

Faith•times

Monthly Newsletter of Faith Lutheran Church and School | April 2025



Pastor Hoepfner's Message

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Recently, I found myself waiting in a hallway during my daughter's piano lessons. Around me were a dozen rooms filled with students practicing their musical skills. One room held a male student preparing for an opera performance, another hosted a talented pianist playing a beautiful piece, and down the hall, a girl was diligently practicing a wind instrument.

As I listened to each student perfect their craft, I marveled at the beautiful gift of music. I realized that these individuals weren't just playing for themselves in practice rooms; they were also preparing to share their talents with others.

This made me reflect on our daily walk with God. We continuously practice learning God's Word and drawing close to Him in prayer within the privacy of our homes. However, our faith is not meant to remain confined to our rooms. We come together at church to pray, hear the amazing message of salvation, and receive God's guidance on the works He has prepared for us. Our faith extends into our daily lives, allowing us to shine God's light in the world.

We have many beautiful services planned for the month of April, and I invite you to join us:

- Maundy Thursday: April 17th at 6:30 PM
- Good Friday: April 18th at 6:30 PM
- Easter Sunday: A special service celebrating our risen King and the Good News of the Gospel.

Peace be to you,
Pastor Hoepfner

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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.

- Join us for our Wednesday Night Lent Services. There will be a potluck meal at 5:30 pm and service at 6:30 pm.
- Maundy Thursday service is on April 17th at 6:30 pm.
- Good Friday service is April 18th at 6:30 pm.
- Easter Sunday service is on April 20th at 9am. There is a breakfast before service at 8 am with a free will offering that will be dedicated for the Youth Gathering this year in New Orleans.
- 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!
- Join us for Chapel with the school children on Wednesday's at 9:30 am.
- 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 April Birthdays

Dylan Wegner	4	Mildred Chapman	22
Terry Frazier	11	Kira Schlichting	23



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 4/7 and 4/21 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 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.

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.



Anchored in Christ - Hebrews 6:19

PARENT SPONSORED LUNCH:

April 2nd - The Prust Family -
Grilled Cheese, fruit & treat

April 16th - by Avery Hoedel -
Chocolate Chip pancakes, sausage
links & apple slices

Happy Birthday & God's blessings!

4/1 Franklin Mathias
4/4 Jonesy Phillips
4/16 Mrs. Clouse
4/16 Imogene Mathias

Join us for

MUFFINS in the Morning

TUESDAY, APRIL 8TH

9:30-10 AM

FAITH LUTHERAN SCHOOL 626 MILFORD ST.

Don't miss out on this amazing event!
We extend this invitation to you moms
and all other cherished women in your
life for this special event!

Please RSVP to Kristin in
the office!

SAVE THE DATE!

April 1th - Doughnuts with Grown Ups

- April 8th - Muffins in the Morning
- April 1-8th - Bookfair Week!
- April 18 & 21 - NO SCHOOL
- April 28 - 6 pm PACE meeting
- May 23rd - Last Day of School
- May 30th - Brat Fry at Glenn's

Join us for

Donuts With Grownups!

Tuesday
April 1st
9:30 - 10 am

Faith Lutheran School
626 Milford Street
Watertown

Join us for a delightful morning celebrating the incredible
grown-ups who shape our lives!

We extend this invitation to you dads and
cherished men in your life for this special
event.

RSVP to Kristin in the office

It is time for our annual Scholastic
Book Fair! It will be open daily
March 31st - April 8th from 7:30-8
am and from 3-3:30 pm. It will also
be open after our parent events
and spring musical (April 14th)!



School • news



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April 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
		1 French toast, sausage links & fruit	2 -Family Sponsored Lunch - The Prust Family - Grilled cheese, fruit & treat	3 Lasagna, garlic bread & salad	4	5
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
		8 Snack lunch - cheese, sausage, crackers, fruit, veggies, etc.	16 -Family Sponsored Lunch - Avery Hoedel - chocolate chip pancakes, sausage links & apple slices	10 Hot ham, rolls, mashed potatoes & hot veggie	NO SCHOOL	
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
	NO SCHOOL	Hot dogs, soft pretzels, veggies & dip		Tacos, Spanish rice & fruit		
27	28	29	30			
		Pancakes, cheese cups & fruit				

April 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<u>GREETERS</u> 4/2 The Uttech's & Jim G 4/6 The Prust Family 4/9 The Uttech's & Jim G 4/13 The Benninger's & Lenny	<u>GREETERS</u> 4/17 The Prust Family 4/18 The Benninger's & Lenny 4/20 The Uttech's & Jim G 4/27 The Prust Family	1 Doughnuts with Grown Ups 9:30-10 am	2 Chapel 9:30 AM Confirmation 2:30-4:30 PM Lenten Meal 5:30 pm & Service 6:30 pm	3 3	4 Spring Musical 6:30 pm	5 5
6 9 am service Sunday School & Bible Study	7 Scrip due by noon	8 Commuter Bible Study 7:30 am @ McDonald's in John- son Creek Muffins in the Morn- ing 9:30-10 am	9 Chapel 9:30 AM Lenten Meal 5:30 pm & Service 6:30 pm	10 10	11 11	12 Sue Finger's Funeral 2 pm
13 9 am service Sunday School & Bible Study	14 14	15 15	16 Chapel 9:30 AM Confirmation 2:30-4:30 PM	17 Maundy Thursday Service 6:30 pm	18 Good Friday Ser- vice 6:30 pm No School	19 19
20 8 am breakfast & 9 am Easter Service Bible Study	21 Scrip due by noon No School	22 Commuter Bible Study 7:30 am @ McDonald's in Delafield	23 Chapel 9:30 AM	24 24	25 25	26 26
27 9 am service Sunday School & Bible Study	28 PACE meeting 6 pm	29 29	30 Chapel 9:30 AM Confirmation 2:30-4:30 PM	<u>READER/ASSISTANT</u> 4/6 Nathan H/Carl H & Nor- man W 4/9 Pastor Hoepfner 4/13 Ella M, Dan B & Norman W 4/17 Normans W & Pastor H	<u>READER/ASSISTANT</u> 4/18 Carl H 4/20 Richard L & Carl H 4/27 Dan B & Norman W	<u>ACOLYTE</u> 4/6 Kinsley Nelson 4/13 Shay DaWall 4/20 Emma Wegner 4/27 Zoe Kuneit