

# January 2012 Newsletter

*Faith Ev. Lutheran Church*

*714 N Grand Avenue*

*Pierre, SD 57501*

## Can It Be? 25 Years

Yes, Jan Larson has been that faithful anchor at Faith Lutheran Preschool for 25 years. Our Preschool started with the completion of our 1978 addition and our first teacher was Kay Huxford who got the program off the ground. The Preschool was a wonderful new room which now comprises rooms C & D. They triked in the old, old Fellowship Hall and did activities in Rooms A & B.

When Kay went to public school June Swift and Sharon Kael would each serve a year before Jan came on board as the teacher/director.

In 1996 we moved into our present classroom which was the 1961 Sanctuary. It has made a terrific classroom. Our Board of Trustees did all the building.

So join us—

Sunday, January 8

For a

Reception

Between Services from 9:30-10:45

To say thanks.

There will be a Presentation at 10:00 a.m.

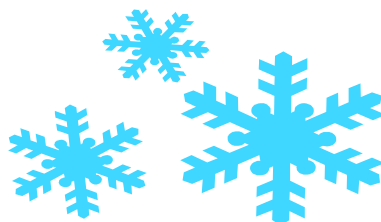
If you had children in Preschool with Jan, a card shower would be a very nice way of saying thank you.

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25 Year Reception

For Jan Larson.

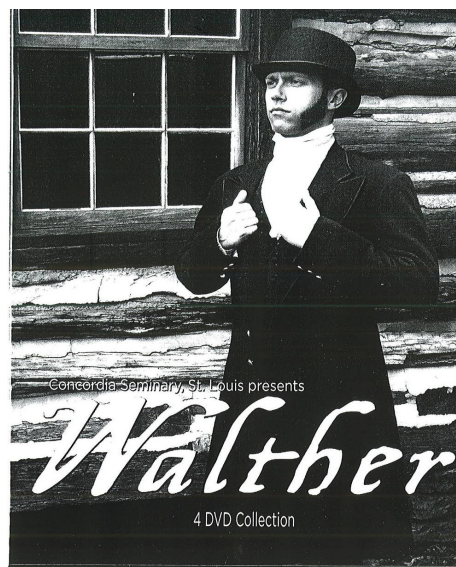
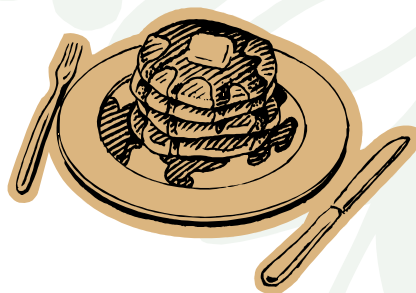


## Moving Ahead

### Pancake Feed

On Sunday, January 15 we have a day of looking back and looking ahead. In the morning our Board of Missions will serve Pancakes and sausage from 9:30 to 12:30 as a Fund Raiser to assist our Mission Team to go to Hong Kong. So enjoy a breakfast, a brunch, a lunch or all three.

It will be a free will offering and all the proceeds will go to the team and shared equally for them.



## Looking Back

### Early Beginnings

Then at 3:00 in the afternoon we will look back at the early beginnings of our Lutheran Church Missouri Synod as we view Concordia Seminary's newly released film "Walther." The film will give you an enormous appreciation for the early struggles of Lutheran German immigrants and that which we enjoy today.

## Faith Promise Cards

On the First Sunday of Epiphany, January 8, we will Dedicate our 2012 "Faith Promise Cards. If you have not already done so, please return your sealed card soon.



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## A MESSAGE FROM PASTOR URBACH

A blessed New Year! First of all thank you so much for Christmas Cards, greetings and kind gifts. Faith is such a generous congregation.

As you receive this, Christmas, at least the celebration of it, is behind us. I pray it was a joyous time in Christ for all of you.

At our December Voters meeting three important actions took place:

- The adoption of our 2012 Work Program.
- The decision to call a candidate from Concordia Seminary in St. Louis as our assistant Pastor.
- The decision to call a Director of Christian Education and Youth.

Just ahead of us that large pile of parts, poles, and steel will become an elevator. I learned a new fact this week as the Otis folks made delivery. What does the tallest building in the world and Faith Lutheran have in common? That's right, an Otis elevator. Putting the elevator in will assist to make a lot of progress in finishing our the upstairs!

Just ahead also will be new Bible study opportunities. Among our New Year's

resolutions I always trust is the desire to grow in God's Word, to grow in one's relationship with God and to be steadfast in worship.

In these days of Advent, a child recently crashed into the Lobby nativity set and both Mary's hands were broken. Jay has repaired them. I was reminded of a story I read of a statue of Christ losing its hands during the warfare of WWII. The Church choose not to repair it, rather it made a resolve that they would be the hands of Christ in that community and that that handless statue would be a constant reminder.

2012 Resolution—we shall be the hands of Christ to each other, our families, our community, and our world.

So thanks again for the gifts that flowed from your hands to my home at Christmas.

The Lord be with you.



Pastor Brad Urbach



## FESTIVAL OF THE CRECHE THANK YOUS

### Some thank-yous are in order!

A hearty thanks to:

- o Our Board of Missions & Evangelism for preparing the serving tables for our goodies.
- o Rebekah Circle for being great serving hosts and clean up crew.
- o To all who brought holiday cookies and breads – yummmmmmmmm!
- o To all who brought Crèches. There were about 250. Please bring Crèches from year to year. We always have new people and quite frankly there are some that really stand out. The stories of their origins are really nice.

- o Our choir – they really add such a nice touch to our 3:00 nativity.
- o The Angels, Wisemen, and shepherds. Our Baby Jesus this year was Kael Douglas Schettler. The first born son of Todd & Danaca Schettler. The hand-painted Crèche rock by Leah Kirley was won by JoAnn Sanders.



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## Building News

- **Debt Retirement**—In addition to our regular January 1 Debt payment to the South Dakota District Church Extension Fund of \$5,487.00 we have sent five additional payments saving \$21,024.72 in interest. We have now saved \$242,365.29.

One of the payments was a payment made by our Endowment Fund. We thank our Endowment Board. We thank you, God's people, God's hands for your continued gifts. We have now made payments.

A second payment has been provided for by one of our families who in reflecting on this past year feels quite blessed and have provided for an advance payment. Their gift has saved the parish \$4,216.64.

As God provides generously to you, perhaps you too might consider a month's advance principal payment which continues to save the parish large interest.

- **Building Account**—The next task upstairs now that we will have an elevator is to provide water lines to Sts. Luke, John, and Paul so that we can put sinks in those rooms. Once again gifts to the Building Account become important.
- **Elevator Account**—It is remarkable that through your generous gifts that includes a \$12,000 matching gift on our "intentional" October 30 day of gifting, we have raised all the funds for the elevator and we will not need a short-term loan to finish the project. THANK YOU!!

## Operation Christmas Child

Priscilla Circle would like to thank everyone who donated items or gave a monetary donation to help the OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD project, also for the Country Fair monies to help mail them. It was a big success again this year. We prepared 43 boxes to send. Thanks again!!!!



## MORE CHRISTMAS THANK YOUS

To our Christmas Committee who decorated our Church and assembled the Christmas Candy Sacks for the Youth Christmas Programs. They were: Bill & Tonya Dunn, Joel & Jessica Filler, Jim & Kathy Geuther, Bill & Kimberlee Kaiser, Shane & Dawn Kramme, Jeff & Leann Loesch, Dave & Kim Larson, and Jack & Dawn Magee.

To our Board of Elders who hoist the Sanctuary tree each year and put on the lights.

To our Altar Guild who prepares the Chancel and hung all the Chancel tree ornaments. Dale and Renee Knapp created the new blue angels. We thank them.

## NOTE FROM OUR MISSIONARIES

November 23, 2011

Dear Pastor Urbach and members of Faith Lutheran,

Thank you for having us come to speak at Faith Lutheran last month. We enjoyed being there again, and we hope that it helped

people learn more about our Bible translation work.

We plan to return to Papua New Guinea in January for a six month stay.

Janet & Terry Borchard

## GOVERNOR'S PRAYER BREAKFAST

You are invited to attend the 2011 Governor's Prayer Breakfast Friday, January 20, 2012 from 6:30-7:30 a.m. at the Ramkota Inn, Pierre, SD.

The cost is \$12.00.

The speaker will be Alicia Gheorghita from Quito, Ecuador. Alicia's father, Sixto Duran Ballen, was President of Ecuador from 1992 to 1996. He was Alicia's inspiration by living his life as a Christian servant-leader. Alicia has gone on to serve as liaison for Latin America and the National Prayer Breakfast in Washington, D.C. After travel to many countries of the world with the story about her relationship and her walk with Jesus, Alicia is excited to come to Pierre.

Reservations may be made by calling the Pierre Area Chamber of Commerce by Wednesday, January 18 at 224-7361.

Tables of eight are available for reservation.

## Gym Guidelines

**We need your collective help in three areas as we use the new gym.**

1. Please never drag tables or other objects. It scars the floor. Interesting—the days of asbestos tile floors are gone but new tiles are much softer.
2. Please wear only non-marking sports shoes when playing in the gym or take shoes off and play in your socks.
3. Always put things back just the way you found them when using the gym and kitchen.

**Want to help our Preschool and Daycare?**

Sure you do and here is a very painless way to do so.

1. Save your Dakotamart receipts and place them in the green boxes in the church. The proceeds are shared equally between Preschool and Daycare. We thank Freda Peters and Betty Leidholt for coordinating this project.
2. Save your Land 'O' Lakes 5¢ milk and orange juice caps, our Preschool benefits from your kindness!

## New January Bible Studies

**Men's Study** On Wednesday morning, January 11 our men will start a new study on "Proverbs". Proverbs is a fascinating book filled with wisdom. We will be back to 7:00 a.m.

Come early on the 11th - some of the guys will be putting a breakfast together.

**Wednesday Evening Study** Join Bill Markley and a great class as this Wednesday evening study at the church starts up again on Wednesday, January 4 in the Preschool room.

**Wednesday Evening Study in Homes** Watch upcoming bulletins for information.

**Ladies Study** "James: Mercy Triumphs" by Beth Moore James, Jesus' own brother, started out as a skeptic. See how one glimpse of the resurrected Savior turned an unbeliever into a disciple with Beth Moore's study *James: Mercy Triumphs*. And, in the process, learn how you can put your own faith into action.

Starting Thursday Evening, January 12 through March 1, 2012, from 6:30-8:30 p.m.

If you have questions, contact Daria Bossman at dariabossman@gmail.com or 224-9140.

**Sunday Night** On January 15, 2012 Marvin Schweigert's Sunday night class will begin its Exodus II study. Exodus is a rich book of God's interaction with God's people. Join the class which meets at 6:30 at the church.



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# YOUTH NEWS

## LYF Bake Sale Thank You

An **enormous** thank you to—

- Everyone who bought baked goods
- The LYF Youth who gathered in the kitchen of Ben & Loni Shoup and made 40 kuchen.
- For overflowing generosity of \$811.00.
- The Thrivent of Lutherans Branch for matching the gifts with an additional \$333.00.
- As our LYF Youth decided, one half will help the group with outings, one fourth is being given to Carissa Brandt's family and one fourth to Brooks Monfore's family to help each with medical expenses and to encourage them. We are grateful Carissa and Brooks are a part of our LYF crew.

What a bunch of kids! We thank Michael Shoup for his leadership with the High School youth and all the parents who pitched in!

**Upcoming events** Be looking for the Ski Trip dates in the bulletins.



## Acolyte Schedule

### January 1st

11:00: Jacob Larson, Kaci Deal

### January 8

Early: Chase Harmon, Justin Meier

Late: Molly Tschetter, Cade Larson

### January 15

Early: Brooklyn Voeltz, Jared Nielan

Late: Joshua Thompson, Colton Graves

### January 22

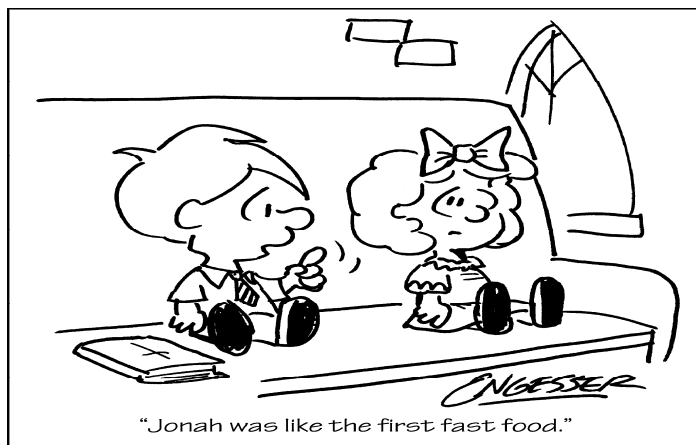
Early: Colton Shoop, Connor Shoop

Late: Megan Arneson, Joseph Knofczynski

### January 29

Early: Jacob Fuerst, Wylin Baker

Late: Riley Bren, Caitlin Bolte



## Faith Lutheran Renewal For Life

The Renewal For Life next quarterly meeting will be held on Monday, January 16, 2012 at 7 p.m. Josh Thorpe from the Department of Social Services will make a presentation regarding resources in the community for children. If you have an interest, or know of someone who may have an interest, please join us. There is no obligation to become a permanent member of the group. All those in attendance to the meetings are given a precious feet pin. Not to mention some pretty good treats!

The Renewal For Life's focus in 2012 will be "End of Life" issues from a biblical and Lutheran perspective. We will begin discussion of this at our January meeting after the DSS presentation.

## Official Acts

### Baptism

Kaylee Rose Bechard 12-11-11

### Funeral

Linda Johnson 12-8-2011

## United Blood Services

Dear Friends:

United Blood Services would like to thank you for offering the use of your facility during the **Faith Lutheran Church** blood drive on December 6. Your generosity allowed us to collect a total of **51** units of blood during the drive. **This is the best drive since 2008, a great job by everyone, thank you!**

On behalf of the staff at United



their families, thank you for being part of this important community service. We look forward to your participation in the next blood drive!

Sincerely,

Abbie Titze

Donor Recruitment Representative

## Hong Kong Stir-fry Thank You

Boy, what a meal! We thank the whole Hong Kong crew for cooking up a fine meal. We also thank Ken & Cheryl Brull for the donation of extra supplies and spearheading the project.

We thank our parish for gifts of \$1,262.00 to assist in the cost for the team of 10 that will travel to Hong Kong in February.



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