

Pastor Kory's Page

Faith Lutheran Church, Sioux Falls, SD

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Why Lutheran High School?

I would like to use this week's pastor's page to focus on the blessings of Lutheran education, and Lutheran High School of Sioux Falls (LHSSF) in particular.

I am so grateful that I had the opportunity to attend a small Lutheran high school very similar to LHSSF (Christ Our Savior Lutheran High School in Evansville, IL). The education that I received as a member of that tight-knit high school community made such a difference in my life. It was a supportive and encouraging environment that felt more like a family than a school. My Lutheran high school experience is the reason that I decided to go into the ministry and am your pastor today.

It's been a privilege to watch LHSSF develop over that past several years since its first academic year in 2010-2011 when I served as Faith's vicar. LHSSF has grown to over forty students, including Faith members, Maleigh Noble and Zach Bettmeng. Several other Faith families are looking at LHSSF as they make plans for high school. Faith member, Cassie Hartmann, is an alumnus of LHSSF.

LHSSF has been a Godsend to a number of families in providing a Christ-centered education with rigorous academics and individualized attention. LHSSF continues many of Sioux Falls Lutheran School's strengths at the high school level, most notably with its music program. Several current students and graduates are also considering vocations in church work.

Faith is a member of the LHSSF Association, which means that we are one of six LCMS congregations that created the school and are responsible for helping it to thrive into the future. LHSSF is our school, and there are ways that all of us can be a blessing in supporting our school.

Please **pray** for our school: for our students and families, for our faculty and staff, for our dedicated school board members



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(including Faith member, Mavis Smith), and for our devoted principal (and Faith member), Mr. Derek Bult.

Please pray specifically that the Lord would lead our school board as they continue to develop a sustainable funding plan as we move forward, seeking the right combination of tuition, association support, grants, donations, and fundraising.

I encourage you to **generously support LHSSF** as you are able, especially in these early years of our school's history. Your support is needed so that we can continue to provide a Christ-centered education for our youth and community for years to come, especially during the pivotal high school years.

Please **encourage** youth and families, either at Faith or among your other connections, to consider enrolling or transferring to LHSSF. Our school has a full and highly trained faculty and is ready to welcome more students!

If you are a Thrivent member, please donate your **Thrivent Choice** dollars to LHSSF. The deadline for allocating your 2015 Thrivent Choice dollars is the end of March. Visit Thrivent.com/thriventchoice or contact a Thrivent representative.

Please join us each Wednesday evening for our Lenten worship services at 6:30 p.m. and meals from 5:30-6:15 p.m. The **pre-service meal** on Wed, March 16 will benefit LHSSF.

LHSSF will be hosting a **Lock-In** for circuit youth on Friday, April 1—Saturday, April 2. This will be held here at Faith. Stay tuned for more information!

Stop by Faith's Welcome Center and take home a copy of LHSSF's **Wish List**. The Wish List describes a variety of items that teachers and students at LHSSF need, either immediately or for the near future. Copies of the presentation from the January 31 Delegate Assembly are also available.

Have you signed up yet for **GoodSearch**? This is an internet search engine which donates a penny for each search you make to an organization of your choice. Visit goodsearch.com to get started and be sure to designate LHSSF as your recipient.

Watch for major summertime fundraisers such as the **Kingswood Rummage Sale** (LHSSF plans to hold its sale at Resurrection Lutheran on W. 26th St.), **Golf Tournament** (a major fundraiser held early each summer at Bakker Crossing), and **Book and Media Sale**.

We can all help our school in some way. Please begin with prayer, asking the Lord to use you to be a blessing to LHSSF!

Peace in Christ,

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