



May 2014 Newsletter

Faith Lutheran Church

714 N. Grand Avenue

Pierre, SD 57501

Concordia University Chamber Choir Concert

The 16-voice Chamber Choir from Concordia University, Nebraska will embark on a 10-day tour of the upper Western United States May 10-19. Tour stops will include churches and schools in Iowa, South Dakota, Montana and Wyoming.

The choir will perform for school assemblies and church worship services, as well as eight complete concerts, in addition to a concert held in its hometown of Seward, Neb., on April 12. Admission to concerts is free. An offering will be taken during evening performances.

The choir's repertoire includes chamber choral anthems by Hans Leo Hassler, Henry Smart,

Stanford Scriven and Rene Clausen. Vocal jazz selections include an arrangement of The Mamas and the Papas' "California Dreamin'" as well as music by Paris Rutherford and Take 6. The choir also will sing well-known sacred hymns and spirituals.

Selected from the University A Capella Choir, the elite 16-voice Chamber Choir formed in 1998. The choir has since traveled to most regions of the United States, performing both sacred and secular music from all periods of musical history. The choir is conducted by Dr. Kurt von Kampen, professor of music at Concordia.

The Concordia Chamber Choir will perform a concert at Faith Lutheran Church Tuesday, May 13 at 7:00 p.m.

About Concordia University, Nebraska

Concordia University, Nebraska, founded in 1894, is a fully accredited, coeducational university located in Seward, Neb. That currently serves over 2,200 students. Concordia offers more than 50 professional and liberal arts programs in an excellent academic and Christ-centered community that equips men and women for lives of learning, service and leadership in the church and world. For more information, visit cune.edu.

Mother Daughter Tea

The women of Faith are invited to a Mother Daughter Tea Sunday, May 4, 2014 from 2:30-4:00 p.m. The theme of the Tea is "*His Princesses, Love Letters from Your King.*" The tea is open to all mothers/daughters/

grandmothers of all ages of our congregation and community. There is a sign up sheet on the information table in the Narthex. Deadline to sign up is April 27, 2014.



Restoration and Renewal



It's the Final Countdown!

Today is Palm Sunday Saturday and my personal countdown continues. It is hopping crazy around here. Today we hosted the South Dakota District Bible Bowl. It is an old cliché but Pierre's central location and Faith's excellent facilities help a lot of groups. That's how we had envisioned it. In the past two weeks we have hosted a State 4-H leadership conference, State competition for Destination Imagination, and a regional DOT meeting.

The call committee is busy at work and my office is getting bare. It has been a living museum of ministry and family. That has brought some sad tugs, yet my gladness is that I have experienced so much in these 40 years at Faith and in my 43 years in this South Dakota District. I know I will say it many times yet but thank you with all my heart.

I have thinned out my library to the core books, for which I too again say—*thank you to all the families that made the shelves and cabinets in my new addition possible*. It was pretty easy to fill them.

I will have another Open House on August 24 between services for those who would like a look/see, even for a second time. August 24 will be my farewell sermon. I came to Pierre as a 30 year old and I exit my full time public ministry as a 70 year old. Seventy, whether I use letters or numbers I am stunned how quickly 40 years has

gone. I feel so very blessed!

One of my joys which is unique to being a Pastor in Pierre has been the joy and wonderful privilege of offering prayers on behalf of the Legislature, which I did for 40 sessions. I too had the honor of once being the Head Chaplain. Well, on the last legislative day, March 31, of this year's session with no vetoes to override, no lobbyists, no visitors, I did find it interesting that the House gallery started to fill with members of Faith Lutheran, I thought to myself, that while that was nice for my closing prayer, it just seemed like a lot of people.

Then, just before the gavel would bring the 2014 Legislature to an end, Representative Tim Rounds asked for a point of personal privilege. Suddenly all the people in the gallery made sense. Representative Rounds, in wonderfully warm-hearted words, spoke about my service as a Chaplain and about my egg collection. After the nice words I was presented with a plaque of appreciation and you guessed it, with a unique egg on it that was blown glass and painted on the inside. It was very moving and a standing ovation was humbling.

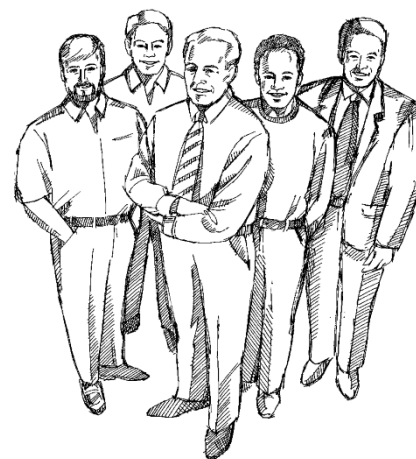
Well indeed, the final countdown continues! Five generations of my family have been a part of Faith. My grandmother would be here four to six weeks each summer, my parents were here most every

Easter and at this Easter my children and grandchildren worshipped with us. So for five generations of my family I say thank you. What a joy it has been to call the Faith family, our family! The Lord be with you!

Christ is Risen, He is Risen Indeed!

In the Risen Savior's love,

Pastor Brad Urbach



Men's Fellowship

Our Men's Fellowship will meet Monday, May 5 at 7:00 for a Bean Bag Toss.

Bring a snack to share and bring your friends for a fun evening of fellowship.



A Window of Opportunity

It was subtle, but something has happened at Faith Lutheran that you may not have noticed. There's something different you may not have recognized about my office. Something new you may not have noticed about the classrooms throughout the facility. So you want to know what it is? "What is it that is so different Pastor Baumann?" Okay. I'll tell ya! Our doors have all gotten glass windows added to them! We are transparent as we live in a new age of security and sensitivity. Glass windows which serve us as we look after the safety of students, the safety of our church workers, and the safety of the church. It's a window which provides an opportunity for increased safety.

So what's your window? As others look into the window of your heart what do they see? Hopefully they see the love of Christ within you, which fills you. Hopefully they see a life that is transparent for the Gospel, a life that is a bold witness of faith in the Savior, a life that says "No!" to sin and temptation. Perhaps we would ask God to remove us out of the way so that others can only and more clearly see Jesus Himself in us. St. John says it best when he conveys to us the heart attitude of John the Baptist in John 3:30. John the Baptizer says, "*He must become greater, I must become less.*" May that be the prayer of our hearts as well. "God remove me so that others can more

clearly see You." It was subtle, but something powerful happened in your baptism. God's Holy Spirit entered your life and created a window of faith. God increases, we decrease. That's the life of a follower of Christ. Things suddenly become less about me and my goals and aims in life, and more about, "What does the loving Savior, the God of the Universe, desire from me, right now, today, here in my daily living?"

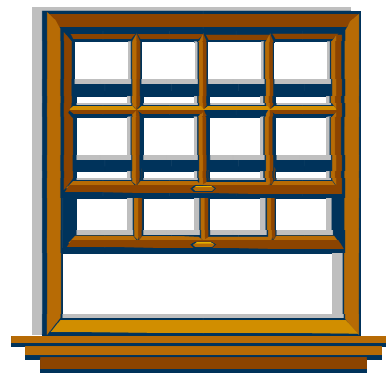
A window...it's a good thing. Use the windows God has given to you. They come in different ways and in the form of your life connections with other people. You have connections and windows Pastor Baumann doesn't have, and Pastor Baumann has connections you don't have, but what we do have in common is that our lives can be windows into what the love of Jesus is like. We'll all reach different people. Our lives can let others see a God who went all the way to the cross of Calvary in faithful obedience to God the Father. And yet it doesn't stop there. Our lives are also a window to see into the open tomb of Jesus Christ. "He is not here! He has risen!"

Jesus, who once was dead is now alive! Every day we are an Easter people who have hope in Christ. So when someone walks by your life, let 'em see Jesus! Let Sunday worship be an anchor point of your week. It all starts by being in the House of God. It's there that we get an open window into the love

and justice of our God who saved us and called us to a holy life. When God closes a door, may He always open a _____!

God's Peace!

Pastor Joshua Baumann



Forever Young

Is a group of retired and semi-retired members 55 years of age and older who meet once a month for good food and great fellowship.



Seniors' Gathering

The month of May we will meet on our regular third Thursday, May 15, for a salad luncheon. Please bring salads of any kind. Crackers will be provided.

Come enjoy the fellowship of our members and a wonderful lunch. We will also play some Bunko.



Little Dresses For Africa

Changing lives one little dress at a time... Little Dresses for Africa is one of the many mission projects for the Faith Lutheran Church LWML. During February volunteers met each Monday evening to cut pillowcases and assemble kits to be sewn into dresses. Many women took the kits home, added their own personal touches and completed the dresses.

This year 188 dresses were sewn and will be sent to Little Dresses for Africa, a Christian organization which provides relief to the children of Africa. Dresses have also been sent to other countries in crisis such as Honduras, Guatemala, Thailand, The Dominican, The Philippines, Cambodia, Mexico and Haiti. In addition, dresses have been sent to children in need right here in the United States including the Appalachian Mountains and South Dakota. The dresses are distributed to orphanages, churches, and schools to plant in the hearts of little girls that they are worthy! Mission teams from the United States personally deliver a majority of the dresses to girls giving them hope and touching their lives in the name of Jesus.

The pillowcase dresses, bias tape, elastic, ribbon decorative trim, buttons, and thread are all donated. The LWML appreciates and thanks everyone for their generous contributions, help and support.

Remember we are not just sending dresses, we are sending HOPE!

April Voter's Meeting Summary

During the April Voter's meeting, the assembly decided to issue a call to Pastor Joshua Baumann to serve as Faith's Associate Pastor. This designation allows Pastor Baumann additional rights for voting and elections at synodical conventions.

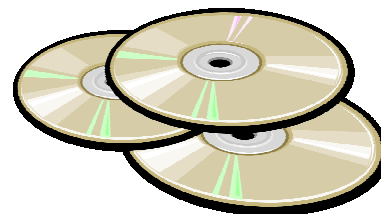
The Voters also voted to revise section 1.05 (1) of our By-laws with these words, "...any Voter is entitled to make additional nominations from the floor..." Since all names for Pastor need to be run through our District President, all names needed to be "vetted" prior to a call. Therefore, you note that during the time that we were working on the Congregational self-study, the parish had an opportunity to submit names for the position of Senior Pastor.

Vice President Brian Zeeb presented a Safe Church Policy for adoption by the congregation. The need for this policy was requested by our insurance company, and was prepared and condensed by an eleven member committee. There was considerable discussion, questions and answers, and input with regard to the content of the policy. The assembly was assured that the policy will receive continuing analysis and attention with regard to content, further input and needed changes. The policy was adopted.

Pastor Urbach presented a policy which states the congregational beliefs concerning the estate of marriage and the position of this congregation with regard to matters concerning marriage and wed-

ding protocol at Faith Lutheran Church. We believe that marriage is a sacred union of one man and one woman. Our Pastors will not officiate over any marriages inconsistent with these beliefs, and our church property may not be used for any marriage ceremony, reception or other activity that would be inconsistent with our beliefs and this policy. The voters also decided that our CFLC would not be used for wedding dances. The policies were adopted and will be placed in the marriage handbook of our church.

The results of the Congregational Self-Study was discussed and Bill Bossman informed the assembly concerning our search for a senior pastor, that eleven pastors names have been placed into consideration by the congregational committee composed of the Board of Elders, President Steve Fiechter, Vice-President Brian Zeeb, and former officers, Bob Shoup and Dave Zuercher.



CD Release Concert

Jacob Shoup will have a CD Release Concert releasing his first professionally recorded CD from Nashville.

The concert is here at Faith on June 8 at 1:30 pm. Invite your whole neighborhood! The concert will be great. Frankly, have you ever been invited to a CD Release concert? See you there!



2014 Food Drive: A TON of Food!



The Pierre-Ft. Pierre Food Pantry had a lot of empty space on their shelves at the beginning of April, but the congregation of Faith Lutheran Church has helped to fill much of that space.

During the month of March, the congregation brought **2,265 pounds of food items and paper products** to the church. In addition, members of the congregation gave **cash and checks totaling \$6,150** to the Pantry in con-

junction with this year's Food Drive. That was nearly \$500 more than last year (we thank one family for their incredibly generous donation of \$5,000.)

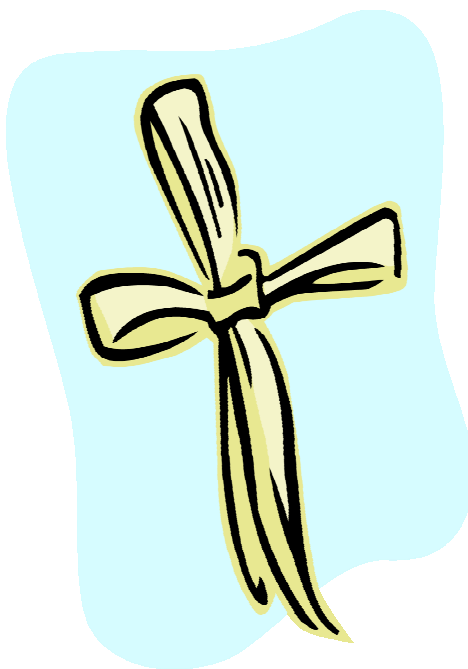
On April 4, a group of our men used Al Meier's really big trailer to haul **165 boxes** from the church to the Food Pantry, which is housed at the Boys and Girls Club. Total number of items: **2,097**.

Among the items collected this year:

336 cans of soup, chili and stew,
and packages of soup mix
242 cans of tuna, chicken, and
other canned meat
167 boxes of cereal and oatmeal
148 cans of vegetables
139 boxes of macaroni and cheese
119 boxes of Hamburger Helper,
Tuna Helper and Chicken Helper
98 boxes of potato mixes
87 bags and boxes of noodles
58 cans and jars of spaghetti sauce
56 cans of fruit
46 cans and bags of beans
42 containers of baby food
36 bags of flour and sugar
30 bags and boxes of rice and rice
mixes
29 cans of pasta meals
26 boxes of crackers
23 jars of jelly
18 boxes of stuffing mix

Palm Cross Thank You!

We would like to extend a hearty thank you to all those who came to help make the Palm crosses. A job well done! We thank Eleanor Kreitman, Velda Bartel, Rose Marrington, Cathy Brock, Brooklyn Voeltz, Dawn Koch, Clara Shelbourn, Sandy Bales, Carla Schmidt, Velda Rediger, Verna Fransen, Lila Houck, and Joyce Nielsen for stripping and cutting the palms and then assembling the crosses. They were a wonderful reminder and addition to our service.



Thank You!

Faith Lutheran has one of the largest food drives for the Pierre-Ft. Pierre Food Pantry each year, so the congregation's generosity is greatly appreciated by the Food Pantry and the families it serves. A big thanks to everyone who lent a hand in any way with this important project.





Official Acts

Baptisms

Cassidy Rose Blauert

Funerals

Arvid Ambur

New Members

* Justin Bell

* Jason & Christy Ehlers,

Dawson & Justin

* George & Judy Gerig

* Tina Haug

* Brenda Hemmelman

* Sydney Kinsella

* Chrystal Nelson

* Neal O'Day

* Jason Overweg

* Larry & Kelly Perlenfein

* Joe & Celeste Saylor,

Kendra & Kati

* Dacia Schroeder

* Susan Tousley

* Cody Williams

* Cole Williams

* Jennifer Winter



Our Confirmands

Jonathan Ray Geuther

St. John 15:13

Melissa Sue Hedglin

St. Matthew 11:28

Britney Anntoinette Hicks

Philippians 4:13

Jesse Marie Jares

Proverbs 31:25

Chloe Marie Kaiser

1 Corinthians 13:8a

Daniel Carter Magee

James 1:3

Rebecca Ann Norris

St. John 13:34

Cassandra Elizabeth Ryckman

Colossians 3:23-24

Kailee Marie Schultz

Jeremiah 29:11

Bailey Ann Siebrasse

1 Corinthians 13:4-8

Kassandra Francis Grace Tronvold

Hebrews 6:19

Kenzie Rae Trujillo

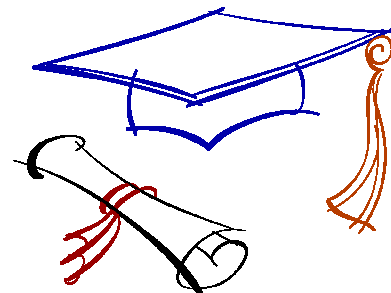
Isaiah 41:10

Carson Jon Tschetter

St. John 3:5



Our Graduates



Brandon Scott Berheim

Caitlin Nicole Bolte

Morgan Ann Deis

Colton Lee Graves

Matthew Donald Green

LeAndra Elaine Hoefener

Devin Lee Kampfe

Whitney Elizabeth King

Cade Odell Larson

Justin Daniel Meier

Brittney Munyon

Carly Marie Niemann

Jordain Anne Rathbun

Cammie Schmidt

Janece Tarae Wetzel

Blake Arthur Widvey

Brandi Lynn Ziebart



CONGRATULATIONS, GRADUATES!



Euclid LED Sign

Signs—God provides heavenly signs that reveal His glory and He provides us earthly signs that share thoughts to ponder, humor to brighten a day, invitations to our congregation's big moments, and some community events and affirmations.

On the Day of Pentecost, June 8, we will dedicate a new Daktronics sign.

The new sign will be bright and colorful, have images, can do multiple messages, could be changed from inside, and Jay doesn't have to change it outside in the wind, sleet, rain and snow.

Sign Funding Based on an article in the December newsletter five families started a generous fund to provide for this sign. We hope many others will assist in this effort.

It all started with a generous gift from Helen Kiepke in loving memory of Anne Marshall. Anne had been a long time friend of Helen and frankly in the final months of Anne's life Helen provided great care for Anne. Then others joined in—

- o Jay & Cindy Fredrich and daughters Elizabeth, Melanie, and Emily.
- o Larry & Judy Coyle,
- o Darrel & Darlene Reinke,
- Pastor Urbach in thanksgiving for the God blessed opportunity to serve Christ's wondrous people at Faith.

Many others have now joined in this effort. They are: Dan & Jolynn Haberling, Paul Lepisto & Donna Leslie, Vern & Janice Dockter, Bernice Huber in memory of Leo Gabriel, Ruth Leidholt in memory of Reuben Leidholt, Bruce McIntire, Bob &

Doreen Miller, Kristy Deal, Ryan & Carla Lantz, Marrill & Sandy Bales, Vern & Gloria Bump, Jerry & Lois Erbe, Harlan & Verna Fransen, Nathan & Joyce Solem, Vic & Carol Fosheim, Bev Parrott, Linda Pease, Lyle & Elaine Wagner, Roy & Char Hiller, LeRoy & Carolyn Kropuenske, Marvin & Mary Buxcel, Gary & Grace Schmitgen, Brad & Laurie Schultz, Darline Fuoss, and Cody & Jody Williams.

We hope others will continue to help fund this project.

Celebration? You bet! Pastor Terry Dittmer, who leads youth ministries in our Synod, will preach and lead in a number of songs he has written, such as "God Loves Life", and "Brothers and Sisters in Christ."

Food? Yes indeed we will have a noon Barbeque. Our version of a burnt offering pleasing to God and eaten by his people. Baked beans, potato salad, and desserts. Well we are still working on the menu.

It will be a Blessed Day.

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Pierre Zone LWML

The Pierre Zone LWML will be holding their Spring Workshop here at Faith on Saturday, May 3 from 9:00-2:00. Pastor Luke Edwards will be our speaker. Registration is from 9:00-9:30. All women of the congregation are welcome.

Bible Bowl

Congratulations to Faith Lutheran's two Bible Bowl teams on a job well done during the state Bible Bowl held at Faith Lutheran on April 12th. Our A team took 2nd place and our B team took 3rd place. In the individual competition Nate Hill took 4th in the state. Our two teams consisted of: Ethan Hill, Nate Hill, Samuel Ryckman, Cassandra Ryckman, Denni Zeeb, Nathan Shoup, and Bailey Siebrasse. We thank LeRoy Kropuenske for his dedication and willingness to coach our two teams.



The A Team
Ethan Hill, Nate Hill, Samuel Ryckman, and Cassandra Ryckman



The B Team
Deni Zeeb, Nathan Shoup, and Bailey Siebrasse



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VBS! VBS! VBS! – Vacation Bible School this year runs from 6:00-8:30 p.m. in the evenings from Sunday, June 1st to Thursday, June 5th. The theme of VBS will be: **Gangway to Galilee!!** It promises to be a whale of a time as we learn more about Jesus! Registration forms for VBS can be picked up on the back table in the Narthex or in the church office. Please return the registration form back into the church office upon completion. Online registration is also available and can be found at the following link: <https://vbs.cph.org/tools/churchInfo.aspx?Church=61718D31>.

VBS Meal Sign-up to host Captive Free is posted on the back table in the Narthex. Please consider hosting our group for a lunch the week of May 31st—June 6th.

ZESTO SOCIAL TEACHER APPRECIATION —THANK YOU TEACHERS for all the effort and hard work you have invested into this past year. We praise God for you, and for your willingness to teach and lead our youth. All teachers of the parish are invited to a teacher appreciation Zesto Social from 7-8 p.m. on Sunday, May 11th. Come for an enjoyable treat compliments of the Board of Education in thanks and appreciation for all that you do! The event is very informal so come and go as needed.

May 4

Early: Morgan Deis and Daniel Voita
Late: Brevin Kaiser and Matt Green

May 11 *Mother's Day*

Early: Hanna Dunn, Hallie Dunn
Late: Gerrit Tronvold, Julia Jares

May 18 *Graduation*

Early: Jaden Filler, Joe King
Late: Martee Larson, Cassie VanDeWiele

May 25 *Memorial Weekend*

Early: Cassie Axtell, LeAndra Hoefener
Late: Colton Graves, Luke Schochenmaier



MIDWEEK — Our last night of Midweek classes for this year is going to be Wednesday evening May 7th concluding with an ice cream party (outside). We also want to remind our Midweek students that they will be singing on Mother's Day, which is Sunday, May 11th at the 11 o'clock service. Midweek teachers, thank you for your dedication and efforts to teach midweek!

J.Y.M. — Our Crazy Horse Volksmarch and hiking trip is going to be Friday, May 6th to Saturday, June 7th. A packing list and sign-up sheet will be posted on the youth bulletin board in the Narthex

at the church. Plans are currently being made to stay at a Lutheran Church in Custer again this year if all works out.

ACOLYTE TRAINING — Sunday evening May 4th, for all current 8th graders to learn the ins and outs of acolyting for the next couple years. Afterwards, the 8th graders are then invited to stay and join all the current acolytes for a pizza party. A pizza party will be held for all current high school acolytes along with volleyball and some music. The pizza and pop will be provided by the board of Elders at 5 pm on May 5th as a way to say "Thank You" for all you do!

Upcoming Youth Dates to Keep in Mind:

June 6th – 7th J.Y.M. Crazy Horse Volksmarch hiking trip.

June 1st - 5th Vacation Bible School 6:00-8:30 p.m. in the evenings.

June 22nd – 28th Camp Minneboji

July 14th – 17th à 5th – 9th grade Circuit Bible Camp.

June 30th–July 5th National Youth Gathering in San Antonio.