

# 2013 July/August Newsletter

## *Circuit Bible Camp*

**WHO:** For those in 4<sup>th</sup> to 9<sup>th</sup> grade as of the 2013/2014 school year (so anyone who just finished 3<sup>rd</sup> grade through those just having finished 8<sup>th</sup> grade this past school year are eligible to attend). A sign-up sheet is on the back table in the narthex along with a release waiver and a packing list for each participant to grab.

**WHAT:** Four days and three nights of recreational fun and camping at the Oahe Downstream Campground. We hope to have youth from our Circuit (Onida, Blunt, Harrold, Gettysburg, Presho, Norris, Murdo, Lebanon, & Pierre) come together for time and study in God's Word under the theme: "*And God said...*" We will swim, hike, cook our meals outside, canoe & kayak, ride on the Capital City Queen. We will also have Bible study, play games, sleep in tents, explore nature. & more! On Wed. July 24<sup>th</sup>, families are welcome to join for an evening cookout with our group at 6:30 until dark as we celebrate family night. We have a shelter at the campsite also!

**WHEN:** Mon. July 22<sup>nd</sup> to Thurs. July 25<sup>th</sup>

**WHERE:** The Oahe Downstream Campground (#3) in the State Park

**WHATS IT COST?** The cost is going to be \$90 for per participant. This cost helps cover campsite rental, meals, a day of recreational activity on the water with Steamboat Outfitters, etc. Faith is offering \$30 dollar scholarships to any child of the congregation looking to attend camp to help offset costs.



## *Our Sanctuary Project*

*"I love the house where You live, O Lord, the place where Your glory dwells." Psalm 26:8*

Our Sanctuary is one of our favorite rooms in our life journey. In this special favorite room:

- The Word of God is proclaimed.
- The Sacraments of Holy Baptism and Holy Communion are administered according to their institution by Christ.
- Funeral services remember faithfully the lives of those souls now in heaven as the clear Word of God brings us the hope of the Resurrection.
- The eighth grade confirmands

make a big mouth filled confession of their faith.

- Couples, in the long tradition of Adam & Eve, make live-long promises to each other.
- Seniors in high school sit with Pastor(s) for one last "Feeding of the Little Lambs".
- VBS kids and in the last many, many years sing out praises with Captive Free.
- The Processional torches come down the middle aisle for the remarkable Festivals of Christmas and Easter.
- Well, there are others but these are some big Sanctuary mo-

ments.

Our Sanctuary (sanctus means Holy) is that Holy place. A beautiful place that fills us with awe!

Our 1996 Holy place needs a bit of sprucing up.

Before this fall we desire to address two upgrades which we have not budgeted for:

- We desire to paint the entire Sanctuary. You may have wondered about the faint black streaks on the outside walls. This sounds a bit strange but it appears that when the temperature changes the steel studs transmit a change in temperature

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## Pastor Urbach's Message

Summertime! Hip, hip, hooray! Ball games, green grass, flowers, cook-outs, seeing family, perhaps some travel, beach time! I always wish summer was longer, I like the longer days of sunshine!

Two big things this summer, one corporate, one personal:

The corporate one first! We are going to give our beloved Sanctuary a touch up. This beautiful place of God is going to have a paint job and a new carpet. You will find in this newsletter a more detailed article. Our Boards of Trustees and Stewardship are hoping for your generosity.

The second is personal. The Elders have wondered if a "Funeral Planning Guide" might be helpful for our families.

I too, as a pastor, have found it very helpful when members have shared with their families some thoughts and desires they have pertaining to such things as what might be in the service and thoughts they have about the burial. Hymns, Scriptures, etc. all help the pastor and family plan. I have said it many, many times when I have been complimented for a funeral sermon or a service, "Well, \_\_\_\_\_ wrote the sermon, I just got to put it together." It is a wonderful thing to know of someone's spiritual and earthly life in such a manner that it reflects them faithfully. It too helps the Pastor shape the memorial service.

So—you will find in this newsletter a single planning sheet. You can get more from the office or feel

free to just copy. Our Elders and pastors hope this is a helpful resource. It is also a time to remind of preparing a will and updating beneficiaries on your policies. This might also be a proper time as you do estate planning to remember your parish as well.

Okay—a lighter note. All three Urbach kids, all five grandchildren, and all 8 great-grandchildren are arriving in Omaha July 20-21 to celebrate my mother's 90th birthday. It will be enjoyable. While my mom struggles with diminishing eye sight she does pretty well. She especially misses the independence that driving brought her. So its another chance to see those 5 favorite things in my wallet—the grandkids.

A large thank you for all you do and share. VBS was a great success because of many, many hands. As you receive this, our high school youth are packed and ready to head for San Antonio. Through your generosity we have helped them in a large manner with their expenses.

Well, a blessed summer, believe it or not we are already thinking about our fall programs and ministries.

The Lord be with you.



Pastor Brad Urbach



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## Delta Dental Gift

In honor of Delta Dental of South Dakota's 50th Anniversary the company through their "We Give" program provided each Delta Dental employee and Board member with \$1,000.00 to give to the charity or charities of their choice.

Five members of Faith Lutheran donated \$4,000.00 to Faith's Day Care Center and Preschool.

We express a hearty thank you for these members of Faith for thinking of our Preschool and Day Care and being so very generous!

A thank you has been sent to these members as well as Scott Jones and the Board of Delta Dental of South Dakota.



## A Year in the Making...

“Good things take time!”, or as another saying puts it: “Good things come to those who wait.” Some will argue that Marriage gets better with age. The same must hold true then for fine wines, and yes, being from Wisconsin—for Cheese also! But waiting is sometimes hard to do, just ask any deer hunter or expecting mother. We live in an age of instantaneous response and rapid production. “30 minutes or less...” was the guarantee on pizza delivery, “Or it’s free!”

The psalmist David wrote in Psalm 40; “I waited patiently for the Lord He inclined and heard my cry...” And again in Psalm 130; “My soul waits for the LORD, more than watchmen wait for the morning, more than watchmen wait for the morning.” Waiting is one thing, but waiting patiently is yet another. This is the life of God’s people. God doesn’t always work on 30 minute time frames! We are people who wait on God’s action, on God’s timing, and on His working in our lives. We wait for God to give us a spouse, to bless us with the endurance to make it through years of schooling, we wait until Sunday morning to receive absolution and forgiveness from the Pastor as from God Himself (although some choose to wait a little longer than others!) We wait for God to show us the right path in our vocations and life callings. We wait for God to call us from death to eternal life through the voice of Jesus the Good Shepherd. This waiting is a tough thing to do especially when the Psalms say that God’s timing is different than ours! “For a thousand years

in your sight are like a day just gone by, or like a watch in the night” Psalm 90:4.

One of my favorite Greek words is the word *kairos* (*kai-rus*) which means: *at the proper time, appointed time, at just the right time, or at the exact moment.* **Romans 5:6-8** says; “You see, **at just the right time** (*kairos*), when we were still powerless, Christ died for the ungodly. Very rarely will anyone die for a righteous man, though for a good man someone might possibly dare to die. But God demonstrates His love for us in this: While we were still sinners Christ died for us.” It was the *kairos* moment. Jesus came at *just the right time*! And none too soon. Jesus then died on a ruthless, rugged cross when waiting could no longer suffice. God waited for the right moment in history to send His Son. This moment was promised to Adam and Eve in Genesis, told of by the Judges and by the Prophets, and even after a time of captivity for Israel and Judah God still held out for the right timing. What a relief that God knows when “just the right time is” because the truth is: waiting is difficult for us to do!

How is God teaching you and growing you to wait on Him and to put a more complete trust in His Word? In His promises? When you become sick and tired of waiting for God let your voice to God not be your own, but lift up your voice to God in the words of the Psalms, read the Psalms, listen to their voice to God. Psalm 119:81 “My soul faints with longing for your salvation, but I have put my hope in your word.” I pray that you

would always go back to God’s word, back to His faithful promises.

It’s God’s timing. And in His timing He has brought me to this congregation. It’s been a full year, and what a year in the making it has been! After waiting for 4 years of college and waiting for 4 years of seminary, I get to see the fruition of God’s timing in my life. This past year I have been able to grow as a pastor through preaching, I have attended two Pastor’s conferences, experienced my first SD winter, led a junior high lock-in, led a trip to the National Youth Gathering, coordinated Vacation Bible School with the help of dedicated leaders, coordinated a successful year of Sunday School, led men’s Bible study on Thursday mornings throughout the year, grieved with families yet celebrated in the hope of Christ through numerous funerals at Faith, married my first couple, baptized children, taught confirmation, and fundraised, fundraised, and fundraised some more! So I thank you, and I thank God for all of the love and patient support that has been shown. This is truly one of the best places on earth, and it’s because of you—God’s people—something truly worth waiting for. May you eagerly watch for God’s love and wait on His promises with hope and joy this day and always.

With Joyful Hope in All God’s Promises,



Pastor Baumann

## VBS THANK YOUS



**Many, many thanks** go out to all who made our Vacation Bible School possible, to Heidi Kampfe, to the Board of Education. Without your help and those who brought their children, VBS wouldn't have been possible. A big thanks as well to the group *Captive Free* for sharing and being with us!

**Adult Teachers and Helpers** Kristi Hall, Denise Overweg, Denise Mallo, Tony Neyhart, April Boltjes, Brian Zeeb, Shannon Zeeb, Cindy Ellwein, Kacey Hutchinson, Melissa Neyhart, Rachel Aamold, Pat Huisman, Becky Lang, & Jolynn Haberling

**Youth Helpers** Kailee Schultz, Stashia Leigl, Hannah Lingle, Burkelee Kenefick-Aschkoff, Kaileigh Beug, Katie Magee, Dillon Axtell,

Brooke Kampfe, Sammie Axtell, Kassie Tronvold, Cassie Axtell, Jesse Jares, Melissa Hedglin, Jordan Thompson, Abby Keith, Emma Keith, Emily Haberling, Katie Magee, Samantha Zeltinger

**Meals for VBS workers** Board of Education, Board of Parish Fellowship, Board of Elders, and the Board of Missions.

**Captive Free Meals** Rick and Marlis Doud, Kathleen Monfore, Carissa and Matt Naasz, Nick and Annette Hill, Anita and Troy Spitzer, Pastor and Margaret Baumann, Jim and Phyllis Douglas

**Crafts** Paula Tronvold, Nicki Axtell

**Story-Telling** LeRoy Kropuenske, Becky Lang

**Snack Time & Donations** Leslie Hicks, Angie Keith, Lynn Spomer and the host of congregation members who signed up to bring donations for our snack time!

And if there is anyone who helped who was missed, we thank you! Everyone's time and service is a way in which we shout from the mountain tops: "Jesus Christ is Lord!"

## Main Street Living

June 12, 2013

Dear Members of Faith Lutheran,

Thank you for supporting Main Street Living and Kids Crossing with your recent Financial gift. This worship service remains on the air because of the financial generosity of churches and its organizations, as well as individual gifts.

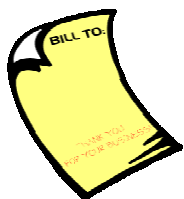
Letters from homebound worshipers express their thanks for being able to be part of a LCMS service through the broadcast of this program.

God's blessings,

Main Street Living Board

**Main Street Living** may be seen each Sunday morning at 10 AM on KDLT-NBC Sioux Falls or at 9 AM on KEVN-FOX Rapid City. Mailing address is Main Street Living, 1400 S. Duluth Ave, Sioux Falls, SD 57105. The program may be viewed on the web at [www.mainstreetliving.com](http://www.mainstreetliving.com).





## Store Charges

An important reminder that if your Board or Circle has charges at Sully's, Dakotamart, or Wal-Mart please bring the receipt to the church office. Please indicate which church entity and the name of the person charging.

Thank you, it helps our Treasurer a great deal!

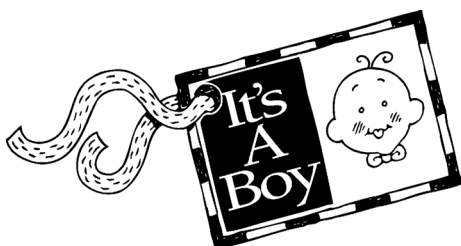
## Love Fund Donations

The financial counters request that any donations to the Love Fund be in the form of a check as they cannot always come up with checks of the same amount to take to Edward Jones. Edward Jones does not accept cash. This will make the counting much easier. Thank you for your help.

## It's a Boy!!!

All ladies of the congregation are invited to a Baby Shower for Pastor and Margaret Baumann on Sunday evening, July 28th from 6:30-8:30. Hope to see you there!

Priscilla Circle



## This and That Hong Kong 2014!

Plans are currently in the works for a SD team to visit MCDH in Hong Kong next year (most likely in February). The message of Jesus' love that teams share is making a big impact at this school, and as teams continue to go and serve this impact is felt more and more strongly. If you are interested in this amazing opportunity to serve the Lord as a short-term missionary or have any questions about the trip, please contact Nick and Annette Hill at 224-0884 or [nanesahill@gmail.com](mailto:nanesahill@gmail.com).

## Tornado Response!



Thank you so very much for your gifts of \$4,842.12 in response to the Tornado in Moore, Oklahoma.

St. John's Church & School avoided damage but several families suffered extensive damage to their homes.

Our gifts were sent to St. John's for them to share as they felt was best.

If you were gone the two Sundays we gathered gifts and you wish to help, simply place a gift in the plate or bring it to the office. Please mark the envelope you use with your envelope number and the amount of the gift and that it is for Tornado Relief.

Again, thanks for your large-hearted generosity.

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## A Letter of Thanks

May 31, 2013

Dear Faith Evangelical Lutheran Church,

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your donation to Pierre Area Referral Service 2013 Feinstein Challenge to Fight Hunger in our community.

Through your generosity we took in 9,275.5 pounds of food and raised \$38,796.67 in cash, checks and Pledges for the Pierre/Ft. Pierre Food Pantry and our local Backpack Program.

We can't thank you enough for helping our community sustain the means to feed our hungry. Whether it be through the doors of our pantry or by filling Backpacks for children during the school year to have food on the weekends when no other free food service is available.

Please find a receipt for your donation included in the letter.

Thank you again for making this year's Feinstein Food Challenge the best yet!!!

Truly,

Laura White

Executive Director, Pierre Area Referral Service

*"We make a living by what we get, we make a life by what we give."*

Winston Churchill



## Our Sanctuary

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in such a manner that it attracts the soot from the candles. A cloth wipes the soot off. This time, after cleaning the walls, we will paint with a semi-gloss rather than a flat paint. Jay Fredrich, on behalf of our Board of Trustees, has sought proposals for painting costs. Close inspection also finds some drywall tape pulling away in the seams between the ceiling and the walls. Painting Cost: \$6,100.00

- You have noticed the difficult billowing we have in our Sanctuary carpet especially in the summer months. Our Trustees have been pulling back carpet, re-cutting, and re-gluing. It seems like they get one spot down and another spot billows up. We are concerned about people getting their feet tied up and stumbling. We have been piece-mealing for years and feel it is time to replace the entire carpet and adhesive.

Carpet Cost: About \$25,000.

Would you please help us with this special project? Please use the enclosed envelope for your generous gift.

Please put your name, envelope number, and the amount to help our counting committee with good accounting records.

*I rejoiced with those who said to me,  
"Let us go to the house of the Lord."*

*That is where the tribes go up, the  
tribes of the Lord, to praise the name  
of the Lord according to the statute  
given to Israel. Psalm 122:1, 4*

## Debt News

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That's the number of advanced payments we have made since we started paying off our \$1,000,000 debt in July 2010.

We have now saved \$402,063.62 in interest. The total interest on the original loan was \$1,097,145.95.

Once again we were able to do two advance principal payments with our June 1 regular payment.

Thank you for your generosity!

P.S. The counters appreciate it if you would always carefully put the amount of your gifts on your envelope. It helps them with accuracy.

## Correction

In the May newsletter Kaileigh Beug's confirmation verse was put in as Psalm 130:14 and her actual verse is Psalm 139:14.

Sorry for the mix-up Kaileigh.

Hope you had a very blessed Confirmation day.

## Official Acts

### Baptisms

Porter William Kost

Jocelyn Rhea Pfeffer

Quinn Renee Schilling

### Funerals

Marie McIntire

Gloris Zoller

## Hills Alive!

28th Annual

Music Festival

July 20 & 21

Memorial Park

Rapid City

*The Biggest and Best FREE  
Family Event of the Summer*

Friday, July 19

Main St. Square Artist Showcase

7 PM

Downtown, Rapid City

Hills Alive is about reaching the lost and hurting with the love of Christ in a non-threatening environment where anyone can come regardless of financial ability.

Check out more details at  
[www.hillsalive.com](http://www.hillsalive.com)

## Diaper Derby



A HUGE thanks to everyone who participated in the first annual Faith's Renewal for Life Diaper Derby!

Thanks to your generosity, we have collected 860 diapers, 1420

baby wipes, and 3 containers of baby formula!

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## LCMS' 65th Regular Convention

Our Synod will have its Convention in St. Louis from July 20th-July 27th. Pastor Glenn Denke of Norris is the pastoral delegate and Dennis Zirpel of Presho our Circuit Lay delegate. A national offering will be taken. The offering will be divided into five designations:

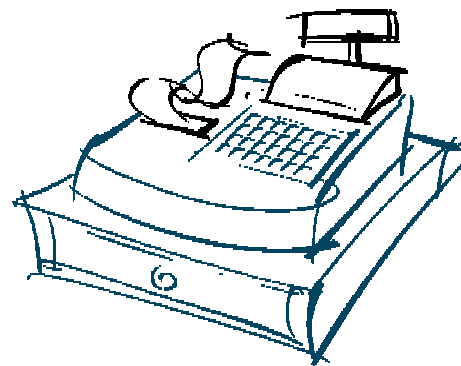
- **Together as a Synod:** Help us support our Synod's work where it's needed most. Goal: \$200,000
- **Global Mission:** Give to Witness, Mercy, Life Together work around the world! Goal: \$200,000
- **Lutheran Malaria Initiative:** Help mercy teams end malaria deaths in Africa by 2015, bearing with them Christ's comfort and love. Goal: \$200,000
- **LCMS Joint Seminary Fund:**

Support the LCMS' future pastors, deaconesses and leaders by giving to our two world-class seminaries in St. Louis and Ft. Wayne. Goal: \$200,000

- **Global Seminary Initiative:** Provide funding for theological education for international partner church pastors to serve as leaders in their home churches. Goal: \$200,000

Our Board of Stewardship has designated a gift of \$500.00 from Faith for this offering. Should you choose to make a personal gift to Synod to assist in one of the designated areas of missions, please use the insert you will find in the bulletin or on the Oak Table in the Narthex during the month of July.

## Our Third Check of the Year!



Yes, it benefits our Preschool and Day Care! All those Dakotamart receipts that you bring to the church has provided us with a \$500.00 check, which will be split between our Preschool and Day Care.

Thanks so very much!

## Faith Lutheran Preschool News

As I am writing this, we are enjoying several rainy days – makes me think we are living in Minnesota! I hope that you are enjoying your summer – our daughter Heidi and her husband, Ben have experienced the birth of our third grandchild – second grandson and first child for Heidi and Ben. As they live in Grand Rapids, Michigan, we were waiting for the call to pack and leave to go greet this special little one. So it is not even June yet, but this needs to be done before I leave.

We had a *beautiful* day for our end of the year picnic! Praise the Lord! It was a perfect way to end a wonderful year at preschool. So many wonderful children and parents!

Now, I am looking forward to next year. This summer, I will be purchas-

ing some new items for the preschool and taking some classes for my certificate renewal. Also, I will be counting all those milk caps that you save for us throughout the year – that is always a fun task to complete and see how much you have donated to the cause!

It is with sadness that I am announcing that Joyce Solem will not be returning next fall as an aide. Joyce has an outstanding ability to care for children. She will be greatly missed. She wants to be able to spend more time with her children and grandchildren. Applications for the position will be available at the church office. Details about the position will be with the applications.

We are full for next fall and have a couple of names on the waiting list. If you know of anyone still interested, please call as we usually have a few people drop out for various reasons.

Thank you again for all your support of our program through Thrivent dollars, Dakotamart receipts, Land 'O Lakes milk caps and especially your prayers. God's blessings to each of you!

Jan Larson

Director/Teacher

Faith Lutheran Preschool



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# FLC YOUTH PAGE

**L.Y.F. continues to meet throughout the summer @ 8:00 on Wednesdays.**

**New to L.Y.F. or interested in coming?** Lutheran Youth Fellowship (L.Y.F.) is our high school youth group at Faith Ev. Lutheran and is composed of high school age kids from grades 9-12. This group meets on Wednesday evenings from 8:00-9:00 year-round to discuss life topics, share a devotion and the Scriptures, and participate in a variety of high-energy activities. Both Pastor Baumann and Michael Shoup share in responsibilities for the group and are delighted to spend time with these youth each week. Some of the activities which the LYF group has been able to partake in this past year were: a trip to Rushmore Waterslides in July, tubing down

the Niobrara in August, a beach party and shrimp boil in August, an outdoor scavenger hunt in September, pumpkin carving in October, serving beverages for Trunk N' Treat in October also, an iron chef competition in November, an evening of bowling at Lariat Lanes in December, sledding in Hilgers Gulch in January, along with a host of fundraisers and a variety of other fun activities throughout the year. All high school youth of Faith Lutheran and their friends are welcome to attend.

**National Youth Gathering — Whew!** What an incredible experience for our 27 youth and 4 adults and 1 pastor who attended! A big thanks to our congregation for all of their love, care, and support, for our group as well planned for this faith

building experience. Praise God for all of His goodness to us through His Son, Jesus!

**LCMS Missionary** and South Dakota native (Sioux Falls), Alissa Asmus will be here at Faith Lutheran Church to present her incredible experience in Macau China. She will be presenting Monday, August 19<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 in the evening. Please mark this date on the calendar. You won't regret it!



## July 7

Early: Madison Siebrasse, Mikayla Thomas  
Late: Tyler Hansen, Gerrit Tronvold

## July 14

Early: Abby Keith, Kaileigh Beug  
Late: Chase Bolte, Caitlin Bolte

## July 21

Early: Whitney King, Dillion Axtell  
Late: Devin Kampfe, Brooke Kampfe

## July 28

Early: Cassandra Axtell, Morgan Deis  
Late: Emily Overturf, Lucas Schochenmaier



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## August 4

Early: Jordain Rathbun, Brooke Miller  
Late: Drayton Thomas, Colton Graves

## August 11

Early: Carly Niemann, Morgan Deis  
Late: Martee Larson, Cade Larson

## August 18

Early: Michael Jost, Julia Jares  
Late: Brad Koch, Logan Lenz

## August 25

Early: Nathanael Hill, Samuel Ryckman  
Late: Jessica Weber, Emily Weber