

September 2018 Newsletter

Faith Lutheran Church

714 N Grand Avenue

Pierre, SD 57501

Rally Day

September 9, 2018

IT'S A FIESTA!



**Noon Fiesta Meal
with walking tacos**



- **Hosted by our Board of Parish Fellowship**
- **The congregation is asked to bring a dish to share**



- **2nd Graders receive their Bibles at the 11:00 Service**



- **Sunday School on the 9th is from 9:45 to 10:45**
- **Sunday School Award certificates will be given to students at our 11:00 Service**

- **Installation of All Midweek, Sunday School and Adult teachers at both Services**



"Thus Far Has the Lord Helped Us." 1 Samuel 7:12



What are you passionate about? What trips your trigger? What is your calling? What is your vocation? So many times when we are asked to think about vocation, we tend to think about it in terms of career. However, from now on I want to challenge you to think not about career, but think about calling. Whether you are a factory worker, a business man or woman, a volunteer, a grandmother, a husband, a mother, or a tutor to youth—you can live out your vocation in service to God for the benefit of the world.

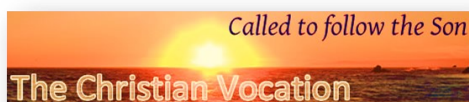
Martin Luther basically said the same thing in his “Exposition of Psalm 147”. Luther writes, “All our work in the field, in the garden, in the city, in the home, in struggle, in government—to what does it all amount before God except child's play, by means of which God is pleased to give his gifts in the field, at home, and everywhere? These are the masks of our Lord God, behind which he wants to be hidden and to do all things.”

We all have a calling. God has given us unique and special gifts to be used in service to Him and to one another. As Lutherans we believe that we are all living out our “vocations” in the ways we help our neighbors and share the love of Christ with them. And our church family has limitless opportunities to become a leader in this call to service.

Lutheran author, Gene Edward Veith, in his book titled *God at Work: Your Christian Vocation in All of Life* writes this about our calling (a.k.a. vocations):

When we pray the Lord's Prayer, observed Luther, we ask God to give us this day our daily bread. And He does give us our daily bread. He does it by means of the farmer who planted and harvested the grain, the baker who made the flour into bread, the person who prepared our meal. We might today add the truck drivers who hauled the produce, the factory workers in the food processing plant, the warehouse men, the wholesale distributors, the stock boys, the lady at the checkout counter. Also playing their part are the bankers, futures investors, advertisers, lawyers, agricultural scientists, mechanical engineers, and every other player in the nation's economic system. All of these were instrumental in enabling you to eat your morning bread.

Before you ate, you probably gave thanks to God for your food, as is fitting. He is caring for your physical needs, as with every other kind of need you have, preserving your life through His gifts. “He provides food for those who fear him” (Psalm 111:5); also to those who do not fear Him, “to all flesh” (136:25). And He does so by using other human beings. It is still God who is responsible for giving us our daily bread. Though He could give it to us directly, by a miraculous provision, as He once did for the children of Israel when He fed them daily with manna, God has chosen to work through human beings, who, in their different capacities and according to their different talents, serve each other. This is the doctrine of vocation. (*God at Work: Your Christian Vocation in All of Life*, by Dr. Gene Edward Veith).



So, what is your vocation? What are you passionate about? What trips your trigger? I pray that however you answer that question it is always in the context of service to God and to neighbor. And in so doing, we wear the mask of our Lord God.

In Service to Christ and Neighbor,

Pastor Cary T. Prie

P.S. Be on the lookout next month as you will have an opportunity to explore all the ways you can use your time and talents in service to God and neighbor.

Thus Far Has the Lord Helped Us.” 1 Samuel 7:12

A Holy Problem – Confession and Absolution

In the last newsletter, we looked at the role of the Divine Service and then focused on the Invocation: “In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.” The opening words do more than begin the service. They take you as the worshipper back to your baptism. Now the service has begun. But you encounter a problem. God is present in the service. He is a holy God but you are sinful. You have seen that sinfulness in the past week. How can you, a sinner, expect to receive God’s holy gifts?



The next part of the service corrects this problem. Confession and Absolution. No sooner have we called upon God to be present than we flee to him for mercy. We say, “Our help is in the name of the Lord, who made heaven and earth.” He is our only help, and he has promised to forgive our sins. We confess together, as members of God’s kingdom, how we have failed to live as God expects.

Then the pastor does something that might seem strange. He speaks on behalf of God. But even more than that, he says that Christ has commanded him to forgive your sins. The wording of the forgiveness (which we call the Absolution) is crucial. The pastor is a “called and ordained servant of the Word.” Nothing about him personally is important at this moment. Rather, he is called and ordained.

In the call, the congregation places the duty to publicly forgive sins upon the called pastor. They charge the pastor to perform this work. He forgives sins with the authority of the congregation, but not only with this authority. Christ our Lord has also given him the command to forgive sins. Jesus gave this charge to his twelve disciples (in John 20:19-23). Throughout the ages, pastors carry out this original command from Jesus, forgiving the sins of his people in the church. In the call, these two entities (Christ and congregation) simultaneously empower the pastor to forgive sins publicly in the Divine Service.



The ordination works hand-in-hand with the call. The ordination is the way that the church body (also called the synod) recognizes fit and capable men. The ordination ceremony is the culmination of all the studies at the seminary. The seminary faculty has declared men to be fit pastors. The ordination ceremony is the agreement of our church body (the synod). It functions as a public proclamation that this man is ready and capable as a pastor.

When the called and ordained pastor forgives your sins, you can be certain that your sins are indeed forgiven before Christ in heaven. The pastor speaks by Christ’s command with the authority given him by the congregation. Now the problem is solved. You, as a holy member of God’s kingdom, can receive the gifts that he gives during the Divine Service. But more on that next time.



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HOW CAN I KEEP FROM SINGING?

To be in choir is to be part of a family ~

a singing family
a Christian family
a committed family
a caring family
a praying family
a joyful family
a fun-loving family

My life flows on in endless song, above earth's lamentation,
I hear the real, though far-off hymn that hails a new creation.
Through all the tumult and the strife, I hear the music ringing,
It sounds an echo in my soul;
How can I keep from singing?

With hearts and voices, our choir family is tuned to sing out the Good News. Singing in the choir is a great way to enable others to experience the presence of Christ and to fulfill the Great Commission. God is our theme. We can never exhaust so vast a subject.

What if my joys and comforts die, I know that truth is living.
What though the darkness 'round me close, still truth its light is giving!
No storm can shake my inmost calm, while to that Rock I'm clinging,
Since Love is Lord of Heav'n and Earth;
How can I keep from singing?

To keep the song sounding, Faith Choir is in need of voices. In today's troubled world, I strongly believe in the importance of making music together. We are living in a time in which singing about God and our faith is more important than ever.

I lift my eye, the cloud grows thin, I see the blue above it,
And day by day this pathway smooths, since first I learned to love it.
The peace from Love makes fresh my heart, A song of hope is springing,
All things are mine since truth I've found;
How can I keep from singing?

To be in a choir is to minister to others through song. To be in a choir is to be blessed.

Please join us!

Karen Lindbloom

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Memorial Garden Memorial Stones

Now is the time to be thinking about getting names submitted for Memorial Stones.

There are request sheets in the Narthex on the Information table. The cost for the names is \$35 and if you would like a space saved on the same stone for your name it is an extra \$50.

October 1 is the final date each year for submitting

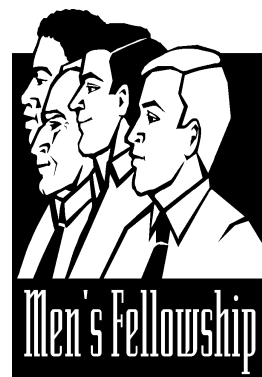
names to be engraved in time for dedication on All Saints' Sunday, the first Sunday in November. This year it is November 4.

To date we have had 90 names engraved on the stones. It is a very nice, lasting memorial to family members.



Men's Fellowship

Our Men's Club begins again this Fall on Monday September 11th at 7:00 pm in the Christian Family Life Center.



Beverage will be provided, bring a snack to share!

We will be playing some Dartball, so start honing your throwing skills and be ready for some friendly competition!



CHOIR NOTES

Faith Choir will begin with a one-hour rehearsal on:

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 5
5:30 – 6:30 pm

Following that, all future rehearsals will be held on Tuesday evenings at 6:30 pm.

RESUMING ON SEPTEMBER 18

Reading music notation is not required, but if you can match pitch:

MORE POWER TO YOU!!
Please join us!



Join Con Brio Bells Bell Choir

Con Brio Bells will begin rehearsals shortly. Our bell choir rings several times during the course of the church year. Typically, we rehearse for about three weeks prior to ringing for worship, so we are "episodic" in nature. Currently, we have a pool of about 12-13 ringers, but would welcome more. It is important that one can read music notation and count rhythm. If you can commit to small amounts of time, periodically, this may be the group for you! For more information, please contact Karen Lindbloom at 224-5292, or leave a message with the church office.



**HANDBELL
CHOIR**



Congregational Fish Fry

A huge **THANK YOU** to Cordell Costar, Vern Dockter, Ken Shelbourn and Brian Gustafson for cooking the fish for the August Congregational Fish Feed.

It was a gourmet banquet of fish! We had a great turnout and we wish to thank **all** those who provided the fish! Lila Houck, David Johnson, Forrest Wixon, Scott Collison, Allen Weller, Gary Marrone, Chuck Atkins, Vern Dockter, Brad Schultz Cordell Costar and one unknown donor.

A huge **THANK YOU** to all who volunteered to help clean up!

Our next Forever Young is the third Thursday of September, that is September 20, at high noon. It will be potluck—come and join us!

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Hello, My name Hope LaForest and I will be serving as the new Pre-school Director and Teacher of Faith Lutheran Preschool. I am excited to share God's love with all the Children. I was born and raised in Louisiana. I attended Nicholls State University in Thibodaux, Louisiana where I received my Bachelor's degree in Birth to Five Early Intervention Education and an Associate's degree in Preschool Management. My family and I relocated to Pierre in June. My husband Matt and I have two young boys, Hudson and Harvey. Both boys attend daycare at Faith Lutheran. This will be my 4th year of teaching, and I feel fortunate to continue my career at Faith Lutheran Preschool.

On Monday, August 27th, 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. It is always exciting to meet the face that goes with the name on

the registration form! Classes start the week after Labor Day - September 10th & 11th.

I am very blessed to have four dedicated and experienced staff members to help me share the love of Jesus with all the little ones. Donna Gohl, Anita Marso, Beth Hand and Dawn Koch will all be returning to Faith Lutheran Preschool this fall. What a blessing it is to have this group of dedicated women to work with at preschool!

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,

Hope LaForest, Director/
teacher
preschool@faithluth.com



Daycare News

Article not submitted in time.



Thus Far Has the Lord Helped Us." 1 Samuel 7:12



Put these words of mine in
your heart and soul
Teach them to your children
Deuteronomy 11:18-19, NRSV



LIFE TEAM NEWS!

Grandparent Project

The Grandparent Project was started several years ago with the idea in mind to (1) involve our youth in life issues and (2) be supportive of the senior members of our congregation. Since midweek is about to begin, our Life Team felt it was timely to review what the Grandparent Project is about, how the midweek students and midweek teachers participate and how the “grandparents” benefit.

First, to the “grandparents” of our congregation. Our Life Team looks to the Pastors to provide us with names of those they feel might best benefit from this program. What is required of you? **NOTHING!** You will be the recipients of a card from the Midweek class assigned to you for Thanksgiving, Christmas, Easter and your birthday (if we have your birth month on file). Just sit back and enjoy!

Midweek Parents, Teachers, and students: For your part it is three-fold.

Parents, perhaps be aware of who the “grandparents” are assigned to your child’s midweek class. If that

person happens to be in Church maybe point them out to your child so they can say hi if they want to. Plus, the team would really like to be able to take a class photo and send it to the “grandparent” in their Christmas Card. Your allowing that to happen is wonderful! There is a place to do so in your midweek packet. **Teachers**, be aware of fact that a Life Team member will place a sheet for the students to sign in your classroom the first part of November, December and the month Easter will fall in. There will also be months they will place a birthday card or two in your class. We would love it if you would also sign these along with the student. Please put them into the Life Team mailbox across from the Confirmation pictures. Doing that the same night would be fabulous and enable us to get these our right away.

Students, feel free to draw little pictures or include a sweet message in the card or signature sheet along with your name. I’m sure the “grandparents” will appreciate your thoughtfulness! Also, if you see your “grandparents” at Church go up and tell them your name and say hi!

AND, the Faith Lutheran Life Team wants to thank all of the teachers and students who have faithfully participated in this throughout the years!

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

On September 22 we will have an opportunity to meet and greet and share some lunch (on your own) with the Executive Director of the National Lutheran’s for Life, Rev. Michael W. Salemink will join us at the Red Rossa. Look for a sign-up sheet in the Narthex.

Official Acts

Baptisms

Elsie James Lauritsen 7/1/18
McKenzie Myleen Swanson 8/5/18
Oliver Ryan Tobin 8/19/18
Tucker Jerran Tobin 8/19/18

Weddings

Colette Peters & Charlie Prokop
Danyelle Sanders & Alex Ogren
Matthew Green & Dagne Ode
Luke Denke & Rebecca Darland
Rachel Hartmann & Tyler Arbach

Funerals

Bridget Miller



Blood Drive Thank You

The Faith Lutheran Blood Drive on Monday, August 20th went very well.

We had 52 procedures done, with 68 units that were donated. There were also 2 first-time donors.

Thanks to everyone who donated blood. Thanks to all who donated drinks and snacks, and to Myrna Hartmann, Shirleen Wixon and Cheryl Brull who donated cookies and those who helped in any other way. We thank Jay Fredrich for getting things set up. It takes all of us to make a successful drive.

Thanks again!

Jodi Hartmann



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**Our Bulletin
and Newsletter
Assemblers**



Voter's

Assembly
October 7,
2018

At noon

Lunch will
be provided

We will be
discussing
the
Hofwolt

Who is it that folds our
bulletins each week
and puts those inserts
in?

Who is it that puts the
Newsletter together
each month in the mail-
ing envelopes?

Well—that would be:

- Linda Denke
- Marcia Johnson
- Freda Peters
- Mary Hiller
- Lila Houck
- JoAnn Sanders

Thanks for your contin-
ued commitment every-
one!

If YOU are willing to
help let us know.

Please have
all articles
you want in
the October
newsletter
submitted
by noon on
Friday,
September
14.



Ways you can help us
prepare for

Country Fair

Saturday, October 20th
9:00 AM to 1:00 PM

Theme:
"Gather with Grateful Hearts"

PLAN TO BRING

- Baked Goods (bars, cookies, breads, etc.)
- Fudge & All Kinds of Candy (LOTS of it)
- Crafts/Pottery/Homemade Jewelry/
Knitted & Crocheted Items/Items Made of
Wood/Weavings
- Jellies & Jams (they are popular, and we need
a LOT of them)
- Canned Goods, Salsa, Sauces (salsa sells out
quickly!)
- Homegrown Produce & Honey
- Collectibles & Small Antiques
- Gently Used Household Items
- PIES PIES PIES!!!



SIGN UP TO HELP

We need a LOT of help in the booths. Sign up to help for just a couple of hours, or for the entire event. Why not ask a friend to join you working in a booth? Sign up sheets are on the Country Fair table in the Narthex.

EARLY NEEDS

Recipes in a Jar

Jane Braley: 945-0456



1. **Select a recipe** from the Country Fair Table in the Narthex.
2. **Follow the Instructions:** the sheet will tell you what ingredients are needed, and how to layer or mix them in a pint or quart jar.
3. **Label the jar.** Leave it on the Country Fair Table by Sun. Sept 30.

Items for Gift Baskets

Julie Linn 280-0175

Here's some of the items we need for the all-occasion gift baskets we'll be putting together:

- Cups and soup mugs, all colors
- Kitchen utensils such as wooden spoons
- Cloth linens: potholders, dish towels, napkins
- Napkin rings
- Decorative memo pads and notepads
- Individual packets of flavored beverages
- Miniature candy bars & wrapped hard candy
- Soaps and Lotions

Note: Leave in the coat closet in the Narthex by Sun. Oct. 7th.

LABEL ITEMS "For Baskets."

Stop at the Country Fair table in the Narthex:

- For info on Recipes in a Jar
- For ideas on what to make
- To sign up to bring pies
- To volunteer to help at this fun event

Questions? Talk to Kristy Deal (280-7004)

Upcoming Bible Studies



Walking in the Word...2018 Fall Bible Study & Fellowship Opportunities @ Faith Lutheran Church

Please Check the Desired Study/ies & Return to the Church, **OR** Keep the Sheet & Just Let Us Know! 224-2216

Sunday

Adult Bible Study

A Study of John – Pastor Rajek will walk through the book of John. Come and learn about the different ways that Jesus describes himself (the “I Am” statements) as well as the imagery that John uses to portray the world, Christians, and Jesus.

A Return to the Catechism – Pastor Handschke will walk through the Small Catechism. Refresh those memories from your confirmation days and see how the catechism crystalizes the teachings from God’s Word. You will also see how you can apply the teachings to your everyday decisions.

High School students – Annette Hill will investigate how to see our daily events through a Christian view. Come and discuss how your daily decisions are based on God’s Word.

Adults – *Selected Psalms*. Marvin Schweigert will lead a study on the Psalms. The study starts on Sept 16 and ends on Nov 11. It takes place on Sunday evenings from 6:30-8:00PM. Please meet in the Library.

(Everyone) *“Evangelism Study for Christians—Every One His Witness.”* Every Christian is called to bear witness to Christ in their every day life. This study will include a new study resource by LCMS which includes a video and workbook. The study will help equip and encourage the group to be confident in their role as disciples for our Lord. The study will include regular witnessing activities. This is the step you’ve been needing as you put faith into action to live Jesus’ words to “Go, make disciples of all nations” and to bring Jesus to a world lost and hopeless without Him. This Bible study meets Sunday nights at 6:30 in the Young Conference room beginning Sept. 9th and lasting about 10 weeks. Contact Dennis or Carolyn Ryckman if interested.

Monday

Men – Fellowship time. Every first Monday of the month at 7:00PM (except Sept 10 since Sept 3 is Labor Day) gather for a time of devotion, fellowship, and snacks. Fellowship time includes an activity like dartball or bean bags. Those who are able can bring a snack.

Tuesday

Women – *Waiting: A Study on Patience, Hope, & Trust*. Led by Karen Lindbloom, the ladies will see how waiting on God is a necessary part of the Christian life. The study begins on Sept 25. Please meet at 10:00AM in Young Conference Room.

Wednesday

Adults – *Lutheran Spirituality Series: Prayer – We Speak to God*. Led by David Zuercher, this study will look at the Biblical basis for prayer as well as various models for prayer. The study will meet at 6:30PM starting September 12, rotating to the homes of the participants. Contact David for the location of the first study: 222-8424.

High School students – *Lutheran Youth Fellowship (LYF)*. Come to a time of fellowship and devotion. High school students can share their joys and burdens, form friendships with other students, and grow in their love of God. This is open to students from other congregations, so invite your friends to join you. We meet from 8:00-9:15PM for a game or activity followed by a devotion.

NAME: _____ **PHONE:** _____

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Acolyte Schedule September 2018

September 2

Early: Tucker Berens and Ajaye Kicks
Late: Trevor Hayes and Jacob Larson

September 9

Early: Brady Hoftiezer and Caiden Jost
Late: Jordan Thompson and Jayden Nickerson

September 16

Early: Drew and Zane Schuchard
Late: Emily and Natahn Haberling

September 23

Early: Ethan and Simon Hill
Late: Emily and Hannah Lingle

September 30

Early: Lane Hedglin and Micahel VanDeWiele
Late: Deni and Gracie Zeeb



MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

RALLY DAY – Sunday, September 9th! Join us at Faith Lutheran on this special Sunday as we celebrate the start of Sunday School, watch the special moment when 2nd graders receive their new Bibles, enjoy a taco fiesta meal at noon provided by our board of Parish Fellowship, and have opportunities for the kids including games and a bounce house in the Christian Family Life Center courtesy of the Board of Education. We look forward to seeing you there among us!

Midweek Parents' Meeting September 5th.

Rally Day is September 9th with a noon meal, games, and a bounce house!

Sunday School Begins September 9th.
Midweek Begins September 12th.

Midweek Parent's Meeting for Wednesday, September 5th!!! There will be a parent's meeting **Wednesday, September 5th** for parents of Midweek students in grades 2-8. At least one parent or guardian is expected to attend. The parent's meeting is 6:30 p.m. at Faith in the church sanctuary. Youth are not required to attend, just one of their parents or legal guardians. This is an opportunity to ask questions, meet teachers, see rooms, pay for materials, and cover expectations for the year.

Upcoming Youth Dates to Keep in Mind:

September 5th Midweek Parent's Meeting

September 9th Rally Day

September 9th Adult Bible Class Begins

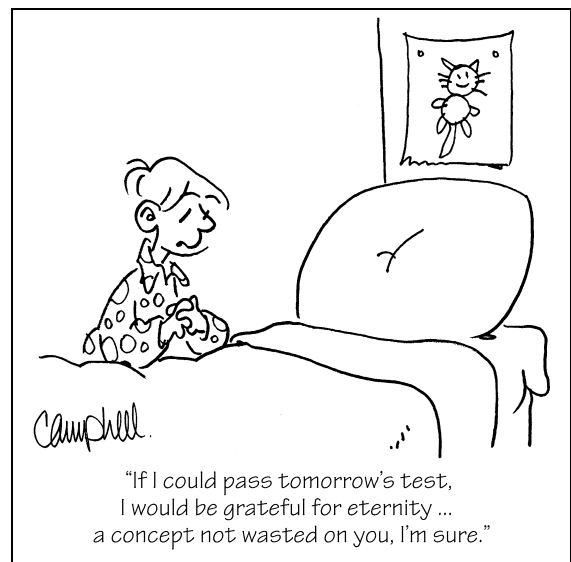
September 12th Midweek Begins

Oct. 31st Trunk 'N' Treat from 6:00-7:15 p.m. in Faith parking lot (L.Y.F. Serves Drinks)

July 2019, 11-15th LCMS Natl' Youth Gathering Minneapolis

National Youth Gathering in Summer 2019

We invite our youth to come with us to the National Youth Gathering, from July 11-15, 2019, in Minneapolis, MN. We will announce a parents' meeting in September to go over registration details and discuss ways to prepare for the trip.



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