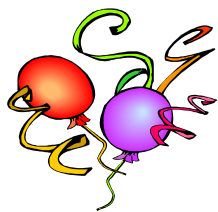
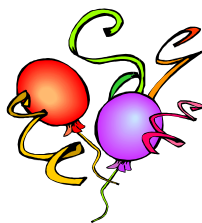


# SEPTEMBER 2011 NEWSLETTER



## A Celebration of God's Goodness



Faith Lutheran Church  
714 N Grand Avenue  
Pierre, SD 57501

### "The Class of 1961" September 18, 2011

#### Worship Services

8:20 & 11:00 a.m.

#### Our Preacher—Dr. Reed Lessing

Professor, Concordia Seminary  
in St. Louis

#### A Reception

Between services to honor the class of 1961, all those who were here when Faith made an historic decision to build a new Sanctuary at 714 N Grand Avenue. This was a very big vision for the future of Faith Lutheran.

#### Noon Meal

Roast Pork loin sandwiches  
prepared by Jeff Putzier

A-L Bring a salad to share  
M-Z Bring a dessert to share  
Beverage, Baked Beans and Ice  
cream provided.

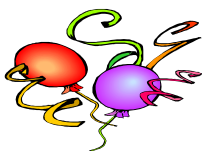
#### What else takes place this weekend?

**On Friday** from 12:30 to 5:00 p.m. the Pastors of our South Dakota District will be invited to a Preaching Workshop with Dr. Lessing. The Pastor's Workshop "Savior of the Nations Come" will feature Isaiah and a Preaching series for Advent and Christmas.

**On Saturday** from 10:00 to 11:30 Dr. Lessing will teach a terrific class for the whole parish. It is entitled: "American Idols: Dealing with Money, Sex, and Power." This will be a great learning experience as Dr. Lessing is a gifted teacher.

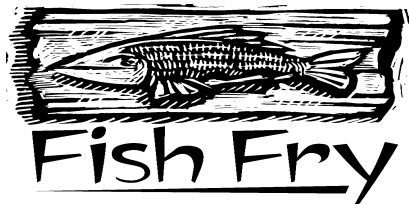
**On Saturday evening at 6:00**, a Thank You BBQ for our guests and members who were here in 1961.

**Sunday afternoon** Open House from 1:00-4:00 with live music by the Jim Szana Trio.



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### Forever Young



What a Fish Fry! We thank Cordell Costar, Brad Schultz, Ken Shelbourn, and Vern Dockter for serving a remarkable fish fry in August. We also thank Cordell & Judy for their efforts in setting up.

Forever Young is a terrific group of fun-loving, eating, retired and semi-retired members.

We sing a few songs, making sure we handle birthdays and anniversaries, play a little Bingo or Bunko and have an occasional program.

We meet every third Tuesday of the month at high noon. Please join us on Tuesday September 20 for a potluck noon meal.

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## A MESSAGE FROM PASTOR URBACH

### The Summer That Was Not!

I have now spent 67 summers on the earth. This is the first summer I have ever wished away. September 1, the river in its channel, I pray so. The fall, ground water drying up and so many, many basements and crawl spaces dry, and free of mold, I pray so.

It has been a heavy-hearted time for communities like ours—Minot, Bismarck-Mandan, Dakota Dunes, the I-29 Iowa farm corridor and yet further south of Omaha. The word “Epic” has been used, those in the midst of all this would agree.



**Our year theme** beginning in September will focus around the logo you see here and by now it has become a familiar logo in our Lutheran Witness. The theme of, “*Witness, Mercy, Life Together*” is the heart of what our Synodical president, Pastor Matthew Harrison would like us to focus on as a Synod in the days ahead.

Among the numerous Bible studies we will have this fall is one I hope many, many of you will attend. It will actually feature, in part, President Harrison leading parts of the study and lead well by two of our Elders, David Zuercher and Bill Bossman. You will learn a wee bit of Greek, dig into the Bible and see how these three themes, the symbols, and yes even the colors can permeate our Synod and our congregational life together.

**The Call** The call process is a slow one but in the end it will serve us well. As you know we have issued two calls and after those two pastors prayed about our call to them and the call they already had were lead to believe God can best use them where they currently serve. God has someone in mind for us

We receive our call list from our District President who makes every good effort to provide a list of pastors that match our ministry needs. Our Elders, to whom the process of the call is assigned, then ponder and pray over the names very thoroughly. They generally decide on a number with whom an on-site interview at Faith takes place. Then after more prayer and pondering they bring a recommendation to the Voters Assembly. Also as part of the process we have received the proper papers concerning having a DCE Intern. We had hoped to move more quickly in this but feel it is the proper order of events to get our Associate Pastor in house first.

**In the meantime** thanks to everyone who is making extra efforts—as Youth leaders, Educational leaders and teachers, Elders, and worship helpers. Our congregation keeps a single Pastor very busy. Yet your help, your encouragement, and your prayers—well I am most grateful.

“*Witness, Mercy, Life Together*” - that’s us, Faith Evangelical Lutheran Church. This fall will be a bigger part of that than ever before as we gather in worship, in

study, in fellowship, all of that in the midst of the Mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ.

The Lord be with you!

Pastor Brad Urbach

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### Ten Reasons Why

#### People Miss Ballgames



**10.** I was taken to too many games by my parents when I was a kid.

**9.** I suspect that I was sitting next to some hypocrites because of paying attention to the game, they came to see their friends and talked the whole time.

**8.** It seems the games are always scheduled when I want to do other things, like go to church.

**7.** The band played numbers I’d never heard before and not the good ol’ fight songs.

**6.** I went to a lot of games but the coach never bothered to thank me.

**5.** The referees made decisions I couldn’t agree with.

**4.** Often the game goes into overtime or extra innings and I would be late getting home.

**3.** The seats were too hard and uncomfortable.

**2.** The people I sat next to didn’t seem friendly.

**1.** Every time I went, they asked for money!

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## HONG KONG BOUND

During the days of February 13-23 our third team of mercy and witness will be off to Hong Kong. In this years group are:

- Ken Brull
- Toni, Haven & Burkelee Kennefick-Aschoff
- Josh Ramquist
- Jeff & Garret Tronvold
- Benjamin Alex from Madison, SD
- Samuel Ryckman
- Nick & Nathaniel Hill
- Pastor Curtis Garland of Wall, SD
- Pastor Randy Sturzenbecher of Black Hawk

The cost of the trip is about \$2000.00 per participant which includes the round-trip airfare, the lodging and most food.

How can we help?

- We encourage gifts to our Hong Kong Fund at any time.
- Look for a very special multi-course meal cooked by Chef Paul Kennefick-Aschoff on October 23.
- A January Sunday all morning Pancake and sausage Feed hosted by our Board of Missions and Evangelism. Make breakfast brunch and dinner out of the morning.
- And look for some bake sales, etc. by the group to help us.

A trip to Hong Kong, it impacts those participating, it impacts the world for Christ. Hong Kong, Rosebud, Kazakhstan, Papua New Guinea, its all a part of the Global Village we live in.

## CAFÉ SOLA

A fresh supply of regular Café Sola has arrived. Café Sola is an effort of Lutheran World Relief and Human Care to provide coffee to our congregation from areas of coffee bean production where workers are treated well and environmental concerns are addressed. The small profits from Café Sola sales helps support the work of Lutheran World Relief and Human Care.

The cost has risen a bit but the fact that it is really good coffee and supports the work of LWR/HC makes it a win-win cup of coffee. The cost for a full 12 ounce packet is \$8.00.



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## Men's Fellowship



Join us September 12 at 7:00 p.m. for our Men's Fellowship night.

We will meet in the Great Room and have an enjoyable study and play some dart ball.

Bring a snack to share. Beverage will be provided.

We usually meet the first Monday of the month but because of the Labor Day holiday we are meeting on the 12th.

### Official Acts

#### Baptisms

*Isaac Grey Pier 7-5-11*

*Elliet Sinikka Pier 7-5-11*

*Bennett Casper Schmidt 8-14-11*

*Payson Paul LaRosh 8-14-11*

*Cashton Dale Rathbun 8-28-11*

*Ryker Edward Ellis Rathbun 8-28-11*

#### Weddings

*Jacob Shoup & Chezarae Huntsinger 8-6-11*

*Sarah Linn & Jason Hyde 8-27-11*

#### Funeral

*Robert Michael Rogers 7-21-11*

*Katie Erickson 8-12-11*

*Bill Nielsen Memorial Service 8-20-11*

*Martin Peterson 8-22-11*

## Operation Christmas Child



Priscilla Circle is again sponsoring a project this year called "Operation Christmas Child" or the "Shoebbox Project".

We will be collecting items (that are listed below) and placing them in a "shoe box" (regular size shoe box or small plastic container about the size of a shoe box). Then these gifts will be shipped overseas for underprivileged children or children who were victims of earthquakes, etc.

If anyone would like to join us in this, you may drop your filled box (marked with age group and if for a girl or boy) or you may just purchase some items (there will be a drop box marked for this) and we will get them ready. Another way you could help would be monetary. This would help with the shipping or buying items to finish a shoe box. It costs us \$7.00 per box to ship. The children's age categories are 2-4, 5-9, 10-14— girl or boy. The labels for the boxes may be gotten at the church. The boxes should not be sealed, just a rubber band around them.

The Project will start September 1 and will run to October 31. We encourage all members to join us in this endeavor and put a smile on some children's faces.

### **GIFT IDEAS:**

**SCHOOL SUPPLIES:** pens, pencils and sharpeners, crayons or

markers, stamps and ink pad sets, writing pads or paper, solar calculators, coloring and picture books, etc.

**TOYS:** small cars, balls, dolls, stuffed animals, kazoos, harmonicas, yo-yos, jump ropes, small Etch-A-Sketch, toys that light up or make noise (with extra batteries), Slinky, etc.

**HYGIENE ITEMS:** tooth brush, tooth paste, mild bar soap (in a plastic zip bag), comb, washcloth, etc.

**OTHER:** hard candy or lollipops (please double bag these) mints, gum, T-shirts, socks, ball caps, sunglasses, hair clips, toy jewelry, watches, flashlights (with extra batteries).

### **A PERSONAL NOTE:**

In a separate envelope, you may enclose a note to the child and a photo of yourself or your family (If you include your name and address the child may write back).

**DO NOT INCLUDE:** Used or damaged items, war related items such as toy guns, knives, military figures, chocolate or food, out of date candy, liquids or lotions, medications or vitamins, breakable items such as water globes or glass containers, aerosol cans.



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## Love Fund Appeal

Early in June we sent \$120.00 to 56 family units affected by the flooding in our parish as a word of encouragement and to help in some small way. They are families who were displaced, have suffered damage, inconveniences in their businesses, financial expense and certainly the common factor was large uncertainty and considerable anxiety.

The Board of Elders is now sending a second check for \$100.00 to 55 family units again as a gesture of kindness and care and with hope it all helps. We know its not a huge amount but it shares our concern and care.

If you could be helpful to building up our Love Fund to help us with this act of encouragement please provide a generous gift if you can in this month of August.

Our Financial Secretary wants us to know that for the sake of how we deposit into multiple accounts, separate checks for the Love Fund and Broadcasts are helpful as we don't always have checks to replace the cash to go into these accounts.

Thank you for caring and sharing!

Thus far we have shared from our Love Fund \$12,200.00 with our families.

As this article is being written for the newsletter we have received today for our Love Fund a check from Faith Lutheran in Sioux Falls for \$395.00 to further assist our families. How very thoughtful and generous!

# Building News

- **Summer progress**—The major project of the summer was to get the duct work into Sts. Luke/John/Paul rooms. Thank you for the gifts into the Building account to accomplish this task.
- **Fall project**—Will be a small one. The Board of Trustees with some congregational help will finish the wall between Sts. Luke/John and St. Paul rooms.
- **Debt Retirement**—As of September 1, we will have made 3 more advanced payments saving another \$12,886.24.

To date we have made 41 advanced payments and saved \$187,299.48 in interest. This is remarkable—we certainly have no desire to pay the full \$1,097,145.95 in interest.

For those who think about the long-term well-being of our parish, it is remarkable to use our resources for ministry opportunities other than interest. Thanks for your continued gifts to the Debt Retirement account.



Thanks for helping to use up the last odds and ends of prior

Building Fund envelopes.

Enclosed is one of the Blue envelopes for your monthly use. If you need an extra envelope, remember your envelope box has a Debt Retirement/Building fund envelope and there are still a few extra older envelopes on the Oak table in the Narthex.

Please be sure to indicate on any

envelope you use if it is for the

- Building account
- Debt Retirement account
- Elevator account

## The Elevator

**The Elevator Committee** consisting of Chairman, Bob Shoup, Steve Ingram, Laurie Schultz, Jim Russell, Larry Coyle, Dale Knapp, Scott Collison, Jan Larson, Neil Schochenmeier, and Jay Fredrich are bringing the recommendation of an Otis Elevator to the Christian Family Life Center.

We currently have (8/15/11) \$18,019.00 in the Elevator account.

**The Cost** of the Otis Hole less Hydrolic Elevator is \$43,900.00. We will pay Sioux Falls Construction an additional \$8,300.00 to prepare the pit and do all the finish work to give us a final product.

**Our strategy** is (assuming that it would be approved at our August 28 Voters meeting):

We would affirm our decision with the Otis Elevator Company.

- They would prepare a shop drawing to which we would respond with our hopeful approval.
- It would then be nearly 12 weeks before it is installed. This means, hopefully, it will be in before the first of the year. You might say it would be a nice Christmas gift to our CFLC.

## Funding:

- We will encourage generous giving to this project
- Hopefully, we can raise nearly all the money needed up-front.
- If a small short-term loan is needed, we will do that with a local financial institution.
- If a loan is needed we would quickly pay it off with continued

gifts to the Elevator account.

## Why now?

The City Building Code states that we need an elevator to use the second floor. We requested that if we proceeded to make plans for the elevator soon, if we could finish and use a part of the second floor. The City graciously has permitted us to finish off two classrooms. The other three are pending.

So, it is not only about meeting the code, but responding quickly to the good faith intent extended to us from our City.

As we completed the building in the spring of 2010, it was \$50,000.00 we just didn't have. While we don't have \$50,000 just tucked away, now we feel we are able at this time to take the project on.

Even without a big push we now have \$18,000 and we feel there is great interest in finishing this project.



Voters' Assembly  
 Sunday, August 28  
 9:45 a.m.

## Homes For Haiti

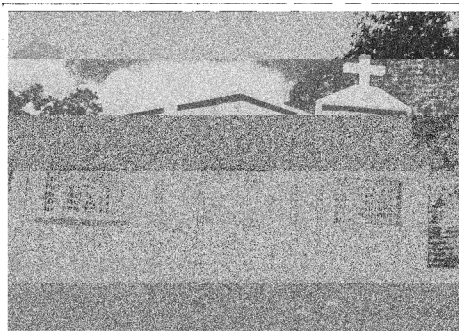
As many of our families work their way back into their homes, our Synod's World Relief and Human Care continue to build homes for Haiti.

Faith was very generous last year at Lent and we have some great news to share.

- Our gifts of \$12,213.87 have built two homes in the village of Beauchouin. This is one of three locations where homes are being built.
- The \$1500.00 sent by our LWML from Country Fair proceeds has assisted in the building of a Lutheran Church in the village of Beauchouin. Over 200 have been attending Wednesday evening and Sunday morning services. A Lutheran school is now being built next to the church.
- The floor plans have been modified. All homes now have a sink and toilet. While they all have roofs, the kitchens are outside on the porch area.
- Most villages have outdoor community shower areas.
- The Sunday School youth gifts were used to place a commercial water filter at an existing Lutheran school in Haiti. There are 62 Lutheran schools in Haiti.

So thank you! Hopefully, this Lent, we can take on yet another home or two.

Your gifts of love have made a remarkable difference for many families, from tattered tents to a home with a roof over their heads.



The Lutheran Church at Beauchouin

## Preschool News

On Tuesday, August 30, Faith Lutheran Preschool officially begins with our Get Acquainted Nite! It is an exciting time for parents and preschoolers as they register and get 'acquainted' with the facility and staff of our preschool here at Faith. There are three sessions, one for each of the classes, that meet starting at 6:30 PM. It is always exciting to finally meet the face that goes with the name on the preregistration form! Classes start the week after Labor Day.

Due to an exceptionally young preschool group last year, we are offering an additional day option for our Tuesday-Thursday afternoon class. Of the 24 children registered in that session, 14 will also be coming on Monday afternoon for their third session each week. This is something new that we are trying to help accommodate the need for another three-day class. This will probably not be something we will continue to do each year, but rather when the need arises.

We have some sad and happy news to share. Cathy Califf, who has worked at the preschool for 5 years, will be leaving us to move to Iowa. We are so sad to see her leave, but happy that she is moving to be closer

to her son and his family. God bless you Cathy as you enter this new phase of your journey of life!

We are excited and happy to have Joyce Solem join our staff to replace Cathy's teacher's aide position! Joyce retired from the Day Care at Faith a few years ago and brings with her lots of experience and best of all a genuine love of children and her Lord. Welcome Joyce!

This has been an unusual year in that we filled all our sessions before preschool ended the first week in May. We have an extensive waiting list and are sad that not all the children who want into the program will be able to attend. However, there are times when people make other arrangements or move, so if your child is on our list, there may still be a possibility that they will be able to attend. I will contact you if that happens.

We have gotten our new computer from the Clocksins and it will be a wonderful addition to our program. Thank you Bernie, Noel and Brady!

I recently sent in the Land O' Lakes milk caps and am expecting a check for \$135.00! Wow! Thank you for being so helpful in saving those caps.

Thank you again for the privilege of working with God's precious little ones! I love being able to tell them about the God who created them, loved them enough to die for them, and lives in their hearts today! We are anticipating a wonderful year and are so thankful for your support and prayers. God's blessings to each of you in the family of Faith.

In Christ,

Jan Larson, Director/teacher



## “YOU PREACH A SERMON!”

(Witness, Mercy, Life Together)



The name ‘Jeanne Schweigert’ is almost synonymous with music at Faith Lutheran. One doesn’t have to attend worship very long before her presence is felt. On any given Sunday she may be leading worship from the organ bench; accompanying the choir, a vocalist or other ensemble; or she might be ringing handbells. As she puts it, “It’s really been my life.”

Jeanne is a daughter of our congregation. Her family arrived in Pierre in 1941 when she was six years old. Pastor Streufert was tending Faith’s flock on Pleasant Avenue at the time when Jeanne’s mother enrolled her in Sunday School. Jeanne began accompanying the Sunday School on the piano, as well as playing for their Christmas programs on the old pump organ. In 1949 Pastor Rabe confirmed Jeanne and her two classmates. By the time she was 15, she began playing for worship services and joined her mother in the choir. In 1955 Jeanne married her high school sweetheart, Marvin Schweigert. Pastor Sohn officiated at the wedding, and also baptized their first two children, David and Lisa.

Jeanne recalls the church on Pleasant Avenue as being “a pretty little church – very traditional.” Its small size meant that rehearsals and such had to be held elsewhere – often at the State Theater. The decision to leave the Pleasant Avenue church, buy property and build on Grand Avenue was not taken lightly. She remembers that there were some qualms about moving. By now, the congregation had purchased a Hammond organ, which eventually found its way to the balcony on Grand Avenue. Through it all, Jeanne and Marvin added to their family – Kristen, Carol, John and Jim – and Jeanne continued to play for worship services. There were times when, being the only organist, she had to play when ill.

Over the years, in addition to Sunday worship services, Jeanne has also played for many festival services – Christmas and Easter, ordinations and installations, anniversaries and dedications. “It’s been enjoyable,” she said. There was a time when she played for a lot of wedding ceremonies. That doesn’t happen as frequently any more, but she finds herself more often playing for funeral services. She uses the opportunity to tailor her music to the family and to send a message of hope, comfort and encouragement. Jeanne makes an effort to select music that is uplifting, and strives to convey a heart-felt message. It’s about sharing God’s word through music. One time, following a worship service, someone remarked to her, “You preach a sermon with your music!”

Jeanne’s musical abilities allow her to assist in worship, and she considers it a privilege to help make the worship experience meaningful. She is thankful to have been able to continue her music ministry throughout the years, even when experiencing serious health issues. Often times, when practicing alone at night, she feels humbled and closer to God.

The underlying theme in all of Jeanne’s music is “All Praise to God.”

### Acolytes

A reminder that on the Acolyte list is all kids from 9th-12th grade. Please check this schedule throughout the year. If you want to give Helen your preference for which service, or if you need to be removed from being scheduled contact her at [faith@faithluth.com](mailto:faith@faithluth.com) or 224-2216. Also a reminder that if you can’t make it to the service assigned, switch with someone. It is also helpful if the Elders have your cell phone to give you a reminder, you can call 224-2216 or email [faith@faithluth.com](mailto:faith@faithluth.com) so that we can update those records.



# LWML *Country Fair*

## Saturday, Oct. 15 at Faith Lutheran

Here's how you can help us start getting ready for this fun bazaar

### RECIPES IN A JAR

You layer ingredients in a pint or quart jar, then we'll add some decorations and a tag that tells the buyer how to use the ingredients to make bars or cookies or soup.



Instructions can be found on the Country Fair table in the Narthex. For information, contact Jane Braley at 945-0456, or email [jb62155@aol.com](mailto:jb62155@aol.com)

NOTE: Recipes in a Jar need to be returned to the church by Monday, September 26.

### GIFT BASKETS

Here are some of the things we need for making gift baskets:

- clean, gently-used small and medium sized baskets
- cups and soup mugs
- kitchen utensils, particularly wooden spoons, ladles, measuring cups, measuring spoons, and spatulas
- potholders and dish towels
- decorative memo pads & notepads
- cloth napkins in all colors
- votive candles in all colors - green is particularly needed
- small seasonal serving plates (about 4 to 6 inches across)
- wire ribbon in all colors - particularly solid green, solid blue, and blue patterns
- shredded raffia, especially brown, cream, black, white and red. (Plastic Easter basket grass is not needed)
- clear cellophane wrap
- tissue paper in all colors
- heavy paper for basket filler

Note: items may be left in the coat closet in the Narthex. Be sure to label them "For Gift Baskets".

**Gift Basket Assembly will be on Saturday, October 1.  
For information, contact Julie Linn at 224-0175.**

### CRAFTS

We need all kinds of arts and crafts for the Crafts Booth, so why not start on some projects now.

Crafts may be placed in the coat closet in the Narthex. Be sure to label it "For Crafts Booth". (It is helpful if you place a suggested price on the items).

### PRODUCE & CANNED GOODS

Be sure to set aside a few things from your garden for the Produce Booth. (Beets and carrots were popular last year).

If you do any canning, we'd love to have some of your goodies for this booth. **Popular items include:** Jelly & jam (we've had requests for strawberry rhubarb jam) — Apple butter — Pickles — Sauces — Salsa — Dilly beans — Piccalilli — etc. Last year, home-collected honey was a hit.



### COLLECTIBLES

Have some collectible items you're thinking of getting rid of? Our Collectibles Booth would love to have them. We'll sell collectible figurines, toys and antiques. Please label them "Collectibles", and include your name and suggested price. Leave in the coat closet in the Narthex.

### GRANDMA'S ATTIC

Doing some cleaning out? Bring good quality used rummage sale-type items for us to sell in the "Grandma's Attic" booth, such as seasonal decorations and other home decor, jewelry, tools, dishes and kitchen utensils, Halloween costumes, books, plants, wall hangings, and other items. No clothing, please. Please mark your items "Country Fair/Attic"

### BAKED GOODS

Why not start baking now and freeze those special treats so you're all set for Country Fair. Last year, we ran short on **cookies** - so all you cookie bakers, get your ovens cranked up!

# LYF NEWS!

## Twin Cities Trip

It was a great trip to the Twin Cities, Concordia University, The Mall of the World, and Valley Fair. What fun!

Concordia University is Pastor Urbach's Alma Mater. While not a huge campus, it was pretty cool.

## THANK YOU!

A huge LYF thanks to Mike Shoup and Jodi Hartmann for being the leaders on the trip. The LYF has given them both a gift to View 34 as a way to say thanks.

## September Meetings

### Note one change

September 7	6:30
September 14	8:00
September 21	8:00
September 28	8:00

**What's with the 6:30 on the 7th?** Well, join us for dinner—pulled pork sandwiches, chips, and build your own sundae.

**Then**—we will elect officers for 2011-2012.

- President
- Vice President
- Treasurer
- Secretary

And a class Representative from each class.

## Journey

It is a journey to Embassy Suites—What?! Get out of town! The Embassy Suites?! - Yes indeed, Omaha, NE.

### November 18-20

**Cost**—The LYF will pay for the rooms. The church will provide the Church vans and gas.

Your only cost is the \$115.00 registration and two meals.

Great speakers, an illusionist, and "211" will be the Gathering band.

What about a Christmas Ski trip with an overnigher in the Black Hills in December?



## Acolytes for September

### September 4

Early: Jacob Larson, Kaci Deal  
Late: Faith Kongslien, Julia Jares

### September 11

Early: Chase Harmon, Justin Meier  
Late: Molly Tschetter, Cade Larson

### September 18

Early: Brooklyn Voeltz, Jared Nielan  
Late: Joshua Thompson, Colton Graves

### September 25

Early: Colton Shoop, Connor Shoop  
Late: Megan Arneson, Joseph Knofczynski



## LOOKING AHEAD

We will take a short summer trip in the summer of 2012 which would include a day at the water park in Rapid and a trip to Rushmore for the Lighting Ceremony and a night in Rapid. But—starting in Lent with a little matching gift from our Thrivent For Lutherans Choice Fund, we are setting out sights on a huge group attending our Synod's 2013 San Antonio Youth Gathering

"Live Love(d)"

July 1-5, 2013

The theme is based on  
1 John 4:9

**"This is how God showed his love among us: He sent his one and only Son into the world that we might live through him."** (NIV)

## JYM NEWS

### First Fall JYM Event

All 6-8th graders are invited to our September JYM Event.

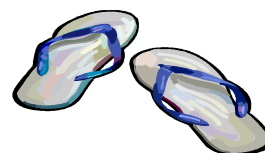
Wear your favorite beach shirt and join us for beach games, snacks, and yes some Hawaiian punch.

Any beach stories in the Bible? Actually, there are lots but we will look at a big one.

Again—

Sunday, September 25  
4:00-5:30 p.m.

Wear your flip-flops, sandals, and your craziest beach shirt!



## ANYBODY SEEN THE CHOIR?

The heat and humidity are on the downslide, and the water is receding. The summer presented a number of challenges – not only to our community, but also to our church family. Members vacate, and so does the choir. People are on the move, or they decide to sleep late, or have to wash their car ... or their hair ... or their dog's hair ... or clean the dog hair out of their washed car ... or something.

Regardless, the music program must be adjusted. One tries to dream up ways it might thrive and (maybe) grow during the hot summer. Small groups and ensembles, soloists (vocal or instrumental), invited guest musicians. But none of that works unless people want to be there.

Why do folks keep coming to choir? Why do we say "yes" to the call to serve? It's not necessarily out of a dried-up sense of duty or guilt. Part of it is pure dedication and commitment. Part of it is our enriching relationships with one another. Part of it is that we long to drink God's healing and comforting Spirit in the river of community (as well as the Pierre community on the Missouri River). Part of it is the joy of offering to God the gift of music in various styles. Part of it is fun.

There is always a reason we show up – always a need, always a hope. One reason that is fast approaching is to give thanks for God's goodness on Sunday, September 18. So... choir rehearsals will begin on Tuesday, September 6, at 6:30 pm, in the sanctuary. Besides challenges, loss and pain, the Summer of 2011 has brought beauty and blessings. History shows that during war and devastation, hard times and drought, music and singing provided a physical and spiritual connection for the people. Take some time to connect and create; reflect and refresh. TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, 6:30 pm.

Karen Lindbloom



*Witness, Mercy, Life Together*

## UPCOMING BIBLE STUDIES

### SUNDAY

**\*Our Sunday Morning Bible Class**—This five-session study explores the biblical basis of "*Witness, Mercy, Life Together*," the threefold emphasis of the Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod. Helpful explanations of Greek terms and references to Bible passages addressing witness, mercy, and life together are included. Our Sunday Morning class meets in between services in the Fellowship Hall at 9:45. \_\_\_\_\_

**\*Exodus, Part 1--Lifelight Class**--Lifelight bible studies seek to give in-depth study of the scriptures. Exodus is one of the most important books in the Old Testament. It tells how God rescued Israel from slavery and made of them a unique covenant people. You will be reminded that the Lord has rescued you from slavery to sin. His overshadowing presence accompanies you on the way to the Promised Land. The contact for this class is Marv Schweigert 224-5133. Meets Sundays at Church 6:30 PM begins Sept. 19th. \_\_\_\_\_

### MONDAY

**\*Monday Afternoon Women's Study**--"*Coffee with the Savior*" - Starting Sept. 19th, this class meets at 1:30 PM at the church and is led by Karen Lindbloom. The purpose of this study is to help you see that Jesus is your best friend. In these pages, you will discover the many ways He shares our burdens, forgives our wrongdoing, and redeems us forever. Topics include God's desire that we come to Him, that we pray to Him, and that we receive His gifts. So grab your latte, your friends, and your Bible, and go spend time with your Savior. If you would like to see if this class is a good fit for you, contact Karen (224-5292). \_\_\_\_\_

### WEDNESDAY

**\*Lessons of the Church Year**-- Ladies Study-This class on Wednesday mornings at church 6:30 AM. They study the appointed lessons for the week and helps to gain a fuller understanding of the text in preparation for what will be taught on Sunday. This class can be joined at anytime and goes throughout the year with a break during the cold winter months. Contact Ruth Leidholt (945-1211). \_\_\_\_\_

**\*Wednesday Morning Men's Study**--"*Game Plan for Life*" - "What are the most important issues facing men today, and what do they really need to know to be victors in the game of life? Joe Gibbs, legendary coach of the Washington Redskins and owner of Joe Gibbs Racing, and some of his closest friends answer those questions." Meets Wednesday morning at 7:00 am, and for breakfast at 6:30 on the 1st Wednesday of the Month. Starts Sept. 21st. \_\_\_\_\_

**\*The Bible on Trial: Beyond a Reasonable Doubt**—This class meets at church Wed. Evenings at 6:30. The Bible...fact or fiction? How can we know what it says is true? "*The Bible on Trial: Beyond a Reasonable Doubt*", a new 4-week Bible study from Lutheran Hour Ministries, examines these questions and more! The evidence is in, and YOU are the jury. We thank Bill Markley for leading this class. Starts Oct. 5th. \_\_\_\_\_

**Wednesday In-Home Bible Study**—Meets at 6:30 p.m. and begins Sept. 21. \_\_\_\_\_

### THURSDAY

**\*Beth Moore Women's Bible Study**--This class will begin on Sept. 8th and meets at church Thursday nights at 6:30-8:30. The study is entitled "*A Woman's Heart: God's Dwelling Place*." Explore the fascinating account of the building of the Old Testament tabernacle, the significance of its intricate design, its pivotal role in God's eternal plan, the grand fulfillment of its purpose by Jesus Christ, and its variety of meanings for your walk with God today. This is an 11 week study including the introduction. \_\_\_\_\_

**Adult Inquires Class**-A wonderful class for all that covers the basic teachings of our church and helps you understand what makes us Christian and specifically Lutheran as well. This is an especially important class for those who are new with us and who would desire to become a part of our Faith Family. This class meets on Thursday evenings at 7:30 beginning October 13th. Contact Pastor Urbach for details (224-2216) \_\_\_\_\_

### SATURDAY

**Early Communion Class**--for youth and parents of our 2nd-8th graders. This will cover the basic teachings of the Lord's Supper and prepare youth to begin receiving the Lord's Supper. The class meets Saturday, October 8th from 9:00-12:00 and then again Saturday, October 15th from 9:00-10:30. Contact the church office (224-2216) to sign up or for more information. \_\_\_\_\_

## Daycare News

Greetings from Faith Lutheran Daycare.

Summer is winding down and the children are anxious for school to get started. We will miss the large bunch of school age children we had this summer. We all had a good time going to the library, to the YMCA and to the City pool. We also took the children to the Zesto for ice cream and to Walmart so they could do their own shopping for school supplies.



Current enrollment is at 62 at the Daycare center. This number will go down after school starts; however, we have new children starting at the center also. Two of our employees are done at the daycare to return to college. We wish them the best of luck.

Daycare is in need of 6 new cribs due to the new recall on all drop side cribs. If anyone is willing to donate a crib, or money towards a crib the daycare would be very grateful. We have to replace our current cribs by December 31 of this year so time is running short. The cost for a new crib is about \$200.00. We also need an apartment size refrigerator for our baby area. The dorm size frig is not large enough. If anyone has one they are no longer using, or know of someone that had one, please let Noell know. We are also always accepting books, toys, puzzles, art supplies, and paper. The children love to create so the daycare goes through lots and lots of paper.

Be looking for a Daycare fundraiser in the near future. We will be trying to raise money to replace the rocks on the playground with rubber pellets. If someone wishes to donate to the playground fund you can also speak with Noell or Jennifer.

We are looking forward to cooler fall days and all the fun activities that go with this time of the year.

Your friend in Christ,

Noell Uhlir  
FLDC Director



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