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# 2013 Lenten Newsletter

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Faith Lutheran Church

714 N Grand Ave.

Pierre, SD 57501

## Mardi Gras

**FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH**

**714 N Grand Ave.**



**Tuesday, February 12  
5:00-6:30 P.M.**

Come join us for an evening of fun!

Our Board of Parish Fellowship will  
provide the hotdogs, chips,  
doughnuts, and beverages.

Our LYF will have booths set up for the  
kids to win all sorts of prizes.

It's all free,  
and it's for the whole family!

**FREE! FREE! FREE!**



## Friendship Sunday

- Invite a friend to worship
- Kids invite a friend to Sunday School

French Toast Feed between services  
starting at 9:20 until 10:45. A free will  
offering will be taken to support 29 High  
Schoolers and 5 Adults who will be attending  
our July 1-5, 2013 Synodical Youth  
Gathering

"Live Love(d)" in San Antonio, Texas.



At high noon, a Souper Bowl  
Feed. You will have your  
choice between 2 soups in  
an edible bread bowl provid-  
ed by the Board of Parish  
Fellowship.

All in the parish are asked to  
bring a dessert to share.

Door prizes at the noon meal.

**A Souper Bowl Friendship Sunday  
February 3, 2013 A. D.**

## A MESSAGE FROM OUR PASTORS

Greetings to you in the Lenten Lord!

**Timeless Traditions** Lent is a timeless tradition in the Lutheran Church. It is a helpful time to focus on the cross, our relationship with God, to seriously consider Christ's Sacrifice and to consider some type of sacrifice for ourselves such as giving something up for Lent or taking up a new project or discipline.

Lent is also a family time, therefore-

**New Tradition**—we have noticed, it seems, less children in evening Lenten Worship. While attendance at evening Lenten Worship is good, we desire more children to be a part of this timeless tradition. So here is a change of time during Lent.

**Midweek and Lent** The new change in Lenten Worship times on Wednesdays is a cooperative effort of our Board of Education, our Board of Elders and our Pastors.

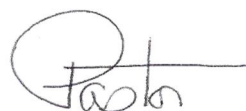
Midweek remains 6:30-7:45, but as a part of our new Lenten tradition Lenten Worship will be a component of Midweek. After a 30 minute class our youth will go directly to the Sanctuary. We will start promptly at 7:00. Children should meet their families in the Narthex. If their family is not here that night they will be seated with their Midweek teacher.

So grasp this—

- We are all done by 7:45
- Midweek kids have the same Midweek time frame as before—6:30-7:45.
- Learning & Worship, Midweek families and all the families of our church.
- Yes, for those who desire a time of fellowship after worship the High School youth will still provide goodies and even at that we will all still be home early.

Lent—still a timeless tradition. It enriches all of us and this year with the earlier time there will be more of us.

In Christ, there is no greater love,



Pastor Brad Urbach



Pastor Joshua Baumann

## No Greater Love Lenten Service Schedule

**11:00 am & 7:00 pm**

**February 13—Ash Wednesday**

“No Greater Sacrifice”

**Wednesday, February 20**

“No Greater Mercy”

**Wednesday, February 27**

“No Greater Encouragement”

**Wednesday, March 6**

“No Greater Friend”

**Wednesday, March 13**

“No Greater Life”

**Wednesday, March 20**

“No Greater Love”

**Monday, March 25**

Passover Meal at 6:00 p.m.

**March 28—Maundy Thursday**

“A Time to Love”

**March 29—Good Friday**

“A Time to Speak”

**March 31—Easter Sunday**

“The Good News—Christ is Risen!”

## Thrivent Choice Dollars Designated

Each month our church receives deposits from Thrivent Choice Dollars. Our Board of Stewardship waits until January every year to dispense these funds. The amount designated for Faith Lutheran in the year of 2012, was \$9,880.00. The Board of Stewardship, at its January meeting, designated the dollars as follows:

- \$1,000.00 to the South Dakota District for missions support of our District and Synod.
- \$192.74 for Thrivent crosses for our confirmands.
- \$500.00 for a washing machine for Daycare.
- \$1,000.00 to our Broadcast Work Program line to cover expenses of Sonrise and our

Cable Broadcast for those Sundays when we don't have a sponsor.

- \$2,500.00 to the Debt Retirement Account.
- \$4,000.00 for the High School Youth's trip to Synod's Youth Gathering to help 29 kids and 5 adults with lodging.
- \$687.26 to assist with a new projector.

### What are Thrivent Choice Dollars?

Thrivent Choice Dollars are "Charitable Outreach Funds" that are given to charitable organizations. They are generated by the premiums that Thrivent policy holders pay for Thrivent based insurance policies.

Faith Lutheran Preschool received

\$3,361.00 in Thrivent Choice Dollars. The Board of Early Childhood Education has designated those monies for the general support of the Preschool.

Faith Lutheran Day Care—we are in the process of getting our Day-Care enrolled so that they also might be the recipient of Thrivent Choice Dollars.

Not Designating yet? Look for mailings from Thrivent about Choice Dollars and respond to this opportunity. You will also find a brochure about Thrivent Choice Dollars in the Stewardship tract rack. You may also call Don Dale at 224-0812 for more information on Thrivent Choice Dollars and how to designate them.

## Holy Week Schedule

### Monday, March 25

Passover Meal at 6:00 p.m.



Baked Potato Dinner

5:00-6:15 p.m.

Hymn Sing

6:20-7:00 p.m.



### March 28—Maundy Thursday

11:00 a.m. & 7:00 p.m.



"A Time to Love"

### March 29—Good Friday

### Good Friday Worship Service

at 7:00 p.m. only

"A Time to Speak"

### March 31—Easter Sunday

8:20 and 11:00

"The Good News—Christ is Risen!"

## Building News

**Shades** As this is written we are awaiting the new upper shades for our CFLC. The upper shades will match the lower shades. While they are not “Black out” shades they will keep the sun out of peoples eyes for the morning hours when the sun is pouring through the windows. The good news—they are paid for. Thanks!

**Bobcat \$23,956.00** Its up and running and its paid for! Thank you, for many generous gifts of \$23,956.00 for our new (used with only 400 hours on it) bobcat. It has been put to work.

This makes Jay’s job much easier and saves us money on snow removal. On the big snows we will still have Midwest Construction here. It will also assist us in maintenance.

**Debt Retirement** As we write, its good to know that on January 1 we made eight more advance payments. We have now made 89 advance payments saving \$366,260.11 in interest. Our balance is now \$824,125.57.

Our focus is now on Debt Retirement. We are not in need of “Building Account “ gifts as we have done all we intend to do at this time on the new addition.

The annual report will brings you up to date as to what we accomplished on the new addition this past year.

So our focus is being aggressive with the Debt Retirement account. You have a monthly Debt Retirement envelope in your offering envelope packet so there is not a Building Fund envelope in this newsletter. Extra envelopes are on the Oak Table in the Narthex if you need more envelopes for Debt Retirement.

**Sanctuary Carpet** The Trustees hope this year to replace the Sanctuary carpet. You have noticed in the spring, summer and early fall a lot of billowing. We have cut, sliced, and re-glued. It is time to replace, so be looking for updated

news.



## Forever Young

**Ash Wednesday, February 13**—it will be our annual Chicken Feed

- The Chicken will be provided.
- Please bring a salad or side dish.
- NO DESSERTS, it’s ASH WEDNESDAY!

Please note—Forever Young in February and March is on the **SECOND WEDNESDAY**.

## The Story of the Nail Heart



That story is in this envelope with your Lenten Newsletter. Here is one for each family. However, if you desire an extra set in case you would like both husband and wife to have one there are extra at the church.

The extras will be in the office and we will get more if we need them.

## Our Lenten Tree

The Lenten tree cross is the remainder of our Christmas tree which came from Pastor Urbach’s yard. We thank Jay Fredrich for making the cross from the Christmas tree.

The nail figures of Jesus on the altar and the silhouette of Christ on the cross were created by Kevin Axtell. Thanks Kevin for your creative thoughts and your welding skills.

## The Statue of Christ

The statue of Christ on our altar comes from our 1938 church. It found a home on the Sunday School altar when we came to our 1961 new Sanctuary. In the mid ‘70’s it was returned to the Sanctuary altar starting Ash Wednesday and then “ascending” back to the Sunday School altar in the Holy Trinity room on the Sunday after the Ascension.