

# April 2012 Newsletter

Faith Lutheran Church

714 N Grand Avenue

Pierre, SD 57501



## *Palm Sunday*

April 1, 2012  
Worship Services  
8:20 & 11:00



Passover Meal  
Monday, April 2  
6:00 p.m.  
in the Christian  
Family Life Center



April 5, 2012  
Worship Services  
11:00 & 7:30



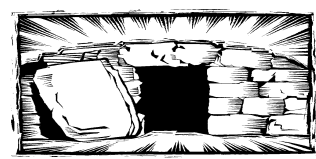
Our LYF  
will host a  
baked potato  
dinner from  
5:00-6:30  
pm.

BAKED  
POTATO  
DINNER

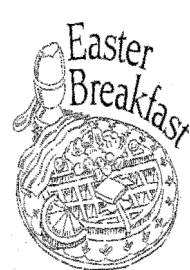
There will  
be a hymn  
sing at  
6:45. Pick  
out your  
favorite hymns and we'll  
sing them.



Good Friday  
Service of Darkness  
7:30 p.m.



Services at 8:20 &  
11:00 a.m.



Breakfast  
will be  
served  
between  
services.

Honor Begins at Home

## Courageous

From the creators of the  
movie FIREPROOF, the  
movie COURAGEOUS  
will touch hearts and  
impact lives through  
heartfelt stories of faith  
and hope.

You will find yourself  
inspired by everyday  
heroes—dads who make

a lifelong impact on their  
children.

Faith Lutheran will be  
showing the movie on  
Palm Sunday, April 1 at  
3:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary.

It takes courage to fight for  
our family.

It takes courage to value  
what matters most.

It takes courage to im-  
pact future generations.

It takes courage to stand  
with Christ.

A four week Sunday  
Morning study will fol-  
low this film on April  
15, 22, May 13 and 20.



*Witness, Mercy, Life Together*

## A Message from Pastor Urbach

Greetings in the Risen Christ.

*"But thanks be to God! He gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ!" 1 Corinthians 15:57*

It's Friday afternoon March 9, the Caps have won the first game of the State Hockey Tournament, the Lady Caps had a good State tournament showing, the hard-court boys are off to State and we are still in the glow of winning the first State A Wrestling Championship in nearly three decades.

I "love" sports. They have been a part of my life and my children's life and I hope my grand kids life. I too "love" academics and the arts. A child that gets and even thrives in all three is a child with a broad base. So go Gobs, Lady Gobs, Buffalos and Lady Buffs, the Chargers and Lady Chargers, our central South Dakota sports base.

I too have had my third funeral in a week and a half, I must admit I'm dragging a bit and Sunday is still around the corner. But when I saw what happened at Faith Ev. Lutheran Church today—I find a renewed step and I say with St. Paul, *"Thanks be to God! He gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ!"*

Back to funerals, while the life of a pastor has some really bad moments that are offset by hundreds of powerful joyful events, today reminds me of two "privileged moments" of a pastor.

The first, the beginning Sacrament—the Sacrament of Holy Baptism. Forty one years into the ministry I still have not lost that goose bump kind of feeling I feel at a Baptism. I sense a surge of joy that

I cannot describe. I just feel it is a privilege to share that moment of God's grace. Baptizing the children of children I first Baptized is a joy beyond description.

The second privileged moment is at the other end of life—preparing memorial services and writing funeral sermons and helping people through this sad moment. My recent three services were all totally different situations. But in all three there were constants. I helped families walk through the process in these three situations they had not experienced before. I'd like to think I provided help. In the sermon, it makes no difference who they are, I try my best to find the thread that ties the Scripture to the life of that person. Funeral sermons while hard to write takes a thoughtful crafting skill.

Today—at the third funeral I felt like we had Easter. The church and Christian Family Life Center was packed. *"Thanks be to God,"* that He has blessed us with such a facility. The help, pardon the pun, but I would be buried with work if it were not for all of you. At all three services you cooked up a storm, you helped in the kitchen. You are so generous, *"Thanks be to God."*

Yesterday and today the multitudes of table and chair movers, the Sanctuary preparers—not one or two people can do this alone—there were all of you—the foot washers of Christ. *"Thanks be to God."*

Today scores of youth attended the service. I was so impressed. Well dressed, polite, responsive and attentive. Our Faith Lutheran Church kids were there too helping and

caring. I must here say a thanks to Mike Shoup for his remarkable work with our High School youth! *"Thanks be to God."*

While I am doing thank yous - I thank all of our Boards, all doing their share and doing it well. In the absence of a second pastor, our Board of Elders and Board of Education have picked up a lot of responsibility. This last 13 months has been long, I cannot imagine what it would be like without your help. *"Thanks be to God."*

To all of you—God's faithful servants—thank you, all one thousand and six hundred of you. If you have been away, come join us for the remarkable journey to the Open Tomb of Easter.

Today I felt like I got Easter a month early. I am blest, blest to be your Pastor, blest to Baptize your families, blest to stand with you at the saddest moment in your earthly journey. So I leave you with God's Words

*...then the saying that is written will come true. Death has been swallowed up in victory. "Where, O Death, is your victory, where, O Death, is your sting...But thanks be to God! He gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ."*

*1 Corinthians 15:54b, 55, 57*

AMEN!



Pastor Brad Urbach

# BUILDING NEWS

**Debt Retirement** April 1st brings us to our regular monthly payment of \$5,487.00 which is taken from the General Account which is made possible by your weekly tithes and gifts of love.

Because of your gifts to the Debt Retirement account we were able to send an additional \$4,138.38 (which was three Principal payments.)

We have now made 66 Advanced Payments saving a total thus far of \$292,083.70 in interest. In the big long range picture of our parish, this is an enormous saving.

We thank you for your gifts and your vision to think ahead for the financial well being of Faith in the days ahead.

**The St. Paul Room** is now complete! We thank –

- Jay Fredrich for painting the room.
- Midwest Construction for completion of the closet and cabinets in a timely manner. They also did some drywall work to box out vents in the Sts. Paul, Luke, and John room.
- The children of Cal & Ruth Titze for memorial gifts that assisted in providing the cabinets in the St. Paul room. We thank Dave, Paul, Sheryl, and Marsha.
- David, Paul and Troy Titze for putting in the outlets in the St. Paul room in thanksgiving for Cal & Ruth Titze.
- Todd's Electric for donating and installing the light fixtures in the St. Paul room. They are a very nice looking fixture.

- Laurie Graves and siblings for the gift of the white board in the St. Paul room in memory of Doris Steffen.

- Duane Cummings for the memorial gift that provided the cross for the room in memory of Verna Cummings.

- Jay Fredrich for the banner hooks that hold the LWML Banner.

- An anonymous donor for purchasing a new TV for the room.

- An anonymous donor for purchasing the wall bracket for the TV.

- Mike & Ann Shoup for purchasing a new DVD player for the room.

- Craig Bump for donating a screen for the room.

- Karen Lindbloom for purchasing the two shades for the room.

*Other needs for the St. Paul room.*

- Chairs for the room. We will order 20, the cost is yet unknown.

*The other contractors were –*

- Brock Dry Wall
  - Total Fire Protection
  - Leidholt, McNeely, Leidholt Heating & Cooling
  - Wheelhouse Plumbing
  - Country Carpets
- They were all timely in their work and competitive in their proposals.

FYI: we put sinks in the Sts. Paul, Luke/John rooms. As part of this we exchanged the kitchen sinks for upstairs and put new, larger sinks in the kitchen. This benefitted both the new kitchen

and our three new rooms. We thank the LWML for a gift toward helping with the sinks.

**Elevator** We dedicated our elevator on March 4. We thank the entire parish for making the elevator possible. We did not have to borrow one cent. We are grateful to –

- Todd's Electric for donating all the electrical work for the elevator.

- Gifts from –

- \* Faith Circle in honor of Pat Huisman.

- \* Bill & Jan Farnham in memory of Bill Nielsen.

- \* Fred & Anita Marso in memory of Frederick Marso

- \* Shirley Keller in memory of Dennis Bauer and Bernice Gregg.

- \* The family of Helen Weischedel in her memory.

- \* Rick & Marlis Doud in memory of Lennard Blucher.

- \* The family of Leon & Bertie Mehrer in memory of Leon.

- \* Dave & Rena Ortbahn family in memory of Kathryn Richardson.

- A challenge gift of \$12,000 from a member that was matched on our "Sunday of Intentional Giving" by \$13,933.00.

- Otis Elevator, Brock Drywall, Youngberg Painting, Sioux Falls Construction, and Country Carpet for quality and timely work.



## Haiti

As part of the recovery effort for Haiti, the LCMS in partnership with the Haitian Lutheran Church has taken on a model that not only provides housing, churches, and medical care but also strives to build the faith community of our partner church in Haiti.



Last Lent we provided funding for two homes and through our LWML partial funding for a church in the community of Beaudrouin.

Facilities in the three Lutheran Villages were dedicated in January of this year.

This Lent we intend to fund a third home in the community of Beaudrouin. The cost of the two-bedroom home with a bathroom is \$10,000.

How will we fund this home?

- o ***We will designate all of our Wednesday evening offerings.***
- o ***We also encourage those***

***who might miss a Wednesday to designate extra gifts for the project on Sundays.***

***We are 84% of our way toward our goal after our four Wednesday Lenten offerings of \$8, 444.77. Thank You!***

When we hit the \$10,000 mark all Midweek offerings will then go to the General Fund as they normally would. If there are designated gifts that still come in, we will ask Synod how they would be used, for there is also a need for community buildings such as schools.

## Little Dresses For Africa

This winter brought three large caring projects, all in the name of Christ.

- The Pantry—what generosity!
- The Hope for Haiti Home Project—again, what generosity!
- Little Dresses For Africa—generosity, for sure, ready for this? 161 dresses! Say it again—161! A beautiful transformation of pillow cases, thread, buttons, and rick-rack with dozens of beautiful hands from the ladies of Faith Ev. Lutheran Church.

The Monday nights were full of busy hands and other days found ladies putting in overtime.

*“Whatsoever you have done for the least of these you have done it unto me.”*

The Words of Christ, the Lord of compassion, St. Matthew, the 25th Chapter.

## Tumornators for Jon

Saturday, May 12th Betty Leidholt, the Strand family and many others will be participating in the 5K walk/run to raise funds for brain tumor research at Chicago, IL. You can support our team by going to the website [breakthroughforbraintumors.org](http://breakthroughforbraintumors.org). Click on “Chicago”, then click on “donate today”, then “search for team”. Our

team name is ‘Tumornators for Jon’. After clicking on team name, click on “Support Tumornators for Jon” and then you can make a donation. You can also give Betty cash or checks made out to the American Brain Tumor Association that she can turn in the day of the walk/run. We greatly appreciate your help in fighting this horrible disease

that claimed Pastor Jon Strand and many others. They are coming up with more and better ways to fight this disease, so help be a part of this research.





## Lutherans For Life!

We thank our Lutherans For Life Chapter for keeping life issues in front of us.

We all enjoyed the monthly report of the progress of that child conceived in April. Then what an irony, the child was born in our midst at Christmas.

Well you may have guessed that was the plan. It was pretty amazing to hear of life functions that take place so early in a child's life in those first nine months.

We have quarterly meetings to keep those who gather up to date on many life issues.

Join us Monday, April 16 at 7:00 p.m. in the St. Matthew room for a very nice video study entitled, "The Handiwork of God".

It is always a learning and affirming experience to attend our Lutherans For Life meetings.

## Men's Fellowship

Our April meeting is April 9, that's the second Monday—a departure from our usually first Monday.

We will throw bean bags for the April & May meetings and we will have a short topic.

Bring a snack to share. We are looking for two to three sets of boards and bags. Can you help?

An enormous thanks to the 18 dart ball throwers at our State

Dart Ball Tournament hosted by Faith and all the fellows who helped with set-up and take-down.

We also thank the ladies of our LWML and parish who hosted the lunch. We also thank John Barber for really getting behind the project and for all of his organization!



## Honor Begins at Home—"Courageous"

Are you ready for a heart-warming, life changing film?

Well, join us on Palm Sunday, April 1 for a powerful cinema experience.

This terrific film will be shown in the Sanctuary on Sunday, April 1 from 3:00-5:15 p.m.

There will also be a four-part follow-up Bible Study entitled "Courageous Living" on

Sunday, April 15

Sunday, April 22

Sunday, May 13 and

Sunday, May 20

## What A Job!

Indeed, our Midweek Lenten Series this year, 'The Voices of the Prosecution' was so well done.

The music planned and selected by Karen Lindbloom, our music director, added so much to our service. We thank Karen, our organists, choir, and vocalists for their important gifts to our worship.

And—what about those monologs! We thank Tim Larson, Bob Shoup, Bill Markley, David Zuercher, Rodd Bauck, Bill Bossman and Bill Farnham. Not only were those parts portrayed well, we learn some interesting insights into many of the Biblical personalities.

## Official Acts

### Baptism

Logan Paul McCarty  
2-19-12

Jerrick Zander Nickerson  
3-18-12

### Funerals

Doris Steffen 2-8-12

Delores Jorgenson 2-28-12

Brad Norris 3-2-12

Brooks Monfore 3-9-12



## Pantry



Look for a full update in the May Newsletter of your generosity. But for the moment—an enormous THANK YOU to:

- Paul Lepisto and Donna Leslie for their large-hearted leadership in the project that almost makes this fun!
- To all who are so generous.
- To all who helped take the food to the Pantry on—  
Friday, March 30  
At 9:00 a.m.

We need many hands and pick-ups!



We have two Usher teams that are needful of some extra fellows.

- Our April/August/December 8:20 am team needs to add 1 person.
- Our January/May/September 11:00 team really could use three to four new fellows. Please speak to Pastor Urbach if you could please be a part of one of these teams.

## Daycare News

Greetings from Faith Lutheran Day-Care:

Spring has sprung and we couldn't be happier! The ice has melted on the north side of the church where our playground is located. We have been able to be outside and bask in the sun and all of God's wonderful creations. Soon we will be planting our own little potted flowers and we will learn and understand how to care and nurture for these plants like God cares and nurtures us.

The current enrollment at the daycare is 52 total children. We have 8 babies, 8 toddlers, 27 three to five year olds, and 9 schoolers. Our wonderful staff consists of 15 teachers, 3 teacher's aides, and 3 subs. We are looking forward to this summer when we will be FULL!

We are happy in the fact that we are finally in the New Testament in our Bible stories studies. The children are particularly excited about the Easter story. They all understand that it is a sad but happy story and all part of His plan for us. We will be talking about Jesus' Crucifixion, Easter and the Resurrection, Jesus appears to his Disciples, and Jesus ascending to heaven again. The children are really excited to be focusing on the 'Christ' part of Easter.

We finished our first and last fundraiser for 2012. The funds were used to purchase a new crib and new first aid kits for all of the rooms at daycare. Thank you to those that ordered from us! All your love and support keeps the daycare running!

Your friend in Christ,

Jennifer Carr  
FLDC Interim Director

## LOVE ARISES

*"Because I live, you also will live."  
John 14:19*

We are truly an Easter People. Because we have been made new by Jesus' death and resurrection, we have the benefit of living life in three dimensions all at once. All of our sin and wrongdoing is behind us, forgiven and forgotten. God has forgiven the past! We can look forward to the future, not having to fret over what may lie ahead; grateful that the God of the Empty Tomb holds what tomorrow will bring. Because we are Easter People, we rejoice every day in the present moment, knowing that God walks with us and lives in us. God owns the present! All because the Lamb of God offered himself as a living sacrifice. The miracle of Easter is described in the poetry of Susan Palo Cherwien:

At the death,  
At the darkening of the sky  
the earth buckled,  
bent, swooned, fell.  
Gnarled trees swayed.  
Ground yawned.  
Graves gaped.

At the rising,  
At the gilding of the sky  
earth seethed,  
bucked, rose, sprang.  
Guards fell.  
Rocks rolled  
Fear and great joy.  
Terror and amazement.  
Yielding of the earth's fruit.  
Welling of the great newness.

A shock  
A wave  
Foundation startling.  
(Behold I do a new thing.  
Even now I do it.)  
The fruit of sacrifice was coming forth.  
Abundance was coming forth.  
The fruit of the earth topples  
Facts  
And truth arises.  
The fruit of the earth topples  
Fear  
And love arises.

Karen Lindbloom

# Preschool News

Dear Faith Lutheran family,

Thank you for generous donations to Faith Lutheran Preschool through the Thrivent Choice dollars program! We were fortunate enough to have \$3361.00 donated to our preschool last year! Because of this, we are able to keep our tuition at the current rate and still maintain a wonderful program! Thank you for thinking of us when you designate your dollars!

The parent conferences for this year are March 19 & 20 and we

are including a preregistration form in the newsletter for next year. Please return this form with the registration fee to register your child. It doesn't seem possible that we are at this point already in the year! What a great year we are having!

We will be having our science unit in April and traveling to the Discovery Center the end of the month. We will also be studying ants and their homes during April and



watching the seeds and plants grow in our room.

Our picnic this year will be May 11 and hopefully we will be able to have it at the park, otherwise, it is great to know that the Christian Life Center is available too.

Thank you for your prayers and support of our program. It is greatly appreciated.



If you or anyone you know is interested in our 2012-2013 program, please fill out the form below and return it, along with a \$25.00 registration fee, to the church office. Children will only be pre-registered when the enclosed form and fee are received at the church office or to Jan Larson. Children must be three by June 1, 2012, for our Tuesday-Thursday sessions and five by December 31, 2012, for our Monday-Wednesday-Friday sessions or have previously attended our preschool for a year. If you have any questions please feel free to call Jan Larson at (224-6574). Thank you.

## Faith Lutheran Preschool Pre-Registration Form

\_\_\_\_\_ will attend Faith Lutheran Preschool in the 2012-2013 school year.  
Child's Name

\_\_\_\_\_ Phone Number: (Home) \_\_\_\_\_ (Work) \_\_\_\_\_ (Cell) \_\_\_\_\_  
Child's Birth Date

Please check section preferred:

\_\_\_\_\_ Mon/Wed/Fri a.m. \* (9:00-11:30)

\_\_\_\_\_ Tues/Thur a.m.\*\* (9:00-11:30)

\_\_\_\_\_ Tues/Thur p.m.\*\* (1:00-3:30)

\* Must be five (5) by December 31, 2012 (plus 2<sup>nd</sup> year students of Faith Lutheran Preschool)

\*\* Must be three (3) by June 1, 2012

\_\_\_\_\_  
Your Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
Your Address

Your registration fee: \$25.00 (Non-Refundable)

Monthly Tuition: 2 day—\$70.00

3 day—\$105.00

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# LYF & JYM YOUTH NEWS

**JYM** April 15 4:00-5:30 p.m. Okay, so it's the week after Easter, but an Easter egg hunt is always fun and the candy is always sweet! So, Easter egg hunt, games, and fun food! See you the 15th!

## High School News

Hey—LYF every Wednesday—Back to 8:00 p.m.

## All High Schoolers Hands on Deck

1. 10:30 a.m. Good Friday morning, April 6 for getting potatoes and tables ready. Free pizza at noon.
2. Need everybody Good Friday from 5:00-6:30 to bus tables, serve potatoes, do cleanup, and get ready for Easter Sunday brunch.
3. Need everybody Easter Sunday between services.

The free-will offerings we receive will assist with our summer LYF trip to the Black Hills.

Finally—Keep in mind

Live Love(d) Synod's 2013 Youth gathering  
July 1-5  
San Antonio, Texas



## April 1 Palm Sunday

Early: Whitney King and Riley Bren  
Late: Julia Jares and Brooklyn Voeltz

## April 5 Maundy Thursday

7:30: Jacob Fuerst, Megan Arneson

## April 6 Good Friday

7:30 Ryan Koch, Joshua Thompson, Jared Nielan, Wylin Baker, Kyle Olson

## April 8 Easter

Early: Colton Shoop, Connor Shoop, Josh Ramquist, Alyssa Bump, Kaci Deal

Late: Carly Niemann, Austin Wagner, Emily Weber, Gerrit Tronvold, Michael Jost

## April 15

Early: Justin Meier and Amber Zeibart

Late: Jordain Rathbun and Vance Weber

## April 22

Early: Janece Wetzel and Luke Schochenmaier

Late: Courtney Brandt and Carissa Brandt

## April 29

Early: Morgan Deis and Abby Lingle

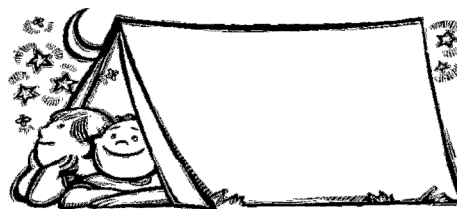
Late: Kaiden Karst and Brad Koch



Camp Minneboji  
June 17 - 23, 2012

Theme: "ARMOR OF GOD"

**Camp Minneboji** information and registration forms are now available here at the church (or get this information on-line at [www.minneboji.com](http://www.minneboji.com))! Camp week is June 17-23 at Camp Okoboji in northwest Iowa. The camp, for kids in grades 4-9, features Bible study, mission presentations, music, crafts, sports, recreation, and the chance to meet new Christian friends. This year's camp theme is "Armor of God." The camp registration fee is \$280 (\$305 for 9th grade "Honors" campers). The registration deadline is June 1.



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