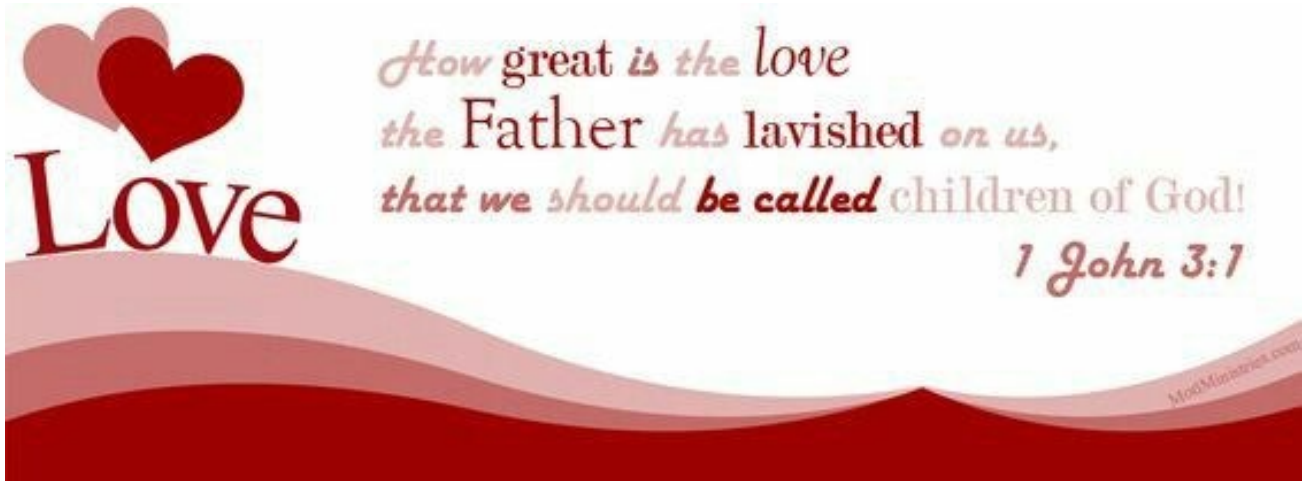


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Pastor Hoeppner's Message

Dear Faith Family,

I invite you to come to our Midweek Lenten services! Since Sundays are traditionally a break from Lent as we observe the resurrection of Jesus, we take time to reflect Christ's journey and sacrifice on the cross. We know that The Lord, the God of faithful, steadfast, never-ending love remembers us. He never forgets us, never stops loving us.

This Lent, we'll be hearing from Zechariah son of Berekiah, the son of Iddo. Each week we'll look at one of his prophecies to see how he described Jesus' suffering and death in such vivid detail that he has been called the Holy Week prophet. Zechariah wrote, "Return to me," declares the LORD Almighty, "and I will return to you," says the LORD Almighty.

Service times are at 6:30 pm with a Lenten meal at 5:30 pm. Our chapel services at 9:30 am will be with the day school and we welcome you if you are able to come.

God's grace be with 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 meet Sunday, February 15th at 8 am here at Faith.
- Our next Wednesday Night Gathering will be meeting on Wednesday, February 4th at 6 pm. The youth are learning what it means to be "Simply Loved", and there are two Bible studies, "A Study on the Book of Revelation" and "Welcome Home". This is a great opportunity to explore Scripture, grown in faith and connect with others.
- Offering statements for 2025 are currently being distributed. Thank you to everyone who has shared their sacrificial gifts of time, talent, and treasure to extend the message of the Gospel here at Faith and beyond. It is a time to reflect and thank God for our many blessings. Included with your statement is a card featuring a picture of Faith. You are invited to send this to a friend to share your faith.
- Ash Wednesday is February 18th. There will be a supper at 5:30 pm followed by worship service at 6:30 pm. Our Lenten Services Wednesday, February 25th with a meal at 5:30 pm followed by Worship Service at 6:30 pm. Sign-ups for the meals are on the bulletin board.
- Faith will be celebrating our 40th anniversary! Do you have some ideas or want to help plan for some special events? Plans will be made! There is a sign up sheet on the bulletin board or if you have a question contact Kent or Carl.
- We invite you to attend chapel services on Wednesday's at 9:30 am during the school year.
- Do you have a birthday or 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!
- If you have a prayer request, please call the church office at 920-261-8060.
- If you would like to serve on a cleaning team or be a greeter/usher, please contact Pastor Hoeppner.

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We Celebrate with February Birthdays

Adam Fessler	1	Jacob Wegner	20
Bobbie Rand	1	Dan Baum	22
Megan Wegner	4	Roger Schuett	26
Beth Stendel	7	Nancy Nelson	26
Kent Uttech	11		



God's Blessings to you!

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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 <https://www.raiseright.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 2/9 and 2/23 by noon. •

**** Box Tops launched their APP based program and will no longer be making box tops that you will cut out. 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 Conversion

We teach that conversion is 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.

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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Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good, for his steadfast love endures forever. Psalm
136:1

Sowing Seeds of Faith- God's love endures forever

Dear Family of Faith,

Walking into Kwik Trip one of our teachers heard her name being called! Looking over the counter she saw a former student who was home on Christmas break. After a brief conversation of college and her spiritual life she quickly came from behind the counter, gave her a hug and said, "I always think of Faith whenever I'm reading the Psalms." What a joy it is to know that the seeds of faith were planted through Faith.

For almost forty years, God has worked in many lives through the Church and the School. His Word has been taught and His Spirit was placed upon people in their baptism. Hundreds of people have received The Lord's Supper. Many others have entered into this building giving praise to Jesus. God has placed each one of you here and gives you a purpose.

At Faith, giving is something we do with a spirit of joy in response to the love and forgiveness we have freely received in Jesus. We give with a posture of gratitude and thanksgiving. A huge thanks to you who have continued in your generous giving and service to our Lord, which enables Faith to be a source of hope and opportunity for people. The Lord has promised to us in His Word that He will not leave us and that our work is not in vain.

As we plan to celebrate our 40th year, our Ruby Anniversary, please join us as we reflect, rejoice, renew and remind us that no matter how difficult or seemingly meaningless our work appears it is meaningful to God and is important to sow the seeds. His love endures forever!

We have updated a picture of our altar. These are available to you to send to a family or friend to share your faith. A small way that we can sow the seeds of Faith. Pray for our church and school!

Thank you sincerely and may God bless all of us as we serve Him,

Stewardship 2025

Becky Roell

Joe Grove

Carl Hoepfner

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Soar on wings like eagles - Isaiah 40:31

Happy Birthday & God's blessings!

2/4 Xenia Donner

Bowl A Thon is
on February
20th at
Watertown
Bowl at 1:30 pm!
Please turn pledge sheets
in by February 20th!



SAVE THE DATE!

- February 4th -18th—Cookie Dough Fundraiser
- February 20th—Bowl A Thon
- February 21st—Open House 10 am—12 pm
- February 23rd—NO SCHOOL
- March 18th—25th— Book Fair
- March 18th—8:30-10 am— Doughnuts with Grownups
- March 25th—8:30-10 am— Muffins in the Morning
- March 30-April 6th— SPRING BREAK

Open House is February
21st from 10 am—12 pm!
Invite new families!

Cookie Dough Fundraiser is
here!
Ordering is opening from
February 4-18th.
Orders arrive March 27th

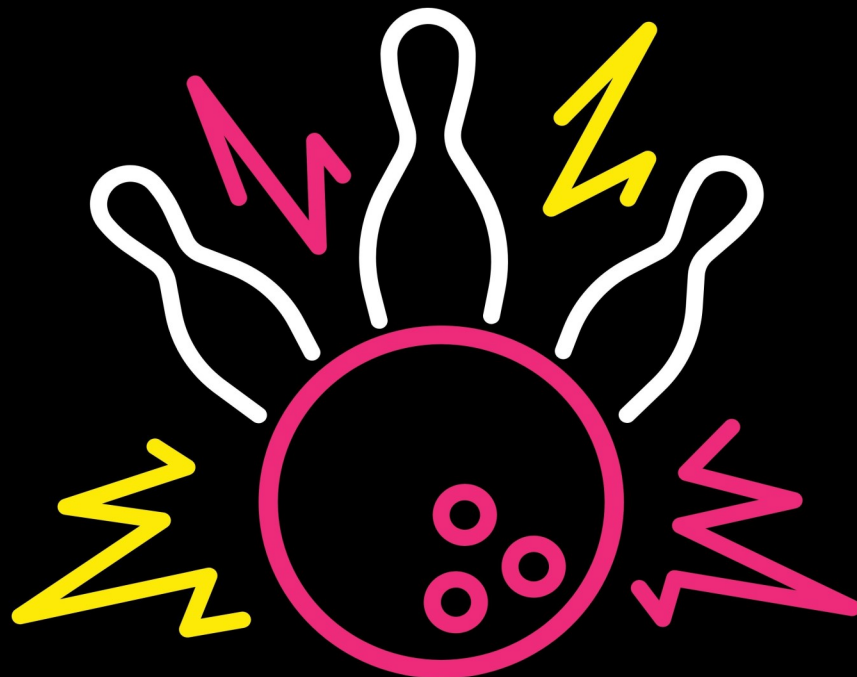
- PARENT SPONSORED LUNCH -

-February 4 - The Donner Family - subs

-February 18 - The Hewison Family -

****Please remember that we have
roughly 30 people that are served for
lunch****

F A I T H ' S
2ND ANNUAL
BOWL A THON



FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 20TH 1:30-3 PM
WATERTOWN BOWL



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3 Chicken patty on a bun, mashed pota- toes & hot veggie	4 -Family Spon- sored Lunch - The Donner Family— Subs	5 Waffles, sau- sage patty & fruit	6	7
8	9	10 Finger food lunch: sau- sage, cheese, crackers, veg- gies & dip, fruit & yogurt tubes	11	12 Soup (chicken noodle & to- mato), salad & rolls	13	14
15	16	17 Sloppy joes, potato chips, veggies & dip	18 -Family Spon- sored Lunch - The Hewison Family -	19 Spaghetti & meat sauce, breadsticks & hot veggie	20	21
22	23 NO SCHOOL	24 Egg & cheese bake, fruit & donut holes	25	26 Tacos, rice & fruit	27	28

February 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 9 am service Sunday School & Bible Study	2	3	4 Chapel 9:30 am Wednesday Night Gathering 6 pm	5	6	7
8 9 am service Sunday School & Bible Study Confirmation 10:15am	9 Scrip due by noon	10 Commuter Bible Study 7:30 am @ McDonald's in Johnson Creek	11 Chapel 9:30 am	12 PACE 6pm	13	14
15 Church Council 8am 9 am service Sunday School & Bible Study	16	17	18 Chapel 9:30 am Ash Wednesday Meal 5:30 pm & Service 6:30 pm	19	20 Bowl A Thon	21 Open House 10 am—12pm
22 9 am Service Sunday School & Bible Study	23 Scrip due by noon	24 Commuter Bible Study 7:30 am @ McDonald's in Delafield	25 Chapel 9:30 am Lenten Meal 5:30 pm—Service 6:30pm	26	27	28
			<u>READER/ASSISTANT</u> 2/11 Richard L & Carl H 2/8 Ella M, Carl & Norman 2/15 John M & Norman W 2/18 John M & Carl H 2/22 Carl/Nathan H & Richard L 2/25 Richard L	<u>GREETERS</u> 2/1 Kay K & Karen C 2/8 The Benninger's & Lenny 2/15 The Uttech's & Jim G 12/18 The Prust Family 2/22 The Benninger's & Lenny 2/25 The Prust Family	<u>ACOLYTE</u> 2/1 Sophia Hoepfner 2/8 Dylan Wegner 2/15 Jasmine Albedyll 2/22 Damon Wegner	Door Openers: Malachi, Sophia, Shane, Violet & Ben