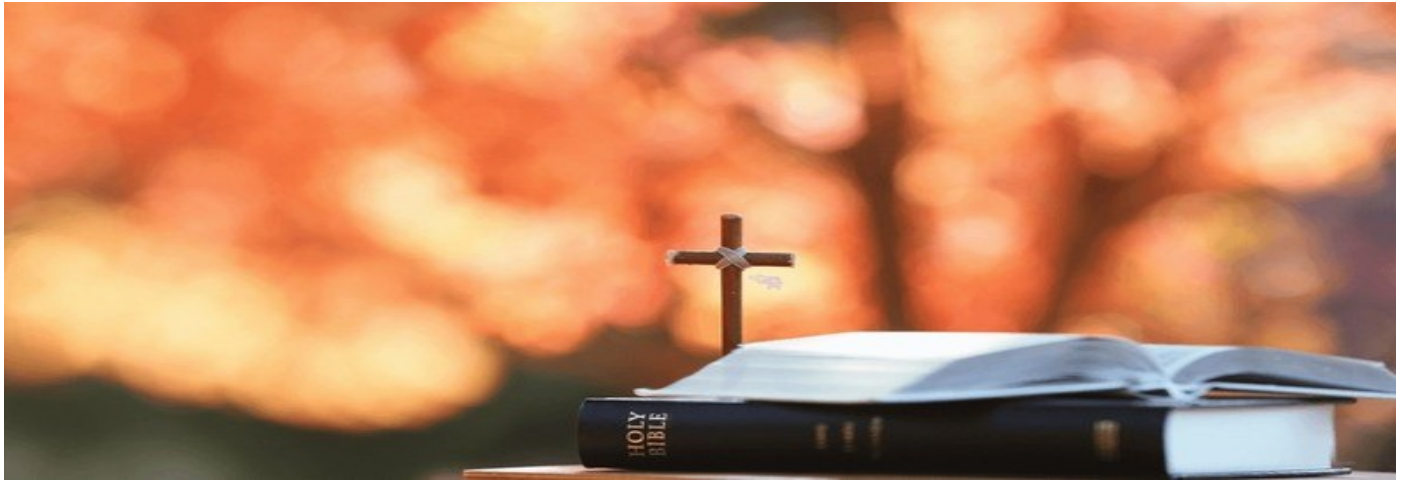


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Monthly Newsletter of Faith Lutheran Church and School | September 2025



Pastor Hoeppner's Message

Dear Faith Family,

What is going on when I say, "In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit" during the first part of the service?

There are a couple of points I share with you this month. First, we are invoking God's name as we order our worship, making it clear that this is His service to us, not our service to God. We call upon God to bless that which will be done in His name.

Second, we do not come to God with our own merits. We come, as God has called gathered and enlightened us to worship Him. We are calling upon God to be true to His Word.

Last, this beautiful phrase reminds us of our own baptismal beginning. We reflect on our baptism has God's name was placed upon us in the Word and Water. We are reminded of whose we are in Jesus Christ. Maybe you have never heard this explained. This part of the service has been passed down through the centuries and it is a gift to remind us that when we come to church, it is God serving us.

I share with you the many things that are happening in September. I invite you to come to our Wednesday morning chapel at 9:30 am. Starting on September 3rd from 6-7 pm, there will be two Bible studies to choose from. This is part of our Wednesday Night Gathering. A children's study will also be available. They will be held the first and third Wednesday. Bible Class will begin on September 14 after the church service. We will be studying the series called "How We Got the Bible." Last, I invite you to the church picnic on September 7th. It will be a time of fellowship, food, and fun.

Pastor Hoeppner

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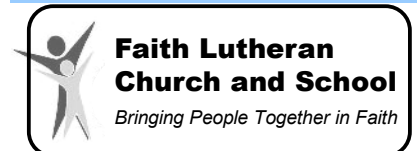
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"Raise up a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not depart from his ways."
Proverbs 22:6

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.

- All Boards meeting is on Monday, September 8th at 6pm.
- We are thankful for the volunteers and support for the upgrade of our playground at Faith. We are thankful for the volunteers and support for the upgrade of our playground at Faith.
- The Men's Bible Class that meets on the 1st and 3rd Wednesday nights of each month is going to study the Book of Revelation that Christ gave to St. John on the Island of Patmos through a very special angel. The study will begin on Wednesday night, September 3rd. And the book itself will be addressed in three parts: (1) John's vision of Jesus Christ, chapter 1; (2) Jesus' seven letters to the seven Christian churches in Asia Minor, i.e., modern day Turkey, in chapters 2 and 3; (3) And John's many frightening, mysterious, and symbolic visions of what the End of the World will look like as it impacts our lives, in chapters 4-22. Verses from both the Old and New Testaments will be consulted in an attempt to decipher the meaning of the 400 plus verses of this book, thereby, letting Scripture interpret Scripture.
- 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.

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We Celebrate with September Birthdays

Stephanie Mazzoni	1	Malachi Mock	17
Shannon Hoepfner	7	Kalie Hoepfner	22
Bradley Nelson	10	Haylie Wegner	23
Norman Wheeler	12	Nathan Hoepfner	25
Shay DaWalt	15	Jim Puscheck	28



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 9/8 and 9/22 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 God

On the basis of the Holy Scripture's we teach the sublime article of the Holy Trinity; that is, we teach that the one true God, Deut. 6:4; 1 Cor. 8:4, is the Father and the Son and the Holy Ghost, three distinct persons, but of one and the same divine essence, equal in power, equal in eternity, equal in majesty, because each person possesses the one divine essence entire, Col. 2:9, Matt 28:19. We hold that all teachers and communions that deny the doctrine of the Holy Trinity are outside the pale of the Christian Church. The Triune God is the God who is gracious to man, John 3:16-18, 1 Cor. 12:3. since the Fall, no man can believe in "fatherhood" of God except he believe in the eternal Son of God, who became man and reconciled us to God by His vicarious satisfaction, 1 John 2:23, John 14:6. Hence we warn against Unitarianism, which in our country has to a great extent impenetrated the sects and its being spread particularly also through the influence of the lodges.

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 – September 2025

Work and Keep

"The Lord God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to work it and keep it" (Genesis 2:15). Genesis chapters one and two are familiar to us. We know them best as the Creation Account. Chapter one is where we hear the familiar, "let there be...and there was" directives. Chapter two gives us the account of Adam (the man) being formed from the "Adamah" (the dust) and becoming a living being when he receives the breath of life in his nostrils. Because of this, it would be quite easy to simply lump these two chapters into the category of creation accounts. But do not be too hasty in this! While these two chapters do faithfully relate to us the account of creation, they also give us the creation of the "office" of steward. The man, created in the image of God in Genesis 1 and formed from the dust in Genesis 2, is created for a distinct purpose. He is created to be a steward of the perfect and beautiful creation that the Lord has made! In fact, this is THE reason that man was made. He — and we — were created in the image of God to be stewards of God's creation. This purpose is spelled out in verse 15 of Genesis 2. The steward has one job, with two purposes. It is fitting that in the month that our nation marks Labor Day, we consider the task of steward. The first purpose of the job of steward is to work. The steward is the caretaker of the Garden. Being a steward is work! Before the fall into sin, this was not an onerous task. But it was an active thing. Imagine being a farmer in the Garden of Eden! Work would be only harvest. No plowing. No planting. No cultivating. No weeding. The perfect garden that the Lord had made would simply produce automatically to provide for man, woman, and all living beings! But there is a second task in verse fifteen. The word "keep" is not just a synonym for work. This second task is related to defending. This garden, holy by virtue of its being called into existence by a holy God, needed to be defended. Here is where the vocation of steward becomes priestly. The steward was to defend the perfect and holy garden from that which was unholy. Later in the Old Testament, this was the task of the priests in the tabernacle and temple. They were to defend with their lives the Holy of Holies. This too is the labor of stewardship. It is a labor that calls the steward to be willing to put the garden before life! Stewardship was always work. It only got burdensome after the original steward, Adam, failed to defend the garden from the alien word of the serpent. But this was not a failure of harvest. It was a failure to defend the garden! As a result, all work that followed that failure became burdensome. The steward failed but was never fired. That is why we have such an issue with stewardship to this day. We continue to live out a pre-fall vocation in a fallen world as failed stewards. That is why we in the church need to be reminded of our vocational call to be stewards. We so easily forget that this world is not ours to do with as we please. Nothing is ours. We are but stewards entrusted with managing the creation for the glory of God and the benefit of the neighbor. It is a daunting task. But it is the one to which we have been called. We cannot do it on our own. Apart from the grace of God shared with us through Jesus, we would be burdened to the point of temporal and eternal death. But the Holy Spirit calls us by the Gospel! This Gospel connects us to the fertile garden of Christ's Work on our behalf. Now we are stewards of that grace! The Holy Spirit works this in and through us today and every day. This is the work of the church. It is also the work of the individual steward. The Lord has placed us in the "garden" with the same twofold purpose: work and keep! Enjoy your labor. For in the Lord, our labor is never in vain!

Soar on wings like eagles - Isaiah 40:31

Happy Birthday & God's blessings!

9/6 Cater Woolard
9/7 Mrs. Shannon
9/17 Malachi Mock
9/26 Iris Cheng

SAVE THE DATE!

- September 1st - NO SCHOOL
- September 15th - PACE meeting 6 pm
- October 23-24th NO SCHOOL

Dear Faith Families,

We are so excited to invite you to our first PACE meeting of the school year! This is a great chance to connect with others, hear about upcoming events, share your ideas, and discover ways you can support our school community!

DATE: **Monday September 15th**
TIME: **6:00pm**
LOCATION: **Faith Lunchroom**

At this meeting, we'll discuss fundraisers, share plans for school activities, and talk about how we can work together to make this year a success!

All are welcome-parents, grandparents, aunts and uncles, and anyone who wants to be involved in supporting our students!

Your voice and ideas make a real difference, and we would love to see you there!

Thank you for your support!
Korbyn Prust
(920) 545-9030

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 NO SCHOOL	2 Chocolate chip pancakes, sa- sage links, cheese sticks & fresh fruit	3 Parent Sponsored Lunch - The Hoepfner Family - Muffins, yogurt, veg- gies & berries	4 Hot dogs, home- made pretzels, veggies and dip & treat	5	6
7	8	9 Sub sandwiches, popcorn, veg- gies and dip & granola bar	10	11 Spaghetti and meat sauce, gar- lic bread & hot veggie	12	13
14	15	16 French toast, fruit, yogurt & ba- con	17 Parent Sponsored Lunch - The Phillips Family -	18 Chicken tenders, curly fries, but- tered corn & treat	19	20
21	22	23 Salad bar & but- tered rolls	24	25 Scrambled eggs, hashbrown pat- ty, fruit & cheese cubes	26	27
28	29	30 Tacos, Spanish rice & fruit				

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	1 NO SCHOOL	2	3 Chapel 9:30 am Wednesday Night Gathering 6 pm	4	5	6
7 9 am service Church Picnic	8 Scrip due by noon All Board's Meeting 6pm	9 Commuter Bible Study 7:30 am @ McDonald's in John- son Creek	10 Chapel 9:30 am	11	12	13
14 9 am service Sunday School & Bible Study	15 PACE 6pm	16	17 Chapel 9:30 am Wednesday Night Gathering 6 pm	18	19	20
21 Church Council 8am 9 am Service Sunday School & Bible Study	22 Scrip due by noon	13 Commuter Bible Study 7:30 am @ McDonald's in Delafield	24 Chapel 9:30 am	25	26	27
28 9 am service Sunday School & Bible Study	29	30		<p><u>READER/ASSISTANT</u></p> <p>9/17 Carl H & Norman W 9/14 Nathan H & Dan B 9/21 Richard L & Norman W 9/28 Ella M, Dan B & Carl H</p>	<p><u>GREETERS</u></p> <p>9/17 The Prust Family 9/14 The Benninger's & Lenny 9/21 The Uttech's & Jim G 9/28 The Prust Family</p>	<p><u>ACOLYTE</u></p> <p>9/17 Emma Wegner 9/14 Sophia Hoepfner 9/21 Dylan Wegner 6/28 Jasmine Albedyll</p>