

FAITH UPDATE

“LOOK, THE LAMB OF GOD, WHO TAKES AWAY THE SIN OF THE WORLD!”
JOHN 1:29

Faith Builder

“If you declare with your mouth, ‘Jesus is Lord,’ and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For it is with your heart that you believe and are justified, and it is with your mouth that you profess your faith and are saved.”

-Romans 10:9-10

From the Principal’s Desk

I was blessed to grow up in the foothills of Colorado. As a kid, I spent hours exploring the hillsides and nearby creek. There was always something new to discover and explore. I would not take back the many hours I spent outdoors as a child for anything. Times have changed...according to a recent study, only 6% of children ages 9-13 play outside on their own in a typical week. And according to another finding, American children ages 8-18 spend an average of seven hours and 38 minutes a day using “entertainment media,” including TVs, movies, computers, video games, cell phones, and MP3 players. In his 2005 book, *Last Child in the Woods: Saving Our Children from Nature-Deficit Disorder*, Richard Louv described the negative effects of spending so much time indoors. He believes that alienation from nature can cause diminished use of the senses, attention difficulties, and higher rates of physical and emotional illnesses. He summed up these negative effects by calling it “nature deficit disorder.” While Louv points out that nature deficit disorder is not a medical or psychological diagnosis, he does believe it is an increasingly widespread social condition. He believes this condition plays a role in rising rates of childhood obesity, Attention Deficit Disorder (ADD), Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD), depression, and other physical and developmental issues. So as the weather gets warmer, get your kids outside. Let them get dirty and enjoy God’s beautiful creation. For further reading on this topic, check out the following article: ["Children and Nature: Who let the Kids Out"](#).



Faith Lutheran
 School Mission
 Statement

Faith Lutheran School partners with parents in providing a Christ-centered education that prepares students for life and eternity.

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In His Service,
 Mr. Herkstroeter, M.Ed.
 Principal

Mailbox Ministry The students of Faith Lutheran School take the opportunity to create, write, and send cards to members and relatives of our Faith Family. This week we will make cards for our member, Kathy-Don Ruch, who is struggling with health complications.



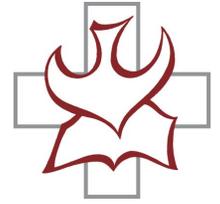
Examination and Confirmation

Confirmation marks a milestone in a student's spiritual life. Completed catechism instruction prepares students to publicly confess their faith and partake in the sacrament of Holy Communion. Examination of this year's confirmation class will take place on Thursday, April 27, at 6:30pm. All are invited to attend this public confession of faith.

Confirmation is scheduled for Sunday, April 30, during the 10:30am service. We give thanks to God for the faith he has instilled in this year's confirmation class and pray that they will continue



to remain students of God's Word for their entire lives: *Ashley Bonilla, Meaghan Doyle, Makayla Henke, Olivia Jacobs, Halle Keifenheim, Brady Loberger, Mason Musack, Anthony Petrowitz, Daryan Rosenthal, Lexy Rumbuc, Addisun Schmitz, Katherine Stucky (Trinity Lutheran-Sheboygan), Elle Teske, Eli Theisen, Alayna Wciorka, Mary Zunker.*



Lemonade Day Saturday, May 6, is the third annual Fond du Lac Area Lemonade Day from 10:00am-2:00pm. Lemonade Day is a nation-wide event that promotes entrepreneurship. Many of our fourth graders, and some fifth graders, are participating in this event. Over the course of seven after-school meetings, our students are learning about marketing, business plans, accounting, customer service, and stewardship of money. If possible, please take some time to visit some of our own Faith "Lemonaders". It would be wonderful for the kids to see the Faith community supporting their interest in becoming our future business leaders. Here's where you can find their lemonade stands:



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- Isaiah Finn & Mason Gesell—Horicon Bank near Menards (1207 W Johnson St)
- Tyler Hoffman & Miles Rusch—Rolling Meadows Golf Course (560 W Rolling Meadows Dr)
- Lacey Keifenheim & Elle Walta—Dental Associates (545 E Johnson St)
- Aaliegna Monroe—New Beginnings (365 E Division St)
- Brooklyn Dins, Kaylie Wodack, & Alix Jahnke—Dins Mini-Mart (N3006, WI 67, Dundee)
- Kylie Benedict & Olivia Bright—The ARC of FDL (500 N Park Ave)
- Grace Worthington, Ava Petrowitz, Chelsea Ferguson, & Jenna Weigand—Backyard Grill (838 E Johnson St).



Enrollment for Next Year

Our enrollment next year is looking very strong. Initial projections have our enrollment growing from 220 (PreK-8) to 230! If you have not done so, please register your child(ren) for next school year via your [Gradelink Account](#). Next year's enrollment will be based on the following preferences as detailed in the Parent/Student Handbook (p.20):

1. Member families who register for the upcoming school year by May 15.
2. Returning community school and preschool families who register for the upcoming school year by May 15.
3. Community families.

**After May 15, open seats will be filled on a first-come, first-served basis, regardless of preference status*

School Dance for Grades 5-8

Faith is hosting its second annual school dance on Saturday, April 22, from 7:30-9:30pm. This is a Student Council sponsored event that is a fun and unique end-of-school-year event for our students in grades 5-8. Here are the details:



- Music will be age appropriate
- The dance is for ONLY Faith students in grades 5-8
- School dress code should be followed
- Tickets for the dance are \$3.00 and are on sale in the school office.
- Each student is encouraged to bring one canned good to the dance that will be donated to a local food pantry.
- Students will need to be signed in and out by an adult (similar to Faith n' Fun)
- Refreshments will be located in cafeteria area
- Mezzanine area will be open for games such as pool, foosball, and air hockey
- All areas will be supervised by parent volunteers. If you are interested in helping, please email Mr. Herkstroeter at sherkstroeter@faithlutheranfdl.org

First Grade Easter Caroling

On Wednesday, April 12, the first grade class went to the Woodlands Senior Home. The class sang Bible songs, Easter hymns, and played handbells. The photo shows Jaideen Pinno sharing her Easter greeting with a resident.



MAP Testing Students in grades K-8 will be completing their third and final sequence of MAP tests this year during the weeks of April 24 and May 1. What is MAP? Measures of Academic Progress (MAP) is an online testing tool that creates a personalized assessment experience by adapting to each student's learning level—precisely measuring student progress and growth for each individual. This third round of MAP testing will show the academic growth for your child since September. Students in grades K-2 will be evaluated in the areas of Math and Reading. Students in grades 3-8 will be evaluated in the areas of Math, Reading, and Language. Look for your child's results to be sent home on Thursday, May 11.

Preschool News

Celebrating Young Children Did you know that this coming week, April 24-28, is the *Week of the Young Child*? The week is an annual celebration hosted by the National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC) celebrating early learning, young children, their teachers, and families. We're so excited for a week-long celebration of our youngest learners!

Daily Themes for Next Week:

Monday—Music Monday

Tuesday—Tasty Tuesday

Wednesday—Work Together Wednesday

Thursday—Artsy Thursday

Friday—Family Friday



Please join us in our celebration—all school family members, church members, and visitors are warmly invited to visit our classroom any of these days!

Study Hall for Softball Practice Nights

This is just a reminder that there will be study hall from 3:00-4:00pm on softball practice nights and home game nights. Softball players are welcome to use this study hall between school and practice. If you are willing to volunteer to monitor a study hall for us, please contact Mr. Walta. Thank you!

Important Upcoming Dates...

Thursday, April 20	***Softball HOME vs. Mt. Calvary 4:15pm—???
	Details pending...watch for updates!
	Running Club 3:15-4:15pm
Monday, April 24	Softball AWAY vs. Lomira 4:30pm
Tuesday, April 25	Softball practice 4:00-5:30pm (study hall 3:00-4:00pm)
	Running Club 3:15-4:15pm
Wednesday, April 26	Softball AWAY vs. Horicon 4:30pm
Thursday, April 27	Running Club 3:15-4:15pm
Wednesday, May 10	WALL Track Meet at WLA
Saturday, May 13	WALL Softball Tournament at Teiler Park in Mayville



WLA Basketball Camp

June 12-15 (boys and girls grades 5-8)

FDL Spring Skill Ball

Sundays in April & May

Faith Basketball Camp

Faith is offering basketball camps July 10-13 for boys and girls entering grades 5-8. These Christ-centered camps are open to Faith students and friends of our community. Each camp will provide 8 hours of instruction with emphasis on shooting, ball handling, Christian sportsmanship, hard work, competition, self-discipline, and positive attitude. Each camp will be limited to 25 participants. [Register](#) now to secure your spot.

- The camp for girls in grades 5-8 is July 10-13 from 8:00-10:00am and will be led by Coach Tim Zunker.
- The camp for boys in grades 5-8 is July 10-13 from 10:30am-12:30pm and will be led by Coach Shawn Herkstroeter.



Faith Forensics There are 21 students in grades 5-8 participating in forensics.

Our two remaining meets will be:

Friday, April 21, at 6:00pm at Grace, Oshkosh

Thursday, April 27, at WLA. Registration is at 6:00pm, the meet starts at 6:30pm.

Fond du Lac Summer School

The Fond du Lac School District is offering Summer School for all students June 12-30. Registration must be done online by April 28. For more information on offered courses and registration, [click here](#).



Winnebago Lutheran Academy News

Assistant Director Needed WLA's Drama Program is looking for help! For our upcoming fall show, we are looking to fill the position of Assistant Director. This person would help stage the play, run rehearsals, and work with the production staff in areas that play to their strengths. If you have a passion for the performing arts and a love for working with students, this would be perfect for you! If you are interested or have questions, please contact Justin Liepert at jliepert@wlvikings.org.

The Event WLA's eighth annual dinner auction, *The Event*, is Saturday, April 29, at South Hills Golf & Country Club. The evening begins at 5:00pm with fellowship and silent auctions, followed by dinner at 7:00pm and the live auction. The evening benefits the WLA Endowment Fund and Wish List. Registration is open at wlvikings.org/theevent.



Grade School Band Concert Please mark your calendars for Saturday, May 6, at 4:00pm for the WLA Association Grade School Band concert.

Prayer for Our Synod

Early Childhood Ministry —Lord Jesus, you have blessed our synod with 392 early childhood ministries. So many children walk through our doors in need of care, learning, and their Savior. Give us teachers who know and trust you and will clearly teach them about your Word. Lead young men and women to consider the opportunity to serve as early childhood directors. The need is great, and the opportunities are many. Help us reach out to as many children as we can, and lead their parents to hunger and thirst for the wonderful news about Jesus! Amen.



Spiritual Growth Opportunities

Weekly Worship Services: Sundays 7:45 & 10:30am Thursdays 6:30pm Saturdays 5:30pm
9:00am Sunday School 9:10am Teen Bible Study 9:10am Bible Class

Summer Worship Schedule: Sundays 7:45 & 9:30am Thursdays 6:30pm Saturdays 5:30pm
(Memorial Day—Labor Day)

School Chapel Service: Fridays 8:05am

Personal Devotions and Other Online Spiritual Resources: WELS: www.wels.net
Bread for Beggars: <http://www.breadforbeggars.com> Online Bible: <https://www.biblegateway.com>

Upcoming Dates & Reminders

Calendar Items

Apr. 22—5-8 Spring Dance 7:30pm
Apr. 27—Confirmand Examination 6:30pm
Apr. 30—Confirmation 10:30am
May 6—Lemonade Day 10:00am-2:00pm
May 12—K-3 & 4-6 Plays 1:30 & 6:30pm
May 19—7-8 Spring Plays 1:30 & 6:30pm

Singing Schedule

May 14—Joyful Praise 7:45am
May 25—K-8 Closing Service 6:30pm



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Mission Offerings

2nd Semester Mission offerings will be collected each Friday to help support Concord Lutheran Academy in Temecula, CA. This is a brand new K-8 WELS school.