

**THE FIRST SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY
THE BAPTISM OF OUR LORD**

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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*



We were buried therefore with Him by baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life. *Romans 6:4*



AS WE GATHER The First Sunday after Epiphany takes us down to the Jordan River, flowing from the North, where our Lord Jesus is baptized by His cousin John. We may have not been baptized in the Jordan River, but we share with our Lord the experience of being baptized. For the sinless Son of God, the Baptism was done in fulfillment of the will of His Father. For us, Baptism is a lavish washing away of sin. We are blessed through this Sacrament, which links us personally and intimately with our Lord.

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 OUR RISEN LORD

DIVINE SERVICE-SETTING FOUR

THE OPENING HYMN

*“What Child Is This?” LSB 370
Faith’s Praises with congregation
(We cheerfully rise and sing)*

THE INVOCATION

Matthew 28:19b; [18:20]

P In the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C Amen.

THE OPENING LITANY

P Our help is in the name of the Lord,

C **who made heaven and earth.**

Psalm 124:8

P If You, O Lord, kept a record to sins, who could stand?

C **But with You there is forgiveness; therefore, You are feared.**

Psalm 130:3-4

THE CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

P Let us now make confession of our sins to God, our heavenly Father.

C **Merciful Lord, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We admit that we have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed. We have left undone those things which we ought to have done; we have done those things which we ought not to have done. We have not always shaped our lives around the Gospel and have not always shared our faith as opportunity was given to us. We have not always been generous in sharing the bounty You have given us. We sincerely repent of our sins and humbly ask Your grace and forgiveness in Jesus Christ. By the renewing work of the Holy Spirit, lead us to change what is sinful in our lives that each day we may grow in righteousness and godly living to the glory of Your holy name.**

P God has gathered His people from north and south, east and west, and to them says, "Fear not!" In His mercy He promises pardon, life, and salvation because of the atoning sacrifice of His beloved Son. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, I announce to you the forgiveness of all of your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit. As you believe, so may it be.

C **Amen.**

THE SONG OF PRAISE *God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen*

God rest ye merry gentlemen, let nothing you dismay.

Remember Christ our Savior was born on Christmas Day

To save us all from Satan's pow'r when we were gone astray.

(chorus)

O – tidings of comfort and joy, comfort and joy!

O – tidings of comfort and joy.

From God our heav'nly Father a blessed angel came;

And unto certain shepherds brought tidings of the same;

How that in Bethlehem was born the Son of God by name. (chorus)

So when they came to Bethlehem where our dear Savior lay,



*They found Him in a manger where oxen feed on hay.
And when they saw Him down they knelt and unto Him they prayed.
Now to the Lord sing praises, all you within this place.
And with true love and brotherhood each other now embrace,
Because this Child of Christmas came down to bring us grace.*

THE SALUTATION *(Spoken)*

P 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 *“Rose of Bethlehem”*
Faith’s Praises

THE EPISTLE LESSON *Romans 6:1–11 (We are made to walk in newness of life in Christ.)*

THE RESPONSE

“Oh Lord, You’re Beautiful” by Keith Green
(Faith’s Praises will sing through once; congregation will join in and sing twice.)

Oh Lord, You’re beautiful.
Your face is all I seek.
For when Your eyes are on this child,
Your grace abounds to me.

THE HOLY GOSPEL *St. Luke 3:15–22 (Jesus teaches that one must be born of water and the Spirit.)*

THE SERMON HYMN

“From the Squalor of a Borrowed Stable” (Immanuel) by Stuart Townsend
Faith’s Praises with congregation

*From the squalor of a borrowed stable, by the Spirit and a virgin’s faith;
To the anguish and the shame of scandal – came the Savior of the human race!*

*But the skies were filled with the praise of heav'n – shepherds listen as the angels tell
Of the Gift of God come down to man – at the dawning of Immanuel.
King of heaven now the friend of sinners, Humble servant in the Father's hands,
Filled with power and Holy Spirit, filled with mercy for the broken man.
Yes, He walked my road and He felt my pain, joys and struggles that I know so well;
Yet His righteous steps give me hope again – I will follow my Immanuel.*

*Through the kisses of a friend's betrayal, He was lifted on a cru-el cross;
He was punished for a world's transgressions, He was suffering to save the lost.
He fights for breath, He fights for me. Loosing sinners from the claims of hell;
And with a shout our souls are free; death defeated by Immanuel.*

*Now He's standing in the place of honor – crowned with glory on the highest throne,
Interceding for His own beloved – 'til His Father calls to bring them home.
Then the skies will part as the trumpet sounds – hope of heaven or fear of hell;
But the Bride will run to her Lover's arms, giving glory to Immanuel.*

THE SERMON

“The Stamp of Approval”

St. Luke 3:15-22

Pastor Terry Naasz

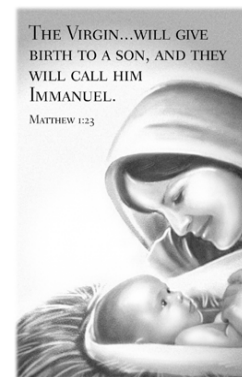
THE CREED 8:20 *Apostles' Inside back cover of the Lutheran Service Book*
11:00 *Nicene Inside back cover of the Lutheran Service Book*

THE ANNOUNCEMENTS AND GREETING OF ONE ANOTHER

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

THE OFFERTORY *Mary, Did You Know? By Mark Lowry and Buddy Greene*
Mary, did you know that your baby boy would one day walk on water?
Mary, did you know that your baby boy would save our sons and daughters?
Did you know that your baby boy has come to make you new;
This Child that you delivered will soon deliver you?

Mary, did you know that your baby boy will give sight to the blind man?
Mary, did you know that your baby boy will calm the storm with His hand?
Did you know that your baby boy has walked where angels trod,
And when you kiss your little baby you've kissed the face of God?
Oh Mary, did you know?



*The blind will see, the deaf will hear, the dead will live again;
The lame will leap, the dumb will speak - the praises of the Lamb.
Mary, did you know that your baby boy is Lord of all creation?
Mary, did you know that your baby boy will one day rule the nations?
Did you know that your baby boy was Heaven's perfect Lamb?
And the sleeping child you're holding – is the great I AM!*

THE PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH



- P** Almighty God, we give thanks for all Your goodness and bless You for the love that sustains us from day to day. We praise You for the gift of Your Son, our Savior, in whom we have the forgiveness of sins. We thank You for the Holy Spirit, the Comforter, for Your holy Church, for the Means of Grace, for the lives of all believers here and in every place, and for the hope of the life to come. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** Bless all who are gathered in Your name with a full measure of Your grace. Grant us an appreciation of the diverse and worldwide nature of the fellowship that we share in Christ, that we may see in each sister and brother in Christ a reflection of Your glory. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** We pray for our Faith family and its friends in the midst of life's joys and struggles... Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** Give Your holy wisdom and heavenly grace to all pastors and all those who hold office in Your Church, that by their devoted service in response to their calling, faith and faithfulness may abound and Your kingdom increase. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** Send the light of Your Word and Sacraments into all the earth. Raise up faithful servants of Christ to advance the Gospel both at home and in distant lands. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** All these things and whatever else You know that we need, grant us, Father, for the sake of Him who died and rose again and now lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C** **Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

- C** 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 8:20 service continues on page 7 with The Benedicamus
and The Benediction

Crossed Hands – The Board of Elders would find it helpful that when you desire to receive the communion wafer in your hand that you extend your hands in front of you. It is a nice tradition that you cross your hands simply placing your top hand crossed in the palm of the lower hand.

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 ~ *The Peace of the Lord*

John 20:19

P The Peace of the Lord be with you always.

C And also with you.

AGNUS DEI

☐ 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

"You Satisfy the Hungry Heart" LSB 641

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

"God Loved the World So That He Gave" LSB 571

NUNC DIMITTIS ~ Song of Simeon

Luke 2:29-32

C 1 O Lord, now let Your ser - vant De -
 2 All glo - ry to the Fa - ther, All
 part in heav'n - ly peace, For I have seen the
 glo - ry to the Son, All glo - ry to the
 glo - ry Of Your re - deem - ing grace:
 Spir - it, For - ev - er Three - in - One;
 A light to lead the Gen - tiles Un -
 For as in the be - gin - ning, Is
 to Your ho - ly hill, The glo - ry of Your
 now, shall ev - er be, God's tri - une name re -
 peo - ple, Your cho - sen Is - ra - el.
 sound - ing Through all e - ter - ni - ty.

THE BENEDICAMUS

P Let us bless the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

THE BENEDICTION *(With Sung Amens)*

P 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.



C A-men, a-men, a - men.

THE RECESSIONAL HYMN “Hark the Herald Angels Sing” LSB 380

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Welcome to Faith Evangelical Lutheran on this Second Sunday of Christmas! 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

John & Velda Bartel
Marrill & Sandy Bales

After Early Service

Danny & Cheri Adams
Dallan & Jackie Hoefener



Before Late Service

Harry & Sage Briggs
Steve & Nancy Allard

After Late Service

David & Luann Zuercher
Julie Linn

Preaching this morning is Reverend Joshua Baumann. Pastor Baumann, our Associate Pastor, will also preach at Trinity Lutheran in Blunt between our two services. Pastor Brad Urbach, our Vacancy Administrative Pastor, is our Liturgist and will also lead our adult Bible study this morning.

Prayer at the Pulpit Following both services, Pastor Baumann will be by the Pulpit if you have prayer concerns this morning.



Holy Communion is celebrated at our 11:00 service this Sunday. 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.



Morning Fellowship Join us between services in the CFLC for a fresh cup of coffee and fellowship.

Sunday School Our Sunday School will resumes today, January 3. Sunday School is for all children age 3 by September 1, 2015.

Our Adult Bible Study NO Bible Study today. We will enjoy the Board of Missions Oatmeal Fundraiser to help Annette Hill go on a Mission Trip to Hong Kong January 27th through February 7th.

Nursery The Nursery is available during the 11:00 service. It is located in the **F/G Room downstairs**. 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 is made possible this week by Susan Urbach in thanksgiving to God for the 12/28 birth of grandson Owen Jesse Knutson. Thanks Susan, may God richly bless Owen and his whole family.

Our Cable Broadcast is sponsored this week by our Faith congregation.

Did you know that "Sonrise" is streamed on KCCR live? If you are away, log on to www.TodaysKCCR.com.

The Broadcast schedules are on the traveling Bulletin board, which is in the Narthex.

Our Cable Broadcast is also on our Website. 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 New Year's Eve Att. 81 General Fund \$2,883.00; Building \$910.00 (Debt Retirement \$885.00, Building \$25.00); Flowers \$48.00; Love Fund \$200.00; Broadcasts \$35.00; **Sun., Jan. 3 Att. 251;** General Fund \$10,735.50; Building Fund \$3,565.00 (Debt Retirement \$3,520.00, Building \$45.00); Sunday School \$14.06; Love Fund \$125.00; Utecht Ministries \$100.00; Thrivent Automatic Withdrawal \$4,220.00 (General \$3,870.00, Debt Retirement \$280.00, Utecht Ministries \$70.00); Contingency Fund \$100.00.

This Week at Faith Lutheran

Today: Jan. 10

8:20 am Worship
9:30 am Board of Missions Oatmeal
Fundraiser
9:45 am Sunday School
9:45 am NO Adult Bible Study
11:00 am Communion
6:00-8:00 pm Congregational Swim Night at
the Aquatics Center
6:15 pm Board of Education
6:30 pm 1 & 2 Kings Bible Study
7:00 pm Bd. of Elders, Bd. of Missions,
Board of Parish Fellowship

Mon: Jan. 11

5:30 pm Youth Orchestra
6:30-8:00 pm Tae Kwon Do
7:00 pm LWML
7:00 pm Capitolians

Tues: Jan. 12

8:25 am Staff Devotions
9:30 am Circuit Conference at Faith
6:30 pm Choir

7:30-9:00 pm Pickleball

Wed: Jan. 13

6:30 pm Midweek
6:30 pm "Ephesians" Bible Study in the
Young Conference Room
6:30 pm "Daniel" Bible Study at John &
Carlene Barber's 29639 Lakeview Place
8:00 pm LYF Youth Meet

Thurs: Jan. 14

7:00 am Men's Bible Study
8:25 am Staff Devotions
5:30 pm Early Education Meeting
6:30-8:00 pm Tae Kwon Do
7:00 pm Faith Circle

Sun: Jan: 17

8:20 am Communion
9:45 am Sunday School/Adult Study
11:00 am Worship
6:30 pm 1 & 2 Kings Bible Study



BUILDING NEWS

Thank you for your continued gifts to our Building Fund – We thank you for your gifts last Sunday to the Building Fund of \$910.00. The gifts were designated as follows:

The Debt Retirement Account: \$885.00

New Bible Study

The letter to the Ephesians is God's inspired revelation of His purpose in our lives. Christians who mine

Challenge Accepted! The total gifts given for Debt Retirement from November 2015 until the end of the year were \$36,169.00. This includes the \$10,000 challenge gift, that was obviously matched about 2 ½ times the amount.

This means we have as of the January 1 payment made 5 additional payments with enough on hand as many gifts came in the week of December 27 to make at least another 4 to 5 advance payments. As of the first week in January 2016 we have –

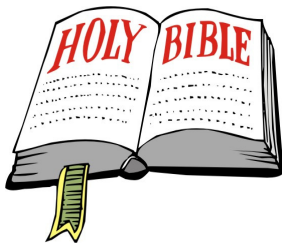
- Made 152 advance payments
- Saved \$540,626.86 in interest
- Reduced our principal to \$471,068.59

Assuming that this challenge gift and the corresponding matching gifts which provided \$36,169.00 in total gifts enables us to make 10 additional advance payments, means that, because of the challenge, we will save –

- \$16,190.54 in interest (based on 10 advance payments)
- \$548,527.78 in total interest
- And our principal will be reduced to \$448,218.81.

Ephesians for its truths will find themselves making sense of the Christian life as perhaps they have never made sense of it before. Ephesians asks and answers the three big questions of life: *Who am I? Why am I here? Where am I going?* The answers are all there in Paul's letter to the Ephesians. Come join Bill Markley and others **Wednesdays at 6:30** beginning **January 6th** in the **Young Conference Room for this LifeLight study.**

Oatmeal Fundraiser TODAY, January 10th between worship services. We welcome you to come join Our Board of Missions and our Hong-Kong Mission Team for a free-will oatmeal breakfast topped with ice cream and all the good stuff that will benefit Annette Hill of our Hong Kong Mission team. Annette will be leaving with a team of Lutherans from across the state and also from Alaska and Missouri. The dates for the Mission Trip are Jan. 27 – Feb. 7th. Our oatmeal breakfast will be held between our two worship services at 9:30 a.m. in the Christian Family Life Center and will help to offset some of Annette's trip expenses. Please plan to come and enjoy a warm bowl of delicious oatmeal topped with ice cream!



Bible Bowl 2016 We have received word from the South Dakota District on the selection of topics for the 2016 Bible Bowl. The book of the Bible will be selected chapters of Exodus. The catechism part is the

Ten Commandments. Students from sixth grade to seniors are eligible to participate. The statewide competition on Saturday, April 2nd will be held at our church again this year. For more information or to register please contact Pastor Baumann or Bible Bowl coach LeRoy Kropuenske.

Jacob Daniel is Going Back to Nashville!

Hey everyone! I'm excited to announce that I will be recording my 2nd studio album in Nashville, TN with producer Daniel Ornellas this February! Two years ago, God blessed me with a successful Kickstarter campaign that raised over \$10,000 to record my first EP "Wonderfully Made." It was one of the best experiences of my life and God has used those songs for His glory. I couldn't have imagined it going any better than it did and I have God, and so many supporters to thank for making it possible. I'm coming to you again in need of building a team of supporters to make this a reality because I cannot do it on my own.

So if you are able, I would love for you to once again join me to help me share my music with the world! The Kickstarter campaign will be launching **Sunday January 3rd at 7:00 PM** so stay tuned on my website (jacobdanielmusic.com) and my Facebook page, as the link to the Kickstarter page will be posted there when the time comes. There is a flier with more information available in the narthex if you are interested or you can email me at jacobdshoupmusic@live.com if you have further questions. Thank you again for partnering with me and I can't wait to share this new music with you!

Blessings,
Jacob Daniel (Shoup)

Information Please With a new Pastor soon to be in our midst we would like to get as many updates of phone numbers, e-mail addresses, etc., as we can. If anyone is in need of a name tag please sign up at the information table and we will get them back to the table as soon as possible. Thanks!

Save the Date! Purity Ball February 6, 2016 7:00 pm at CJ Callaways For girls 12-18 and their dads. Unforgettable evening, desserts, Father/Daughter Covenant, dancing. Cost is \$20 per ticket. Sponsored by Alpha Center. Register at 605-361-3500 or www.alphacenterfriends.com.

Main Street Living **Did you know** the Main Street Living program is broadcast throughout South Dakota and into bordering states on two TV stations: KDLT in Sioux Falls at 10:00 AM central and KEVN at 8:00 AM mountain in Rapid City? **Did you know** you can see the Worship Service and Kid's Crossing on our website at anytime? All programs are streamed on www.mainstreetliving.com, and are available the day before they are broadcast.

January 17-Kid's Crossing-Janitor Bob and Miss Lisa help Jemimah understand Jesus' first miracle of changing water into wine at the wedding of Cana, after jemimah spilled some red Kool Aid in the the Parish Hall.

Rev. Kenneth Soyk of Faith Lutheran Church in Parkston, and St. Peter Lutheran in Clayton, SD brings today's message "Look to Jesus", based on Matthew 17: 1-9. The Main Street Living Choir will perform; Tis Good Lord to be Here; Beautiful Savior; and Love Divine, All Loves Excelling, The program is interpreted and closed captioned for the hearing impaired.

Faith Lutheran Youth - F.L.Y.

Here's what happening with the youth of Faith Lutheran....



Acolytes for Sunday

January 10

Early Daniel Voita, Jessica Weber
Late: Chase Bolte, Joseph King

January 17

Early: Brooke Kampfe, Chelsey Meier
Late: Nate Hill, Brook Miller

January 24 (Sanctity of Life Sunday)

Early: Samuel Ryckman, Cassandra
Ryckman
Late: Hallie Dunn, Hanna Dunn

January 31

Early: Brevin Kaiser, Chloe Kaiser
Late: Jaden Filler, Kimberlee Geuther

**If acolytes are not able to be present for their assigned day, it is their responsibility to call someone else to find a replacement and then notify the church office. Thank you so very much!*

Verse(s) of the Week: (NIV)

Joel 2:12-13 "Even now," declares the LORD, "return to me with all your heart, with fasting and weeping and mourning." Rend your heart and not your garments. Return to the LORD

your God, for He is gracious and compassionate, slow to anger and abounding in love, and He relents in sending calamity.

→ **PRAYERS of all types and sorts...** “This week as you pray to the Lord, ask the Holy Spirit to help you live in your Baptism each and every day.”
Lord in Your mercy...Hear our prayer.

LCMS National Youth Gathering? Upcoming Dates:

- July 16-20, 2016 the actual gathering date
- *Payment Due Dates per Child *(May 16th amount Tentative)*
 - Feb. 16th, 2016 - \$275
 - May 16th, 2016 - \$200



For More Info Check Out: www.lcmsgathering.com

→→**National Youth Gathering Parent’s Meeting:** As best as humanly possible, I invite both youth and parents to come to our parent’s informational meeting to be held **Wednesday, January 27 @ 8:00 p.m.** This meeting is for any youth attending the Gathering next summer and their parent/guardian. This informational meeting will be held in our Christian Family Life Center (gym). At this time we will discuss: dates, travel times-which includes departures and arrivals, upcoming fundraising opportunities and calendar, covenants and behavior, events we will be participating in, lodging, transportation, where we stand financially as a group, and more! Thank you for making time to attend this really important meeting!

→ **Mardi Gras** – will be the next major LYF activity. It is Tuesday, Feb. 9th from 5:00-6:30 p.m. Our high school youth will help with the games. 10-15 L.Y.F. youth would be ideal to help out! Set-up will be Monday, Feb. 8th at 6:00 p.m. High school youth, come Monday and Tuesday for Mardi Gras Festivities!

→ **Sunday School Children Singing Date:** On Sunday, January 17th our Sunday School Children will be singing in the late service (11:00) only. Thank you for being present and for allowing your Sunday School child to bless our worship service on that day.

→ **Sunday School Children Singing Dates for the Remainder of the Year:**

Here are the Sundays the N-4th grade Sunday School will be singing at the 11 a.m. service: **Jan. 17th Feb. 14th; Mar. 20th (Palm Sunday); Apr. 17th; and May 8th (Midweek Children Sing on May 8th)**

→ **Need to talk?** Need prayers and encouragement? Pastor Baumann would love to pray for you, and if possible even with you for anything big or small that may be on your heart or mind. Find him after worship, or in the office for a special opportunity for prayer and conversation.

Got something to share in the youth announcement section? Please e-mail it to: baumannj@csl.edu Thanks!

Upcoming Youth Dates to Keep In Mind:

Jan. 10th → Congregational Swim night at the Aquatic Center 6-8 p.m.

Jan. 17th → Sunday School Children Sing in Worship

Jan. 27th → NYG Parent's Information Meeting 8:00 in the gym

On the Lighter Side:

*If you are going to start cross-country skiing, start with a small country.

*The best way to stop a charging bull is to take away his credit card!