



### The Crusader – September 13, 2024

### **Crusader Contemplations**

Faith Family,

"Do not be deceived, my beloved brothers. Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father..." James 1:16-17

The members of Faith Lutheran Church are going through a Stewardship review and I thought it important enough to bring to our Faith Lutheran School families as well. I know when most people hear the word stewardship they assume they will shortly be asked for offerings or donations, but there is more to stewardship than giving money.

Stewardship begins with the understanding that all we have been given when it comes to our lives is a gift from our Father in heaven. God bestows on us our time to live, our talents and abilities, and the treasures this life has to give. The Bible tells us that everything we have that is a blessing or lesson comes from God. Stewardship is about caring for those gifts that we are given, and then giving back to God through those gifts.

Our Lord blesses us in many ways; therefore, we are able to give back to Him in many ways. We might be short on cash and not be able to write a check for that new school building at Faith Lutheran School, but we may be able to volunteer some hours to help with small projects like painting, pulling weeds, or other areas of need. Maybe we are not able to do physical labor but we can tell others about the wonderful things happening at Faith Lutheran Church & School. On the other hand, maybe, God has granted us room to breathe financially and the Step-Up for Students scholarship, so we can look at a donation to the school for their projects.

Obviously, stewardship is a focus on all areas in one's life, but I do ask you to take a look at the blessing God has given to all of us in Faith Lutheran School. Then on top of that He blessed us further through the Step-Up for Students scholarship.

Now ask, is there a way I can be a good steward of this gift the Lord has given my family? Is there a way in my time, talent, or treasure afforded to me by God that I can bless those in my life at Faith as a way to give back?

We will be creating opportunities in the near future for those who feel moved to provide gifts back through time, talent, and treasure to do just that, not because it is required for enrollment, but because it is a way to take care of and share this blessing of family we know as Faith Lutheran Church & School.

In Christ and For Faith!

Timothy Leech

# **Crusader Spotlight**



**CHRISTMAS** 

## PREMEMBER

PENNY WARS	The beloved Penny Wars are back! It's a fantastic way to support the PTL and for students to compete for a class prize.	Sept. 9 - 13
GRANDPARENTS DAY	We invite all grandparents to join us for this heartwarming celebration and experience the love and appreciation we have for them.	Sept. 20
INTERNET SAFETY EVENT	Parents and students from 5th to 8th grade are invited to attend an informative presentation on internet safety.	ТВА
COMPASSION AND KINDNESS MONTH	Compassion and Kindness Month is a time for us to reflect on our shared faith and commitment to making the world a better place through our actions.	October
	Oct. 2 - Special Chapel Oct. 3 - Blue/Orange Shirt Day Oct. 1-18 - Door Decorating Contest	
TRUNK OR TREAT & PUMPKIN CONTEST	This year's pumpkin theme is 'Heroes vs. Villains.' Submit your pumpkin and join us for a fun-filled Trunk or Treat event.	Oct. 27 5 - 7 PM
CANNED FOOD DRIVE	Classes will gather food items for Thanksgiving baskets, and the class that collects the most will enjoy a special recess with Mr. Leech.	Nov. 18 -22

Join fellow Faith Lutheran School

families for a delightful screening of 'The Grinch Illumination' movie in the Social Hall.

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### **Crusader News**

#### **Grandparents Day Invites**

Families, Grandparents Day is next Friday for Faith Lutheran Church & School. Please make sure your student's grandparents and grand-friends are invited and know they are welcome. We would love to see all our grandparents here and enjoying the new format and most important, enjoying time here with their grandchild. Please let the school office know if your student will be having a grandparent come and let the grandparent know to park under the trees and meet in the church sanctuary.

#### **Soccer Shows Improvements**

The Crusader soccer team was on the road at Hampden Dubose Academy yesterday and while falling 5-1 they showed the improvements Coach Fritz has been looking for. The young team without a single 8<sup>th</sup> grader showed practice has been paying off as pacing, passing, ball control, and offensive pressure all saw major improvements team wide. Leading the way for the Crusaders was Hollis Jackson (7<sup>th</sup>) in goal repeatedly saving shots and Henry Prince (7<sup>th</sup>) who found the back of the net for the team's first goal this season.

#### Jeremiah's Fundraiser

The PTL held a fundraiser where Faith Lutheran School got a portion of the proceeds on Labor Day from Jeremiah's Italian Ice. Thank you Jeremiah's for partnering with us in this way and to our PTL for being active in their support of the teachers and students of Faith Lutheran School.

#### Social Media

Did you know you can help Faith Lutheran advertise just by following us on social media and liking and sharing posts? The more you follow, like, and share the more the algorithm builds and people will see all the fun things we are doing. Follow on Instagram at <a href="www.instagram.com/flcseustis/">www.instagram.com/flcseustis/</a> and on Facebook at <a href="www.facebook.com/FaithLutheranSchool">www.facebook.com/FaithLutheranSchool</a>.

#### JV Volleyball Travels to Lakeland

The youngest of our Crusader volleyball team traveled to Lakeland to take on St. Paul Lutheran School. While both the Blue and Orange teams came up short on the scoreboard, there were many positive highlights to show continued growth in skills. On Blue, Reece Bevlin (6<sup>th</sup>) and Kylie Adriazola (5<sup>th</sup>) offered up strong serves while Jady Adriazola (6<sup>th</sup>) and Lilly Field (6<sup>th</sup>) covered on the defensive with excellent passing. For the Orange, Cerene Reisman (6<sup>th</sup>) provided several service points for the Crusaders as Brynley Page (6<sup>th</sup>) and Loxley Leech (4<sup>th</sup>) showed great movement to the ball in getting under several passes for the defense. Keep it up Lady Crusaders!

### **Next on the Crusade...**

#### Saturday, September 14, 2024

5:00 pm Faith Lutheran Creative Worship (Sanctuary) 6:00 pm High School Youth Group

#### Sunday, September 15, 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 (8<sup>th</sup> Grade Room)
10:00 am Faith Lutheran Church Traditional Worship (Sanctuary)

Tuesday, September 17, 2024
3:15 pm Student Strings
4:30 pm Soccer @ Round Lake Charter School
4:30 pm Volleyball @ Round Lake Charter School

#### Wednesday, September 18, 2024

8:30 am Chapel (Mrs. Leech)

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

2:15 pm Faith Singers

6:00 pm Middle School Youth Group

#### Thursday, September 19, 2024

4:00 pm JV Volleyball vs. Grace Lutheran (Winter Haven)4:00 pm Soccer vs. Grace Lutheran (Winter Haven)5:00 pm JV Volleyball vs. Grace Lutheran (Winter Haven)

#### Friday, September 20, 2024

Grandparents Day! 11:30 am Dismissal for K-8

# **Quick Crusader Links**

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#### **Faith Lutheran Church**

Faith Lutheran School provides a quality education in a close-knit community centered in Christ!

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