daily bread for His work in the church. This is not done because He has commanded us so to do but rather because we, as His children by grace, want to emulate His generosity in our own lives. He is our Father; we are His children. And children want to be like their parents.

Give thanks for our Church workers!

October is church worker appreciation month. In His great love and mercy, God cares for His people through the men and women serving in church work vocations. We are thankful for the dedication and caring these servants give to Faith.

Here are some suggestions for ways to show your gratitude and support for our church workers: Pray- Your church workers need prayer. Pray for those workers and let them know you are doing so. Send a thank you note. Support our church with your gifts or time and talents. Ask the Lord for future church workers whom God will raise up to fill these sacred and joyful roles in His Kingdom.



"Sent to Serve" Matthew 20:28

Happy Birthday & God's blessings...

Katherine Combs 10/29

Jasmine Albedyll 10/29

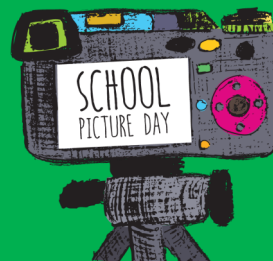
• Vande Walles Candy Bar Fundraiser -



The candy has been ordered and should arrive sometime this month! Please let Kristin Walter know how many boxes of chocolates you would like!

- SPIRIT WEAR -







2021 Spirit wear order forms
will be coming home in
October!



School Picture
Day is October
6th!

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 Pizza, yogurt, veggies & dip	2
3	4	5	6 Scrambled eggs, hashbrown patty, fresh fruit,	7	8 Crescent dog, mac n cheese, fresh veggies & dip	9
10	11	12	13 Chicken fingers, curly fries, hot veggie	14	15 Pizza, fruit, fall treat	16
17	18	19	20 Chocolate Chip pancakes, sausage links, fruit, yogurt	21	22 Sub sandwiches, fresh fruit, pop- corn	23
24	25	26	27 Homemade chicken noodle soup or toma- to soup, homemade bread, fresh fruit	28 NO SCHOOL	29 NO SCHOOL	30
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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1	2 Cornerstone of Grace Fall Festival @ Riverside Park 11-5
3 9 am service Bible Study & Sun- day School	4	5 No Confirmation	6	7	8	9
10 9 am service Bible Study & Sun- day School	11 Scrip due by noon	12 Confirmation 5-5:45 PM	13	14 Elders Meeting 10 AM	15	16
17 9 am service Bible Study & Sun- day School	18	19 Confirmation 5-5:45 PM	20	21 Church Council 5:30 PM	22	23
24 9 am service Bible Study & Sun- day School	22 Scrip due by noon	26 Confirmation 5-5:45 PM	27	28 No School	29 No School	30
31 9 am service Bible Study & Sun- day School					<u>READER & ASSISTANT</u> 10/3 Dan Baum 10/10 Richard Lowe 10/17 10/24 10/31	USHERS & GREETERS 10/3 Harry & Kay Kopplin 10/10 Dan & Ingrid Baum 10/17 Judi & Carl Hoepfner 10/24 The Baneck's 10/31 Kent & Audra Uttech