



The Crusader – August 23, 2024

Crusader Contemplations

Faith Family,

Why is there so much Jesus talk at Faith Lutheran School? This is a question that is often asked by people new to our school. The answer to me is easy, because Jesus is Lord, He has the greatest story ever told, and because I, and all of us, are called to tell others about the love and salvation found in Christ. Therefore, at Faith Lutheran, we are emboldened and filled with joy to tell others about Jesus, in fact, it is the purpose of our existence of a school.

Because Christ loved us first, we love others, which is why Christ is at the center of all that we do. We know it is from God that all wisdom and knowledge flow. We know it is Jesus who provides our joy and is our rock of refuge when times are hard. Christ is at the center of all we do because we know we are called to tell others about His love and offering of eternal life that can only be found in Jesus. Christ is at the center of all we do, not because every day is great and we are always happy, but because tomorrow on earth is not guaranteed, but in Jesus joy for eternity is always found.

Yesterday our sports teams began their seasons, one team in victory, one team in defeat, but both teams left with lessons for improvement and life. More importantly yesterday was a look back and a promise of what is to come.

Before our soccer game we dedicated our new soccer goals purchased from money donated as a memorial to Landon Henderson, a Faith student who was tragically taken from us too early. We looked back to remember the joy he brought to everyone at Faith Lutheran and in his life outside of school. I was not here while he was, but I feel like I know him in the stories of the true joy felt each day by those who were blessed to know him. I now know a lot about Landon, he was a great young man, loved his friends, was a good student, and was a young man who showed love to those around him, even on the tough days. Most importantly, I know he loved his Lord and today and for eternity is living in his heavenly home with Jesus.

This same look back is a promise of what is to come. The LH14 logo on the soccer goals is not just a memory, but also a reminder of the promise our Savior gave to us on the cross and through the empty tomb. It is a promise that Jesus is in heaven, preparing our place in eternity with Him. It is a promise that He has called us to faith, enlightened us with the Gospel, prepared us for His works here on earth, and has our eternal comfort and joy waiting for us, as we will walk the street of heaven with Jesus when His works through us are complete.

The memories of the times had with Landon for those blessed to know him, the memories of the joy that each of us have with those we have lost, are there not just as memories, but also as arrows pointing back to Jesus. For memories of those the Lord has blessed us with, while we still miss them being with us, are joyful signs pointing to the promises He has made to each one of us and the inheritance we have in Him through faith, for with Jesus, there is always more.

“Let not your hearts be troubled. Believe in God; believe also in me. In My Father’s house are many rooms. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, that where I am you may be also. And you know the way to where I am going... I AM the Way, the Truth, and the Life. No one comes to the Father except through me.” (John 14:1-4, 7)

In Christ and For Faith!

Timothy Leech



Crusader Spotlight

YOUTH ACTIVITIES KING'S KIDS

Elementary Youth Group

About King's Kids

King's Kids is our elementary youth group open to all kids from PK3-4th grade. You do not need to be a member of the church or school to attend! Once a month we join together from 3-5pm in the CLC building and do something similar to VBS- there's games, snacks, crafts and more! Due to our size increase, we are splitting the dates by grade in order to better organize and have more fun!

Save the Dates

PK3-1st Grade:	2nd-4th Grade:
September 6	September 20
October 4	October 18
November 8	November 15
December 6	December 13
January 10	January 24
February 7	February 21
March 7	March 7
April 4	April 11
May 16	May 16

Contact Info

Here are all the ways you can contact for more information:

- myurk@flcse.org
- (678) 773-1844
- Drop by the church office

You Can Help!

The more volunteers, the more fun had by all! We can use anyone from middle and high school kids to retirees, no training required! All we ask volunteers to do is:

- Sign a volunteer release form
- Sign an affidavit of good moral character
- Sign up using the following QR Code:



YOUTH ACTIVITIES YOUTH GROUP

Middle School Youth 5-8th Grades 6-8pm

About Youth

Middle School Youth is open for 5-8th graders, both of the school and church, as well as those outside of either! We meet from 6-8pm (unless marked otherwise) and we usually provide snacks, games, and a devotion/Bible study. We meet in the middle school youth room NEWLY located next to the sanctuary in the church quad.

Save the Dates

Wednesdays

August 28
September 18
October 16
November 20
December 18
January 22
February 19
March 26
April 16
May 14

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Lake Yale Retreat

Calling all 6-8th graders! On November 1-3, the FL/GA district holds a retreat for middle schoolers at Lake Yale. Friday night into Sunday morning, there are games, breakout sessions on Bible studies or life topics, concerts, and even a party on Saturday night! The cost for the weekend is \$185/person, and includes all their meals, hotel stay, T-shirt, and pizza for the party! If you are interested, please let DCE Mike Yurk know!

Crusader News

Crusader Car Magnets

The Faith Lutheran Crusader car magnets are now on sale. The PTL is selling these magnets to spread Crusader pride and to support the events they are planning this year. They are only \$5 and can be purchased directly in the school office.

Soccer Opens Season with Promise

The Crusader soccer team opened its season at home Thursday afternoon against Hampden Dubose and while they fell 3-0 the Crusaders showed the potential they have this season. While the ball didn't find the back of the opposing net, the team played hard for 60 minutes while the storms stayed away. The lessons of the past few JV seasons showed as Coach Fritz's team kept the pressure on the visitors all night as they were able to play in a way that both glorified the Lord and honored the memory of Landon Henderson who was remembered with the dedication of the new soccer goals before the game. Come out next week as the soccer team looks to pick up its first victory next Tuesday at home vs. Real Life at 4:30 pm.

Volleyball

The Crusader varsity volleyball team lept out to an early lead and held on to begin the season with a 2-0 (25-23, 25-17) victory over Hampden Dubose Academy. The team showed both its potential for the season and its trust in each other as they shook off the first game jitters and stuck together as a team. With contributions from all spots on the floor, the 8th grade combination of Lorelei Leech and Kendra Vizzi showed experience, skill, and leadership while 7th grader Abby Debraggio closed the match in victory with great serves. The Lady Crusaders invite you to come cheer them on as they look to stay undefeated at home next Tuesday at home vs. Real Life.

School Lunch

Faith Lutheran School offers three options for School Lunch:

1. Peanut Butter & Jelly (Uncrustable, Apple Sauce or Oranges, Chips, Drink)
\$4 and offered Monday - Friday
2. Pizza by the Slice (Dominos – Cheese, Pepperoni, or Sausage)
\$2 per slice, offered on Tuesdays only
3. Pasta (Dominos – rotating between Chicken Alfredo & Sausage Marinara)
\$6 per serving, offered on Thursdays only

Families can order online and pay through their FACTS family portal.

Students may also order in the morning with their teacher.

VPK Spots Still Available

Do you know a family still looking for a VPK spot for this school year? Mr. Trah's afternoon (12:00 – 3:00 pm) VPK class still has openings available and it is free with the VPK Voucher! Just let them know to call the school office (352-589-5683) for more information and to set up a time to check out Faith Lutheran School.

Eat, Drink, & Shop to Support Faith Lutheran

Faith Lutheran School takes part in the Scrip program which allows you to raise money for FLS without spending more than what you usually spend while eating, drinking, and shopping. Just order gift cards through the Faith Lutheran School office, and then use them to shop. Faith Lutheran gets a percentage back for each gift card sold, so if you spend \$50 at Target or by going out to eat... Faith Lutheran raises money! A great way to support the Crusaders by doing the things you already do. Call 352-589-5683 for more information or check out the order form found on the parent resource page of the school website – www.flseustis.org.

Next on the Crusade...

Saturday, August 24, 2024

5:00 pm Faith Lutheran Creative Worship (Sanctuary)

6:00 pm High School Youth Group

Sunday, August 25, 2024

8:15 am Light Breakfast and Fellowship (Social Hall)

8:45 am Faith Lutheran Sunday School with Mr. Yurk! (Social Hall)

8:45 am Adult Bible Study with Pastor Kappel (Social Hall)

8:45 am Adult Bible Study with Corrine Hoffert (8th Grade Room)

10:00 am Faith Lutheran Church Traditional Worship (Sanctuary)

Tuesday, August 27, 2024

4:30 pm Soccer vs. Real Life

4:30 pm Varsity Volleyball vs. Real Life

Wednesday, August 28, 2024

8:30 am Chapel (Mr. Fritz)

Chapel is in the sanctuary and all families and congregation members are welcome!

6:00 pm Middle School Youth

Thursday, August 29, 2024

4:00 pm JV Volleyball @ St.Lukes

5:00 pm Varsity Volleyball @ St. Lukes

6:00 pm JV Volleyball @ St.Lukes

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