

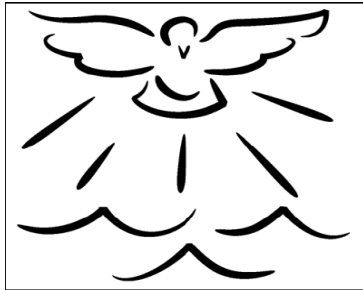
THE BAPTISM OF OUR LORD
January 8, 2012 A.D.
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FIRST SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY
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*A Christ Caring People Who Gather Around Word and Sacrament,
Yoked Together, In Personal Service to Christ in World Wide Missions*



And when He came up out of the water, immediately He saw the heavens opening and the Spirit descending on Him like a dove. Mark 1:9



As We Gather– Today we recall an 'old' event in history, the Baptism of Our Lord. God's Word teaches us that it is also a 'current' event producing a new creation and new life for each person who is baptized into Jesus Christ. In the beginning God was pleased with His new creation---light (Genesis 1:4); at Jesus' Baptism the Father was pleased with Jesus, His Son (Mark 1:11); and at our Baptism into Christ, we are pleasing to God and therefore are able to "walk in newness of life" (Romans 6:4).

THE WELCOME AND OPENING PRAYER

If there are prayer concerns for you, your family, your friends, or your neighbors, please put them on the blue information card. Our Board of Elders are prayerful with our pastors about these joys and struggles of our earthly journey.

"The prayer of a righteous man is powerful and effective." James 5:16b

THE RINGING BELL CALLS US INTO THE PRESENCE OF JESUS, THE CHRIST

DIVINE SERVICE - SETTING ONE

THE OPENING HYMN

*"Father Welcomes" LSB 605
(We cheerfully rise and sing)*

THE INVOCATION

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In the name of the Father and of the **J**on and of the Holy Spirit.

C

Amen.

Matthew 28:19b; [18:20]

THE CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

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If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

C But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. 1 John 1:8-9

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Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

C Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways to the glory of your holy name. Amen

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Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins, As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.
[John 20:19-23]

C Amen.

THE HYMN OF PRAISE “Glory to God in the Highest”

Luke 2:14; John 1:29



A Glory to God in the highest, and peace to His peo - ple on earth.



C Lord God, heav-en-ly king, al-might-y God and Fa - ther:



We wor-ship You, we give You thanks, we praise You for Your glo-ry.



Lord Je-sus Christ, on-ly Son of the Fa-ther, Lord God, Lamb of God:

You take a - way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us.

You are seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa-ther; re-ceive our prayer.

For You a-lone are the Ho-ly One, You a-lone are the Lord,

You a-lone are the Most High, Je-sus Christ, with the Ho-ly Spir-it,

in the glo - ry of God the Fa-ther. A - men.

THE SALUTATION (*Chanted*)

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The Lord be with you.

C

And also with you.

THE COLLECT

Father in heaven, at the Baptism of Jesus in the Jordan River You proclaimed Him Your beloved Son and anointed Him with the Holy Spirit. Make all who are baptized in His name faithful in their calling as Your children and inheritors with Him of everlasting life; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

THE SPECIAL MUSIC “Wash, O God, Our Sons and Daughters”...*Phil Kadidlo*
Alyssa Bump, vocalist Andrew Wulf, flute

THE EPISTLE LESSON *Romans 6:1-11 (Christ's baptism gives us new life.) (Paul is debating with himself and arriving at conclusions as he writes.)*

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the



THE HOLY GOSPEL *St. Mark 1:4-11 (Jesus is baptized.)*

THE SERMON HYMN *"To Jordan's River Came Our Lord" LSB 405*

THE SERMON *"I Don't Have a Clue"*
St. Mark 1:11
Pastor Brad Urbach


THE APOSTLES' CREED *see the inside back cover of the Hymnal*

THE ANNOUNCEMENTS AND GREETING OF ONE ANOTHER

THE OFFERING *We gather our tithes, gifts of love, and our "Building Together in Faith" gifts.*

As you think about your goals for the new year, rely on God's wisdom for direction, so that He may bless whatever you seek to attain.

"Commit to the Lord whatever you do, and your plans will succeed" (Proverbs 16:3).



THE OFFERTORY *"Create In Me" LW 175*

C Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re - new a
 right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a - way from your
 pres - ence, and take not your Ho - ly Spir - it from
 me. Re - store to me the joy of your sal - va - tion,
 and up - hold me with your free Spir - it.

THE DEDICATION OF OUR "FAITH PROMISE" CARDS

THE PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

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Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs. For the whole body of Christ on earth, that the Holy Spirit would move us to reflect the goodness of our Creator and the grace of our Redeemer, that the light of faith might shine on those who walk in darkness that they too may come to the knowledge of the one true Savior, let us pray to the Lord.

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Lord, have mercy.

For those who serve in our government and for leaders of world nations, that our heavenly Father would provide direction, wisdom, and counsel as they pursue justice within their borders and peace among nations and for the members of our armed forces and all those who maintain order at home, that He would protect and guide them to serve people in dignity and honor, let us pray to the Lord.

C
3 **Lord, have mercy.**

For those who tend the good earth and travel the waters of this world, that God would instill in them a love for His good creation, restoring it where there is pollution, cultivating it to produce bountiful crops, and managing its copious resources that everyone may have sufficient food needed to support this body and life, let us pray to the Lord.

C
3 **Lord, have mercy.**

We pray for our Faith family and its friends in the midst of life's joys and struggles... let us pray to the Lord.

C
3 **Lord, have mercy.**

Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy for the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

C **Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name, Thy kingdom come,
Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven; give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

THE SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT **11:00**



THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

Matthew 26:26-28; Mark 14:22-24; Luke 22:19-20; 1 Corinthians 11:23-25

THE PAX DOMINI 3

John 20:19

The Peace of the Lord be with you always.

C **And also with you.**

AGNUS DEI

C Lamb of God, You take a-way the sin of the world; have
 mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a-way the sin of the
 world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a-way the
 sin of the world; grant us peace.

THE COMMUNION HYMNS

"I Come, O Savior, To Thy Table" LSB 618

"The Infant Priest Was Holy Born" LSB 624



THANK THE LORD

C Thank the Lord and sing His praise; tell ev-'ry-one what He has done.
 Let all who seek the Lord re - joice and proud-ly bear His name.
 He re-calls His prom-is - es and leads His peo-ple forth in joy
 with shouts of thanks-giv-ing. Al-le - lu - ia, al-le - lu - ia.

THE BENEDICTION (*With Sung Amens*)

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The Lord bless you and keep you.
 The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.
 The Lord look upon you with favor and † give you peace.



☐ A-men, a-men, a - men.

THE CLOSING HYMN "O Blessed Spring" LSB 595

Welcome to Faith Evangelical Lutheran on this First Sunday After the Epiphany, the Baptism of our Lord Jesus! We are delighted to have you in worship with us. If you are visiting from out of town, we bid you welcome and God-speed on your journey. Should you be from our community, and have no church home, we invite you to make Faith your church home. Greeting you this morning:

Before Early Service

Vern & Janice Dockter
Eldon & Betty Lindquist

After Early Service

Steve & Cindy Fiechtner
Ron & Betty Herron



Before Late Service

David & Angie Keith
Norma Schilling

After Late Service

Rhonda Peterson
Keith & Alberta Rouse

Preaching this morning is our Pastor, Reverend Brad Urbach. Pastor is not preaching at Trinity Lutheran in Blunt this morning between our two services.

Holy Communion is celebrated at our 11:00 service today. In this Sacrament, our Lord brings us strength and forgiveness to be about His vision and mission. Those confirmed Lutherans who come to the Sacrament of the Altar today are asked to read the communion side of our information card found in the pew rack and to sign the bottom of the reverse side so that our communion records might be complete.

First (Second) Sunday of the Month Morning Fellowship Today, January 8, join us for a reception for Jan Larson's 25 years of service to the Preschool.



Blood Pressure! Also moved to today. Stop by the Living Room today between 9:20 and 11:00 to get your blood pressure checked by one of Faith Lutheran's own health professionals. Helping you today are Rebekah Lindbloom and Carla Heller. You will even get a Scripture mint. Here's to your good health!

Sunday School Sunday School resumes today. Sunday School is for all children age 3 by September 1, 2011 through our High School, who meet in the Great Room. You can register for Sunday School in the Narthex.

Our Adult Class There will be NO Adult Study this morning.

Nursery Nursery is available during the 11:00 service. This is located in the Preschool Room. It is for children ages infant through 5 year olds.

Nursing Moms can find a comfortable rocker in the Daycare. This is NOT a Nursery for young children, just a quiet, private place for nursing moms.

God Be With You!

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Our Broadcasts Our Sonrise Broadcast and our Cable Broadcast is made possible this week by our Faith congregation.

Our Cable Broadcast is also on our Website which Dennis and Carolyn Ryckman keep very current for us. Take a look at www.faithluth.com. **COST:** You may sponsor the radio broadcast of Sonrise for \$30.00. This radio broadcast is on 1240 AM KCCR at 6:40 a.m. on Sunday morning. The cost of sponsoring the cable broadcast of our worship service is \$35.00. This cable access broadcast is televised on Wednesday evening at 7:00 p.m. on Channel 8. If you choose to sponsor both, the cost is \$60.00.

Dec. 31, Att. 91; General Fund \$2,196.13; **Jan. 1, Att. 258;** General Fund \$4,720.00; Building Fund \$1,165.00 (Building \$200.00, Debt Retirement \$965.00); Sunday School \$2.00; Love Fund \$75.00; Thrivent Automatic Withdrawal \$1,316.00 (General \$1,261.00; Building Fund \$305.00); Utecht Ministries \$100.00; Hong Kong Trip \$2,420.00.

This Week at Faith Lutheran

Today: Jan. 8

8:20 am Worship
9:45 am Sunday School
9:45 am Reception for Jan Larson
11:00 am Communion

Mon: Jan. 9

10:00 am Women's Pickleball
7:00 pm Men's Fellowship
7:30 pm LWML

Tues: Jan. 10

8:25 am Staff Devotions
9:30 am Circuit Pastors' Meeting
6:30 pm Choir
7:30 pm Berea Circle
7:30-9:00 pm Pickleball in the Gym

Wed: Jan. 11

7:00 am Men's Study "Proverbs"
10:00 am Women's Pickleball
6:30 pm Midweek
6:30 pm "Life of David" Study in Preschool
8:00 pm LYF

Thurs: Jan. 12

8:25 am Staff Devotions
1:30-3:00 pm Pickleball
6:30-8:30 pm "James" Study

Fri: Jan. 13

10:00 am Women's Pickleball

Sun: Jan. 15

8:20 am Communion
9:30-12:30 Hong Kong Pancake Feed

9:45 am Sunday School
11:00 am Worship

3:00 pm "Walther" Movie
6:30 pm "Exodus 2" Study at church

BUILDING NEWS

Thanks – We are grateful to you for your gifts last weekend to the Building Account of \$1,470.00. The gifts were designated as follows:

The Building Account: \$505.00

The Debt Retirement Account: \$965.00

Debt Retirement Your January Newsletter, which you received this week, has an updated figure on our January 1 Advance payment progress. Five more Advanced payments is terrific!

Elevator Update We are assuming workers from Otis Elevator Company will arrive in Pierre this week to begin the installation of our new elevator.

Building Update

- Wheelhouse plumbing has started the task of providing sinks in the Sts. Paul, Luke, and John rooms as -
- Midwest Construction has finished the dry walling for the closets, 1 wall and pipe and vent box outs. The cabinets will be here in about 4 weeks -
- Brock Drywall has started taping and mudding..

Goals Our goal is that by Easter the St. Paul room would be completely done including lights, ceiling, and carpet.

Our further goal is that the Sts. Luke/John room would not only have closet and cabinets but it will be taped, textured, and painted. Ceiling and carpet is out in the future.

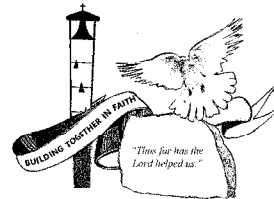
Summary Finishing the St. Paul room will give us a large, nicely finished class room. The Luke/John room, which serves as a game room for our kids right now, will be a little more of a finished room.

Therefore gifts to the Building Fund become important again to help us to complete the goals of 2012 for upstairs.

Thank you! "Thus Far..."

Stop upstairs and look at the progress so far!

Willms Christmas Greetings You will find a Christmas greeting from the Willms family on the window by the offices. Drop by the office and enjoy the letter and photos.



Men Join a great bunch of other fellows Monday Night at 7:00 in the Great Room for Dart Ball . Please bring a snack to share.

Mites This morning you will find the Mite Box in the Christian Family Life Center. We encourage every family to have a mite box. If it is not brought to the monthly LWML meeting we encourage you to bring it on our “First Sunday” of the Month fellowship. Your mites do great missions.

New Bible Study Beginning Wednesday, January 18 Bob Miller’s group will meet for a “Law and Gospel” Study. They will meet at Bob & Doreen’s home at 20488 Pheasant Place at 6:30 p.m.

LYF & JYM YOUTH NEWS

LYF We will continue to meet Wednesdays this month at 8:00 p.m.

JYM will have a monthly activity on January 22 at 4:00 p.m.

Puns for Youthful Educated Minds:

I wondered why the baseball kept getting bigger. Then it hit me.

Jan Larson Reception for 25 Years of Service to Preschool

Yes, Jan Larson has been that faithful anchor at Faith Lutheran Preschool for 25 years. Our Preschool started with the completion of our 1978 addition and our first teacher was Kay Huxford who got the program off the ground. The Preschool was a wonderful new room which now comprises rooms C & D. They triked in the old, old Fellowship Hall and did activities in Rooms A & B.

So join us—Sunday, January 8, for a Reception between Services from 9:30-10:45 to say thanks.

There will be a Presentation at 10:00 a.m.

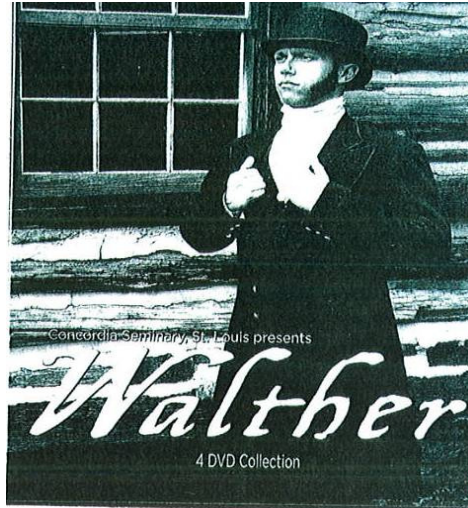
If you had children in Preschool with Jan, a card shower would be a very nice way of saying thank you.

A Quote from C. F. W. Walther:

“Now then, all of you who believe in God’s Word, let your watchword for entering the new year be this: “I am baptized!” Although the world may laugh at this comfort, the enthusiasts vex its confidence...nevertheless, abandon any other dearly held pledges and speak only throughout the

entire year to come, in all terrors of conscience and necessity through sin and death: “I am baptized! I am baptized! Hallelujah!” And you shall prevail! In every time of need, you will find comfort in your Baptism; on account of it Satan will flee from your faith and confessions; and in death you will see heaven opened and will finally come into the joy of your Lord to celebrate a great year of jubilee, a year of praise, with all the angels forever and ever. Amen!”

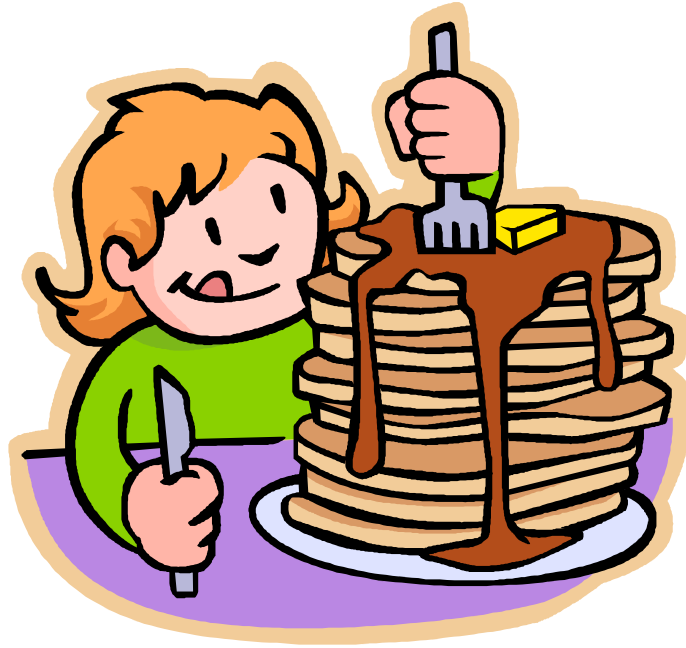
LOOKING BACK



Next Sunday, January 15

At 3:00 in the afternoon we will look back at the early beginnings of our Lutheran Church Missouri Synod as we view Concordia Seminary's newly released film "Walther." The film will give you an enormous appreciation for the early struggles of Lutheran German immigrants and that which we enjoy today.

LOOKING AHEAD



Next Sunday, January 15

On Sunday, January 15 we have a day of looking back and looking ahead. In the morning our Board of Missions will serve Pancakes and sausage from 9:30 to 12:30 as a Fund Raiser to assist our Mission Team to go to Hong Kong. So enjoy a breakfast, a brunch, a lunch or all three.

It will be a free will offering and all the proceeds will go to the team and shared equally for them.