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The Shield of Faith

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From Your Pastor

A key part of what we do at this congregation is ministry to college students. Please take time to read this resource I would like to share with parents of college students. Pass this along to parents of high school students and parents of college students! From this draft I hope to be able to make brochures that can be distributed to local LCMS churches.

You've changed his diapers. You've chauffeured him to his extracurricular activities. You've spent countless hours raising him and watching him grow. Now's the time to think about a firm faith foundation as you send him off to college.

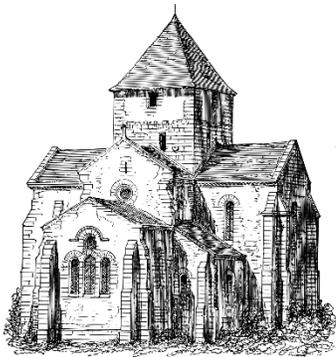
1. Pray! Paul writes, "do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God" (Philippians 4:6). Whether your child has just received an acceptance letter, or is already an upperclassman in college, pray that college may be a time of spiritual growth and maturity even as he is maturing in so many other ways. Ask your pastor, family, friends, and godparents to be praying also!

2. Find a church. You've done college tours, checked out the majors and extracurriculars. If you haven't done so already, find an LCMS church close to the campus at which your child will matriculate. Look at the church locator at

<https://locator.lcms.org/church> or look at the map of specific campus ministries. <https://www.lcms.org/how-we-serve/national/campus-ministry/lcms-u-chapter-map>

Extra credit: Contact the pastor at that congregation and arrange a time to meet up with him. Meet him with you and your son or daughter either at the church or offer to take the pastor out for lunch or coffee. Share your child's contact information with him!

3. Take your child to worship: Make Sunday worship a part of move-in weekend. Don't just give your daughter the address to the church and service times, meet her at her dorm and walk with her to worship! Even if the only time she attends worship is when you come to visit, she will at least have gotten God's Word and Sacrament delivered to her in those times.



Extra credit: Stick around after worship and learn the names of five other attendees who also stick around after the service. Get the phone number of a kind grandma and grandpa and make a mental note to offer to buy them lunch alongside you and your daughter next time you visit. Believe it or not, college students need older Christian adults that they can look up to as they go through the challenges of college.

4. Have a Heart to Heart: If you're concerned enough to read this, it is important to you that your son keeps the faith even in college. Tell him as much! Over his favorite meal or ice cream, tell him that you'll love him even when he makes mistakes when he goes off to college just as Jesus loves him unconditionally. Tell him he's an adult who can make his own choices. At the same time, share your faith journey with him. If church was a key part of your life in your late teens and early twenties, tell him how much it made a difference in your life. If church wasn't a key part of your life in that time period, be willing to be vulnerable and confess any regrets you may have had in college or when you were college aged. Confessing your sins to your child is an opportunity to demonstrate Christ's humility and to grow closer to him. James writes, "Therefore, confess your sins to one another and pray for one another, so that you may be healed" (James 5:16).

5. Review the Faith: Your daughter has spent countless hours studying, volunteering, and involved with clubs and sports in anticipation of the demands of college life. Why not do the same with matters of the Christian faith? Your child likely received a *Luther's Small Catechism with Explanation* in confirmation. This is a treasury to defend the faith and a jumping off point to study the Bible further.



The first three of the six chief parts: The Ten Commandments, the Apostles' Creed, and the Lord's Prayer will defend her from attacks from outside the Church. The Ten Commandments teach us how to live on college campuses where everything is permitted but nothing is forgiven. The Apostles' Creed teaches us who God is when professors and classmates write off Christianity as a fairy tale. The Lord's Prayer teaches us how to pray when we the challenges of life render us speechless.

The second three of the six chief parts: Baptism, the Office of the Keys, and the Sacrament of the Altar will defend her from attacks from within the Church. She will likely make many new Christian friends, not all of whom are Lutheran. Your daughter needs to know why Christians baptize babies, why it matters that Jesus is truly present in the bread and wine of communion, and why it is a lifeline to "believe that [a pastor's] forgiveness is God's forgiveness" (Lutheran Service Book page 293).

Extra credit: every Lutheran should own *The Lutheran Study Bible*, *Luther's Small Catechism with Explanation*, and *The Lutheran Service Book*. If your daughter doesn't own these, add them to the packing list. In 2022, these three books cost about \$120. A college student spends anywhere between \$2,500 and \$5,884 in textbooks throughout her four years of college.

6. Your Pastor is Your Resource: Set up a time for you and your son to meet with your pastor before your he goes off to college. Let him know where your son is attending. He will likely have suggestions as to where your child can worship with information on additional activities and Bible studies. Ask questions about tips on growing in the faith in college.

Extra credit: It may not be feasible given your home congregation's distance from the university but buy your pastor a gift card to a restaurant local to the university town and encourage him to take your child out to lunch to check in on him or her.

Additional Resources:

The Lutheran Study Bible, St. Louis, MO: Concordia Publishing House, 2009.

Luther's Small Catechism with Explanation, St. Louis, MO: Concordia Publishing House, 2017.

Lutheran Service Book, St. Louis, MO: Concordia Publishing House, 2006.

College 101: A Christian Survival Guide, St. Louis, MO: Concordia Publishing House, 2015



Back by Popular Demand, New Year's Eve Service 6:30

Pastor has listened to the input from the congregation. Mark your calendars for December 31st as we bring in the New Year with a Divine Service. We will be discontinuing the Epiphany service on January 6th.

Announcements

You may submit announcements or articles to be included in the newsletter. They are due at 8:00 a.m. on the Monday preceding the last Sunday of the month. Please contact office@faithonmain.com with your submissions.

Prayer Chain

Do you or a loved one have a specific prayer request? Visit faithonmain.com/prayer to submit a prayer request to our team. If you are interested in being part of the prayer chain prayer team, please click this link and submit a "prayer request" that includes your cell phone number so you can be added to the prayer team.

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November Event Highlights

Building Up the Christian Home: Saturday, November 5th 9:30–3:00

Join special presenter Dr. Ryan MacPherson for a conference on how to raise your family up in the faith. Registration is \$15 per adult with children attending free. This fee includes a catered lunch from Pizza Ranch. There will be programming for children and nursery care available. If you are interested, please contact Pastor Eichers at pastor@faithonmain.com. Walk-ins are welcome, but Pastor would like to coordinate with the conference planners to get an estimate of how many walk ins we'll expect.

God’s Design for Marriage: Look not to the culture, for it is confusing. Look not to yourself, for who among has all the answers? Look to the Creator, who made us male and female and instituted marriage. Look to Scripture to find God’s design for marriage. Look ahead, to a future of God’s blessings!

Holding Your Family Together in Christ: Recognize a consistent encouragement to have home devotions, in both the Old Testament (Deuteronomy 6:4–9) and the New Testament (Ephesians 6:4). Review the blessings that God attaches to His Word. Rediscover the calling that parents have for serving their children’s spiritual needs. Learn practical tips for conducting home devotions. (Don’t be shy to attend. No previous experience is necessary.)

God’s Gift of Generations: Discover God’s design for linking the congregation to the home in Titus 2:1–8. Consider your distinct calling as a pastor, an older man, an older woman, a younger man, a younger woman, or a child. Learn how each of these members of the Body of Christ serve the good of one another to the glory of God. Discuss real-life applications for your family, for your congregation, and for the broader society.

Main Street Living Taping, November 12th 10:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m.

A film crew from Main Street Living will be coming Saturday, November 12th to film worship services that will air in January and February. We will be looking for a few volunteers to act as hosts for our guests as we will be welcoming other LCMS pastors from the Coulee region to film their sermons. You can learn more about Main Street Living by visiting [www.mainstreetliving.com/eauc laire/](http://www.mainstreetliving.com/eauc Claire/).

Faithsgiving: Wednesday, November 16th

The college students are hosting a Thanksgiving potluck dinner Wednesday, November 16th at 6:00 p.m. Turkey, mashed potatoes, and gravy will be catered by Festival. Please bring a dish to pass. Everyone is invited!

Pastor and Elder Gone at Conference in Wichita, KS November 17th–21st

Pastor Eichers and elder Dave Sleight will be driving to and from Wichita, Kansas Thursday, November 17th returning Monday, November 21st for DOXOLOGY Classic: Encore. To learn more, scan the QR code to the right or visit faithonmain.com/doxology

Doxology Encore Video



Thanksgiving Eve Service: Wednesday, Nov. 23rd at 6:30

Just as we pray before we eat our meals, join us to pray on Wednesday night before you celebrate the Thanksgiving feast with friends and family on Thursday.

Advent Midweek Series: Four Babies: An Advent of Life



Christmas is all about celebrating the birth of a very special baby boy. Join us as we discuss four other baby boys in Scripture through the lens of hope, peace, joy, and love. God’s care for these infants informs us what a gift life is—from cradle to grave!

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| 11/30 | 2 Sam 12:1–23 | A Buried Baby: | Life is Hope Even among the Least |
| 12/7 | Exodus 2:1–10 | A Beautiful Baby: | Life is Peace Even in the Crosshairs |
| 12/14 | 1 Sam 1:19—2:11 | A Bestowed Baby: | Life is Joy Even without Control |
| 12/21 | Luke 1:39–45 | A Bouncing Baby: | Life is Love Even in the Womb |

Christmas Decorating 9:00 a.m. Saturday, December 3rd

We are looking for younger adults in particular to climb ladders and to help decorate the sanctuary Saturday, December 3rd. Many hands make light work.

Spread The Warmth

For the past several years, Faith Lutheran Church has participated in it's very own "Spread The Warmth" giving program. We have many talented members who knit or crochet hats, scarves and mittens, and bring them to Faith for distribution to those in need. All sizes, from children sizes to adult men sizes are welcome. You don't need to contact anyone. In the Fellowship Hall downstairs there is an abundance of yarn we have for this program. Take some home, create away, and return your gift to the Student Center. Please note, this program isn't just for Christmas – you can leave donated items all year round, but the winter season is the time of greatest need. Thank you to our Faithful artist for their time and effort.

Prayer Shawl Ministry

Faith Lutheran Church has distributed many Prayer Shawls to members who are experiencing a life crisis, such as the loss of a loved one, or end of life situations, and many other afflictions. The shawl maker begins with prayers and blessings for the recipient. The intentions are continued throughout the creation of the shawl. Upon completion, shawls can be brought to Faith and left in the Student Center for distribution when needs arise. A small card is put with the shawl letting the recipient know they are in the prayers of our congregation, and Pastor Eichers delivers the gift when he visits. The recipient can wrap themselves with the shawl and physically feel the warmth of love from our congregation. The blessings of a prayer shawl ripples from person-to-person, with both the giver and receiver feeling the unconditional embrace of a sheltering, loving God! The shawls can knitted, crocheted, quilted, woven or machine knitted.

Christmas Angel Giving Tree

The Angel Giving Tree program provides families and children with Christmas gifts, as well as a food basket containing the necessary items for a traditional holiday meal. Up to 500 families are accepted into the program each year. Angel Tree gifts are made possible through community donors. Families place applications for this program. Once they are accepted, their children's *name tag* will be placed on a Christmas tree in our Narthex. Members of Faith Lutheran Church are then able to grab the tags, purchase the gifts, and turn the gifts to Faith, by November 27th, 2022, and transported to the Salvation Army. *Name tags* and gifts will be identified and prepped for Distribution Day, December 14th. Distribution Day is the day all families come to pick up their gifts and food boxes - a beautiful, heartwarming day.

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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