

The Principal's Page

Faribault Lutheran School

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THANKSGIVING

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Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving; let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise!

Psalms 95:2 (ESV)

I must admit, I cringe a little at the thought of Thanksgiving's approach. Taking time to say "thank you" is simply not in vogue. As a nation of consumers, we have unceremoniously crammed Thanksgiving between the discounted Halloween costumes and the ten-foot inflatable snow globe. Thanksgiving merchandise moves directly from the storage room to the clearance rack. After all, if we actually stopped to realize what blessings we have, we might lose sight of all those Christmas wants that fill our minds as quickly as they fill the store shelves.

When we think of that first Thanksgiving, we typically paint an idealistic picture of Squanto and his friends sitting around a large table with a robust group of Pilgrims dressed proudly in black and white. Turkey, corn on the cob, potatoes, bread and a wide array of other culinary treats are spread before them. At the head of the table, one of the elders stands with hands folded in thanks for the blessing before them. Yes, idealistic is the correct word.

In truth, the first Pilgrims were a bit of a rag-tag group who had bounced around a bit before landing on the shores of America. Their first winter in this land was nothing less than disastrous. They were poorly prepared for the harsh winter and many died of disease, sickness, and starvation. Pilgrims resorted to stealing dried food stuffs, beans and corn, from Indian graves to supplement their rations. Food became so scarce, that a day's ration would consist of 5 kernels of corn. By the end of March, 1621, there were only 47 of the original 104 colonists left.

Despite the tragic losses and sufferings, the men and women of Plymouth stood firm, faithful, and thankful to God. Thankful for their new life in a new land; thankful for the promise of life given to those who had died in that first harsh winter; thankful that the Lord had provided them even 5 kernels of corn

for nourishment. There was a feast of thanksgiving in 1621. It was celebrated by the colonists and their newfound friends the Wampanoag Indians. There was probably more venison than turkey on the table, but it was a feast non-the-less.

As Christians, we have the opportunity to celebrate a very special feast of thanksgiving, Holy Communion or Eucharist. The word Eucharist finds its root in the Greek verb eucharisteō (εὐχαριστέω) which means to be grateful or express gratitude; to be thankful. As we celebrate this holy meal, we are thankful for the new life which has given to us, thankful for the promise of eternal life with Him in heaven, thankful for all that the Lord has provided for us. It is truly a feast of thanksgiving.

CHILI JAM and MARATHON

THANK YOU!! To ALL parents, students, FLS staff, Parent Teacher League (PTL) and guests for making the second annual Chili Jam such a success! Chili Jam, a PTL sponsored fundraiser for Faribault Lutheran School, raised just over \$1500.00. THANK YOU for supporting FLS and PTL. The \$100.00 classroom prize for best Chili was won by the 3rd Grade class.

Earlier in the day, students from FLS marched around the FLS North Campus and Trinity Lutheran church, showing their pride and supporting the school. This year's Marathon event raised just over \$9,500 on October 1. A second push for the \$10,000 goal helped the net total rise to \$10,750.

Earlier, in the month of September, La Cannes Marine sponsored a 4-wheeler ride with all the proceeds donated to FLS. This event raised around \$900 for FLS.

WOW!! In just three days over \$13,000 was been raised in support of Faribault Lutheran School, its programs, technology, students, and much more! All of you have truly been Blessed to be a Blessing! Thank You! Thank You! Thank You!



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