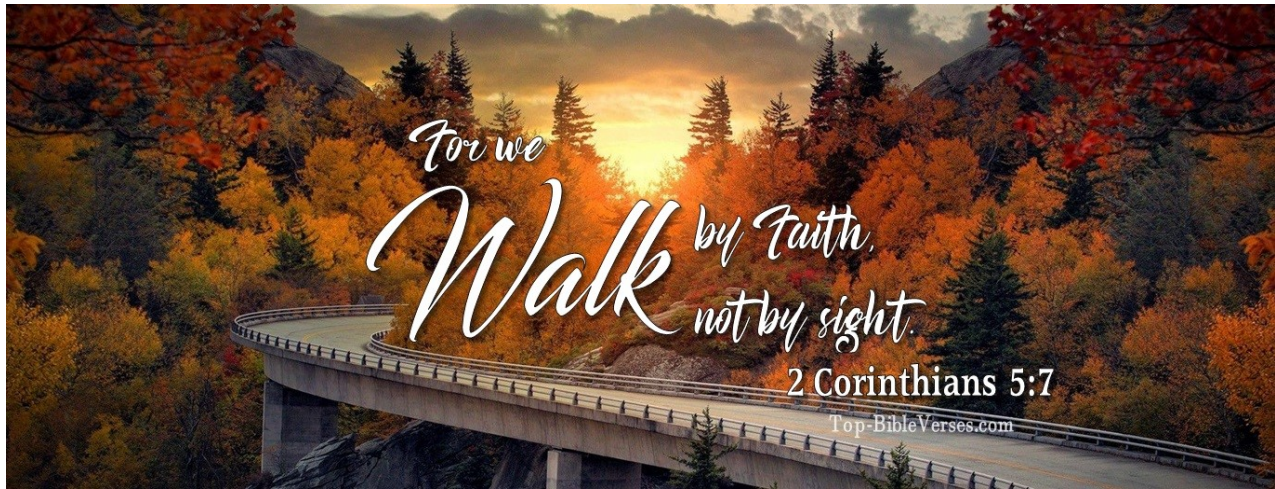


# Faith•times

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## Pastor Hoepfner's Message

Dear Faith Family,

Beginning on Sunday, September 4th, we will begin The Tree of Life: God's Promise of Salvation, a special ten-week congregational study. The Tree of Life will include a ten-week sermon series and a Wednesday night youth study. We will meet every second and fourth Wednesday of the month for study beginning on September 14<sup>th</sup> from 6 -7pm.

The Tree of Life examines God's plan of salvation as it unfolds through the Old Testament and is fulfilled in the life, ministry, death, and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ.

The first five weeks will focus on the Old Testament, while the last five weeks will feature lessons in the New Testament. We will begin with creation and the fall into sin, which brought all the evils we experience into this world. Then we will look at the unfolding of God's promise to send His Son with lessons on Abraham, Moses, King David, and Daniel.

Then, in the second half of The Tree of Life, we will focus on Jesus' coming as our Savior. We will look at His birth, Baptism, ministry, crucifixion, resurrection, and His promise to return on the Last Day to judge the living and the dead.

We have many opportunities to worship, learn and grow in wisdom throughout this month and school year. Please see the calendar that is attached on the back for all of the new happenings. We ask that you bring a friend to these studies.

The Lord be with you,  
Pastor Hoepfner

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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.

- Church Council will be meeting, September 18th at 8 am here at Faith.
- Join us every Wednesday for Chapel and Fellowship at 10 am.
- We will doing a ten-week sermon series called The Tree of Life: God's Promise of Salvation. Each week, we will explore Bible accounts that guide us through this epic story of salvation from creation, to the cross, to Christ's return on the last day.
- 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 September Birthdays

Steph Mazzoni	1	Shay DaWalt	15
Derek Brozek	5	Benjamin O'Riley	15
Shannon Hoepfner	7	Malachi Mock	17
Bradley Nelson	10	Kalie Hoepfner	22
James Folts	11	Nathan Hoepfner	25
Norman Wheeler	12	Jim Puscheck	28



*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 9/12 and 9/26 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

We teach that conversion consists in this, that a man, having learned from the Law of God that he is a lost and condemned sinner, is brought to faith in the Gospel, which offers him forgiveness of sins and eternal salvation for the sake of Christ's vicarious satisfaction, Acts 11:21; Luke 24:46, 47; Acts 26:18. All men, since the Fall, are dead in sins, Eph. 2:1-3, and inclined only to evil, Gen. 6:5; 8:21; Rom. 8:7. For this reason, and particularly because men regard the Gospel of Christ, crucified for the sins of the world, as foolishness, 1 Cor. 2:14, faith in the Gospel, or conversion to God, is neither wholly nor in the least part the work of man, but the work of God's grace and almighty power alone, Phil. 1:29; Eph. 2:8; 1:19; -- Jer. 31:18. Hence Scripture call the faith of men, or his conversion, a raising from the dead, Eph. 1:20; Col. 2:12, a being born of God, John 1:12, 13, a new birth by the Gospel, 1 Pet, 1:23-25, a work of God like the creation of light at the creation of the world, 2 Cor. 4:6.

# Stewardship

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

## What is Stewardship?

What is a steward? Most people, when asked this question, will reply: "A manager." That is correct, but it is only half right. A steward is indeed a manager, but he is a manager of what does not belong to him. Someone else is the owner, and the steward manages the owner's property on the owner's behalf.

We are God's stewards. Our stewardship is that God has made us managers of what belongs to Him. For we have brought nothing into this world, and we can take nothing out of it (1 Tim. 6:7). Everything that we have and everything that we are comes from God's fatherly Divine goodness and mercy. God is the owner. Not only because, as the Creator, He created all things. But also, as the Redeemer, He has redeemed, that is, purchased and won all things. It all, therefore, belongs to Him.

We are simply managers of everything in this world. Like Joseph in Egypt, we are put in charge of managing what belongs to God. What a privilege. Think about that for a minute. The all-knowing, all-powerful, all-wise God has asked us to manage His possessions on His behalf here on earth. And by doing this, He invites us to take part in the allocation of His good gifts. He wants us to give our input and advise Him in where His gifts are to be used. What a privilege indeed.

What a responsibility. For to whom much is given, much shall be required (Luke 12:48). We are not the owners. And while He puts us as managers, we are still to do with His property what He wants done with it. That means we need to know what His desire and will for His property is.

How do we know this? How can we know the will and mind of God? We find the will of God in the Bible. There God tells us what His will for all His gifts are to be used. He tells us how we are to spend our time and use our talents and treasures. He instructs us in the use of our minds, bodies, and souls.

There is nothing that we have that doesn't belong to Him. "Or do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, whom you have from God? You are not your own, for you were bought with a price" (1 Cor. 6:19–20). He informs us of the big picture, the overarching policy, of how we as His stewards – His managers and custodians – of His property are to do the managing.

And that is what stewardship is. It is simply doing what God wants us to do with what He has given us. As St. Paul said: "Do not present your members to sin as instruments for unrighteousness, but present yourselves to God as those who have been brought from death to life, and your members to God as instruments for righteousness" (Rom. 6:13). So, let's dive into the God's Word and listen to what the owner desires from His stewards.

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



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

**Happy Birthday & God's blessings...**

**Mrs. Shannon 9/7**  
**Olivia Enockson 9/10**  
**Malachi Mock 9/17**

## Scholastic Book Fair



Save the Dates!  
We are having a  
FALL book fair this  
year!  
October 7-14th

Our first fieldtrip of the year will be on TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 20th from 9am -12 pm. There will be tons of fall fun! Your child will need to have a cold lunch to have at the farm! If you are interested in chaperoning, please let Kristin Walter know.



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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4	5 NO SCHOOL	6	7	8	9 Chocolate Chip pancakes, fruit, cheese stick & sausage link	10
11	12 Hot dog, French fries, fruit & grano- la bar	13	14	15	16 Pizza day, yo- gurt & fruit	17
18	19 Tacos, fruit & smoothie pop	20	21	22	23 Sub Sandwich, fruit & pop- corn	24
25	26 French Toast, scrambled eggs, fruit & cheese stick	27	28	29	30 Spaghetti & meat sauce, hot veggie & breadstick	

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>READER/ASSISTANT</b> 9/4 Harry K & Connor B 9/11 Richard L & Dan B 9/18 Nathan H & Carl H 9/25 Norman W & Connor B	<b>USHERS &amp; GREETERS</b> 9/4 Kent & Audra Uttech 9/11 Harry & Kay Kopplin 9/18 Dan & Ingrid Baum 9/25 Judi & Carl Hoepfner			1	2	3
4 9 am service Bible Study &	5 No School	6	7 Chapel & Fellowship 10 am	8	9	10
11 9 am service Bible Study & Sunday School	12 Scrip due by noon	13 Commuter Bible Study 7:30 am @ Johnson Creek Elders Meeting 6:30 PM	14 Chapel & Fellowship 10 am Wednesday Night Gathering 6-7 pm	15	16	17
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