

# October 2012 Newsletter



October 20, 2012

9:00 a.m.-1:30 p.m.

- The annual Country Fair will be held at Faith Lutheran Church Saturday, October 20th from 9 am to 1:30 pm.

The annual bazaar will feature a variety of booths, including crafts, baked goods, produce, collectibles, candy, cookies, gift baskets, a "Grandma's Attic" booth featuring used household items, religious cards and gifts, and activities for kids.

In addition, caramel rolls and pie will be served in the morning,

and soup, sandwiches and pie will be served for lunch. To-go containers will be available.

Money raised from the Country Fair is used to help fund not only with programs and projects within the church, but also supports local, regional and national organizations. This year, funds raised at the bazaar will be given to:

- Pierre/Ft. Pierre Food Pantry
- Backpack Program
- Pierre Area Referral Service
- Rosebud Lutheran Mission

- Lutheran Social Services in Sioux Falls
- Lutheran Indian Ministries (national program)
- The Malaria Initiative
- Fellowship Hall blinds
- Music ministry at church
- LYF for the National Youth Gathering
- Faith Lutheran Pre-school and Daycare
- Postage for goodie boxes for Faith's college students

Help us publicize Country Fair by putting up a poster at work - and be sure to invite your friends!



## TRUNK 'N' TREAT



October 31, 2012

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

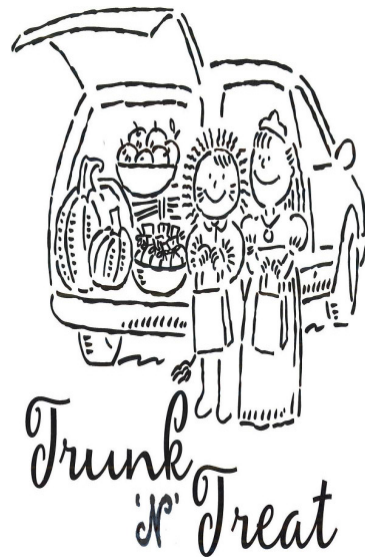
around to each car to Trunk 'N' Treat instead of going house to house to Trick-or-Treat.

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.



## Pastor Urbach's Message

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### Rally!

Greetings in the mighty name of our Lord Jesus Christ!!

While I miss the summer sun from early in the morning to late evening, I enjoy fall. Cool nights, no AC or heat, football—Husker style, the Twins fans putting on rally hats (that's a ball cap inside out if you are not a ball fan), and actually having a game winning rally. I am moved by 85,000 Husker fans screaming "Go Huskers".

All the energy of people gathered around a single purpose, roused for the cause.

On Sunday, September 16 we also had our Rally Day. There were 524 people gathered around the cause of Christ and our worship of Him and our joy in teaching the faith to children and adults.

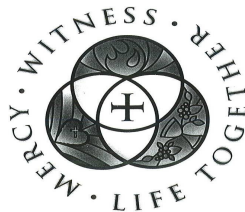
One of our little girls was on Skype that night with grandparents to whom she joyfully proclaimed, "Today was Rally Day!"

What a Rally it was—

- Pancakes
- Sunday School Awards
- Second grade Bible presentations
- Installation of teachers
- Tacos with salads and desserts
- New members
- Games, even a bounce house
- And a beautiful Sanctuary

and spacious fellowship hall in which to do all this.

There we were, hundreds of us with a common purpose, a common proclamation, a common confession roused to serve our Lord and revived to grow in witness, mercy and life together.



Through the years it is remarkable to think how those six original members with a big dream of a healthy Missouri Synod congregation in Pierre would have felt if they could see the remarkable culmination of their dream. For over 80 years men and women like you have rallied to support our parish, to support missions, to support our community.

So thank you as we enter the fall of 2012 for all you share and do.

You are a Rally people lifting the name of Christ high before the world. As I look at the crazy world in which we live, it is only Jesus who brings a mercy, a grace, a salvation, a peace that is beyond understanding.

I can't think of a place I'd rather be than with you rallying around Christ each holy Sunday morning. Thanks again for all you do. The Lord be with you.

Rallying around Jesus,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Brad Urbach".

Pastor Brad Urbach

## Meet our Sunday School & Midweek Teachers

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### Sunday School

Tony & Melissa Neyhart

Cindy Ellwein

Carolyn Kropuenske

Pat Huisman

Nicki Axtell

Denise Overweg

Carol Fosheim

Carolyn Ryckman

Sarah Farnsworth

Jessica Stange

LeRoy Kropuenske

Nick & Annette Hill

### Subs

Carlene Barber

Mike Larson

Susan Burroughs

### Midweek

LeRoy Kropuenske

Hilary Lee

Jessica Lammle

Pat Huisman

Jeanne Schweigert

Dan Haberling

Bob Green

Melissa Brock

Sandy Hobart

Pastor Baumann

Pastor Urbach

### Subs

Dee Koch

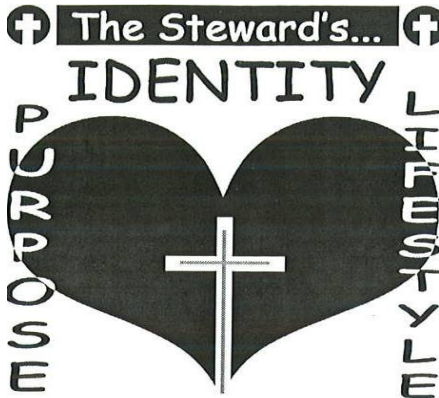
Heidi Kampfe

Kelsey Kampfe

Mike Larson

Susan Burroughs

# Living Each Day as a Steward



C. S. Lewis said, "There are two kinds of people: those who say to God, 'Thy will be done,' and those to whom God says, 'All right, then, have it your way.'" As redeemed children of God, of course, we desire to belong to that first category. We long to **live each day as stewards** who earnestly pray, "Thy will be done." As God's stewards, we are devoted to using all that we

are and have for His purposes. We are God's stewards each and every day.

On Sundays, October 28, November 4, November 11 and November 18 the theme of our worship services will be **living each day as a steward**. We will learn how the Holy Spirit, working through Word and Sacrament, transforms us to be more like our Chief Steward, Jesus, Who willingly poured out His life in giving and serving, ultimately sacrificing His very life for our eternal lives. Just as Jesus faithfully served His Father by serving us, we are to use our lives and gifts in faithful service to Him by others. *"As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God's varied*

*grace"* (1 Peter 4:10)

As your Board of Stewardship, we pray that each of you will take advantage of these opportunities to grow in the grace and knowledge of your Lord that you might be strengthened in faith both for eternity and for a fruitful life here on earth.

The three themes are as follows:

"The Steward's Identity

"The Steward's Purpose"

"The Steward's Lifestyle"

May God grant us strength and wisdom to be the faithful stewards that He has called us to be.

Your Board of Stewardship

## Men's Fellowship

Hey guys, Join other men of our church for some fun Dartball on Monday night, October 1.

Bring a snack to share. See you Monday, October 1 at 7:00 p.m. in the Luke/John room.

Join us also for our Wednesday morning Men's Bible Study at 7:00 a.m.



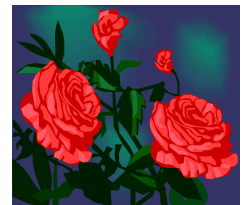
## GYM GUIDELINES

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

1. Please never drag tables or other objects across floor. 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.
4. Never hang on the rims of the baskets.

## ON THE CAMPUS

Perhaps you noticed the two new red rose bushes on Grand Avenue just across from the Memorial Garden. These are a kind gift from Pauline Votteler in memory of her husband Vince.



Thanks Pauline for the added color and beauty to our Campus.

Also – you may have noticed a lot of the parking lot lines have been brightened up. We thank Red Westall for a great parking lot touch up.

## A MESSAGE FROM PASTOR BAUMANN

**John 8:12 “When Jesus spoke again to the people, He said, “I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life.”**

Greetings in Christ Jesus! The end of September will mark one year from a day in which my life was almost forever changed in the blink of an eye... literally. It was a crisp September morning and there I was walking through the dark woods on my grandfather's property in Southeastern Wisconsin just before sun up. I remember taking 10 or so steps away from my vehicle and realizing that I had forgotten to bring a flashlight. I had none with me, and none in my car. Daylight was coming soon, and there was no time to head back to my parent's house to grab one, I wanted to be in the tree stand at first light to hopefully be in position to see deer with my bow and arrow at first light. Walking in the dark would be no problem what-so-ever, so I thought.

Looking back, that decision almost cost me dearly, it almost cost me the vision in my left eye for which I am now forever thankful for. As I drew near to my stand location, there was one final trail I needed to connect with. I searched in the dark, walking from tree to tree trying to recall where the opening for the trail was. Thorns and prickly ash bushes blocked any attempts to journey through to the other side, and then I saw it through the dark of night... an opening! With eyes fixed on that opening, I stooped

under one of the branches to make my way to it, and that's when it all happened so fast. I felt a sharp and searing pain in the corner of my eye. I whipped my head back away from the branch and immediately put my hands up to my eye. I was not sure what had happened or if I still could see. All I knew was that I was in big trouble. I ever so delicately reached into the corner of my eye closest to my nose to try and figure out what had just happened and that's when I unwedged a small twig that became lodged in the corner of my eye and nose, near my tear duct. By the grace of God that small stick caught me at just the right place, and I was able to leave those woods with the same vision I came with.

When we think we have it all together, that's when it can sometimes hit us. The Apostle Paul encourages us followers of Christ to see with the eyes of faith. He writes in 2 Corinthians 5:7 “We live by faith and not by sight.” Perfect vision and clarity come from Jesus Christ alone. He Himself states in John 8:12 “...I am the light of the world.” It is easy to make excuses for doing the right thing, to grope around in the dark thinking we have it all figured out, when really what we need is the light. And if we need the light and love of Jesus, how much more a world that is lost in darkness, pain, and hopelessness? As Christ is the light of your world, I earnestly desire and pray that you take that light with you wherever you go, into a world that needs the light. Whatever situa-

tion you find yourself in use the light of Jesus in your life, reflect the light of Jesus wherever you go, and walk in the light of Jesus as you live a life different from the world around you. Praise God for the light and love of Jesus Christ. His Word is truth and His Word is light. I leave you with one final passage from Psalm 119:105, “Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light for my path.” Praise God for His light in this darkness!

With Joy in Jesus the True Light,

*Pastor Josh Baumann*

Pastor Josh Baumann





## Pastor—Pulpit—Prayer

At both services, the Pastor who preaches on a given Sunday will come back to the pulpit after having greeted people leaving the Sanctuary and have prayer with anyone who has a prayer concern.

We had 16 golfers



## Golf Thank You!

at our Annual September golf scramble. This year's event was at the Dunes and the 10th hole was at Scott & Jean Collisons. We thank our Board of Parish Fellowship and Scott & Jean Collison for hosting the event.

Next September we will plan our event at the Trails.



## 50th Anniversary



You are invited to the 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary celebration of Jerry & JoAnn Sanders at

the Pierre Senior Citizens Center on Saturday, October 6, from 2-4. They request no gifts. Greetings and cards may be sent to 930 W Pleasant Drive # 1

## THANK YOU!

Faith Lutheran Church, Pastor Brad, Pastor Baumann and all who have helped Jerald & I and my family members through this difficult time of loss of our brother Henry. You've been great.

God bless you all.

Bonnie & Jerald Fetzer

Thank you so much for allowing us to use your facilities for our Choir Camp. The camp was a success due, in part, to your generosity.

Thank you for your support and assistance.

Rodd Bauck

*The thank you note also con-*

*tained the signatures of all the participants of the choir camp.*



## OCTOBER 31 REFORMATION DAY



# Reformation Day

# THE MARVEL OF THE HUMAN VOICE

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*"Let everything that hath breath,  
praise the Lord."*

After last week's choir rehearsal, our devotion reminded us that our voices are one of God's most select gifts to human kind. This precious gift allows us the ability to communicate our thoughts and feelings. It is also a reminder that God created man in his own image – as only man has been given the capability to communicate an organized language with a voice. Not only that, through sounds of pitch, duration and harmony – WE CAN SING!

Oh, that I had a thousand voices  
To praise my God with thousand  
tongues!

My heart, which in the Lord rejoices,  
Would then proclaim in grateful songs  
To all, wherever I might be,  
What great things God has done for  
me.

The human voice is also an exalted instrument that has been given to man to offer praise to the Almighty. Through singing and song, we can express our highest praise to, and loftiest thoughts about, God and his creation. The sound of singing is part of our Christian tradition from the beginning. In Genesis 4:21, in the seventh generation after Adam, we read that Jubal is the earliest recorded musician. He was "the father of all who play the harp and lyre." From the very beginning,

God made provision for the aesthetic – the soul expressions of man through music.

All creatures that have breath and  
motion,

That throng the earth, the sea, the  
sky,

Come, share with me my heart's de-  
votion,

Help me to sing God's praises high.

My utmost powers can never quite

Declare the wonders of His might.

Music and singing can also be a soothing balm. We have all experienced the healing power of sacred music, whether it be a simple song that provides comfort and reminds us of God's nearness, or whether it is a majestic anthem of praise and worship that lifts our hearts and spirits. The song we sing can be one of testimony in which the truth of the Gospel is proclaimed. What better way to witness about God the Creator, Sustainer and Redeemer?

Creator, humbly I implore You  
To listen to my earthly song  
Until that day when I adore You,  
Together with the angel throng  
And learn with choirs of heav'n to sing  
Eternal anthems to my King.

Because our bodies are the temple  
of God, and our voices are from  
Him, it is important that we treat

this gift with proper care and respect. Our voices should reflect a genuine, personal relationship with the Creator:

*The voice you are born with is  
God's gift to you; the use of your  
voice is your gift to God.*

Karen Lindbloom,  
Faith Lutheran Music Director

## OFFICIAL ACTS

### Baptism

Jessica Gaffer 9/15/12

### Funeral

Marlene Young 9/12/12

Deanna Smith 9/20/12

### New Members

Adam Huber

Dustin Ortbahn

Jenna Everson

Chris & Lisa Stanley, Christian,  
Abigail

Kelly & Laura Hansen, Kellen,  
Blake

William & Shannon Bonnat, De-  
laney, Aaden & Greyson

Matthew & Jenny Gaffer, Myles

Brandon & Misty Hoftiezer, Damon,  
Brady & Jaxton

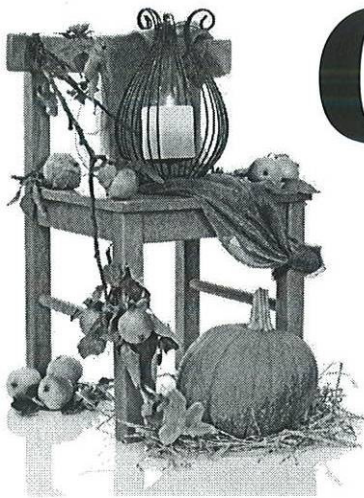
Marlys Frederick

Jim Beckwith

### Wedding

Shawn Flottmeyer & Bryan Bietz





# Country Fair

Saturday, Oct. 20 at Faith Lutheran  
9 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

**There's lots of ways to help with this fun event!**

Questions? Talk to Jan Larson (224-6574), Kristy Deal (280-7004) or Donna Leslie (220-1217)  
[Supplemental funds provided by Hughes County Chapter of Thrivent Financial for Lutherans]

## Make crafts

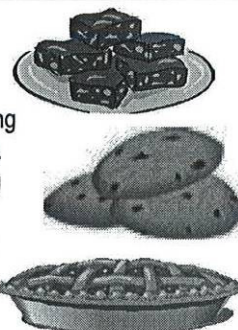
The Craft Booth will need arts and craft items of all types to sell. Popular items include seasonal decorations • all types of needlework • dried arrangements • gifts for teachers • decorative items made of wood • handmade jewelry. Please drop off at the church by Friday, October 19th.



## Make baked goods (important note: please label what they are)

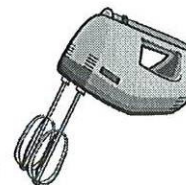
- We need OODLES of treats for our Baked Goods Booth including bars, pies, cakes, kuchen, cheesecakes, cupcakes, and breads.
- Our Cookie Booth needs TONS of cookies of all kinds, including all the old favorites and novelty cookies.
- The Lunch Counter needs dozens of pies of all kinds, including diabetic pie. Cream pies are very popular.

**LABEL** and drop off at the church on Friday, October 19th.



## 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 could really use lots of varieties of fudge. IMPORTANT: PLEASE LABEL WHAT IT IS.**



## Antiques & collectibles

The Antiques & Collectibles Booth will feature collectible toys, figurines, glassware, dishes, jewelry, and antiques. Drop off at the church by Friday, October 19th. (Please include your name and suggested price).

## Other ways to help

1. Sign up to **help in a booth**. You can help with the entire event, or just for an hour or two (if possible, wear something yellow the day of the event - a shirt, bandana, socks, headband, jewelry - whatever).
2. **Help with setup**.
3. **Furnish kitchen supplies**.
4. **Put up a poster at work**.
5. **HELP WITH CLEANUP** at 1:30 pm on the 20th. LOTS of hands makes for quick work!

Women, men and teens are welcome to help. Check the signup sheets on the Country Fair table in the Narthex.

## 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 (used household 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 by Friday, October 19. (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!**



# Faith Lutheran Preschool and Daycare News

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We are off again to another great year at preschool. Praise the Lord! Our classes are all full at this time and we have a short waiting list! This year, we have many younger children in the program and they are keeping us busy! During the month of October, we will have community helpers visit – most of these are parents of the preschoolers. We are also studying the color orange, the number 1, the letters DEF and the circle. Our Bible stories are about God's helpers in the Old Testament era.

Throughout this year, we will be studying trees and several animals that live in them. Our first animal is the bear. We will also be using a nutrition unit called "Chef Combo" – who happens to be a puppet that is a chef. We will be borrowing a unit from the Cultural Heritage Center about cowboys the end of October and doing some branding of our own! These kits are all wonderful and the children really enjoy them.

We do not have the children wear their costumes for Halloween, but we do have a fun time hearing how they are going to dress for Trick or Treating.

Recently, a preschool family lost their home and all their possessions to a house fire. In an effort to be helpful, Faith Lutheran Preschool will be collecting gift cards for the family. Some suggestions for places to purchase them are: Walmart, Kmart, Penney's, Dakotamart, Sutley's, and any restaurant or eating establishment. The preschool will be collecting these

and will make sure that the Herrman family receives them. Thank you for being generous with your gifts.

We are not saving the "Boxtops for Education" labels, but we are still saving the Campbell soup labels. These include the "Labels for Education". We are also saving the Land O'Lakes milk caps for 5 cents. Thank you for your support of these projects.



Something new this year, is the use of the emails of parents for sending out the monthly newsletter. Hopefully this will help in our communication with parents! My email at preschool is: [jan@faithluth.com](mailto:jan@faithluth.com)

Fall is in the air – it is a time to reflect back on our summer and to look forward to the season of cooler days and colorful leaves. Enjoy these times with your children! We are certainly enjoying them at preschool. God bless you!

In Christ's love & joy,

Jan Larson

## Greetings from Faith Lutheran Daycare.

We have been busy here at Faith Lutheran Daycare since our sum-

mer has ended! We have started a new special day called our "Book day" on Wednesdays. Our children are allowed to bring a book from home to share with everyone during circle time. We are trying to get many more books read as a group. We know our most important book is the Bible, though!

We have been excited to get started on our Little Lambs curriculum again. Our children have now talked about the Creation, Adam and Eve, and Noah. We have learned about making good choices and following the rules that our teachers, parents, and most importantly God have set before us.

As the weather has now cooled we have been blessed with an abundance of outside play time. We love to explore and learn about the world that God has made for us. We learn something new every day!

We currently have 16 staff members including substitutes. In attendance at Faith Lutheran Daycare we have 8 Infants, with 2 more starting soon. We have 9 Toddlers, 32 Preschoolers, and 8 Schoolers. We are currently licensed for 65 children.

Daycare can always use donations of items such as Kleenex, baby wipes, craft items, and paper. If you ever want to donate anything you are welcome to drop things off at the Daycare office anytime.

Your friend in Christ,

Jennifer Carr  
FLDC Director



## Building News

### Thank you for your continued gifts to our Building Fund

Due to continued gifts to the Building Account, we have:

- installed the balance of the heating & cooling pipes, elbows, flex duct and supply diffusers in the Luke/John room
- installed the all the ceiling in the Luke/John room
- dropped the water suppression heads into the ceiling of the Luke/John room
- installed the lighting fixtures for which we thank Todd's Electric.
- installed the six blinds for the St. Luke/St. John room. They look nice and also break the summer heat and sunlight in the afternoons and evenings.

We are grateful to Sandy & Merrill Bales, Jerry & JoAnn Sanders, Red & Bea Westall, Mike & Marilyn Nugent, and Pastor Urbach for providing the gifts for the new blinds.

Next – well, nothing more at this time for Luke/John. With a lot of youth use, we will wait for carpet down the pike.

**Blinds** We have a proposal to put blinds on the upper windows in the CFLC. These would be a lot of help for the usage times when bright beams of sunlight are pouring in the windows. They will not be black out shades but shades that would filter the sun. This would also help when we use DVD's in the Christian Family Life Center.

It is amazing what you have done together to finish the upstairs of the CFLC. Thank you!

**We also thank you for continued gifts to our Debt Retirement Account.**

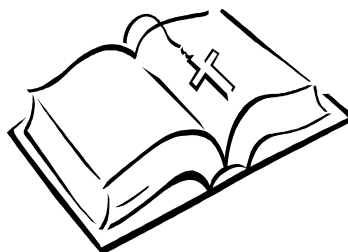
**Debt Retirement** - Along with our regular October 1 payment of \$5,395.00 we were able to send an additional principal payment of \$2,433.50 which saved us \$2,961.48 in interest. This is our 78<sup>th</sup> advance payment and we have now saved \$334,482.72 in interest. We thank you for your continued gifts to Debt Retirement. We hope every month to do at least one advanced payment. When we have sufficient gifts, we will continue to send as many payments as possible so that we may save as much interest as possible.

**On the Campus** A big THANK YOU to Red Westall for restriping the Parking Lot. It is much easier to find the parking spot.

## Our Lending Library and Gift Shop!

**Gift Shop** Are you looking for cards, napkins, Bibles, gifts? Well look no further. Berea Circle has lots of items for all the seasons of the year. Stop by the Living Room and see their selection.

**Lending Library** We have started to restock our Lending Library with good Christian Books and DVD's. We recently have a brand new selection of Veggie Tales. No charges, just sign in and sign out the items you are borrowing.



## Sunday School Attendance Policy

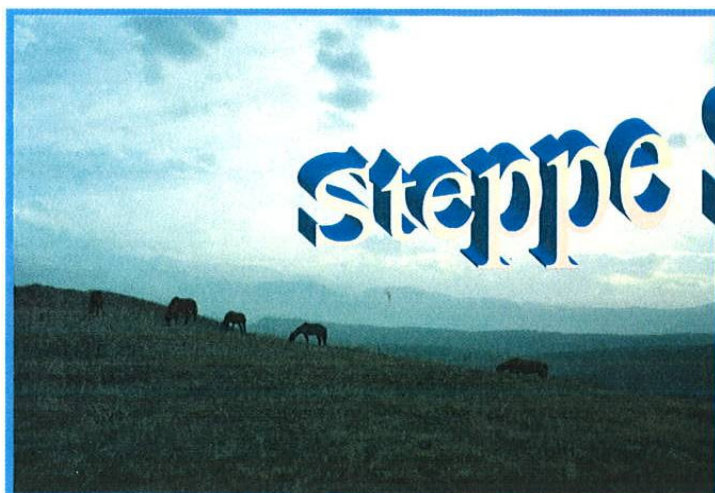
The Board of Education has a Sunday School attendance policy to include the fall months and spring months of the school year, which covers our Sunday School months of September through May.

1. Attendance will be taken every Sunday.
2. Each child can miss only 10 times in the weeks that there is regular Sunday School to be considered for faithful attendance.
3. If a child visits a church elsewhere, they will receive credit for that visit with a verbal confirmation, or note from that place of worship, or a note from the parents stating such.
4. All awards will be given in September during the church service on Rally Day.
5. Milestone years will be year 1, year 5, and year 10.
6. Attendance will be retroactive from prior churches. Parents need to give that information to the Sunday School secretary, or the Education coordinator when they register their child in our program.

Teachers mark attendance for each student weekly for accurate attendance count.

Hopefully this system will encourage the children to seek God's Word through the opportunities of Sunday School with the reward given to them for their yearly accomplishments.





*"Sing to the Lord a new song; sing to the Lord, all the earth.*

*Sing to the Lord, praise His name; proclaim his salvation day after day."*

*Psalm 96:1-2*

**Serving with the Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod,**

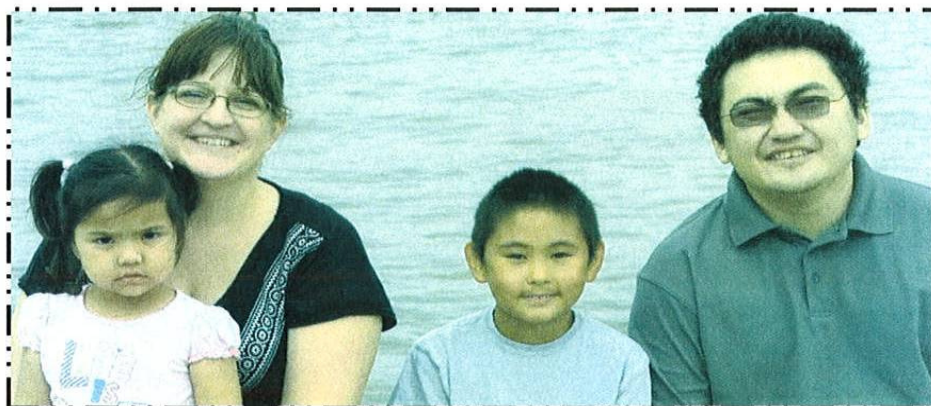
**June 1, 1992 – August 8, 2012**

**Amy, Marat, Amanzhol, Kuralai Kashenov  
Almaty, Kazakhstan**

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## FAREWELL...

It is with both sadness and, yet, inner peace that I write this last newsletter, the last issue of SteppeSongs. This will be our "farewell" song. After 2 decades of overseas service with the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod, to the former Soviet Republics, God has called me to come home and hang up my hat for a while. I have this month, August 2012, ended my



service with the LCMS, and, with my family, have begun to explore what the future is that God has planned for us stateside. It is difficult to say good bye, not only to service in Kazakhstan, but also to service with the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod. But it is the right thing, the right answer to God's will at this time.

**The Journey:** I remember the anticipation and anxiety as I joined the missionary force on June 1, 1992, just fresh out of college, and heading to St. Petersburg, Russia. Teaching English... Sharing Bible Stories at after-school events... making friends with the teachers, and having Gospel conversations over tea... I (emphasis on I) planned to be there 7 to 10 years... But God already was making His (different) plans known. In 1993, while assisting at New Missionary orientation for newcomers heading to Russia, I prayed Abraham's prayer: Send me, where You will, God. And He did, the very next day! I was reassigned to a team headed to Kazakhstan! And thus began my long journey in taking the people of Kazakhstan into my heart, and their eternal welfare as my life-goal. Almost 20 years of laughter, tears, frustrations, challenges and great rejoicing! While I knew that someday I would be saying goodbye to this second "home land", to the church that arose, to the dear friends and family, I did not know that God would be having me say good bye at this time, and in such a complete way.

But He has new plans for me, for our family. After long years of service, in strenuous, difficult, challenging environments... yet in an amazingly hospitable and loving land... with much moving of stones, plowing of soil and planting of seeds...and, praise God, blooming of the Gospel in the hearts of many in Kazakhstan, God has a new calling for me: to hear His voice saying, "Be still, and know that I am God." And I am going to heed His call, and practice being still for a while. (Until His next call, that is! Because I know He is not done with me yet!)

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My missionary story goes way back further than 1992, even further back than 1991, while I was in Russia during the collapse of the Soviet Union, when God made His calling of me to the former Soviet Republics clear. No, it goes back to 1976 or so, me being in the second grade, and having the wondrous opportunity to hear an LCMS missionary to Africa share of his ministry there. Yes, at 7 years old, in a small town, out in the midst of the fields of South Dakota, I knew that God would have me serve Him as missionary. Back then, and in recent times, I could not, and can hardly now, imagine not spending my entire life overseas, in different cultures, sharing the most important message, the life-saving Gospel. This is why my challenge now will be to just be. To be still.

I am so thankful to God for the awesome privilege it has been to serve Him with the LCMS, and to be involved with His miraculous work changing hearts through the Gospel. The journey has been full of adventure, and I'm so grateful that God allowed me to come along for the ride!

### **Fellow Travelers on this Journey:**

I thank you, dear friends and family, churches and districts, wonderful and steadfast supporters! You have made this whole journey possible! You have prayed for us, supported us financially, and participated in the joys and hardships of this work. While we do grieve our departure from Kazakhstan, and leaving our many relationships there, we are thankful that we leave behind a steadfast and energetic church and our fellow missionary Rev. David Baker, who daily reach out with the Gospel to the people of Kazakhstan.

I sincerely encourage you to think about supporting David Baker's work in this beloved land, as well as the outreach begun to the Kazakhs in Mongolia. He continues on the work, raising up God's church in this country so near to my heart. For the cry for the Truth and the Way continues, and the demand for the Gospel to be shared, leaders to be trained, evangelists to be sent, literature to be developed and shared is as urgent as ever: all this is vital, that more hearts may be reached with the message of reconciliation.

*If you, or your congregation, are interested in continuing to support the Lord's work in Kazakhstan, I encourage you to please contact Debra Feenstra at 314-965-9000. Your support and partnership can further the work of those who continue to minister to this beautiful place and to share God's love with these beautiful people! Thank you so much. Debbie will also be contacting donors to share options for transferring support to David, or to others involved in the Kazakhstan ministry.*

### **Prayers, please:**

During this time of transition for us, moving our lives and hearts from Kazakhstan to the United States and to our new future here, please pray for us, for peace, for guidance, and for safe travels. As we did not know we would be leaving permanently when we traveled to the States last, Marat, Amanzhol, Kuralai and I will be heading back to Kazakhstan for two weeks in the fall, to pack up our belongings, and, more importantly, to say our goodbyes, and have some closure. I can't imagine how hard it is going to be to say good bye to these dear friends, to this place that has been our home, but I trust that God will go ahead of me and prepare me when the time comes... Please also continue to pray for the ministry in Kazakhstan, for the church there, for the men, women and children who have come to know Jesus, and for those who have not... I will join you in prayer, as I "be still", and yet continue to be a part of the Kazakhstan journey as a prayer warrior.

### **Farewell:**

**And so, this is it. This is farewell. After so many newsletters written over so many years, saying goodbye and ending this "song" is difficult. But Praise God, He gives us new songs to sing on this earth! I wish for each of you and your families the richest of all God's blessings, and pray that He is giving your heart new songs to sing each day! God bless!!! I'm off, now, to remember fondly and rejoice once again (and again) over all the Lord has done in Kazakhstan, and praise Him for all He will yet do!**

**In Him,**

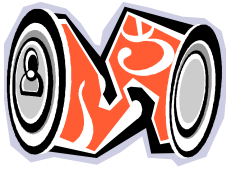
**Amy, Marat, Amanzhol and Kuralai Kashenov**

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# Faith Lutheran Youth Page



## THAT'S A LOT OF ALUMINUM!!!!

Thanks to our L.Y.F. youth and parents who helped load and haul cans to the recycling center. LYF got \$146.80 from all the aluminum! This money will be used to help support our efforts to attend the

National Youth Gathering next July in San Antonio. Be ready to help again in the spring!

## THAT'S A LOT OF PANCAKE BATTER!!!!

Thanks also to our L.Y.F. youth and the parents who helped with the pancake fundraiser on Rally Day. What a success and reason to give thanks to God! Our youth made over \$850 to apply towards attending the National Youth Gathering in San Antonio in 2013.



We praise God that both Sunday School and Mid-week are underway. There are still great opportunities to offer your time and help for the support of our teachers and helpers whether that be filling in on occasion for teaching as need be, leading or helping with music for the younger Sunday School grades, or volunteering for special events like the Sunday School Christmas program. We are glad to have your help as there are plenty of ways to serve and be involved with our youth. Please seek out Pastor Baumann for ways you might be able to help.

# October Acolytes

## October 7

Early: Jacob Fuerst, Wylin Baker

Late: Riley Bren, Caitlin Bolte

## October 14

Early: Austin Wagner, Justice Voita

Late: Morgan Deis, Cammie Schmidt

## October 21

Early: Haven Kenefick-Aschoff, Whitney King

Late: Abby Lingle, Caden Overturf

## October 28

Early: Lucas Schochenmaier, Nicole Smith

Late: Julia Jares, Gerritt Tronvold

## JYM Pizza Ranch Fundraiser

Mark November 12, 2012 on your calendars for our JYM Pizza Ranch Fundraiser. This will help support our JYM activities. Toni Kenefick-Aschoff is heading up this event. We need all our JYM youth to participate.



## LIVE LOVE(D)!!! 2013 National Youth Gathering

### LIVE LOVE(D)!!! 2013 National Youth Gathering in San Antonio, Texas is July 1-5

The plan is for Faith L.Y.F. to have our numbers finalized for the National Youth Gathering as best as we can by **Friday, October 5<sup>th</sup> at noon**. Right off the bat, the church is covering \$100 of the \$295 registration cost, thus leaving \$195 left by the participant to cover on their own. If there are special circumstances please talk with Pastor Baumann. Please make checks

out to Faith Lutheran and bring them to the office by Friday, October 5<sup>th</sup>. We will send in our registration and information that afternoon.

Concerning the Gathering, a second informational parent's meeting will be held for those desiring to go to the National Youth Gathering, but weren't able to make it on September 12<sup>th</sup>. The date for the 2<sup>nd</sup> parent's meeting is: **Wednesday, October 3<sup>rd</sup> at 7:30** after Midweek class. We will meet in the Gym. This meeting is for those who are

currently 8<sup>th</sup> graders or any high school age student who missed the first meeting but still desires to attend the National Youth Gathering next July. Parents should plan to attend with their child.

Currently there are 17 L.Y.F youth who have shown interest in attending the National Youth Gathering next summer. Please see Pastor Baumann and fill out a contact information form if you are interested.



*Witness, Mercy, Life Together*