

MARCH 2013 NEWSLETTER

FAITH EV. LUTHERAN CHURCH

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A LIVING LAST SUPPER

On Palm Sunday evening, March 24, at 6:30, the congregation is cordially invited and encouraged to attend a dramatic musical experience presented by Faith Choir and the Board of Elders. Known as The Living Last Supper, it will be a living re-enactment of the famous painting by Leonardo DaVinci.

On this night we will reflect upon and remember the events of long ago in the upper room, where Jesus gathered with his closest companions. This is where Jesus ate one final meal with his disciples on the eve of his crucifixion, and was betrayed by one of his own.

The story presented is a story of the Twelve, pieced together from Scripture, from history, and from the tradition that has been handed down from the beginning of the church. We will hear from each of the disciples and listen to the story from their perspective. The speaking parts are meant to allow us to hear the inner thoughts of each man. The choir will offer several inspirational anthems that will allow all of us to ponder upon our own relationship with Christ.

Following the presentation, there will be an opportunity for gathering and light refreshments. You will not want to miss this moving and poignant beginning to your Holy Week experience.

HOLY WEEK

Passover Meal

Monday March 25, 2013

6:00 p.m.

Come, begin Holy Week as we remember the Historic Passover meal. We will eat the historic foods, follow an historic service and sing songs that celebrate this historic meal that Christ had with His disciples the night He gave us the Lord's Supper.

Maundy Thursday

These services of Holy Communion are at 11:00 and 7:00. At the evening service the Altar will be stripped as we begin preparations for Good Friday.

Good Friday Schedule

Preceding our Service of Darkness an LYF Baked Potato Meal from 5:00-6:15 p.m.

A Hymnfest

6:15-7:00 p.m.

Let's sing your favorite hymns.

Good Friday Worship

This service is at 7:00 p.m. only

This service of Darkness, called a Tenebrae Service will begin in light and end in total darkness.

Easter Worship

8:20 & 11:00

Easter Breakfast between services

Changing Culture

Greetings to you in our Lenten Lord.

Within our country there is a culture that is changing. In some school calendars Christmas Vacation has become Winter Holidays, Easter break is Spring break. Of course school prayer has been gone for some time. Recently an outside group has asked the Rapid City commission to cease opening their meetings with prayer. This list could be very long.

How grateful we are to be in a community that still respects Wednesday evening as a church night and doesn't have school sports practice sessions on Sundays. When schools and churches work together it is a lot less pressure on spiritual families.

Through discussions with our Board of Elders, our Board of Education, and our Pastors and feeling a desire to make our evening Lenten worship times helpful to families with children we have changed some culture during the Lenten season.

First of all, our Lenten worship has been moved to 7:00 and the service is always 45 minutes or less. Even on Ash Wednesday while communing 248 people at the 7:00 service we did it in 45 minutes.

Secondly, Midweek class time during Lent is the same as the balance of the year, 6:30-7:45.

Thirdly, because we are so concerned that our youth understand the value of Lent and the joy of worship, we have divided our Midweek class into two components, first—

A teaching component then,

A worship component.

Our students and teachers learn the word and the teachings of the church and then we hear the Word proclaimed and sing our praises to God. And you know what else? God blesses families joined in worship.

How very God pleasing this is to our Father who demonstrated His "no greater love" to us in giving to us His only begotten Son that whoever believes in Him will not perish but have everlasting life.

You see, that is a culture that never changes, God loves us, and grants eternal mercy unto us.

Here is another wonderful change of culture in our parish—Early Communion. Nearly 100 youth in our parish have taken advantage of this opportunity to take a special instruction class with a parent present and then with student, parent(s), and pastor to make a good decision about receiving Holy Communion prior to Confirmation. This has been a wonderfully helpful cultural change that has provided

kids down to the 5th grade an opportunity to enrich their worship life.

One final cultural change—once again a committee comprised of officers from our Board of Elders and Education is striving to call a Director of Education and Youth to strengthen our Education ministries for the whole parish and to raise the bar with family ministries and more ministry with our younger youth.

Here is a truth in the changing times of our world we can cling to—

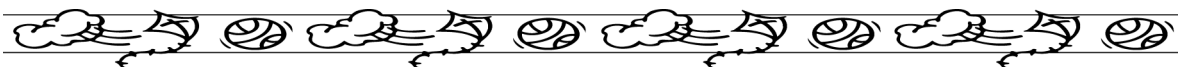
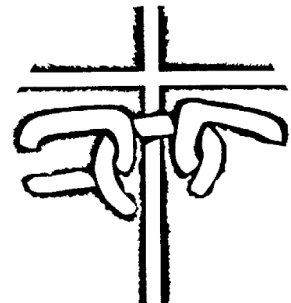
"Jesus Christ, the same yesterday, today, and forever."

Hebrews 13:8

A blessed Lent



Pastor Brad Urbach





Tables and boxes will be set up in the Narthex. You can place your items in the appropriate boxes -or- just leave them on a table, and we'll be happy to sort and box them.

March is Faith's month to collect items for the Food Pantry.

During the month of March, we'll have tables in the Narthex, with boxes for donations of items for the Pierre-Ft. Pierre Food Pantry. At the end of the month, a crew of Faithful volunteers will haul the items to the Food Pantry.

Our congregation is one of the largest supporters of the Food Pantry. There is a significant need at this time, so our generous support of this project is very important. All types of nonperishable food, paper products, and personal hygiene items are needed by the agency, so be sure to keep an eye out for specials at the grocery store.

Financial Contributions

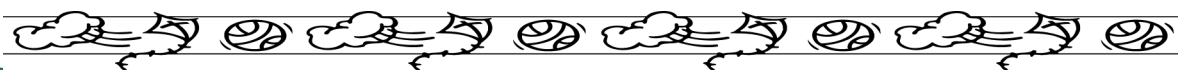
Financial donations are also welcome. Checks may be made payable to Pierre Area Referral Service / Food Pantry, and can be dropped off in the church office.

Feinstein Challenge

Items and cash donated during March and April will also count towards the Feinstein Challenge to Fight Hunger. If you do write a check, be sure to write "Feinstein Food Challenge" on the memo line. This will help our local Food Pantry obtain additional funding.

Items Needed At All Times

- Baked beans, and pork & beans
- Cereal and oatmeal
- Cream soups, chunky soups, and chili
- Fruit juices
- Pancake mix and syrup
- Peaches, pears, and fruit cocktail
- Potato mixes, rice mixes, and stuffing mixes
- Saltine crackers
- Spaghetti sauce and tomato sauce
- Sugar, flour, cooking oil, and evaporated milk
- Tomatoes (diced or whole)
- Tuna, Spam, Treet



Building News

Shades The new shades in the CFLC are up. We thank many members who helped finance this project. We especially thank Ken & Cheryl Brull and Nick & Annette Hill for a significant gift that put us over the top.

Debt On February one we made our regular payment plus two advance payments. We have now made 91 advance payments saving \$371,899.52 in interest. Our balance is \$816,412.91.

Pavement Replacements This spring we will replace several panels of paving off the corner of the gym/kitchen door that were in bad shape at the time of building the CFLC. So gifts to the Building account will be appreciated.

Enclosed in the March newsletter is a Building Fund envelope. Please indicate if your gift is for Debt Retirement or the continuing Building needs by checking the box on the envelope.

If you do have extra pink envelopes please return un-used ones. We desire to be good stewards in all we do.

"God loves a cheerful giver."

2 Corinthians 9:7b

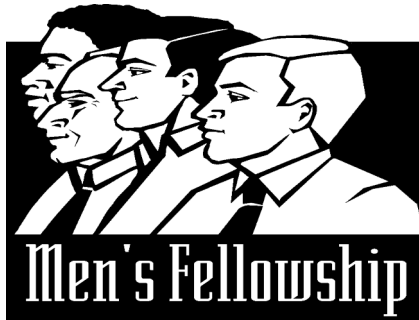
Forever Young

Join us on the third Wednesday of Lent, March 20, for a Potluck noon meal. It will be a little like a celebration of St. Patrick's Day, so—

- Wear something green.



- How much green can you get in the dish or dessert you bring.
- We will play a few rounds of Bingo on our green Bingo cards.
- Perhaps we will sing a couple of Irish songs.



Our Men's Fellowship is Monday, March 4.

Come enjoy a fun evening of darts and bring a snack to share. Beverage will be provided.

Men's State Dart-ball Tournament will be held Saturday, March 9 at the 4-H Building west of Mitchell, SD. Speak to John Barber who is getting a team together. Contact John at 220-2660 if interested. Practice every Monday night at 7:00 p.m. until the tournament.

Official Acts

Baptisms

Damon Anthony Castonguay

Riley Ray Calway

Jessica Ripple

Spencer Eisenhower Koch

Funerals

Marie Sarvis

Wayne Merwin

John Schroer

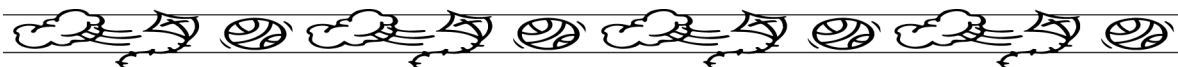
Edna Nill-Saeger

Dakotamart Receipts

Board Charges The receipts from all Board charges should be brought to the church office. When signing at Dakotamart please use your best penmanship.

Everyone Please bring your Dakotamart receipts to church and put them in the green boxes in the Narthex and Lobby.

We add them up, meaning Freda Peters, and Betty Leidholt takes them to Dakotamart and a few times a year we get a check from Dakotamart that is shared evenly between our two Early Childhood Education programs, namely our Preschool and Daycare Center.



LWML Work Night

LWML Work Night Monday April
8th 7:30 pm

The Faith LWML will be having a
work night to assemble

*Fabric Kits and * Personal Care
Kits

to be sent to Lutheran World Relief
to be used in their world wide pro-
jects

Donations needed for the kits are:
NEW ITEMS ONLY and can be
dropped off in the collection boxes in
the narthex and should be there by

April 7th.

Personal Care Kits: *1 light
weight bath sized towel-dark color
preferred * 2 bath sized soap bars
any brand in original packaging, *1
adult sized toothbrush in original
packaging, *1 comb and *1 metal
nail clipper. These kits are given
to people who have lost everything
in a flood, fire, earthquake or have
fled from violence as their homes
were overtaken.

Fabric Kits: Fabric should have
no holes or stains- Pieces do not

need to match-The fabric should be
cotton or cotton blend (no knits or
polyester) Each kit will contain 2 of
the following sizes of fabric. ** 2
¼ yards of 60" wide, **3 yards of
44" wide, **4 yards of 36" wide,
**2 spools of neutral general pur-
pose thread 250-300 yards each.
These kits can teach a person to sew
and give them the tools they can use
to earn an income, support their
family and break out of poverty.

If you have any questions about
these projects you may contact Julie
Linn at 280-0175.

MORE YOUTH NEWS

***Find Us On Facebook!** Faith Ev Lutheran is now on Facebook! Become friends with *Faith Ev Lutheran Church B* (that's our username you will want to search for), to stay connected with upcoming events, past history, discover what's happening right now, see photos of past events, read sermons when available, ask questions, get linked to our website, be fed by the Word, to see what's new, to ask a pastor, or to ponder questions which the pastors pose, and much more! To use our profile: one must have a Facebook account. Find *Faith Ev Lutheran Church* using the friends search toolbar on the top of the screen. Settings will be as such so that only friends of Faith Ev Lutheran's profile will be able to view pictures and see posts. This is another way to stay connected and to share the love of God in an ever-changing world.

***Tell It On The Mountain** will be the theme for this year's Vacation Bible School. Our VBS dates are: Sunday June 9th through Thursday the 13th from 6:00 to 8:30 in the evening. The musical group "Captive Free" will be joining us for the week. We look forward to them sharing their musical abilities and talents with us for the week. Parent's looking for a way to serve God's people can do so as we are in need of volunteers to help set-up and coordinate various parts of our VBS. See Pastor Baumann for more details. Registration forms to follow in the coming weeks.

*** TRIVIA NIGHT** Name the song title for these lyrics: "Imagine me and you, I do. I think about you day and night. It's only right..." DO YOU KNOW THE ANSWER? If you do, maybe we'd be so *HAPPY TOGETHER!* or perhaps you know the answer to this trivia question: "What sandwich has two all-beef patties, special sauce, lettuce, cheese, pickles, onions, on a sesame seed bun?" **Mark your calendars for an evening of great fun and laughs as we join together at Faith Lutheran for a TRIVIA NIGHT on Friday, April 5th from 6:30-8:30.** This event will help raise money to send our youth to San Antonio for the LCMS National Youth Gathering. Teams consist of 8 people. The cost is \$5 per person. There will be ten rounds of questions with ten questions in each round for a total of 100 questions. The categories could be anything from music, to sports and games, to present day Pierre, to presidents, to U.S. trivia and so forth. Maybe you would like to sponsor someone to play for the evening and pay the 5 bucks for them to be on a team. That would be great too! Our youth will be selling concessions, refreshments, and mulligans—which are free answers your team can buy. So get your table of 8 people together and join us on Friday the 5th of April. Invite your co-workers and friends from school! It promises to be a great fun-filled evening together **Friday, April 5th from 6:30 to 8:30.**

“Do You Know who You Are?”

“Do you know who you are?” That might seem like a pretty odd question to be asked by someone doesn’t it? “Do you know who you are?... Of course I know who I am, shouldn’t I!?!?” Unless.... the question comes following a major head injury that an athlete might have sustained during a sporting competition. Then it is a good one to ask. The question certainly may be an odd one unless...you are in the military at boot camp learning to become a Marine and training in the final week called “The Crucible.” There the drill sergeant asks you as you are climbing the hill toward the finish line: “Do you know who you are?” And then answers the question for you... “YOU ARE A MARINE!” It might seem like an odd question to be asked “Do you know who you are?” yet a good one to be reminded of and relevant as we journey through life. Jesus asked this question of His followers in Matthew 16:13-17. “When Jesus came from the region of Caesarea Philippi, He asked His disciples, “Who do people say that the Son of Man is?” They replied, “Some say John the Baptist; others say Elijah; and still others, Jeremiah or one of the prophets.” “But what about you?” He asked. “Who do you say that I am?”

We might be tempted to ask, “Jesus, don’t you know who you are?” The remarkable thing is

that Jesus knows exactly who He is. Jesus knows exactly where He comes from. He knows exactly what His identity and purpose is. He knows that He will suffer and die on the cross and rise again on the third day. And then Jesus asks this very personal question to Peter. “But what about *you*? Who do *You* say that I am?” Peter tells Jesus who He is. Peter’s response is indeed sure and true, “You are the Christ, the Son of the living God.” And then Jesus proceeds to tell Peter who Peter is, “And I tell you that you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church...” Talk about finding yourself and knowing who you are! Oh that someone would just tell you exactly who you are! Maybe you struggle with that, maybe you struggle with identity and purpose and knowing who you are, where you fit in and how you belong. “Do you know who you are?” You might think that you don’t, but here’s the thing, Jesus tells you exactly who you are and exactly who He is when He says in John 10:14-15, “I am the Good Shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father; and I lay down my life for the sheep.” You are a part of the Church, part of God’s very own fold, and no one can snatch you out of your Savior’s arms. You are

blood-bought and forgiven of all your past mistakes. Your identity and purpose are found in Jesus and because of that your life serves God’s greater good, His purposes, His ways.

As St. Paul says, “I have been crucified with Christ, I no longer live but Christ lives in me.” That’s true for your life as well. When someone asks you if you know who you are, you can say with all confidence and assurance that your identity comes from Jesus Christ. When you don’t cuss and swear like all the other kids do, that’s knowing your identity! When you give generously, that’s knowing your identity! When you commit to something but it just doesn’t feel right and you pray about it and make a change after careful thought, that’s knowing your identity. When you worship God regularly in His holy house, that’s knowing your identity. Because we know who we are, we can make God pleasing decisions in every aspect of life. You are God’s very own, and He is yours! You know exactly who you are and that’s an identity no one can take from you.

Pastor Joshua Baumann

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FLC Preschool News

March is nearly here and with it comes two exciting things – Easter and spring (at least on the calendar)!

During this month, we will be learning about the first Easter, how Jesus loves us so much that He died to take away our sins so that we can live forever with Him in heaven. We will also be talking about our emotions and how, no matter what, God loves us. Our emphasis will be on the oval shape, the color purple, the number 6 and the letters STU and V. Chef Combo will be visiting us again and we will be making a fruit salad to share.

I will be meeting with the parents for conferences on March 18 & 19 during the day. Preschool will be held during these conferences as usual. There will be a Spring Break on the 15th and then we will also be closed on Good Friday which is March 29. This is always an exciting time for me to share the purpose for Jesus' coming – to save us for eternity.

It is during March that we will again be registering children for next fall's program. If you know of anyone who is interested in the preschool program for next fall, please let them know that we have started registration. The forms are in the

basket in the Narthex or in Helen's office.

Thank you for your continued support through prayers, Campbell's soup Labels for Education, Land O' Lakes' milk caps and Dakota mart receipts. These are great ways to help us meet our financial responsibilities.

May the Lord bless you this Lenten season and grant you a blessed Easter! He has risen! He has risen indeed! Alleluia!

In Christ,

Jan Larson Director/teacher
jan@faithluth.com

Faith Lutheran Preschool Pre-Registration Form

_____ will attend Faith Lutheran Preschool in the 2013-2014 school year.

Child's Name

_____ Phone Number: (Home) _____ (Mom's Work) _____ (Mom's Cell) _____

Child's Birth Date _____ (Dad's Work) _____ (Dad's Cell) _____

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 three (3) by June 1, 2013

** Must be five (5) by December 31, 2013 or Previously attended Faith Lutheran Preschool

Parent's Names

Parent's Address

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

Monthly Tuition: 2 day - \$75.00

3 day - \$112.50

Preschool e-mail is: jan@faithluth.com

*MARCH ACTIVITY FOR THE J.Y.M.

YOUTH! Friday, March 15th will be the date for our J.Y.M. March Activity. We will be bowling. This event is open for any 6th-8th grade youth of the congregation and their friends, and will take place at Lariat Lanes from 6-8pm.

CAMPS

***Did you know?** J.Y.M. Circuit Bible Camp will take place again this summer from July 22nd through the 25th of July under the creation theme: *"And God Said..."* Circuit Bible Camp is open to any youth who will be heading into 5th grade through any youth who are going into 9th grade. We will join together with other youth from across this circuit as we spend 3 nights camping, exploring, hiking, swimming, making new friends, and growing in the Word of God. Circuit Bible camp will be in the Pierre area as we stay local this year with the thought that next year we will again head out to the Black Hills. Any J.Y.M. parents who think that they might want to volunteer a portion of their time to help out, are greatly encouraged to do so—one hour, one day, or the whole time! Whatever you could offer would be most appreciated! Tasks that a volunteer would be most helpful for are: campsite set-up including set-up of our tents, food preparation and cooking, loading and unloading supplies as we head out and return, being prayerful for our group and much more! Please see Pastor Baumann or Pastor Urbach if you think you would be interested in helping in some way. SOOO.... Mark July 22nd through the 25th off on your calendars for CIRCUIT BIBLE CAMP. Registration costs, which includes: meals, campsite stay, and a day on the water with Steamboat Outfitters will be \$90 for the week to cover expenses. Faith is offering \$30 scholarships to any participant looking to attend camp to help offset costs. You don't want to miss this wonderful summer opportunity!

Camp Minneboji June 16-22, 2013 The theme for this year's camp is *"Be Not Afraid"*. Camp Minneboji is for 4th through 9th graders. Registration fee is \$295 (\$320 for 9th graders). For registration materials and other information go to www.minneboji.com.

*Be sure to check out the new youth bulletin board located next to the Newspaper Clippings Board in the Narthex. It will contain upcoming events, announcements, relevant information, prayer concerns, and just a bunch of sweet stuff.

March Acolyte Schedule

March 3

Early: Jordain Rathbun and LeAndra Hoefener

Late: Carly Niemann and Morgan Deis

March 6 Lenten

7:00 Hallie Dunn and Hanna Dunn

March 10

Early: Molly Tschetter and Alyssa Bump

Late: Matt Pease and Kimberlee Geuther

March 13 Lenten

7:00 Cade Larson and Martee Larson

March 17

Early: Logan Gesinger and Josh Ramquist

Late: Caitlin Bolte and Lucas Schochenmaier

March 20 Lenten

7:30: Colton Graves and Madison Siebrasse

March 24 Palm Sunday

Early: Colton and Connor Shoop

Late: Julia Jares and Devin Kampfe

March 28 Maundy Thursday

7:00: Jacob Fuerst and Jaden Filler

March 29 Good Friday

7:00 Ryan Koch, Wyatt Loesch, Whitney King, Wylin Baker, Samuel Ryckman

March 31 Easter

Early: Morgan Deis, Matthew Green, Josh

Ramquist, Alyssa Bump, LeAndra Hoefener

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

***Lent Coffee's:** Lenten coffees are a way in which we serve our congregation, and raise some monies for our high school activities and trips, not just the National Youth Gathering. Each high school family in the congregation should have received a letter detailing the schedule and the lead family responsible for contacting the other families assigned for that week. We asked those assigned to a particular Wednesday to please set up, serve, and clean. Each family is to bring 2 dozen cookies, bars, **or** brownies. Please do not just drop items off and hope someone takes care of it. Families who do not find their names on this list are welcomed to select a date and join that group in serving Lenten coffee and cookies. If your family did not receive a schedule and a letter through the mail or in person, please see Pastor Baumann and he will gladly get you connected with the needed information! Thanks so much for your support and to thus who have helped thus far.