



FAITH LUTHERAN HIGH SCHOOL OF CENTRAL TEXAS

Forty Days for Faith

2017-2018 School Year

The number forty is prominent in the Bible. Our Lord chose to make use of the number forty in several places in His Word where the life of faith is evident. For example:

- Noah and his family lived by faith that God would save them during the forty days and forty nights it rained on the earth (Genesis 7:18; Hebrews 11:7).
- The people of Israel lived by faith that God would sustain them during the forty years they wandered in the wilderness (Deuteronomy 8:1-4).
- Jesus lived by faith in His Heavenly Father when the devil tempted Him in the wilderness for forty days (Matthew 4:1-11).

As the people of God today, we still live by faith. We live by faith, trusting that our Lord Jesus Christ has suffered, died, and risen for our sins (Romans 4:24-25). We live by faith, trusting that our Lord Jesus Christ remains with us now in Word and Sacrament until the very end of the age (Matthew 28:20). We live by faith, trusting that God's Word works in and among us to accomplish His good purposes among us (Isaiah 55:10-11).

These truths from God's Word provide the reason for the name of our school: Faith Lutheran High School of Central Texas (FLHS). FLHS was founded in the faith that God's Word is the most important gift we can give our children (Ephesians 6:4). FLHS was founded in the faith that God's Word is our greatest blessing as it permeates every aspect of our day (Deuteronomy 6:6-7). FLHS was founded in the faith that Christ will keep His promise to make disciples as we teach His Word to our children and to all (Matthew 28:18-20).

FLHS was not only founded in this faith; it continues to operate in this faith that Christ will never leave us nor forsake us (Hebrews 13:5). Living by faith, we continue to offer our prayers and financial support for FLHS—and we are asking you to join us!

That brings us back to the number forty, that Biblical number so often used when God's people are living by faith. Because FLHS operates in this same faith in God's promises, we are asking you to join us in supporting FLHS during the coming school year by committing to **Forty Days for Faith**. This forty day commitment is twofold:

- For forty consecutive days, pray for the ministry of FLHS. You'll be provided with a prayer list with petitions for each day.
- For forty consecutive days, support the ministry of FLHS financially. Set aside a specific amount each day to give to FLHS. We suggest that you choose either 1) to give the same amount each day (for example, \$5 each day for a total gift of \$200 or \$10 each day for a total gift of \$400) or 2) to give an amount each day equal to the day of the campaign (for example, \$1 on Day 1, \$2 on Day 2, and so on, for a total gift of \$820).

If you'd like, you may choose to send your financial support to FLHS all at once at any time during the forty days. However, *daily* prayer for FLHS during the forty days is vital. Our Lord's promises concerning prayer (Psalm 50:15; Matthew 7:11; 1 Thessalonians 5:17; etc.) are too powerful to ignore. Though seemingly insignificant to the world, prayer is an irreplaceable part of our support for FLHS.

In order that FLHS will receive such prayers and donations consistently, we're asking supporters to indicate when they will be participating in the **Forty Days for Faith** during the 2017-2018 school year. Our hope and prayer is that we will have at least five supporters participating in the **Forty Days for Faith** each month; however, there's always room for more. Please indicate how you'd like to participate on the accompanying page.

Living by faith is not always easy, but it is always full of our Lord's blessings. Your participation in this project will provide untold encouragement for the entire FLHS family: our students, families, faculty, staff, and volunteers. Thank you for your support of this important ministry!

In Christ,
The Faith Lutheran High School Board of Directors