

Faith•times

Monthly Newsletter of Faith Lutheran Church and School | August 2026



Pastor Hoeppner's Message

Dear Faith Family,

One more semester! I have been taking classes off and on for the past eleven years. I am scheduled to complete my General Pastor's Certificate in December. I start in August and I appreciate your prayers. I also want to thank those who supported me financially to help me be a better educated pastor. I also thank my family as they gave me patience when I had to study after hours or during the weekend. The last class is The Book of John. I am excited to jump into the deeper parts of John and see the bigger picture of God's Word. I am excited to spend more time visiting, planning services, teaching, and studying for sermons.

I also invite you to our Vacation Bible School this year held from August 3-7. It is a fun week filled with games, food, crafts, but most importantly the study of God's Word. If you would like to donate any items, please see the sign-up sheet in the back of church.

I recently received the book that the men will be studying for their Thursday Night Gathering. It is titled The Armor of God. It is a fascinating book with visuals to remind ourselves that our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms. (Ephesians 6:12) It will be a tool to use to remind ourselves to put on the full armor of God. More information will be sent out about this study and other studies that are available to join.

Blessed August,
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

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- The Thursday night men's Bible class is going to begin in September the study of the "armor of God" that St. Paul talks about in the sixth chapter of the Book of Ephesians. St. Paul was inspired to talk about this subject, when the Ephesians like Paul were being persecuted for their faith in Jesus Christ. Christians were considered to be a strange and suspicious cult, because they did not worship the Roman emperor or the gods and goddesses that their neighbors did. Consequently, they were publicly persecuted, imprisoned, or even killed. Therefore, to encourage them, St. Paul reminded the Ephesians that they had the armor of God with which to defend and protect themselves. This study begins on Thursday, September 3rd at 6pm.
- Church Council will meet on Sunday, August 16th at 8 am at Faith.
- Faith is in need of a new roof. We will start fundraising in the near future. If you have any ideas on fundraising, please contact Korbyn Prust or Tim Nelson.
- 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 Hoepfner.

Faith • brations

We Celebrate with August Birthdays

Aaron Erdmann	2	Zoe Kunert	16
Julius Albedyll	5	Joan Jacobson	16
Marcus Albedyll	5	Nim Albedyll	23
Judi Hoepfner	6	James Smith	27
Kevin Stendel	8	Gavin Smith	28
Karen Clutterbuck	9		



God's Blessings to you!

Faith • *full*

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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 8/10 and 8/24 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

When we proceed thus far in the article, we remain on the right way, as it is written, Hos 13:9: O Israel, thou hast destroyed thyself; but in Me is thy help. 'However, as regards these things in this disputation which would soar too high and beyond these limits, we should with Paul place the finger upon our lips and remember and say, Rom 9:20: 'O man, who art thou that repliest against God?'" The Formula of Concord describes the mystery which confronts us here not as a mystery in man's heart, but teaches that, when we try to understand why "one is hardened, blinded, given over to reprobate mind, while another, who is indeed in the same guilt, is converted again, "we enter the domain of the unsearchable judgements of God and ways past finding out, which are not revealed to us in His Word, but which we shall know in eternal life. 1 Cor. 13:12

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.



Stewardship

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LCMS Stewardship Ministry – lcms.org/stewardship Newsletter Article – August 2026

Winston Churchill reportedly said that “we make a living by what we get, but we make a life by what we give.” According to Churchill, our lives are defined not by what we have gotten, but by what we give away.

Our Lord’s life is defined in this way. He gave completely of Himself for us. He became man for us. He taught the truth of God’s Word. He healed those with many and various diseases. He died the death that we deserved for our sins. He gave of Himself in order to save us from sin, death and hell. And so it is that by giving completely of Himself, He got for Himself us, making us citizens of His eternal kingdom by grace.

As it was for Jesus, so it also is for us. We get more from giving than we do from simply getting. For, giving softens our hearts and frees us from the grip which the worries of this world and making a living have on us. When we are singularly focused on making a living, we are singularly focused on what we get. That mindset begins to bleed into all areas of our lives — our relationships with friends and family, with neighbors and coworkers and with the Lord. It shifts our focus from asking the question, “How can I be a friend, family member, neighbor and servant to others?” to asking the question, “What have they done for me lately?” We become more selfish instead of selfless.

But when we give, we do not have less, nor do we become less; rather, we have more and become more. When we give, we join in the bond of friendship and family, the bond of service to those around us out of love for them. And love is the fulfillment of the Law. It is the nature of God Himself, for God is Love. Thus, we are participating in the Divine Nature. As Jesus said, “It is more blessed to give than to receive” (Acts 20:35).

Join us for VBS on August
3rd—7th from
9 - 11:30 am!



School • news



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Soar on wings like eagles - Isaiah 40:31

Happy Birthday & God's blessings!

8/5 Gabriel Hewison
8/6 Mrs. Hoepfner
8/25 Mrs. Walter

SAVE THE DATE!

- August 3-7th VBS
- August 27th—First Day of School

A GREAT YEAR STARTS TOGETHER!

YOU'RE INVITED!

FAITH LUTHERAN SCHOOL

BACK TO SCHOOL NIGHT!

TUESDAY, AUGUST 25, 2026
5:00 - 7:00 PM

LET'S LEARN, GROW & SHINE!

See you there!

MEET YOUR TEACHER!
Come say hello and get excited for the upcoming year!

DROP OFF SCHOOL SUPPLIES!
Bring your supplies and get ready for a great year!

PARENTS: COMPLETE ALL NECESSARY PAPERWORK!
We'll have everything you need for the upcoming school year!

VISIT YOUR CLASSROOM AND GET READY FOR AN AMAZING YEAR!

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Our first day of school is August 27th!

Hot Lunch will begin in September! The cost is \$3 per meal!

August 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
READER/ASSISTANT 8/2 Ella M, Carl H & Norman 8/9 Carl H & John M 8/16 Richard L & Dan B 8/23 Dan B & Richard L 8/30 John M & Norman W	GREETERS 8/2 The Prust Family 8/9 The Benninger's & Kay K 8/16 The Uttech's & Jim G 8/23 The Prust Family 8/30 The Benninger's & Kay K	ACOLYTE 8/2 Kinsley Nelson 8/9 Shay DaWalt 8/16 Michael Andrie 8/23 Emma Wegner 8/30 Sophia Hoepfner	Door Openers: Malachi, Sophia, Shane, Violet & Ben			1
2 9 am service Bible Study	3	4	5	6	7	8
			VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 9 – 11:30 AM			
9 9 am service Bible Study	10 Scrip due by noon	11 Commuter Bible Study 7:30 am @ McDon-ald's in Johnson Creek	12	13	14	15
16 Church Council 8am 9 am Service Bible Study	17	18	19	20	21	22
23 9 am Service Bible Study	24 Scrip due by noon	25 Back to School Night 5-7 pm	26	27 First Day of School	28	29
30 9 am Service Bible Study	31					