

Faith Lutheran School

News and Views

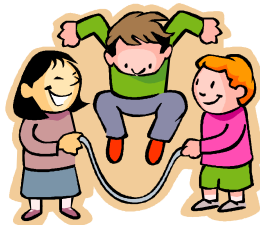


MARCH 29, 2010

SCHOOL CALENDAR

Mar. 30	Passport Testing	
Mar. 30	Vision/Hearing Screening	10:30 AM
Mar. 31	Spring pictures/order forms due	
April 1	PIE Spring Fundraiser ends	
April 3	Easter Egg Hunt	1:00 PM
April 4	Easter Sunday	
April 5	Easter Monday	
	School Closed/Childcare Closed	
April 6-9	Spring Break	
	School Closed/Childcare Open	
April 12	Jump Rope for Heart Assembly	
April 13	School Board Meeting	6:00 PM
April 14	P.I.E. Meeting	6:00 PM
April 19-23	Achievement Testing	
April 22	Jump Rope for Heart	
April 23	Family Movie Night	6:00 PM
April 25	Essentials class	1-5 PM

Jump Rope for Heart



Get ready to jump?
There will be an assembly to introduce the Jump Rope for Heart on April 12th. The event will take place on Tuesday, April 22, 2009. Each class will sign up for a 30 minute rotation and will jump for the American Heart Association. Look for an informational flyer coming soon.

PRINCIPAL NEWS

By now you may have heard the great news! On March 23rd, Mrs. Julie Phipps accepted the School Board's offer to serve as principal of Faith Lutheran School!

Thank you to all who participated in the interview process two weeks ago. For the remainder of the school year, Mrs. Phipps will work part-time to accomplish a small number of high-priority projects. It is the Board's intent to offer her a one-year, full-time contract beginning August 1.

After the final arrangements have been made between the School Board and Mrs. Phipps, we will let you know more details – especially regarding what you can expect from her between now and the end of July.

The Board is very excited at the prospect of having Mrs. Phipps fill the principal position and we are thankful to God for bringing her to us in our time of need. We encourage each of you to rejoice with us and to thank God for allowing Mrs. Phipps to serve as principal of Faith Lutheran School. Please continue to keep her, the School Board, and the School in your prayers. We are grateful for your continued support!

PASSPORT TESTING

Grades 1st-6th will be quizzed on the March passport map on Tuesday, March 30th.



VISION AND HEARING SCREENING

Kindergarten through sixth grade students will have their vision and hearing checked on March 30th starting at 10:30 a.m. in the Faith Community Center. The screening will be done by nurses from the North Thurston School District.

If your child is in preschool or pre-kindergarten, you may bring them in to be checked at no charge. Screenings will be done in the Faith Community Center from 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.



REGISTRATION INFORMATION

We have 147 students (and counting) enrolled for 2010-2011.

The Lord has continued to bless us. If you know of any one that would be interested in a Christian Education for their child please tell them of the wonderful opportunity at Faith Lutheran School.



EASTER EGG HUNT

The Faith Lutheran Church and School Annual Easter Egg Hunt is coming soon!

This is a popular event that is less competitive than most hunts and includes the Easter message of our risen Lord and Savior. Please plan to invite friends and neighbors.

Below you will find all the details:

When is the hunt?

Saturday, April 3rd at 1:00 p.m.

Who can participate?

The hunt is designed for children ages 2 through 4th grade.

What will the kids do at the hunt?

Everyone will listen to a short Easter message in the church sanctuary. After that, the kids will break into age groups to hunt for eggs outdoors (rain or shine!). Some of the eggs will contain tickets that can be turned in for special prizes.

Will everyone get a prize?

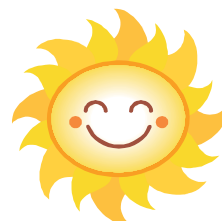
Not everyone will find prize tickets in their eggs. However, everyone WILL receive a prize bag and candy. There will also be door prize drawings.

Do you need any help?

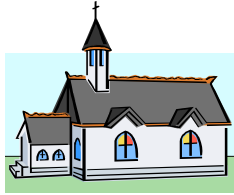
Thank you for asking! We need **wrapped** candy donations. Please place your candy in the designated box near the sanctuary.

SUMMER CHILDCARE REGISTRATION

Childcare is now enrolling for the summer program. Registration packets are located in the childcare office. Thank you!



CHAPEL



Chapel project for March and April will go to the Lutheran World Relief for Chile. This will go towards helping the victims of the recent earthquake. As always, you are welcome to join us! Our schedule for April is listed below.

Please note the Chapel times as they are switched on a couple of the days to allow for guest speakers and schedules:

Mar. 31 st	8:45 a.m.	Pastor Matt
April 14 th	8:45 a.m.	Mrs. Koehler
April 21 st	2:30 p.m.	Gene & Grace Fox
April 28 th	2:30 p.m.	Mr. Brown

DISTRICT MILITARY MINISTRY WORKSHOP – OPERATION BARNABAS – AN INVITATION

On April 17, 2010, the Northwest District will be hosting a workshop at Prince of Peace, Lakewood, WA which will lead participants through a deployment process. The workshop will begin at 8:30 AM and conclude at 4:30 PM. Lunch will be provided. You will receive a workbook, a great learning experience, and have the opportunity to meet others like you who have a heart for our military families. A free will offering will be taken to help defray costs.

If you are interested in attending this workshop, please contact Deacon Bart Shrum at hobart1936@comcast.net. He will be attending along with a few other members of Faith Lutheran Church.



FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Parents,

We're in a special week in the life of the church called Holy Week. In this week, we recall how Christ entered Jerusalem, had the Last Supper with his disciples, was betrayed, crucified and of course, how he rose again from the dead on the third day. You and your family are invited to celebrate with us. Here's a look at the special happenings for Holy Week.

April 1 st	Maundy Thursday	7:00 pm
April 2 nd	Good Friday	7:00 pm
April 3 rd	Easter Egg Hunt	1:00 pm
April 4 th	Easter Sunday, 8:30 & 11:15 am	(breakfast 9:45-10:45)

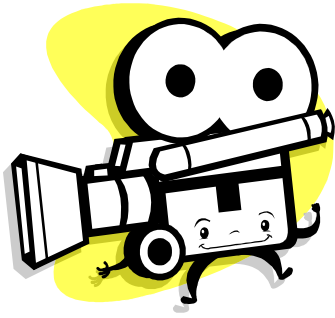
Of course after Holy Week, there's a more well-known and widely celebrated week called spring break! There's no school April 5-9. I hope you enjoy your adventures as well as the change of pace.

If you are interested in getting baptized or just learning more about the basics of the Lutheran faith, I'm teaching a class just for you! Essentials is scheduled for April 25 and May 2. We meet from 1-5 PM each Sunday. This is the perfect place to ask questions and learn in a friendly environment. No pressure, no homework. I can arrange for childcare if needed. I really enjoy teaching this class. Essentials can lead to membership at Faith for those who wish to join. If you are interested, please let me know!

Peace be with you,

Pastor Matt Henry

faithpastor@comcast.net
360-489-4554 (cell)



FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT

Mark your calendars for **Family Movie Night, Friday, April 23 at 6 PM**. Join us in the Faith Community Center for a showing of **Planet 51**. It's only \$1 admission per person. Bring a friend, a blanket or sleeping bag and enjoy a relaxing evening with your family. Concessions will be available for purchase on a \$1 menu. It's sure to be fun for the whole family! Contact Sally Henry, Campus Manager, if you need additional information, 360-489-2516 or shenry125@hotmail.com

AUCTION DONATIONS



The church and school auction is set for **Saturday, June 5**. The auction committee is currently procuring items for this event. If you have an item or service you would be willing to donate to the auction, we would love to hear from you! Please contact Sally Henry at 360-489-2516 or shenry125@hotmail.com. We'll be assembling themed gift baskets each month for the auction. The themes for the baskets this month include Family Fun Night, Mom's Day Out, Summer Outdoor Fun and Gardener's Delight. Other ideas are welcome. Scrip gift cards, sold in the school office, are a great addition to any basket!

ACHIEVEMENT TESTING

Achievement testing will be the week of April 19th-23rd. First through sixth graders will take the IOWA Test of Basic Skills and Educational Development. These are the same achievement tests used by many other private and public schools. They are the only tests that allow for national comparisons. Unlike many schools that test only reading and math, we test our students in all subject areas (except religion). First Grade will take an abbreviated test that provides information about reasoning ability.

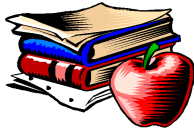
It is very important that students arrive promptly each day during the testing week. They will concentrate better on tests if they are well-rested and have had healthy meals throughout the day.

Please do not schedule doctor/dentist appointments, or other activities that will remove children from the school during this important week. Tests are timed, and a consistent testing atmosphere must be maintained.

Late in the school year, you will receive the results of your child's test.



HELPFUL HINTS FOR STANDARDIZED TESTS



Help your student be prepared by sharing these tips about the types of questions that often appear.

Multiple Choice: Read all the answers before marking your choice. Remember, your first instinct is usually best – so don't change your answer unless you're certain.

True/False: Look for words such as never, always, all, and none. They are usually found in false answers. Words like "may" or "often" are generally found in true answers.

Essay: Read essay questions at least twice. Then, make a list of important thoughts, or key points about each question before writing your essay. Read through the finished essay to be sure you've included all your key points.



Don't stop bringing Box Tops yet! The new contest has begun and the winning class will receive a field trip to either bowling, roller skating or a picnic at the park. The contest ends on May 14th! Good Luck and may the most Box Tops win. 😊



P.I.E. SPRING FUNDRAISER

**F.L.S. Makes CENTS by Granting
Wishes
WE ARE GOING HAWG WILD!**

The Spring Fundraiser is sponsored by P.I.E. and has been extended to Wed, March 31. This is a NO SELL FUNDRAISER. 100% goes to the school.



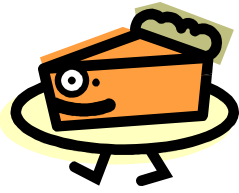
P.I.E. is continuing their mission by providing a fundraiser that will help improve our classrooms. Our teachers have been working hard to come up with some wonderful wishes for the school that P.I.E. would love to grant. Updating the reading curriculum, document cameras, digital projectors, new atlases, book shelves, map mounting hardware, a rocking chair, die-cuts, and much more! This can only be done with our parents and families generous donations.

**Total donations to date are \$2075!
Our goal is \$3500!
We still need \$1425 to meet our
goal.**

**Check the Bulletin Board and
watch our piggy bank fill up!**

It's not too late to donate!

SLICE OF P.I.E. *PARTNERS IN EDUCATION*



The next P.I.E. meeting will be held in Mr. Lueck's classroom, April 14th at 6:00.

FLS PIE MEETING SCHEDULE

April 14 th	– 6:00 p.m.
May 26 th	– 6:00 p.m. Potluck Last meeting

This is the last formal General Meeting of the school year. We will have a Spring Fundraiser update, P.I.E. board elections for the 2009/2010 school year, and a door prize. You will receive one stewardship hour per family for attending a PIE meeting.

ARE YOU INTERESTED IN SCRAPBOOKING?

PIE has a TOP SECRET PROJECT and we need your help. Call Carla (493-0246) or Tina (459-3457) ASAP! This is something we will be working on after Spring Break.

WHAT IS YOUR ALMA MATER?

Want to help inspire our students? Donate a poster or school pennant from your university or college and PIE will decorate the computer lab and inspire our students towards higher learning.

NEED A BABY SITTER?

Meet our PIE babysitters. Kristen Howell and Leah Bolon watch our children so we can meet. They would love to babysit for you. Kristin Howell: 491-4779
Leah Bolon: 350-0669.

RECYCLING NEWS

Greetings! Let me introduce myself, I am Diane Kennedy. Some of you might know me as the church Administrative Assistant. Currently I am working on a Master Recycler certificate. The course is 19 hours of classroom instruction and 30 hours of community service. As time permits and needs arise, I will be submitting articles for the newsletter. These articles will have helpful hints and news on the progress we are making to reduce the waste at Faith Lutheran Church and School.

You may have noticed the two garbage cans in the lunch room. One is marked "garbage" and the other "food". The children have learned that we are collecting food waste for composting. This is the Food to Flowers program. The food that we collect goes to a large composting facility in Rochester. There, the food is piled into "cells" and covered with tarps. The coffee grounds, egg shells, paper, food scraps, etc. sit for a time, get really warm and turn into rich, fertile compost. This compost is then returned to the earth and provides nutrients for plants and flowers.

Since we have started this program, we have reduced our waste by more than half thereby saving money. We save money and help flowers all at the same time! You can help at home as well. If your child brings a lunch, use re-usable containers. When you go to the grocery store, think about how your purchase might end up when it is finished being used. We don't recycle yogurt containers, aluminum cans or pop bottles because we just didn't generate enough of these items to warrant a separate bin. Talk to your kids about bringing those items home and placing them in your own recycle bin.

If you have any questions about recycling, please ask me. If I can't answer your question immediately, I have lots of resources. You may reach me at the church – 491-3552 or by email: didikennedy@yahoo.com.

I appreciate all the hard work the kids are doing to help our environment!