



October 2011 Newsletter

The Flavors of Hong Kong

October 23, 2011

6:00 p.m.

This is a meal designed to be a fund-raiser to assist 10 members of our church to go to Hong Kong February 13 to 23, 2012.

While this is a free-will offering event, the value of the meal is \$25.00 per person. We are prayerful this will be a major event to help our Hong Kong participants with their expenses.

We are grateful to Paul Kenefick-Aschoff for sharing his Chef abilities and some major coordination of the meal. We also thank a number of businesses for supplying generous donations in food and supplies for the favorable event.

Sign-up soon in the Narthex.

It will be like a night in Hong Kong!

Social

Will be provided as a treat to you by the six families preparing for their mission trip to Hong Kong.

A tea bar will be offered to whet your palate.

Salad

Tossed greens with an oriental flair served with your choice of sesame or ginger vinaigrette.

Main Entrée

Chinese BBQ Flavored Pork Loin (roasted pork loin marinated in the sweet and tangy flavors of Chinese BBQ sauce)

Steamed Rice

Gingered Beans and Red Pepper

Dessert (choose from)

Custard with Berry Compote

Apple Crisp with Whipped Cream

Bread Pudding with Caramel Sauce

Fortune Cookies

Silent Auction

Entertainment

Trunk and Treat



Trunk
or Treat

October 31, 2011

6:00-7:30 p.m.

Holding a Trunk 'N' Treat Halloween activity is a great way to keep Halloween safe. It's when several

families get together at the church, park their cars in the parking lot, open up the trunks of their cars, and kids come around to each car to Trunk 'N' Treat instead of going house to house to Trick-or-Treat.



Treats, warm cider, hot chocolate and coffee provided by our LYF youth.



A well lit area for our Trunk 'N' Treaters, and restrooms available!

We need 30 families to serve as Host Trunks.

We ask our host families to provide 400-500 pieces of candy, our Board of Missions and Evangelism will supply the rest.

A Message From Pastor Urbach

“That’s Intentional”

The coach shouts out. It is the closing moments of a Basketball game and one of his players has been fouled in what appears to be a very deliberate manner. The ref certainly seems to agree, a couple of free-throws are given and the team gets the ball again.

At a crime scene the discussion among the police officers and the bystanders is this, “It appears to be a premeditated crime.”

“Intentional”, “premeditated” - words that describe that pre-thought was involved. To some extent there was a plan.

Our recent 50/80 Event, as have big events before them, needed to be intentional, there needed to be pre-thought.

There is a list of people in this Newsletter who all took a part of the plan and made a very joyous day. I thank them all, visitors were amazed at all the volunteers.

I especially thank the 50/80 Idea Committee. They planned a wonderful celebration. I know their names are elsewhere in the Newsletter, but let us list their names here as well: Larry & Linda Adams, Jim & Phyllis Douglas, Jerry & Lois Erbe, Chuck & Karen Humphrey, Marvin & Jeanne Schweigert, Joyce & Nathan Solem, Rich & Gloris Zoller.

It is good to celebrate history! In the life of the church it is good to remember and thank those who laid foundations that others could build on.

It is also important that we also build a faithful foundation for yet the next generation.

“what we have heard and known, what our fathers have told us. We will not hide them from their children; we will tell the next generation the praiseworthy deeds of the Lord, his power, and the wonders he has done.”

Psalms 78:3-4

We strive to do this at 714 N. Grand Avenue. We also strive to help others do this in other places in our world. Those places we know well: Papua New Guinea, Kazakhstan, Rosebud, Haiti, Pine Ridge, special missionary outposts where we hold up the missionaries hands.

A healthy church is always looking beyond its walls.

So thank you for being “intentional “ about your worship and your work in our Lord’s Vineyard. Any Christian with even modest Biblical knowledge knows that worship of God permeates the Biblical source. God, the Father Almighty, even gave us a commandment—

Remember the Sabbath Day by keeping it holy.

Luther would add the Catechical explanation meaning, *What does this mean?*

We should fear and love God so that we do not despise preaching and His Word, but hold it sacred and gladly hear and learn it.

The writers of Hebrews added this admonition early in the New testa-

ment writings.

“Let us not give up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but let us encourage one another—and all the more as you see the Day approaching.”

Hebrews 10:25

Worship is “intentional”. We plan ahead and often work around our desire to worship each Sunday.

And our work—I really like Ephesians 2:10, after writing about how we are saved by grace, St. Paul states,

“For we are God’s workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.”

Ephesians 2:10

This takes me full circle to the start of this letter as I say once again—thank you to all of you who in so many ways helped with our 50/80 Event and for everything that goes on at Faith—Boards, Circles, Musicians, Country Fair workers, Trunk & Treat trunks, ushers, teachers, cooks for funerals (and servers too) - ahh, this list could get long.

But for all you do—all that “intentional” good in thought, word, and deed—THANK YOU!

May God bless the intentions of your heart!

The Lord be with you.



Pastor Brad Urbach

Building Homes and Hope in Haiti (BHHH)

"You saved my life and the lives of my children."

That's what a Haitian mother living in a home at the new Lutheran Village in Jacmel said to the Rev. Glenn F. Merritt during his latest trip to check on rebuilding and recovery in the battered Caribbean country.

Our monies sent last year at Lent has built two of the homes in Beaudrouin and helped to build the church.

There are three villages being constructed. The following is a section of an article from the Reporter that is sent to all pastors of Synod:

"In Beaudrouin, near Jacmel, the Lutheran Village that Merritt calls 'the most complete' includes 16 two-bedroom homes and two apartment buildings, each with six two-bedroom units. The village includes a new

ELCH church. Construction of a new school was to start in late August, Merritt said, and plans are in the works to open a community store where villagers can buy commodities at wholesale prices.

Along with Lutheran Village residents, earthquake survivors from a neighboring temporary housing development worship at the ELCH church in Beaudrouin. "This new church already has doubled in size," Merritt said. "Since the other village [developed by another organization] has no church and no plans for a school, our village serves even more people than those who actually live there."

To date, 27 homes have been built through BHHH in the Jacmel Lutheran Village, also home to an ELCH congregation.

At the Lutheran Village of Leogane, families live in 12 prefabricated homes with another 30 now being assembled. Some 20 permanent homes, a new church, school and ELCH seminary headquarters also are under construction. Medical and dental clinics already draw Haitians to the new community.

To encourage support, a \$200,000 challenge grant of matching funds for BHHH has been placed before the Synod. Every donor gift will be matched, dollar for dollar, until year's end, up to a \$200,000 total."



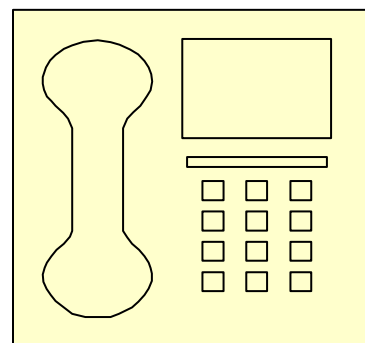
Phones

We are grateful for a newer set of phones at Faith. When Dennis Ryckman consolidated his Rapid City office into his Pierre office, he provided us with that phone system.

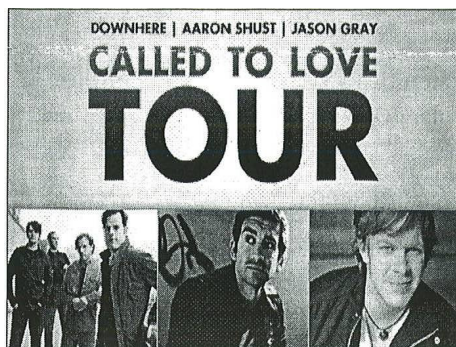
Then Chris Anderson of CommTech provided us, at a very reasonable cost, enough

phones to put phones in Karen's and Jan's offices and in Conference Room B and get them all wired.

So to Dennis Ryckman and Chris Anderson of CommTech a great THANK YOU for an updated and expanded phone system.



It's Concert Time!



Downhere, Aaron Shust, and Jason Gray

Called to Love Tour

7:00 p.m.

Thursday, October 6th

Riggs Auditorium

Pierre, South Dakota

For Ticket information visit kslt.com or see poster in Narthex

MUSIC IS THE LANGUAGE OF THE SOUL

It has been said that music is the highest philosophy. There is no other scientific method or art form that has the capacity to powerfully capture a pervading mood and restore composure or calmness to the human mind or spirit like music.

That sentiment has proved itself many times over as Marie Sarvis grappled with the challenge of losing a leg in a car accident at the age of 17. In Clara Shelbourn's 79 years, the same principle has been present throughout a lifetime of singing God's praises. Both ladies, along with Jeanne Schweigert and Judith Miller, were regular organists at Faith Lutheran when I arrived in Pierre in 1973. Clara and Marie were also firmly planted in the alto section of the choir.

*The Lord has promised good to me,
His word my hope secures;
He will my shield and portion be
As long as life endures.*

Marie moved to Ft. Pierre from the Virgil, SD area with her family at the age of 10, and studied piano with Mina O'Riley for one year. "It came naturally to me," she said, "I could also play by ear." Marie's family was musical; her father played violin in a Bohemian band at one time. She was an active vocalist in the high school glee club, and also sang in operettas, ensembles and as a soloist. "I loved to sing," she commented. Raised in the German Reformed Church, a chance visit to Faith Lutheran with the Steffen family as a young girl was all it took for Marie to fall in love with the little church on Pleasant Avenue. Marie eventually was confirmed and began playing the old pump organ. Having an artificial leg didn't stop her. "I had to pump that old organ like crazy using my good

leg," she laughed, "it was leaking air!" She remembers the congregation moving to its present site. "I played for the last service on Pleasant Avenue," she said. That service was finished at the Grand Avenue address.

Clara grew up in Valentine, NE, which naturally qualifies her as a Husker fan. She was baptized and confirmed in the Lutheran faith, Wisconsin Synod, and fondly recalls the Sunday School programs taking place on Christmas Eve. She, too, loved to sing, and for two years was part of the All-State Chorus in Omaha. During her eighth grade year, Clara took a few piano lessons on an upright piano that her sister had purchased. It served her well, because she played organ occasionally for worship services wherever she happened to be living at the time. Clara married Dan in 1952 and they lived near Mission and in Lemmon before moving to Pierre. "I always sang in the choir," she said, "and our children, Ken and Nancy, sang, too. We didn't have movies in the car like they do now; we sang!" She has also taught her great-grandson, Will, who's nearly three, to sing "Away in a Manger."

*Through many dangers, toils and
snares
I have already come;
'Tis grace hath brought me safe thus
far,
And grace will lead me home.*

Life hasn't always been easy for Marie, but she has persevered. She was married to Edwin and raised three children – Kay, Mark and David. Marie now resides at Parkwood and needs assistance when walking. At one time, Marie had an organ in her home, but when she moved to an apartment, there wasn't enough room for it. Marie gen-

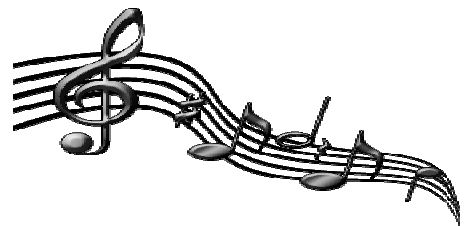
erously offered the instrument to Trinity Lutheran in Blunt, where it is now used for worship services. She sums up her love of music as "a deep feeling that I can't always express." Her favorite hymn is "I'm But a Stranger Here."

After all these years, Clara still sings with the choir and plays organ for the morning Lenten services. She's ready to serve when Pastor calls on her to play at the nursing homes, and also subs for the bell choir. "I'm happy to be active," she says, and belongs to Faith Circle and LWML. She expresses her frustration that more people don't take part. She very much enjoyed writing meditations for "Dial-a-Devotion" back in the 1970's. When asked for her favorite hymn, Clara didn't hesitate – "Amazing Grace" -- as well as "For All the Saints," "I Know That My Redeemer Lives" and "My Hope is Built on Nothing Less."

In their own individual ways, each of these ladies has been blessed by the gift of music.

*When we've been there ten thousand
years,
Bright shining as the sun,
We've no less days to sing God's
praise
Than when we'd first begun.*

Karen Lindbloom



50/80 Celebration

One of our 50/80 guests from the “Class of 61” observed in a most complimentary way how every facet of our celebration flowed from one event to the next in such a natural manner as each committee flowed to the next event in such a seamless manner. Such a celebration requires many, many, willing hands—here is a big THANK YOU to a host of willing hands.

- Our Saturday night Barbeque for the “Class of 61” hosted by our Board of Elders, they are: Brent Adney, Steve Allard, Bill Bossman, Ron Bren, Curt Everson, Randy Hartmann, Dale Heidelberg, Tarry Leibel, Paul Lepisto, Brad Schultz, Jeff Tronvold, and Dave Zuercher.
 - Our Set-up Committee: Nicole Bartel, Dawn Koch, Dee Koch, Andy Lindbloom, Jeff Logan, Janet Ott, Rhonda Peterson, Mike Roman, Jessica Stange, Ray & Judy Tobin, Phil & Marylinn Baker, Ron & Angie Bren, Jerry & Brande Callway, and Greg Buntrock.
 - Our Hospitality Committee: Fred & Anita Marso, Donna Leslie & Paul Lepisto, Marrill & Sandy Bales, Doreen Kayser, Melissa & Tony Neyhart, Al & Lila Urlis, Carol Harrmann, Nathan & Joyce Solem, Mike & Loretta Jochim and Larry & Linda Adams.
 - Our Serving Committee: Harlan & Verna Fransen, John & Carlene Barber, Monte & Judy Farnsworth, Brent & Sheri Adney, Daryl & Deb Ramquist, Kevin & Nicole Axtell, Paul & Lurene Denke, and Norman & Sarah Lingle.
 - Our Morning Reception Committee: Larry & Judy Coyle, Scott & Jean Collison, Ryan & Carla
- Lantz, Jeff & Jan Chambers, Dale & Renee Knapp, Tom & Melissa Schultz, and Paul & Toni Kenefick-Aschoff.
 - Our Afternoon Reception Committee: Bill & Liz Markley, Ron & Kathy Olson, Steve & Cindy Fiechtner, Mike & Marilyn Nugent, Curt & Roxi Everson, Jason & Denise Overweg, and Joel & Jessica Filler.
 - A very large THANK YOU to our 50/80 Idea Committee, They provided the leadership and ideas and coordination for our grand celebration. They were: Larry & Linda Adams, Jim & Phyllis Douglas, Jerry & Lois Erbe, Chuck & Karen Humphrey, Marvin & Jeanne Schweigert, Joyce & Nathan Solem, and Rich & Gloris Zoller.
 - We thank James Douglas for designing the 50/80 logo you saw on a lot of things—including those yummy anniversary cakes. Thanks James.
 - Our History Photo Boards—We thank Liz Markley for adding two additional History Panels featuring our 2010 Christian Family Life Center Dedication. We also hope to add our 50/80 Panel. Take a look at the first couple of panels of our History, in light of our 50/80 Celebration, you will find it interesting.
 - While we don’t have names for the informal committee, let’s just call them the “4:00 Committee”, but a significant THANK YOU to the many hands that came back at 4:00 to break down all the tables and chairs and getting them back to all the rooms we took them from. It is a huge task that would overwhelm a few hands.

Thanks to all, did we miss someone on this list? Let us know!

As we said many times on Sunday morning, we serve a God who is from “Everlasting to Everlasting.”

Farewell & God Speed

It is with great sadness that we say shalom to Jeff & Deb Karst. The Karsts have been members of Faith since February of 1980. They are moving to Bedford, WY where they will be much closer to son Eric and his family.

Jeff & Deb have been wonderfully faithful here and have served our parish in many acts of kindness. We know the pew in which they sit and that will leave a hole in the fabric of our parish.

God bless you Jeff & Deb, come and visit, may God bless these new beginnings.



Roger & Kimberly Larson are moving to Sioux Falls. They too have been a special part of our parish. The children have all been confirmed here. Roger currently serves on our Board of Trustees and Kimberly was our parish secretary for a number of years. They are “empty nesters” and on to a new venture.

God bless you Roger & Kimberly, come and visit, may God bless these new beginnings.



The Legacy of Martin Luther



Reformation Day

For years Martin Luther had labored seeking to earn God's favor. He had fasted and done countless acts of devotion. He walked from Nuremberg to Rome where he climbed the same

steps Christ had ascended to the palace of Pontius Pilate in order to free his loved ones from purgatory. Still peace in his soul eluded him.

What changed? What transformed Luther, the pious monk, into Luther, the Reformer? The same thing that transforms us; the Word of God. How important is this treasure that God has given us! How we cheat ourselves when we neglect this great gift! The weight of the Law is lifted from us, as it was for Luther, when we read Ephesians 2:8-9: *"For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, not a result of works, so that no one may boast."*

Somehow many miss this truth. Although they have been brought up in the church, have read and studied their Bibles almost daily, the Gospel

has eluded them. They strive, as did Luther, to appease God, our judge; they work to earn the favor of the One Who sits enthroned above. They live by the Law, burdened with the guilt of sin they can never rid themselves of. Let us pray for those who labor under this load that they may hear the freeing words. *"For by grace you have been saved through faith."*

Then having been freed from the constraints of the Law, we can view ourselves as God's *"Workmanship created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them"* (Ephesians 2:10). We are saved by grace, and we are empowered by grace to give ourselves *"fully to the work of the Lord, because [we] know that [our] labor is not in vain"* (1 Corinthians 15:58).

Faith Lutheran Preschool News

Wow! We are nearly done with a month of preschool – what a fun full year we have had so far! So far, we have studied the number 3, the shape triangle, the letters ABC, and the color yellow. This year we are adding a science unit on animals and this fall we will learn about elephants. Our added Monday afternoon class is going great! Donna Gohl, Anita Marso and Joyce Solem are each very gifted in their abilities with children and we are very fortunate to have them on the staff.

A special thank you to Pastor Urbach for purchasing new fish for our aquarium. It was fun to add these to our supply on the day that we talked about God creating fish and birds. Also, a thank you to Al

Urlis for refinishing our step for the aquarium and our work bench. Jay Fredrich has also done some small fix it jobs for the preschool and we appreciate all his efforts. This August, I was able to get the new computer that the Clocksins donated up and running with the help of Dennis Rykmann. It is so great! Thank you!

During October, we will have several community helpers visit, take a fall walk, and carve some pumpkins for our Halloween 'party'. Our color is orange, the shape is circle, the letters are DFE and the number is 2.

We still have several names on our waiting list, so if there is an opening during the year, I can fill that position from the list.

Have a wonderful, warm autumn! God bless!

Jan Larson, Director



Make God Your Treasure

In a speech to a group of church leaders, Dr. Frank Harrington, pastor of Peachtree Presbyterian Church in Atlanta, Georgia made several points about Christian giving. Four of these are as follows:

1. I have never known a family who tithed for any length of time who quit.
2. I have never known a generous person to complain about how much money it takes to run a church. Generous givers express concern that they don't do more.
3. I have come to believe that most people who feel that we talk too much about money never really want to talk about money at all.

Generous people enjoy talking about money.

4. I have come to believe there is a direct connection that exists between a person's faith and a person's generosity. Faithful people give generously. Those who give generously tend to become more faithful; and the reverse is true in both instances.

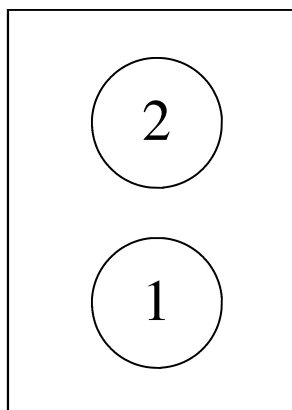
Jesus said, "*Where your treasure is, there your heart will be also*" (Matthew 6:21). Jesus cared about people's treasures because Jesus cared about people. Jesus knew that the things people support, they value.

Our lives are a testimony to Jesus'

truth. When we invest our time and money in the things of God, we will experience a greater concern for spiritual things. If our hearts aren't right with God, giving is difficult. However, if we seek God's help, He can give us the desire to be generous givers. When we give money, which is important to most of us, we show that we depend on and trust in the Lord. When God is our treasure, we will give Him our first and best cheerfully.



The Elevator



- The Voters' Assembly on August 28 voted unanimously to install an Otis Elevator this fall.
- **Why?**

- *To provide handicap access to the second floor
- *To help get heavier objects to the second floor
- *To meet ADA Requirements
- *and to honor the good faith agreement with the City of Pierre that we would do this as soon as possible given their kindness in permitting us to finish a couple of rooms on the second floor.

• The Numbers

- *\$43,900 – the cost of the elevator
- *\$8,300 – the cost for Sioux Falls Construction to prepare the shaft and pit, and then finish the entrances.
- *\$13,297.00 – down payment to Otis.
- *\$9,047.00—balance in Elevator account after down payment
- *11-12 – weeks before it will be installed
- *2000 pounds – the weight capacity of the elevator.
- **The Funding** While we welcome continued gifts we will have an "Intentional" ingathering of gifts on October 30. We are hoping for a significant offering to reach our goal.

October 30

- **Anonymous Challenge Match** We have had a member of our parish step forward and offer to match all gifts given on October 30, dollar for dollar, up to \$12,000. This means your generous significant gift on October 30 doubles its value.
- **Timing** As indicated, we hope the Elevator will be installed later in mid-December.
- **What if we are short?** Well first of all, we think we will meet our goal of funding the project on the front side. If we are short, we will take out a short-term loan with a local bank and pay it off quickly with continued gifts for the Elevator and if gifts are more than the elevator costs, we will put it in the Building Account so that over the winter we can continue to finish out upstairs as funds provide us the opportunity.

LWML *Country Fair*

Saturday, Oct. 15 • 9 am to 1:30 pm

Here's how you can help

Make crafts

The Craft Booth will need arts and craft items of all types to sell. Popular items include seasonal decorations • all types of needlework • dried arrangements • gifts for teachers • decorative items made of wood • handmade jewelry. Please drop off at the church by Friday, October 14th.



Antiques & collectibles

The Antiques & Collectibles Booth will feature collectible toys, figurines, jewelry, and antiques. Drop off at the church by Friday, October 14th. (Please include your name and suggested price).



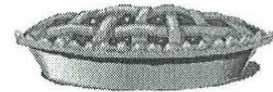
Other ways to help

1. Sign up to help in a booth.
2. Help with setup or cleanup.
3. Furnish kitchen supplies.
4. Put up a poster at work.

Check the signup sheets on the Country Fair table in the Narthex.

Make baked goods

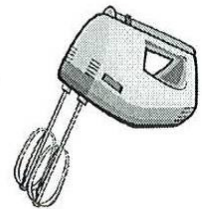
- We need LOTS and LOTS of treats for our Baked Goods Booth including bars, pies, cakes, kuchen, cupcakes, and breads.
- Our Cookie Booth needs TONS of cookies of all kinds, including novelty cookies, and all the old favorites.
- The Lunch Counter needs dozens of pies.



Please label what your baked goods are,
and drop off at the church on Friday, October 14th.

Make candy or snack mixes

Our Candy Booth needs a large assortment of candy: fudge, toffee, Bing candy, caramels, divinity, turtles, popcorn balls, caramel apples and more - PLUS we need homemade snack mixes (salty or sweet). **We were WAY short on fudge last year**, so we hope to receive lots of fudge in all flavors.



Bring produce & canned items

- Have extra tomatoes, corn, pumpkins, peas, tomatoes, or other produce that you'd like to share?
- Do you make jellies, jams, sauces, dilly beans, spaghetti sauce, salsa, or other homemade treats of that type that you can spare?

These are all very popular items in our "Lutheran Market" Booth.

Grandma's Attic (rummage-type items)

Check your cupboards and closets and garage for items to donate to "Grandma's Attic". This booth features used household items, home decor, seasonal items, jewelry, books, tools, toys, plants and other odds and ends. Leave in the coat closet in the Narthex. (No clothing, please).

Browse through the booths. Enjoy caramel rolls and coffee for breakfast. At lunch, treat yourself to mouthwatering homemade soup, sandwich and chips. Plus we'll have delicious homemade pie. It's a fun day!

ON THE CAMPUS

Parking Lot Striping

A large THANK YOU to Red & Bea Westall for striping the parking lot in August. All the snow & plows of last winter had badly eroded the lines. Thanks a lot, see you in May!

Flowers

We again say thank you to Gail Ferris for all the flowers and planters that have colorfully graced our campus.

Todd's Electric

We are grateful for a new light in Grace Plaza that not only illuminates the Ebenezer stone at night but also our new flagpole.

Half Mast

One of the joys of our new flagpole is that we can now actually fly the flag as half mast. We have done so on a number of occasions already.

With the death of Dennis Jensen from the 200th National Guard Unit our Faith parking lot filled with cars as hundreds of people lined Euclid Avenue to pay respects. It was nice to show the respect of our State, City and church to a fallen soldier.

Again we thank several families who made the flagpole possible.

Greetings from Faith Lutheran Daycare.

The children are having a great time at the daycare and learning a new bible story every week. September bible stories are Noah's Ark, Adam and Eve, Baby Issac, The Creation Story, and Joseph in Egypt. We are doing singing, crafts, and felt board stories to go along with our weekly bible stories.

Current enrollment is at 60 total children. Nicole Loosbrook found other employment and she will be missed at the daycare. We wish her the best.

Fun days that were planned in September were A Fishy Kind of Day, Family Photo Day, Pajama Day, and Stuffed Animal Day. The children are always excited and look forward to our special days.

We would like to thank Pastor Brad, Shane & KristineLehrkamp, Bill & Kimberlee Kaiser, and Mona Smith and Denise Hartford for the Joan Cash Memorial Money that all went toward purchasing our new cribs. We have enough donation money to buy all six! Also a thank you goes to Hillary Lee for the apartment size refrigerator for the daycare.

Hope everyone gets outside to enjoy the beautiful fall weather. The children at daycare could spend all day outside playing.

Your friend in Christ,

Noell Uhler

FLDC Director



Confirmation Photos

We thank you for many more confirmation photos. It has been good to add more.

If you have a Confirmation photo from a Confirmation year we do not have and you would be willing to get an 8 x 10 reprint in an 8 x 10 frame, we would be glad to put it up.

Please identify as many people in the photo as you are able. That is very helpful.



THIS AND THAT

Bible Studies

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 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).

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.

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)

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.



Official Acts

Baptisms

Jayla Arabella Ingram 9-18-11

Tracen Kenneth Brock 9-25-11

Weddings

Jason Berndt & Kristina Kogel

9-10-11

Daris Kampfe & Kelsey Dunwoody

9-10-11

Funeral

Blaine Barker 9-27-11

October Mission Grant Prayer Guide

The Guide is on page 11. Here is how to use it:

Each day you will be given a task to complete, some are big, some are small, some of them are funny and some of them only require consideration. When you have completed the task there will be a dollar amount assigned. Drop that amount into your mite box and watch it grow and add up!

Also find the Mission Grant story about that month's LWML Mission Grant recipient. Now you know who you are helping and why you are helping them.

Make this a daily family event and help us make a difference!

Thank You!

October 2011

PRAYER GUIDE FOR LWML MISSION GRANTS

1. Check the date of your zone's Fall LWML gathering and make plans to attend.
2. Celebrate LWML Sunday in your congregation? Praise God – \$1
3. Pray with your LWML sisters for the health of children worldwide – \$1
4. Pray for the success of the new Lutheran Malaria Initiative (LMI) – 25¢
5. Pray for the young children in Kenya suffering from malaria – 25¢
6. Search for information about malaria and help the LMI fight this disease – 75¢
7. Send a card to a shut-in and let them know you are thinking of them – 50¢
8. Time to rake those leaves in your yard – \$1
9. Talk with someone you don't know very well today at church – 25¢
10. Pray for Lutheran church leaders in Kenya as they partner to help educate against malaria – \$1
11. Take a walk and notice the change of seasons – 50¢
12. Time to think about stocking up on Halloween candy – 50¢
13. Resist eating the Halloween treats you already bought – 75¢
14. Pray that many children and young mothers will be safe from malaria – 50¢
15. Empty that heavy coin purse into your Mite Box, asking God to bless the grants.
16. Pray for the LWML committees meeting in St. Louis today – 25¢
17. Pray with your LWML sisters for LWML President Kay Kreklaun.
18. Pick up some colorful fall leaves for a centerpiece – 75¢
19. As you run errands today, thank God for good weather – 75¢
20. Support a local food pantry and pray for the unemployed to find work – 55¢
21. Thank God for the many blessings in your life and put 10¢ in your Mite Box for each one you mention.
22. Eating Halloween candy already? – \$1
23. Thank God for your pastor(s) – 50¢
24. Pray with your LWML sisters and read 1 John 1.
25. Send a note to a veteran and thank him/her for their service to our country – 25¢
26. Pray for the success of the Lutheran Malaria Initiative – \$1
27. Eat a crisp fresh apple and thank God for His gift of food – 50¢
28. Pray for safety for children in your community especially this weekend – 50¢
29. Share a Christian tract with trick-or-treaters who may visit you soon – 35¢
30. Thank God for the faith and courage of Martin Luther – \$1



** Please be Together in Prayer
at Noon every Monday with LWML sisters.*

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PLEASE FOLD OR CUT THIS GUIDE ON THE DOTTED LINE,
AND KEEP PRAYER GUIDE IN YOUR BIBLES FOR DAILY MISSION
SUPPORT REMINDERS.

MISSION GRANT STORY

THE LUTHERAN MALARIA INITIATIVE KENYA, EAST AFRICA

\$100,000

Fact: Malaria is carried to humans through the bites of infected mosquitoes.

Fact: Malaria is a preventable and treatable disease.

Fact: Nearly 500 million people a year are infected, and upwards of one million people die each year from this disease.

Fact: Pregnant women and children under the age of five (5) are most vulnerable to this disease.

Fact: One child dies every 45 seconds from malaria.

Fact: Malaria is the leading cause of death in Kenya, and only eight percent of children infected will receive appropriate treatment.

Fact: The Lutheran Malaria Initiative (LMI) is a collaborative effort of The Lutheran Church–Missouri Synod (LCMS) and Lutheran World Relief (LWR) to mobilize millions of Lutherans in the United States to join the battle against malaria.

Fact: This LWML grant will advocate for the availability of insecticide-treated mosquito nets, medicines and other supplies at local health facilities.

At this summer's convention in Peoria, Illinois, the Lutheran Women's Missionary League (LWML) voted to support a \$100,000 mission grant for the work of the Kenyan Lutheran churches as they join with Kenya's national commitment to eradicate malaria. LCMS and LWR are working with Kenyan Lutheran church partners to mobilize communities, empower healthcare providers and medical facilities, and strengthen institutional capacity to contribute to the shared goal of ending malaria deaths. This work on malaria education will be integrated with the Word and Sacrament ministry of the Lutheran churches.

May God bless the efforts of the LWML to show His love to people, especially children and pregnant mothers in East Africa, who are in the most danger of contracting malaria through mosquito bites. Through their contact with Lutheran Churches in Kenya, may these families also receive the Good News of salvation through faith in Jesus, the Great Healer of all our diseases.

Please support this grant with your prayers and mite offerings, so that by God's grace, malaria deaths can be contained in Kenya and throughout the globe by 2015.



Youth News

Our 2011-2012 LYF Officers

President—Mallory Hull

Vice President—Rachel Hartmann

Treasurer—Drew Leif

Secretary—Morgan Deis

Junior Rep.—Austin Lemieux

Sophomore Rep.—Carly Niemann

Freshman Rep.—Ethan Leif

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?

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)



October 2

Early: Jacob Fuerst,

Wylin Baker

Late: Riley Bren,

Caitlin Bolte

October 9

Early: Austin Wagner, Justice Voita

Late: Ryan Koch, Cammie Schmidt

October 16

Early: Haven Kenefick-Aschoff, Whitney King

Late: Abby Lingle, Caden Overturf

October 23

Early: Lucas Schochenmaier, Nicole Smith

Late: Julia Jares, Gerritt Tronvold

October 30

Early: LeAndra Hoefener, Jordain Rathbun

Brad Koch, Mallory Hull



“God gave Noah 100 years to build the ark.
Can’t I have at least a month to clean my room?”

Witness, Mercy, Life Together