

All Saints' Sunday, Nov. 3

All Saints' Sunday will have a number of very special moments.

New Memorial Stones will be placed in the Memorial Garden. This we will do every All Saints' Sunday.

We will remember, by name, all those Saints of Christ who have entered the Church Triumphant since our last All Saints' Sunday.

We will also dedicate the new green Paraments that have been purchased with numerous memorial gifts.



Novemberfest

Sunday,

November 24, 2013

Our Guest Preacher:

Pastor Darren Olson

The Noon Meal

Brats, Hotdogs, and

Beverage Provided

A-L Bring a side dish to share.

M-Z Bring a dessert to share.

Live Music

Listen to the Novemberfest music of Mal Hinckley and Veryl Hohn.



Thanksgiving

Thursday, November 28, 2013

Worship service at
10:30 a.m.



Crèche Festival

Sunday, December 1

1:30 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

*Faith Ev. Lutheran Church
Let's start thinking ahead!*



A Message from Pastor Urbach

Greetings to the Saints of Faith
Evangelical Lutheran Church,

November is one of my favorite
months in the life of the church.

All Saints Sunday This historic Sunday in which we in reverent respect remember those who have gone before us. This year with the Dedication of new paraments, the Con Brio Bells of Faith playing, first Sunday of the month coffee, an open house at my home, and Baptismal cake from the Baumann's in thanksgiving for John Paul Baumann—well what a wonderful Sunday it will be!

Christ the King Sunday The last Sunday of the Church year will have a wonderful Novemberfest meal, a guest speaker, Reverend Darren Olson, and special music during our noon hour.

Thanksgiving More than the big meal, the football games, it is a profound day of saying thanks to Almighty God for the bounty and the salvation that is ours in Christ Jesus.

There are lessons in the closing Sundays of the church year that reflect an end time theme.

I recently read a book by Christian author Joel Rosenberg entitled "Implosion." Frankly it is a chilling reflection on the economic, social, ethical, and spiritual challenges facing the United States. It reflects the erosion of our nation's values as we move further away from the early humble and noble beginnings of our nation. Toward the end of the book he states:

"To be precise, Washington needs to make these basic principles its top

priorities:

- Protect the sanctity of innocent life from conception to natural death.
- Protect traditional marriage between one man and one woman, the building block of human civilization.
- Protect the American people from all threats, both foreign and domestic, that would threaten our lives, liberties, and property.
- Strengthen our military and care for our troops.
- Protect our borders and defend American sovereignty.
- Establish justice, protect our civil rights, punish criminals (especially violent ones), and appoint wise and sensible federal judges and Supreme Court justices who will uphold the Constitution, not legislate from the bench.
- Protect Americans' freedom to save, invest, start small business, grow those businesses, create jobs, and provide for their families.
- Create the proper conditions for economic growth and innovation. This can be done in part by making tax rates as low as possible and by radically simplifying the federal tax code; this also means setting fair rules and vigorously enforcing those rules—but not trying to use federal power to solve every problem through legislation and regulation.
- Balance the federal budget by limiting the size and scope of government, cutting waste and duplica-

tion, returning key responsibilities back to the states, and reforming federal entitlement programs.

- Get out of debt.
- Maintain a sound and stable currency.
- And don't make promises you can't keep or won't keep.

He concludes this list of priorities with these thoughts:

"Given the mess that we are in, will it be easy to reassert the principles espoused by our Founding Fathers? No, it won't. It will take men and women of deep conviction, character, and courage to get us back on the right track. But one thing is certain: we have no hope unless we try."

To me this rings startlingly true. So let us pray, pray like never before, that our nation will return to a Godly path.

One final thank you, since my October Newsletter I have continued to receive many more thoughtful cards about the loss of my mother. I guess that is another reason I look forward to All Saints' Sunday. Life and our eternal life—those are God's gifts to celebrate. How grateful I am for you, God's wonderful faithful saints. Thanks for all you do that makes Faith Ev. Lutheran church a joyful place to worship, to serve, and to grow!

The Lord be with you.

In God's goodness,



Pastor Brad Urbach

Witness, Mercy, Life Together

Well... Is He or Isn't He? A Message from Pastor Josh

"Be self-controlled and alert. Your enemy the devil prowls around like a roaring lion looking for someone to devour." 1 Peter 5:8

In Scripture it can sometimes be confusing to piece together in our minds who God really is and who Satan really is. We've grown up learning from the Bible that Satan is a "fierce lion," and yet 1 Peter 5:8 states that Satan prowls around *like* a roaring lion. So who is *Thee Lion*? Amos 3:8 says, *"The lion has roared— who will not fear? The Sovereign LORD has spoken— who can but prophesy?"* The LORD roars from Zion! Get who THE TRUE LION is?! Look also at Rev. 5:5 *"Then one of the elders said to me, 'Do not weep! See the Lion of the tribe of Judah, the Root of David, has triumphed. He is able to open the scroll and its seven seals.'"* From the very beginning Satan has always tried to be God, to take God's place, and to misuse God's power and authority. We fear Satan who prowls around this world *like a roaring lion*. But, do you know who you should really fear? Not the one who tries to be like God, but you should more-so fear the One who really is God, Maker of heaven and earth, the One who is forever praised Amen! See also Luke 12:4-5. Our three Creeds: *The Apostles Creed, The Nicene Creed, and the Athanasian* speak to us clearly about who God is. I encourage you to check them out this week. The easiest place to find them is in your *Lutheran Service Book* hymnal on the very back page, or look them up on the internet. Also note that when the Bible speaks of the Anti-Christ which is to come, that particular individual

or office sets itself up against God posing as the true God, seeking to be God and yet is only a false mirage which in the end will be destroyed.

So... all this to say that over the recent weeks and months a few have asked me about a perplexing title given to Christ in Revelation 22:16 where Jesus is called: *The Bright and Morning Star*. Oh, but wait! Isn't Satan also called the *morning star, son of the dawn* in Isaiah 14:12-15? So which is it? Is He or isn't He (Jesus) the Bright and Morning Star?

Dr. Louis Brighton in His CPH commentary on the book of Revelation says this about the title Jesus gives to Himself in Revelation 22:16, *"In addition Jesus calls Himself 'the star, the bright morning one'"* (22:16). In 2:28, at the conclusion of the letter to the church of Thyatira, the exalted Son of Man says that to the one who conquers and remains faithful there will be given "the morning star" (τον αστερα τον πρωινον) the same "star" that the heavenly Father has given to him, the Son. The seven stars (αστερες) in the hand of the Son of Man represent the angels of the seven churches (1:16, 20). While stars are associated with angels, the most brilliant star in the heavens, "the morning star," represents the brilliant glory of Christ. In Numbers 24:17 Balaam, in his fourth prophetic oracle, declared how "a star would come forth out of Jacob" who would become the ruling "scepter from Israel." Jesus Himself is the promised king and priest and that "star" of Jacob. This is the right and proper title in the whole of Scripture given to Jesus.

The following website: http://www.acts17-11.com/dialogs_morningstar.html which I found, provides some helpful insight into this confusion of the two titles as well. It is stated this way: "The Bright Morning Star goes to the misnomer of "Lucifer", which is an incorrect title for Satan or the Devil taken from the King James Version of Isaiah 14:12. Were it not for this odd transliteration, "Lucifer" would not exist as a term in English, and there would be no confusion on the matter. As it is, we need to be careful, I would suggest, in using the term to describe who the Bible calls "Satan" or "the Devil". Most Christians are onto this, yet still the term "Lucifer" persists. In any case, the "morning star" is the title of Christ throughout the rest of Scripture...

Jesus lives out the gospel: death first, resurrection second. Satan wants it all now, and will go down ultimately. Satan looks good at night, but goes down in flames in the morning. Jesus is in the tomb, but arises in the morning. Do you see the pattern? Who is your life most like? What are we encouraging in others—to follow Christ in the gospel, or to grab all you can now? The difference is as wide as Jesus and Satan.

In any case, "Lucifer" means "morning star", so it should not be used to describe Satan. Jesus is The Morning Star. Satan tries to look like Jesus and supplant Him sometime in the future, perhaps very near future, even claiming to be Him.

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Open House

Pastor Urbach invites you to an Open House of his home between services on November 3, All Saints' Sunday.

With retirement around the corner it seemed a good time to make some improvements.

What to look for? Well, here is a list of improvements:

- The roof has been re-shingled.
- New metal siding now covers the home's outside.
- Brick has been added around the front picture window.
- A new bedroom has been added downstairs which adds an egress window. The bedroom set in that room is Pastor's parents set.
- New lights are in the soffit outside the garage doors.
- A new family room is off the Dining room. The dining room window was moved into that room.
- The family room/den has new cabinetry that will provide Pastor a place for his books and numerous remembrances that have made pastors office a bit of a historic museum of memories.

Pastor's home was the parsonage for many years from the mid-sixties until the Urbach's bought the home from Faith in 2001.

Shalom

We bid farewell to two families—

Char & Irv Hoyt have moved to Black Hawk.

Craig Bump has moved to Sioux Falls.

They were a nice part of our Faith family and we wish them God's rich blessings. Craig will maintain a partnership in his business and with family in town we hope to see him.

Craig, Char & Irv thank you for be-

ing a part of our Faith Family.

Early in October we received yet another check from Dakotamart for our Preschool and Daycare.

Both Preschool and Daycare received \$250.00 each from Dakotamart.

Dakotamart Receipts

Thus far this year each of our Early Childhood ministries have received \$750.00.

So be sure to save and bring your Dakotamart receipts and put them in the green Dakotamart boxes or drop them by the office.



✓ CHECK IT OFF THE LIST!

Thanks for supporting the Sanctuary Spruce-up project. After 17 years in the "new" Sanctuary the paint and the carpet needed an update.

The carpet had also developed many "bubbles" that made it unsafe.

The original cost of the project was estimated at \$31,100.00, the actual

cost was \$26,823.00.

The carpet cost estimated at \$25,000 was only \$21,723.

The paint proposal bid at \$6,100.00 took a shorter time than anticipated and our bill from Randy Dyce was only \$5,100.00.

We thank the huge crew of members that both removed and put the

pews back in place. A huge job for a few became a joyful task with so many hands.

We thank you for the large giving that gave us an opportunity to put a new luster in God's beautiful Holy Place, our beloved Sanctuary!

"I was glad when they said unto me, let us go to the House of the Lord." Psalm 122:1

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New Paraments Dedicated on All Saints' Sunday

All Saints' Sunday is always a warm-hearted Sunday. The names of those who have joined Christ in heaven since last years All Saints' Sunday are read and a hand bell is rung.

There will be new names added to the stones in the Urbach Memorial Garden.

This year a new set of paraments and banners will be dedicated.

The new set of green paraments and banners have been provided for in the following manner:

- The Superfrontal, which is on the Altar, is given in memory of Glo-

ris Zoller.

- The Pulpit and Lectern falls are gifts given in memory of Marie McIntire.
- The two stoles are given in memory of Alice Wixon and Berdine Urbach.
- One of the Trinitarian Banners is given in memory of Beverly Gross.
- The other Trinitarian Banner is given in memory of Bill Brinkman, Marion Kopplin, Martha Winckler, Patty Keller, Carol & Carl Winckler, Katherine Auch,

Kenny Diegel, Norman Bierwagen, Verna Cummings, Bill Nielsen, Henry Gramm, Marlene Young, Mike Nugent, Don & Agnes Sturm, Martha Anderson, and Clif Rediger. We thank the many memorials that have been given that make this special Dedication possible.

Our green paraments are in our Chancel for seven months. We now have three sets of green paraments which gives us a wonderful variety of greens, hues, and symbols for the long season of Pentecost.



The Symbolism of our New Paraments

The Cross is central to all of the new paraments, banners, and stoles. It is a unique cross that stands out.

The water flow on each piece reminds us of the waters of Holy Baptism.

The shocks of wheat and clusters of grapes remind us of the elements of Holy Communion in which we receive the very Body and Blood of Christ Jesus.

The two fish and the basket of bread remind us of the miraculous feeding of the multitudes in one of Jesus' many miracles.

The banners are tied to the paraments by the unique cross design and the water images. The banners remind us in symbols and words that we Baptize in the Name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit as surely as we invoke His Holy name at the Invocation and the

Benediction in worship.

The Holy, Holy, Holy reminds us of the strains of the Sanctus and the words of Isaiah and Revelation, not to mention one of Christendom's most familiar and loved hymns.

Again, we thank the many families who have made these elegant gifts possible. To God be the glory!

Debt Retirement

In addition to our regular October Debt Retirement payment of \$5,395.00 we were able, because of your generous gifts, to make one additional principal payment of \$2,801.17.

This, our 107 advanced payment, saved us an interest payment of \$2,593.83. This means we have now saved \$415,204.26 in interest and our loan is reduced to \$751,768.03.

Thank you, this is even more amazing than Peyton Manning's passing stats this year.

Witness, Mercy, Life Together



Empowered by Grace to Tithe

During the month of November, our worship themes will reflect on our Fall Stewardship Emphasis, **Empowered by Grace to Tithe**. We hope you will make every effort to be present on all three weeks. The three weekly themes are:

- Grow in the Grace of Giving
- A Tip or a Tithe
- Being Rich Toward God

We hope and pray that the messages offered during this program will help us in our journeys as faithful and generous stewards. By the power of the Holy Spirit through Word and Sacrament, we are molded and transformed into stewards who become more Christ-like in our giving. As Christians, we are motivated to give by the gift of God's grace through His Son. With hearts filled with God's love and grace, we can give faithfully and generously.

Giving is our faith response to God's gifts. God wants us to give willingly and cheerfully out of hearts

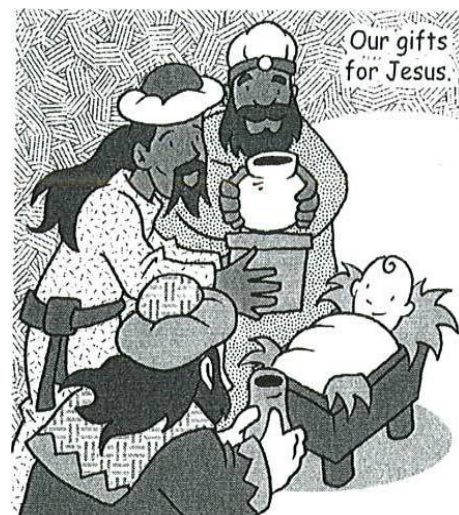
filled with love and gratitude for our present and eternal lives. We also give out of obedience because God's Word directs us to give "according to what a person has" (2Corinthians 8:12). The Apostle Paul said, "But as you excel in everything—in faith, in speech, in knowledge, in all earnestness, and in our love for you—see that you excel in this act of grace also" (2 Corinthians 8:7). Just as Paul urged the people in Corinth to give, we are urged to excel in the grace of giving.

Through both the sermons and Bible studies of **Empowered by Grace to Tithe** we will come to understand what it means to tithe. As New Covenant Christians, tithing is not commanded, but it is an expectation and guide to our faithful giving. For some of us, tithing is already a reality and, by God's grace, you may be called to achieve an even higher level of giving. For many others, the tithe will be a leap of faith. Through faith, we have God's promise that we can be empowered to give. "Now to Him Who is able to do far more abundantly

than all that we ask or think, according to the power at work within us, to Him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, forever and ever. Amen" (Ephesians 3:20-21).

Please bring your commitment cards to church on Commitment Weekend, November 24, 2013, or return it to the church office at your convenience.

May God bless and keep us in His peace and joy as we give to Him!



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January 2013

- \$1,000 District & Synod Mission Support
- \$192.74 Thrivent crosses for

- confirmands
- \$500.00 Washing Machine for Daycare
- \$1,000 Sonrise & Cable Broadcasts
- \$2,500 Debt Retirement
- \$4,000 Synod Youth Gathering travel & lodging expenses
- \$687.26 Projection equipment

January 2012

- \$1,589 to the elevator fund
- \$1,305 advance principal payment to Building Fund

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Pastor's Ponderings

(A letter from Pastor Joshua Jones of Bethlehem Lutheran in Rapid City to his congregation)

Before August even began, I knew it would be over in the blink of an eye. Now here we are in September. I suspect that's probably true for most of you. For some reason, it seems to me like August is the shortest month of the year.

For us the reason the month went by so quickly was due to putting on a lot of miles and visiting a lot of doctors. During our trip this time we spent an entire week in the Twin Cities visiting various doctors and therapists at three different locations. Zoe was injected again with Botox. This time we used 200% more than last. We have had an extraordinarily difficult time getting Zoe's body to sit, or bend any of the joints in the lower half of her body. We also met with a neurologist who is part of an extremely new team doing deep brain stimulation (DBS). After visiting with him for over two hours, he presented us with what we already had guessed: we are out of options for medication; the only option left is DBS. At Gillette Children's Specialty Healthcare in St. Paul, MN, they have only done a handful of these procedures. There is one other hospital in the country that does the procedures in Texas. The hospital in Texas has been doing it for a couple years at most. The results have been very positive in most kids. When the neurologist asked us what kind of results we were looking for, our response was simple: "we want to be able to care for our daughter." Within a short year or possibly two, if Zoe's body remains the same, we

won't be able to do that. The neurologist was hopeful that DBS might help that to happen. Zoe would not jump out of her chair and start running. She might be able to bend at her waist easier to sit. If we are very fortunate, she might have enough control over her left hand to operate a motorized wheelchair by herself. Those would both be huge. The downside to DBS is risk. As many as one in ten children have had strokes during the procedure elsewhere. At Gillette Children's, they have had none. The neurologist was very realistic about it though, saying "we will have a first." That being said, we don't have to make a decision next week. We will meet in January with their entire team to do more testing and imaging, questions and answers. If God reveals DBS to be the next step, I would expect the procedure to be done in the summer of 2014.

Also while we were gone, several motorcyclists drove to Bozeman, MT and back in one day to help raise funds for a handicap accessible van for Zoe. They called it Zoe's Ride. Zoe even made the local news while we were gone (KOTA, KNBN)! So far around \$33K has been raised. Jamie and I are in awe and overwhelmed. We can't thank you enough for your support and prayers over the last four and a half years. To have other congregations and the community support us as well means more than we can say. As Zoe grows, having this type of van will allow us to transport her safely. Still, the van is just the tip of the iceberg—and particularly for Zoe. She remembers

each and every day that she can't walk, sit, stand, play, eat, lie down, roll over, etc. Please continue to remember us and especially Zoe in your prayers.

In Christ,

Pastor Josh Jones

The Story

Zoe was born extremely prematurely in February of 2009. She weighed a mere 1 pound 13 ounces. She spent 100 days in the NICU in Rapid City. The day after bringing her home, Zoe was diagnosed with moderately severe hearing loss. After many challenges over her first year, Zoe was diagnosed with a severe form of cerebral palsy in 2010 which is next to impossible to treat. Since then she has seen dozens of doctors and gone through much more than any 4 year old should. Zoe has problems with her muscle tone. She can't sit, crawl, walk, roll over, stand, play, or hold things without help. She has an extraordinary amount of involuntary movements which makes it very difficult and even unsafe to hold her and especially transfer her (e.g. from the bathtub to the bed, from the bed to the toileting chair, etc.) Lately, it has been taking two people to get her strapped into her wheelchair or other adaptive equipment safely. As she has continued to grow, getting into a vehicle has become a safety issue. Thus, in addition to the many needs her family has right now, a handicapped accessible van is necessary for safe transportation. Zoe is exceptionally intelligent. She is a quick learner and loves movies and singing—she especially loves Monsters Inc. and Wall-e. And her smile is one of the most beautiful you'll ever see.

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Men's Fellowship

The men of the parish are invited to join other men for an evening of good fellowship.

Here's our next three get-togethers:

- Nov. 4 7:00 in The Great Room for Dartball
- Dec. 2 7:00 A night of Court Whist in the Great Room.
- Jan. 5 7:00 Back to Dartball in the CFLC.

- Feb. 3 7:00 Dartball in the CFLC.
- Mar. 3 7:00 Dartball in the CFLC as we prepare to send a team to the State Dartball Tournament in March.
- Apr 6 7:00 Bean Bag Toss in the CFLC.
- May 5 7:00 Bean Bag Toss in the CFLC.

As always, bring a snack to share.

Letter of Thanks

Dear Faith Lutheran,

On behalf of the Pierre Volunteer Fire Department I would like to thank you for your donation. Your generous donation of \$200 is greatly appreciated and will be used throughout the next year to maintain a strong volunteer organization. The money may be used for various items such as recruitment and retention of volunteers, tool purchases, etc.

If you would like to learn

about your local volunteer fire department, you can visit us online at www.pierrefiredepartment.org or <http://ci.pierre.sd.us/Department.aspx?id=8>. You can also contact us at 605-773-7401 or 605-280-2121.

Thanks again for your generous donation.

Best Regards,
Ian Paul
Deputy Chief

Faith's Praises

Faith's Praises...that's the name our new contemporary ensemble chose as a reminder that our music is all about praising God and worshipping Him through song. If you sing or play an instrument, consider giving your time to help us "make a joyful noise". We practice on Wednesday evenings at 6:30, and we will sing during Sunday morning worship about once a month. Even if you can't commit to

every Sunday we play, we'd be glad to have you "jump in" whenever your schedule allows. We are especially looking for more males voices and a bass guitar player, but whatever you play or which part you sing, come and see how you can be involved. If you have questions, ask someone you've seen in the group, one of the pastors, or email Annette Hill at nane-sahill@gmail.com.

Thanks!

We thank Dean Foods—better known to us as Land O' Lakes Dairy, for the gifts over the course of many years to our Preschool.

We thank you, our parish, for saving all those 5¢ milk caps and thank Janet Larson for sending them off to Dean Foods. Jan guesses over the years we have received over \$735.00.

Community Ministries

Each year, through our Elder's Community Ministry Budget line, gifts are made to local agencies that serve our church and community. Among them, obviously, is the Pierre Volunteer Fire Department. Some others include Pierre Area Referral Service, Missouri Shores, the Pantry, the Ministerium, and the Pierre Area Chamber of Commerce. We are a community oriented Lutheran congregation and seek to support agencies that provide care and services for our community and church.

Official Acts

Baptisms

Alexis Tonya Campbell
Gavin Lee Hawley
John Paul Baumann

Weddings

Jessica Lenz & Shane Miller

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Awesome Opportunity for a Son of Our Congregation

As many of you may know, I am still writing and performing Christian music. Recently, I have come across some opportunities that may need Faith's assistance.

This past year I have had the opportunity to join a Christian song-writing group called CMI academy based out of Nashville, TN.

This summer I flew down to Nashville to take part in a live event where I met a musician/producer who is one of the founders of this group. His name is Daniel Ornellas a former member of the Christian band Tree 63. Since then we have talked and emailed back and forth planning a project to do together. Daniel has given me the support

and confidence to finally make a professional recording of my original music. We are planning on recording in Nashville in February and as you probably can predict, it will cost a large chunk of change. SOOO...up until then I will be doing some fundraising for this project.

In November I will be launching a kickstarter campaign which is an online fundraising website. People can go to the website, jacobdanielmusic.wix.com/jacobdanielmusic, watch my video and support the project/ministry and also get stuff in return. So they are not just giving donations, they always get something of value in return (like a copy of the CD, or a t-

shirt, etc). But in order to make this happen I need to raise right around \$10,000! Since Pierre and especially our church will be my biggest support, I need help getting the word out for this project so that people know about it.

I know that my biggest chance of meeting the goal is getting people at Faith on board. So that is where I want to start.

Thanks for your help!

Jacob Shoup

Zion Lutheran Church

Worship Team Coordinator



Is He or Isn't He? *Continued from page 3*

But let us understand the deception and that the true "Morning Star" told us this in advance through His Apostles and Prophets; and told us to "watch out."

In Luke 10:18 Jesus references what happens in the Isaiah 14:12 text, *"I saw Satan fall like lightening from heaven."* The truth is, Satan suffers defeat when Christ rose from the grave, and the true light shines in the Darkness. Satan will be shown for who He truly is, not as the bright morning star, but as an imposter, and as an enemy which will be fully destroyed.

Hopefully this provides a little more insight as to the differences in the two passages where there is confusion. Yes, Satan tries to look a lot like God and we distinguish between the two because of Jesus Christ by which God has revealed Himself to us. Theologian Gerhard Forde says, *"God not preached is indistinguishable from Satan"*, but we know who God is as He has revealed Himself to us in His word, and in the wonderful person and work of Jesus Christ our loving Lord and Savior. This is the God we preach to you week in and week

out at Faith Ev. Lutheran. Christ Jesus holds the true title of Bright Morning Star. Satan is an imposter and we praise God that the light of Christ, this true Morning star has shone in the darkness!

Let's walk in Christ's light!

Pastor Josh Baumann

Pastor Joshua Baumann

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TUNE MY HEART

*Come, Thou Fount of ev'ry blessing,
Tune my heart to sing Thy grace;
Streams of mercy, never ceasing,
call for songs of loudest praise.
While the hope of endless glory
fills my heart with joy and love,
Teach me ever to adore Thee, may
I still Thy goodness prove.*

We have all seen an orchestra assemble to perform; the concert master/mistress appears, the oboe sounds an “A,” and everyone tunes to that pitch. First the woodwinds, and then the brass. Finally, when the concert master begins bowing, all the strings tune.

Actually, with any stringed instrument, tuning requires two actions. The strings can simply be tuned so that they make sounds spread the right distance apart. For example, the four strings on a violin are tuned a perfect fifth apart to the following pitches – G, D, A and E. The violin, in tune with itself, is then a functional instrument – as a solo instrument. But it may not be in tune with the rest of the instruments in the orchestra.



However, to truly tune the violin, a standard pitch from some outside source must be accessed. Then the rest of the strings can be tuned from there. Only when one tunes to that standard pitch, can the instrument be truly in tune. Hence, the rest of the orchestra also tunes to the same pitch so the entire ensemble will be in tune.

Wind bands commonly tune to a Concert B-flat, as well as an A. Tuning is achieved by adjusting mouthpieces, embouchures, valves and slides. In my high school band, a stable pitch was provided by an electronic tuner. During my collegiate years, we generally tuned to the principal clarinetist.

It is also important for choir members to sing in tune with each other so the outcome will be pleasing. Vocalists listen carefully to a given pitch on a piano or pitch pipe, and then make sure they sing on pitch by controlling their breathing, releasing tension in the body, supporting their sound with air and shaping their vowels. Oversinging or pressing, lack of breath support and tightening

of the facial and neck muscles will cause the pitch to go sharp or flat.

Tuning. So how does one tune a human heart? Grace is a tough thing for our hearts to sing. Because the human heart is not naturally tuned to sing of God's grace, it is more likely to sing about crummy weather, being tired, dwelling on jealousy or having been wronged by someone. We often try tuning our hearts ourselves. That may work for a while, but eventually we end up on the wrong notes and need a more precise approach. We must allow God, who has perfect pitch, to tune our hearts. Because of His great mercy, He is more than willing to do this. By spending time with Him in prayer, and reading and meditating on His word, we will soon find our heartstrings resonating with His music.

Karen Lindbloom



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Faith Lutheran Preschool News

During the month of October, Faith Lutheran Preschool had several community helpers visit us and tell us about their work. John Boeugher and his new dog came and talked about fire safety. Pastor Urbach told us about Jesus the good Shepherd and what our pastor shepherds do. Pastor Baumann had a chapel talk on not being afraid. Dr. Liudahl came with his skeleton friend "Bob"; Karna Pfeffer and Melissa Simons talked to us about germs and vaccinations. We learned about dental health from Deb Bumann; while Samson Boutchee and Troy Swenson told us about a law enforcement officer's duties and about how to stay safe on Halloween. We met Jay Fredrich, who keeps our rooms clean and Helen Kiepke who

answers the telephone for us. To all these special people who help us, we say "Thank You"! We also carved a pumpkin in each class into a jack-o'-lantern, shared goodies and told about our costumes for Halloween. Our color for October was orange, the shape was circle, the number was 2 and the letters are DEF. We made elephant puppets and learned about what elephants eat. Each day that we had a visitor, we wrote our names on our thank you poster for them. I sent off the final box of Land O' Lakes milk caps – over the 6 years you have raised over \$735.00 for the preschool! Thank you so much for your support. This money has been used for many different things including toys,

equipment, games and curriculum. In November we will be going to the Cultural Heritage Museum, talking about Native American Culture, decorating a large tipi, learning about prayer and Thanksgiving. Our shape is square, the color is brown, the unit is ABC's and the number is 4. Our letters that we will be emphasizing are GHI.

It is really great to be able to tell the children the story of the first Thanksgiving and telling them the real reason for the holiday – thanking God for all that He gives us. Thank you for the privilege of sharing that with families as well as the students in preschool. God's richest blessings to each of you!

Jan Larson, Director

Faith Lutheran Daycare News

Greetings from Faith Lutheran Daycare!

We are so blessed here at the daycare! We'd like to thank our parents and staff for being so amazing. We are so THANKFUL for everything that we have! We had lots of fun in October as we learned about Families

(Abraham, Isaac, and Joseph) in the Bible and about our families too! We have learned that we are very blessed and that the Lord takes care of us.

This month we are focusing on being thankful for all that we have, all that God has given us. We will be making our Thankful

Turkey again this year. He sure was full of feathers last year!! On the 19th we will have a special lunch in the gym with our parents for our "Thanksgiving Dinner"!

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Daycare is still looking for substitutes and part-time positions for the mornings! Applications for daycare can be picked up in the daycare office. And we 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

Two Bountiful Opportunities for November Giving

- Gifts for Jacob Shoup can be sent to:
Jacob Shoup
924 S Churchill Ave
Sioux Falls, SD 57103
- Gifts for Zoe Jones can be given to the Love Fund, made out to Faith Lutheran Church with Love Fund/Zoe Jones in the memo. We shall forward the gifts.

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Children's Christmas Programs... The Sunday school nursery through 3rd grade children's Christmas program will be Sunday, December 15th at 9:45 a.m. in between our morning worship services. Our 4th through 8th grade children's Christmas program will be at 11:00 a.m. on Sunday, December 15th. Dress Rehearsals will be Saturday, December 14th at 9:00 a.m. for the N-3rd Grade program and at 11:00 a.m. for the 4th—8th grade program.

Youth in 1st through 5th grade... Pastor Baumann invites you to join him on Friday, November 22nd from 6 to 8 p.m. in the gym at Faith Lutheran. We will be having Root Beer Floats, Games, and Tie-dyeing t-shirts. It's a fun opportunity to get together for some activity and fellowship with those our own age. The only thing you can bring besides yourself... is a white t-shirt to tie-dye, oh...and bring a friend too! The rest will be provided. Parents are certainly welcome to come, help out, and stay for the two hours. Can't wait to see you!

November Acolytes



November 3

Early: Damon Hoftiezer, Chelsey Meier
Late: Julia Jares, Gerritt Tronvold

November 10

Early: Lucas Schochenmaier, Ethan Leif
Late: Morgan Deis, Austin Mammenga

November 17

Early: Samuel Ryckman, Ethan Hill
Late: Martee Larson, Cade Larson

November 24

Early: Jacob Fuerst, Colton Graves
Late: Catilin Bolte, Julia Jares



Christmas Open House at Pastor Baumann's Residence...

We invite the congregation of Faith Lutheran to please join us at 642 North Grand Ave. for a Christmas open house on Friday, December 13th from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. No need to bring anything—just show up and let us extend our gratefulness and thanks for all of the love we receive from our church family throughout the year. Appetizers will be

warm and ready, so feel free to come and go as you please.

Reminder 7th and 8th grade midweek students should be completing sermon outlines – 12 are required for 7th graders, 15 are required for 8th graders if 12 were completed while in 7th grade, if 7th grade obligation was not met, then 20 are required for 8th graders.

