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FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH

October 2014 Newsletter

2014 LWML Country Fair

October 18, 2014

9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.

The annual Country Fair will be held at Faith Lutheran Church Saturday, October 19th from 9 am to 1:00 pm.

The annual bazaar will feature a variety of booths, including crafts, baked goods, produce, collectibles, candy, gift baskets, a "Grandma's Attic" booth featuring used household items, religious cards and gifts, and activities for kids.

In addition, caramel rolls and pie will be served in the morning, and soup, sandwiches and pie will be served for lunch. To-go containers will be available.

Money raised from the Country Fair is used to help

fund not only with programs and projects within the church, but also supports local, regional and national organizations. This year, funds raised at the bazaar will be given to:

Local:

Country Side Hospice – Memory Center/Bed and Breakfast

Pars – Backpack/Emergency Fund

Missouri Shores

District:

Wessington Springs LWML – Fellowship Hall after Storm

Pastors Utecht/Sutton – Parmalee Progress Hope Industries

National:

Haiti

Orphan Grain Train

In House:

In the following order:

Linens for Guest house on Euclid

Preschool Fund

LYF (National Youth Gathering)

Sound System for Church Day Care

Bibles for LYF

Margaret's project (nursery at Church)

Additional funds for Delegate Fund

Faith Circle Goodie Boxes

Additional funds for Pierre Zone

Help us publicize Country Fair by putting up a poster at work - and be sure to invite your friends!



October 31, 2013

6:00-7:15 p.m.

Holding a Trunk 'N' Treat Halloween activity is a great way to keep Halloween safe.

It's when several families get together at

the church, park their cars in the parking lot, open up the trunks of their cars, and kids come around to each car to Trunk 'N' Treat instead of going house to house to Trick-or-Treat.

Treats, warm cider, hot chocolate and coffee provided by our LYF youth. A well lit area for our Trunk 'N' Treaters, and restrooms available!

We need 30 families to serve as Host Trunks.

We ask our host families to provide 400-500 pieces of candy, our Board of Missions and Evangelism will supply the rest.



Witness, Mercy, Life Together

A Message from Pastor Urbach

Greetings in the Risen Lord Jesus Christ!

Forty years of saying thank you! Your kindness, your generosity, your partnership in the Gospel, your big vision, your roll up your sleeves and get to work attitude, and then the two big weekends celebrating the 40 years of pastoring I have had at Faith—well once again, thank you. This newsletter has an insert which I hope captures a big part of our celebration for which I say thank you—there, I said it again!

The one thing I noticed about the tons of cards was the diversity of them, yet all of them had a common theme of thoughtful words! It was obvious there was thoughtful time put into selecting the cards.

In that respect, the cards are a lot like our congregation. We are diverse yet there is the centrality of the Gospel of Jesus Christ that gathers us into His Holy Church to do His Holy Bidding.

During the vacancy of the Senior Pastor position I will continue to serve part-time as an Administrative Vacancy Pastor. My task, which is part-time, is to keep the business of our parish moving forward and to keep all the oars in the water moving our good ship forward.

Our goal is not to add anything to Pastor Baumann's responsibilities. For this we thank Pastor Naasz who will preach once a month. It is nice to have another retired pastor in the parish and we all appreciate Pastor Terry & Arlene Naasz's participation in the life of

our parish.

Speaking of Pastor Baumann, I appreciate his techy talents. While we both work at what we put on the sign on Euclid Avenue, it has become his techy talents to put up the colors and letters in a creative manner. Pastor Baumann also generates the e-mail reminders which I hope you all find helpful. If you aren't currently receiving these e-mails please let the office know so we can get you on the list.

This has been an interesting question, "What do we call you now, Pastor?" Well the question perhaps is the answer. I am still a pastor in Christ's Holy Church and a pastor of the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod. So how do you address Pastor Urbach, well as Pastor Urbach.

Here is another common question, "what are you doing with your time?" Well, I am around the office for about 2 to 3 hours each morning, teaching Midweek 7th graders, still writing a sermon or two, making necessary calls and again, being sure the "ark" is moving forward. The other part of time is just being able to do other things freely as I desire. Getting things done at home, off to Kiwanis, playing some pickleball, in due time off to some football games—I even bought a Colorado ski pass. In all honesty, doing personal stuff with out always thinking there is something at work I should be doing is kind of relaxing. I do look forward to a bit more grand children time. Grandkids and skiing, now that

brings delight to my heart.

So thank you again, and again, and again!

At a couple of officer's meetings I have used a response I picked up at Jonathan's Bismarck church—

☐ God is good—

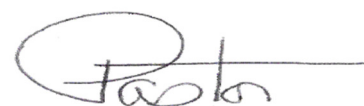
☞ All the time.

☐ All the time—

☞ God is good.

This is most certainly true!

In God's really remarkable love,



Pastor Brad Urbach

P. S. God is good—

Your Imprint on History

The Wittenberg Project

The Wittenberg Project is restoring an historic building where Lutherans can gather, learn and boldly confess Christ as Savior with those who don't yet know Him.

It all starts with renovating the ideally-located Old Latin School (1564) in the center of Lutherstadt (Luther Town) Wittenberg, Germany, the birthplace to the Reformation.

Faith Lutheran has received a certificate of enrollment as one of the first 500 to gift \$500 to this project. If you as individuals or families would like to participate, there are forms and information on the Wittenberg Project display table in the Lobby.

"You Have My Word"

"Thy strong Word did cleave the darkness, at Thy speaking it was done, for created light we thank Thee, while Thine ordered seasons run. Alleluia, Alleluia! Praise to thee who light dost send! Alleluia, Alleluia! Alleluia without end!" V.1 LSB #578

"A man is only as good as his _____?" The answer is not, *his checkbook* if that's what you were thinking! Although, that *can* involve putting your money where your mouth is!

The saying goes if you remember: "A man is only as good as his word." In days gone by, a contract was made valid by a simple handshake agreement, thus conferring that you were trustworthy, that you were good for your word. Perhaps in the rural farming communities of our nation (Midland...Philip...Onida...) some of that might still exist, but for the most part, it seems as though we are pretty guarded and cautious of one another's word. Where would we be without contracts and co-signers, notaries and witnesses, down-payments and security cameras? Sadly, it's all a part of our day to day business with each other. As a matter of fact, I have learned to ask for it in writing, whether "it" be an auto repair quote, a write up of taxidermy work and what I want done, or jotting down a confirmation number for some supplies I've ordered for the church. It's a reality of life so it seems. Whose word, can you, and can't you trust these days?

To go along with the declining trustworthiness of the word others speak, I also think about the declining integrity of our words. Texting, Tweeting, and Snapchatting have reduced our conversations to 40 characters or less. #SMH. We are conditioned to abbreviate conversation and devalue thoughtful and meaningful interaction for the sake of convenience and circumstances. So why get

up and walk downstairs when you can just text message a family member the thing you wanted to say to them? Along with being shallow and hollow, our words aren't always kind either. *"Sticks and stones may break my bones, but words will never hurt me!"* Well, our words do pack a punch, and it's hard to not let words hurt us. Cyber-bullying is a real problem! It's easy to hide behind a screen and carelessly fling words around at others. And when we are careless with words, we can and do hurt others. Proverbs 26:18 reminds us *"Like a madman shooting firebrands or deadly arrows is a man who deceives his neighbor and says, 'I was only joking!'"* Our words matter, and so does how we use them!

Well, I want to share with you today, right now, wherever you happen to be reading this... You can always and fully trust the Word of God. It's true. God will never deceive you, He will never lead you astray. God's Word is trustworthy and therefore, God Himself is trustworthy! Jesus says in John 6:63-64 *"The Words I have spoken to you are spirit and they are life. Yet some of you do not believe."*

How do we know God's Word is trustworthy? Jesus Himself verifies that God the Father's Word is trustworthy. It cleaves the darkness. Jesus too used His hands to show all people that God's Words were trustworthy. Jesus didn't verify the trustworthiness of God's Word through a handshake. No, as a matter of fact He couldn't move His hands. Fastened and fixed tightly to the cross the Roman guards had nailed Him to, the Hands of the Savior did something so mighty for you and for me. They verified everything God had previously promised—that a Savior would come, that a Savior would suffer, and that a Savior would die and give His life as a ransom for many.

The hands that made the universe, were nailed to a tree. And on Easter morn the strong Word of God cleaved (split/severed) the grave and the eternal darkness that threatened you and me and all of humanity for all time. Christ cleaved the tomb and burst forth victorious from the grave! Truth be told right now I just want to shout "He is Risen! He is Risen Indeed, Alleluia!" even while sitting at this computer typing away in the quietness of my office... *Well, for the record, I just did! And Pastor Urbach says, "That's a big 10-4!"* Indeed!

God's Word breaks the darkness. It's what God has been doing ever since Genesis 1:3. If darkness and tragedy have come upon you and your family through death, sickness, or unfaithfulness, know that Christ cleaves the darkness. Christ who is the Word made flesh, breaks the darkness of sin and death. The cross of Jesus and the empty tomb stand as the eternal handshake with all humanity that the light wins, the Strong Word has overcome for you and for me and for all time. God will wipe away every tear from your eyes (Isaiah 25:5). In Jesus, ours is the victory, ours is eternal hope, all made possible through... you guessed it... a God who is as good as His Word!

Your Servant in Christ,

Pastor Josh Baumann

Pastor Baumann



Preschool News

We are off again to another great year at preschool. Praise the Lord! This year, we have many younger children in the program and they are keeping us busy! During the month of October, we will have community helpers visit – most of these are parents of the preschoolers. We are also studying the color orange, the number 1, the letters DEF and the circle. Our Bible stories are about God's helpers in the Old Testament era.

Throughout this year, we will be studying trees and several animals that live in them. Our first animal is the bear. We will also be using a nutrition unit called

“Chef Combo” – who happens to be a puppet that is a chef. We will be borrowing a unit from the Cultural Heritage Center about cowboys the end of October and doing some branding of our own! These kits are all wonderful and the children really enjoy them.



We do not have the children wear their costumes for Halloween, but we do have a fun time hearing how they are going to dress for Trick or Treating.

We are not saving the “Boxtops

for Education” labels, but we are still saving the Campbell soup labels. These include the “Labels for Education”. Thank you for your support of these projects.

Fall is in the air – it is a time to reflect back on our summer and to look forward to the season of cooler days and colorful leaves. Enjoy these times with your children! We are certainly enjoying them at preschool. God bless you!

We are currently looking for someone to work part time in our preschool – please stop at the church office to pick up an application or call me if you have any questions.

In Christ's love & joy,

Jan Larson, Preschool Director

jan@faithluth.com



Faith Lutheran Daycare is happy to announce that we have hired an Assistant Director! Bethany Dahl has joined us from Spearfish, SD and brings with her years of prior daycare experience and knowledge. The children love her and she is an excellent addition to our team here at Faith Lutheran!

FLC Daycare News

Greetings from Faith Lutheran Daycare!

Leaves are falling!

In September we have been talking about all the wonderful things that God has done for us! He made his world for us, the air, the

land, the waters, and most importantly: US! We are all proud to be Children of God. As we continue on our Bible journeys in October we will be discussing the tower of Babel, Abraham, Isaac, and Joseph. We will be talking a lot about our homes and our families. We are all unique in the way God

made us and He made each one of us special!

Faith Lutheran Daycare is currently hiring for our cook position and AM and PM staff members. If you are interested please contact Jennifer at 224-4748 during our business hours. Toys and childcare items being donated to the daycare are always appreciated!!

Your friend in Christ,

Jennifer Carr
FLDC Director



Faith Moves Mountains

There is a new stone in front of our 1996 Sanctuary outside wall. There nestled in the new grasses is a gift to Faith Lutheran from Paul and Toni Kenefick-Aschoff. This rock with our Synod's logo cross on it and the words, "Faith Moves Mountains" is given in thanksgiving to the congregation for the support in sending Paul, Toni, Haven and Burkelee to Hong Kong on our short-term mission outreach trips. Thanks Paul, Toni, Haven & Burkelee.

This is also an opportunity to again thank the work crews that tore out the old overgrown shrubs and then returned to replace all the rocks. The grasses are beginning to root well and it not only looks great but it is easily maintained.

A piece of history for those new to Faith, the large cross on the curved stone wall was a gift from Vic & Dorothy Young in memory of their sons Tom and Peter.

We were grateful to see Vic & Dorothy's son Andy and his wife Connie here on August 31 to celebrate Pastor's 40th.

"Faith Moves Mountains", thanks Paul & Toni.



Forever Young

So, you're retired and want to hang out with some terrific people— then, "Forever Young," is for you.

Join us every third Thursday of the month at 12:00 noon!

October 16, we declare it "Johnny Appleseed Day". It will be a potluck meal but if you can incorporate apples that would be wonderful.

Then, our November 20 get-together will be our Thanksgiving Dinner. Turkey, dressing, and mashed potatoes & gravy will be furnished.



POTLUCK DINNER
FOR SENIORS

Please bring a side dish to share. Hope to see you there!

Official Acts

Baptisms

Lander Wade Marnell

Laiken Keith Marnell

Weddings

Adam Huber & Jessica Stange

New Members

Paul & Mary Banuat, & Pacen

Justin Harmon

Stephanie Harmon, Chase & Ryleigh

Angela Hertel, Emma, Christina, & Patrick

Trevor & Hannah Lightfield, & Tallen & Hattie

Mary Ann Nielsen

Men's Fellowship



Please join us the first Monday of the month, October 6, for our Men's Fellowship night.

Please bring a snack to share.

Get ready to hone your skills at Dart ball! It will be a fun night of fellowship among your Christian brothers.



Reformation Day

AN INSTRUMENT

*Lord, make us instruments
of Your peace;
Where there is hatred,
let us sow love;
Where there is injury, pardon;
Where there is doubt, faith;
Where there is despair, hope;
Where there is darkness, light;
And where there is sadness, joy.*

By the time you read this, the choir will have already rehearsed an arrangement of the above prayer for three weeks and sung it in worship. We have used our physical instruments – that is, our voices – to learn the text, work on our diction, breathe properly to sustain and support the phrases, and follow the dynamic shading to add expression to the music; to give it life. Those are musical elements. What are the spiritual elements?

Perhaps the most important aspect of singing an anthem is the fact that we're communicating a message, and to do that, the choir must truly believe what they're singing. The text in this particular song is associated with St. Francis of Assisi, known to most of us as the founder of the Franciscan Order. He abandoned a life of luxury for a life of Christianity.

The prayer boldly, but gently, challenges us to resist the forces of evil and negativity with the spirit of goodwill and generosity. We are to be more concerned

with others than ourselves. As believers, we are to take what God has given us and plant it in situations that come before us, as well as in the lives of others. When we do things for others, it's for Christ. When we serve, we actually lead. When we help others, we really are helping ourselves. We are moved to purposely give and plant instead of trying to receive.

Jesus was the ultimate model of how to live. Of course, we fall short, but that doesn't mean we shouldn't try. He wasn't afraid to sow love into hatred, or spend time with the lost in an effort to save them. He humbled himself to wash the feet of those whom He was leading. Finally, he gave his life so all could live.

There is always someone who needs your help. As God uses you to change their lives and their situations, He changes yours.

Grant that we may not so much seek

To be comforted as to console;

To be understood as to understand;

To be loved as to love;

For it is in giving that we receive;

It is in pardoning that we are pardoned;

And it is in dying that we are born to eternal life.

Karen Lindbloom



WITH A VOICE OF SINGING!

Declare ye this and let it be heard!
Alleluia!

Calling all singers!

Faith Choir has already begun rehearsals. Please consider joining an integral part of the worship experience. Faith Choir is one of our congregation's longest ongoing groups. Choir is a great outlet for using one's talent, connecting with friends, improving your physical and vocal health, plus reaping spiritual and musical rewards.

Feel free to come any Tuesday,
6:30 pm, in the sanctuary.

Add your voice to our song!

CON BRIO BELLS

Bell Choir will also be starting up shortly. This ensemble rings about four or five times throughout the church year, and rehearses about three weeks prior to the appointed worship service. In other words – we are episodic!

Our members ring a three-octave set of Schulmerich hand bells, and on occasion, a set of hand chimes, and sometimes utilize percussion.

WE ARE IN NEED OF NEW MEMBERS and desire to have a pool of 14 - 15 ringers. Reading and understanding music and rhythmic notation is a must.

Interested? Please contact Karen Lindbloom at 224-5292 or bolmd@pie.midco.net,

or leave your name with the church office.





Browse through the booths.

Enjoy caramel rolls and coffee for breakfast.

At lunch, treat yourself to mouthwatering homemade soup, sandwich and chips.

Plus we'll have delicious homemade pie.

PLAN TO BRING

Baked Goods (bars, cookies, breads, etc.)

Fudge & All Kinds of Candy

Crafts of All Types

Pottery

Crocheted & Knitted Items

Canned Goods, Salsa, Sauces

Jellies & Jams

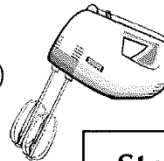
Homegrown Produce

Collectibles

Small Antiques

Gently Used Household Items

PIES PIES PIES!!!!



It's a fun day - why not bring a friend along!

Stop at the Country Fair Table in the Narthex To:

- get ideas on what to make
- sign up to bring pies and candy
- volunteer to help
- sign up as a "Baking Buddy"
- bring kitchen needs
- sign up to help with cleanup

Help Needed in Booths

We need LOTS of help in the booths. You can help for just a couple of hours, or for the entire event. Invite a friend to work in a booth with you. Sign up sheets are on the Country Fair table in the Narthex.

WHAT TO WEAR: Booth workers, wear a fall color IF you have it.

BRING ITEMS by Fri. Oct. 17

Questions? Talk to Kristy Deal (280-7004)
or Jan Larson (224-6574)

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FLC YOUTH PAGE

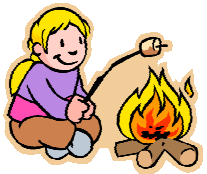
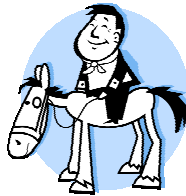


5th - 8th grade J.Y.M. 1/2 Lock-In DATE CHANGE!– The date has changed for the J.Y.M. 5th-8th grade ½ Lock-in. It is now going to be **Friday, October 17th from 7 p.m. – midnight** instead of the original published date of Friday October 3rd. The schedule is

abbreviated to accommodate the events of Country Fair and opening day of pheasant season which is happening the following morning. A 2nd J.Y.M. lock-in is in the works for the spring/summer which will last all night. The evening will include: food, games, devotions, and perhaps a schedule of activities outside of Faith. Please bring \$5 to cover the cost. Friends welcome to come as well! Please sign up on the back table in the Narthex at church and call the office 224-2216 with any questions.

Join us for **FAMILY FUN NIGHT**

Friday, October 24th at Mike and Angie Roman's house from 6:00 to 9:30. There will be hay wagon and horse rides, a pumpkin carving and decorating contest (bring your own pumpkin!) a campfire, hot dogs roasted on the fire, drinks, snacks, a devotion led by pastor



Baumann and more! Open to the congregation and especially to kids and families. Please sign up on the back table in the Narthex so we have a count on how many to expect. Address and location will be listed on the sign up on the back table of the Narthex of the church.

Sunday School and Midweek Children's Christmas programs are going to be Sunday, December 14th with the Nursery – 2nd grade program taking place at 9:45 and the 3-8th grade program at 11 o'clock. Christmas program dress rehearsals will be Saturday, Dec. 13th at 9:30 a.m. for Nursery – 2nd grade, and 11:00 for 3-8th grade. We look forward to each one of our children being able to participate in these wonderful programs about the birth of our dear Savior.



Jason Gray With Every Act of Love Tour... 6th - 8th grade JYM event... Pastor Baumann and Toni Kenefick-Aschoff will be leading a group of J.Y.M. (Junior Youth Ministry) youth to the Jason Gray Concert held here in Pierre on Sunday, November 9th. The details are as follows:

- Time: 6:30 PM (doors open 5:30 PM)
- Venue: Riggs High School Auditorium, 1010 East Broadway Pierre, SD 57501

Tickets available at Prairie Pages for \$12 General Admission and \$15 at the door. Sign-up to attend with Pastor and Toni is on the back table in the

October 5

Early: Joseph King, Wyatt Loesch

Late: Hallie Dunn, Hanna Dunn



October 12

Early: Jacob Fuerst, Nate Hill

Late: Brook Kampfe, Kailee Schultz

October 19

Early: Daniel Voita, Julia Jares

Late: Melissa Hedglin, Martee Larson

October 26

Early: Haven Kenefick-Aschoff,

Late: Cassie VanDewiele, Jessica Weber



Narthex. Youth will be asked to pay for the cost of their own tickets. We will meet at Faith at 6:00 p.m. for some ordered pizza, along with pop/water/juice and return back to Faith after the concert is done, with the plan of calling parents when we arrive back to the church. Being a school night, pastor Baumann would be willing to make the commitment to have youth back to the church by 9:45 or earlier if parent's desired. This is a great Christian concert opportunity. Check out one of Jason Gray's songs here: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=V4bB7BUxBbY>