

Faith Lutheran School News & Views

September 9, 2009

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Sept. 11	Fall Fund Raiser Assembly
Sept. 16	1 st P.I.E. Meeting 6 p.m.
Sept. 23	Meet at the Pole
Sept. 23-25	5 th /6 th Grade Outdoor Ed
Sept. 26	Family Game Night
Sept. 28-Oct. 1st	Scholastic Book Fair
Oct. 2	Fall Fund Raiser Orders Due
Oct. 8-9	School Pictures
Oct. 13	Midterm
Oct. 14	NW Teacher's Conference
	No school/CC open
Oct. 23	Harvest Carnival

School Office Hours

8 a.m. to 3:45 p.m. Monday – Friday

Please welcome our new school secretary, Holly Rawnsley.

If you use our childcare center and are not on campus during office hours, feel free to leave tuition payments, lunch orders, and other forms with a childcare center staff member.

From the Principal

Welcome Back! The first day of school was beautiful. It was great to see all the excited happy faces. Faith is blessed to have such a wonderful, talented group of students, caring parents, grandparents and caregivers.

I know that this year is going to be fantastic. Our school theme this year is: Securing Each Child's Future – For a Life of Service. The Bible verse that this is based on is I Cor.12:5. "There are different kinds of service, but the same Lord." Everything we do to show respect, concern, and love for each is because of the perfect love that God has shown us.

Our Lord has given us the free gift of Jesus His Son, the forgiveness of our sins, and a promise of eternal life. The staff will help the students focus on how we can exemplify this love in service to others.

The faculty will be praying for different students during their devotion time again this year. Be looking for a card that your family was prayed for by the staff. Also, at any time there is a need that you want us to pray about let your child's teacher or the office know.

Thank you, Faith Parents, for letting us at Faith Lutheran educate your child.

Carla Trantum

Scholastic Book Fair

Faith Lutheran will host a Scholastic Book Fair September 28th to October 1st. Book Fair Hours are Monday – Thursday of that week, from 8:00- 9:00, 11:00- 1:00, and 3:00- 4:00.

The Book Fair will be set up in the Fellowship Hall. Each purchase earns money for the school, in the form of new books. All classes will be able to tour the Book Fair on its opening day.

We need parent volunteers to ring up sales and restock shelves at the Book Fair. Without you, we can't possibly host this event.

Please stop by the office and sign up to help.

Bookkeeping Notes

Tuition payments are due by the 5th of each month. MasterCard and Visa are always accepted. You may pay at the school office or childcare center. Watch for your tuition statements to come home with your child near the end of each month.

If you would like to have our bookkeeper automatically charge your credit card each month, stop by the office and fill out the appropriate form.

Please remember that you have until October 31st to take advantage of the 5% discount by paying the yearly tuition in full!

Stewardship Hour Notes

It's not too early to start completing your required Stewardship Hours.

Teachers are happy to help find projects for you, but can't always pull something together at the drop of a hat. If you would like to correct papers or volunteer for your teacher, please speak with the teacher in advance of your work time. We appreciate this!

Please note: We don't know you've volunteered unless you tell us! You are responsible for turning in your volunteer hours, using our timesheet. Pick up a timesheet at the school office.

Students whose parents are more involved than average have academic achievement rates a full 30% higher than other students, according to 25 recent research studies
-from *A New Wave of Evidence*, 2002

Why Is Faith Lutheran School Here?

The start of a new school year is the perfect time to explain just how Faith Lutheran Church and School work together and how you can get involved.

The school has been a mission of **Faith Lutheran Church since 1971**. In addition to housing the school, the church gives financial support to the school through mission offerings and through tuition assistance for church members. Faith Lutheran Church members have 25% of their school tuition paid by the church.

Our school is governed by a **school board** comprised of church members who have been voted onto the board by the congregation. These board members are volunteers. Because they love and support the school, they donate their time for meetings and decision-making. The number of people on the board varies from year to year, based on how many people volunteer. The current chairperson is church member Carolyn Kerr.

Our **principal**, Carla Trantum, reports directly to the school board. She serves as the link between parents, teachers, board members, and the community.

The Faith Lutheran Church **pastor** is not involved in day-to-day school operations, but assists with chapel and other ministry issues.

From the Childcare Center

Childcare is a very busy place, especially with the excitement of a new school year. If you have questions or concerns about your childcare bill, please speak with me.

I have a few reminders for anyone using childcare between 11:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m.

Your child needs a sack Lunch (lunch box).

We do not heat lunch items in childcare. We have a rest time from 12:45 – 2:30 p.m. Your child needs to bring a blanket for this.

Every young child needs an extra change of clothing to be kept here. It's always nice to have that comfort.

We do have a homework time for the older children after school, but they must be willing to do their work! We cannot force them!

We are not allowing toys or games from home at this time.

Sharon Avery,
Childcare Director

Chapel

Chapel is held every Wednesday, alternating between morning and afternoon services. Parents and families are welcome to join the students of Faith Lutheran School for chapel on:

Wed., Sept. 16	2:45 a.m.
Wed., Sept. 23	8:45 p.m.
Wed., Sept. 30	2:30 p.m.

Chapel will be led by Pastor Matt on the 16th, Mrs. Tranum on the 23rd and by Mrs. Broman on the 30th.

Students are encouraged to bring mission money to chapel for the offering basket. Chapel offerings through October are going to **Lutheran Bible Translators**. Did you know that two-thirds of the world's languages do not have any written scripture.

P.I.E. Fall Fundraiser

P.I.E.'s annual fall fundraiser will kick off this Friday. The parent coordinator for this project is Angela Spence. Details will be discussed at an assembly this Friday, Sept. 11th at 1:00. For now, please note that we will be selling something new for us this year. Our students will be selling Chippery Gourmet Place and Bake cookies. Several of you were able to get a taste of the delicious cookies on Meet the Teacher Night.

P.I.E. Meetings

All parents are invited to participate in our **parent-teacher group**, called “Partners in Education” or P.I.E. This group meets monthly to discuss school needs and fundraisers, and to plan special events for school families. One of the first things P.I.E. works on is our October “Harvest Carnival.”

The first Partners In Education (P.I.E.) meeting will be Wednesday, Sept. 16th from 6 to 7 p.m. in Mr. Lueck’s classroom. Dinner is not provided, but you are welcome to bring your own dinner and eat during the meeting.

Please come, as we need your input on several school issues. At this first meeting we will discuss the October Harvest Carnival and the fall fundraiser. Parents who attend receive one Stewardship Hour per family.

Ongoing Fundraisers

Our school makes use of various fundraisers throughout the school year. Some of the ongoing ones are the Box Tops for Education from General Mills products; Labels for Education from Campbell’s; and an inkjet, laser toner cartridge and cell phone recycling program. Also, Office Depot will donate 5% of each purchase to Faith Lutheran if you give them our School I.D. number: 70106644.

Another easy way to earn money for our school is to search the web with Yahoo-powered **GoodSearch.com** and they’ll donate a penny to our school each time

you search. You can also shop at more than 600 **GoodShop.com** merchants including Amazon, Best Buy, Toys R Us and others, and a percentage of each purchase will go to our school! Just type “Faith Lutheran School – Lacey (Lacey, WA)” in the window for the organization you are supporting click verify make sure it still says Faith Lutheran School – Lacey (lacey, WA) and click verify one more time!! Then search and shop away.

Safeway eScrip

Our Safeway eScrip program is growing like gangbusters but we need still your help! If you have not registered your Safeway Club card yet, please stop by the office for a signup form. Last school year we made \$1,100.00. That is free money people! ☺ So what do you say we go for more? We have an awesome opportunity during the 10% Back to Schools promo at Safeway. We will be setting up a table in front of the store Saturday, Oct 3rd from 10-3. Our goal is to encourage Safeway customers to donate their receipts to us. It would be an added bonus to get them to register their card with us! The potential income is pretty mind boggling! So here is where you come in: volunteer to man the table for an hour or five! Some of you could get all your required stewardship hours done for the year, in one day!! If you are available to work or you would like more information, please contact your awesome eScrip coordinator, Trish Stepan at 459-4995. Or email at tkstepan@comcast.net

School Lunch

This year we are trying something different with lunch time. The students are having their lunch recess before they eat lunch. Other schools have tried this and found that the students eat more of the lunch that you send them with, and that they play harder because they are not so full.

Passport Club

Students in grades 1-6 will participate in Passport Club again this year. This program encourages students to learn the locations of countries around the world. Studying is done primarily at home. Here's how it works:

Your child will bring home a map at the beginning of every month. The first map will be sent home tomorrow. The map will show the locations of several countries (and for 6th graders, capital cities).

Your role is to remind your child to study, and quiz him/her whenever you have a chance. Some families find it helpful to study in the car, or tape the map to the bathroom mirror for teeth-brushing time. On or around the last school day of each month, the children are quizzed. They receive a stamp in their passports if they are able to point to all of the locations on a blank map. This geography club takes some extra time at home, but the students are very proud when they are successful.

The first test will be Tuesday, Sept. 29th

Rummage and Bake Sale

That's right. It'll soon be time for the Fall Rummage and Bake Sale. On October 3rd from 9a.m. to 3p.m. the women of Faith will be doing their best to help find new homes for all the items you no longer have use for. Set up time will be on Friday, October 2nd from 1p.m. until 5p.m. You may bring your donations to the church Fellowship Hall starting Monday September 28th. Place them against the north wall so that they do not interfere with the school lunch activities. Baked goods can be delivered Friday or Saturday morning. So, warm up the oven, clean out those closets, sort through the garage and help us raise some funds for Good Shepherd Homes and other mission projects. We look forward to receiving your lightly used items and baked goods. Remember, we cannot accept any electronic items, T.V.s, computers, stereos, etc. Large items that cannot fit into a box carried by one person and do not sell must be picked up at 4pm. If you would enjoy helping us with set up or with the sale itself, we would thoroughly enjoy sharing the time with you. Questions, call Linda Hansen 923-1692.

Improvements!!

The staff has been busy this summer moving classrooms, the Board of Education approved Capital Use funds for cabinets, whiteboards and other furniture for the rooms, woodchips to keep our playground safe, peepholes in the doors, paint for the buildings. To help keep our children healthy Purell hand sanitizers have been installed in all the

classrooms, and the teachers will be disinfecting the desks to help keep the flu bug and other bugs at bay.

Encourage your children to wash their hands properly, because this alone can be one of the best deterrents for killing germs.

Parking and Pick-up

New Dismissal Procedures

The staff has decided we need a more secure and safe dismissal procedure. Starting the 1st day of school K-6th grade students will wait to be picked up under the covered doorway of the Multipurpose Building. All students going to Childcare will walk to Childcare as their class walks to the pick-up area. Students waiting for pick-up by parents will be accompanied by their teacher to the pick-up area. For the safety of your child, teachers are required to release students only to parents or individuals listed on the Emergency Consent form. If a person other than those listed is coming to pick up your child, please send a written note to the office giving the name of that person.

Parents of Preschool and Pre-Kindergarten students will follow the teacher's directions for pick-up.

Entrance and Exit

With the new pick-up area and new parking lot, we need to make sure that the flow of traffic is safe for everybody especially our students. The **south driveway** (closest to the back of our property) on David Street will be for **entering only**. The **north driveway**

(closest to Pacific Ave) will be for **exit only**. You may park in designated parking spots and come check out your child. Teachers will not allow students to walk across the parking lot without an adult with them. You may also drive up to the pick-up area and the teacher will escort your child to the car.

Please be patient with these new procedures. We will revise procedures as necessary. The teachers will try their best to be on time. We discourage picking up your child at their classroom. It is very difficult to know for sure who your child left with unless they are checked out with the teacher.

Tomorrow, Thursday, September 10th David Street will be paved. This is one of the last major improvements that needs to be done so that we can get occupancy of the new building.

Pick-up will only be in the front parking lot of the church. Drop off until 8:30 will be available on the David Street lot.

By Friday we should be back to our normal procedures.

Thank you for your patience.