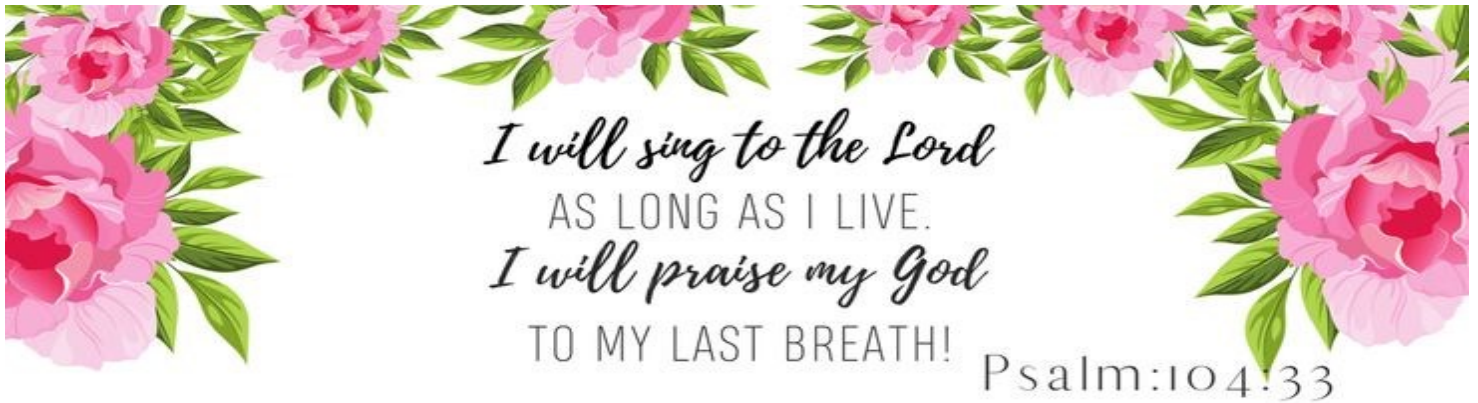


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Pastor Hoepfner's Message

Dear Faith Family,

What is worship? People often think that worship is about what we do for or toward God. The reality is quite different. In the Divine Service, God is providing His service for us. In the reading, the preaching, and the proclamation of His Word and in His Sacraments of Baptism and Communion, God comes to us. In worship, God gives His grace and then we respond with thanks and praise.

Our Lord is the Lord who serves. He came to serve and give His life as a ransom for many. On the cross He offered Himself as a spotless sacrifice for the sin of the whole world. For those who come to the service, think about how God serves you in this precious gift.

During the month of June, I will be traveling to Saint Louis to attend a class at Concordia Seminary. The focus will be on preaching. I will also be attending The English District Convention in Ann Arbor Michigan. Our district will be voting on many resolutions. I ask for your prayers during this very busy month for me. I also pray for those who will be filling in giving messages as I focus on my class and the convention during those two weeks in June.

We also will be participating in a Fun Friday Fellowship with other church at the Bentzin Town Square. This will take place on Friday, June 20th from 6 to 8pm. We are looking for volunteers for this great event. Please let me know if you are interested. Let us declare the praises of Him who called us out of darkness into His marvelous light.

Pastor Seth

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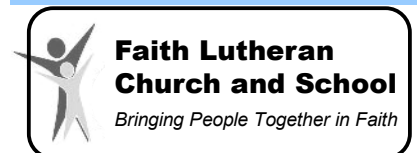
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"Raise up a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not depart from his ways."
Proverbs 22:6

Mission Statement

Faith Lutheran Church and School exists to worship, serve and grow in Jesus Christ.
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Announcements

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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, June 22 at 8 am here at Faith.
- There will be a voter's meeting on Sunday, June 29th following the 9 am service.
- Please save the date as Faith is taking part in an outreach event with other churches at the Town Square on June 20th from 6-8 pm.
- Pastor had a request to go through Adult Confirmation instruction. If you would like to join this class, please let Pastor Hoepfner know. Dates and times have not been scheduled
- Vacation Bible School is August 4-8 from 9-11:30 am. We are in need of volunteers and donations of items, please see the bulletin board to sign up!
- 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 June Birthdays

Kyle Albedyll	1	Hannah Mock	17
Kayla Wegner	5	Evrett Fessler	19
Korbyn Prust	8	Edward O'Riley	19
Ingrid Baum	10	Gerry Siegel	21
Sophia Hoepfner	10	Hope Heger	23
Rebecca Roell	11		



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 6/2, 6/16 and 6/30 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 Holy scriptures

We teach that the Holy Scriptures differ from all other books in the world in that they are the Word of God. They are the Word of God because the holy men of God who wrote the Scriptures wrote only that which the Holy Ghost communicated to them by inspiration, 2 Tim 3:16; 2 Pet. 1:21. We teach also that the verbal inspiration of the Scriptures is not a so-called "theological deduction," but that it is taught by direct statements of the Scriptures, 2 Tim 3:16, John 10:35, Rom 3:2; 1 Cor 2:13. Since the Holy Scriptures are the Word of God, it goes without saying that they contain no errors or contradictions, but that they are in all their parts and words the truth, also in those parts which treat of historical, geographical, and other secular matters, John 10:35.

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 – June 2025

Rooted in Christ, Growing in Stewardship

The heartland is now awash in various hues of green. The doldrums of winter give way to the colors of spring. Now, the promise of spring gives way to the growth of summer. Fields are planted and sprouted. Gardens are planted. Flowers adorn the beds of neighborhood homes and roadside ditches. Green is the shade of life!

Green growth is also the hue of the faithful steward. The seed of faith planted in human hearts in the waters of Holy Baptism grows as it is nurtured in the Word proclaimed and ingested in the Holy Supper. This faith does indeed save. But our stewardship of the Gospel is also designed to bear fruit for God's glory and the benefit of our neighbor.

To consider this, let us look at the hymn, "Fruitful Trees, the Spirits Sowing" (LSB 691). It is very much a stewardship hymn!

Fruitful trees, the Spirit's sowing, May we ripen and increase, Fruit to life eternal growing, rich in love and joy and peace.

- The tree of faith is not planted in us by us. It is the Spirit's work! We do not claim the title "steward." Rather, we are created for it (Gen. 1:26–28).
- He is the One who makes it grow in us. The fruits of the Spirit are borne out because we, by grace through faith, are connected to the vine that is Jesus (John 15).

Laden branches freely bearing Gifts the Giver loves to bless; Here is fruit that grows by sharing, Patience, kindness, gentleness.

- Our stewardship is NOT about what we do. It is about what the Holy Spirit does in and through us. That is the fruit that we bear. His fruit for His purposes.
- But that fruit is lived out through us. The world sees the fruit of our stewardship of the Gospel in lives lived connected to Word and Sacrament.

Rooted deep in Christ our Master, Christ our pattern and our goal, Teach us, as the years fly faster, Goodness, faith, and self-control.

- Stewards have been created and redeemed to reflect the image of Jesus in the world. He is the pattern. We reflect to others around us the Light of the Gospel He has shone on us.
- This reflection comes when Christ's goodness flows from us to others.

Fruitful trees, the Spirit's tending, May we grow till harvests cease; Till we taste, in life unending, Heaven's love and joy and peace.

- Just as the Spirit has created us for stewardship of the Gospel, so also does He cause our faithfulness! He calls, gathers, enlightens, sanctifies and KEEPS us in this faithful stewardship of the Gospel.
- The ultimate goal of our faithful stewardship is eternity. For us. For our neighbor. All worked out by the Spirit.

Green is the color of the world right now. It is also the color of our stewardship and it is growing in us as we are connected to the vine, Jesus! God grant our growth in Him!

Anchored in Christ - Hebrews 6:19

Happy Birthday & God's blessings!

6/8 Mrs. Prust
6/10 Sophia Hoepfner
6/17 Mrs. Mock
6/18 Emily Marciel

SAVE THE DATE!

- Vacation Bible School - August 4th - 8th
from 9-11:30 am



HAPPY
SUMMER

Registration for the
2025-2026 School
year is still open!
Refer a new family
and you will
receive a \$100
tuition credit!



June 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 9 am service Bible Study	2 Scrip due by noon	3	4	5	6	7
8 9 am service Bible Study	9	10 Commuter Bible Study 7:30 am @ McDonald's in John- son Creek	11	12	13	14
15 9 am service Bible Study	16 Scrip due by noon	17	18	19	20 Town Square Event 6-8 pm	21
22 Church Council 8am 9 am Service	23	24	25	26	27	28
29 9 am service Voter's meeting fol- lowing service	30 Scrip due by noon			<u>READER/ASSISTANT</u> 6/1 Norman W & Carl H 6/8 Pastor H, Richard L & Dan 6/15 Carl H & Dan B 6/22 Ella M, Richard L & Nor- man W 6/29 Pastor Kneer & Carl H	<u>GREETERS</u> 6/1 The Prust Family 6/8 The Benninger's & Lenny 6/15 The Uttech'2 & Jim G 6/22 The Benninger's & Lenny 6/29 The Prust Family	<u>ACOLYTE</u> 6/1 Jasmine Albedyll 6/8 Cara Fessler 6/15 Shane Hoepfner 6/22 Kinsley Nelson 6/29 Shay DaWalt