

Faith Lutheran Church

NOVEMBER 2015 NEWSLETTER

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PIERRE, SOUTH DAKOTA 57501

All Saints' Sunday, Nov. 1

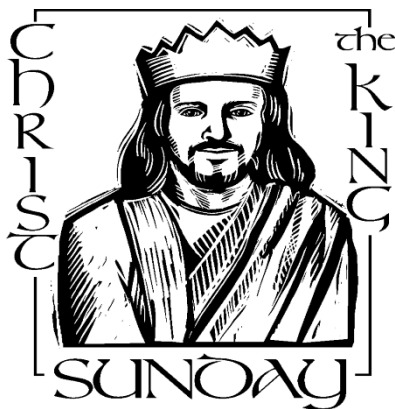
All Saints' Sunday will have special moments.

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.



Fall Mission Festival Christ the King Sunday



Sunday, Nov. 22, 2015

Our Guest Preacher:

Pastor Aaron Asmus
Memorial Lutheran,
Sioux Falls, SD

Between services Pastor Asmus will share an interesting Presentation of mission work in Peru in which he and the congregation of Memorial Lutheran are involved.

The Noon Meal

Ham & Cheesy Potatoes, with
Garlic Bread,

Beverage Provided

A-G Bring a dessert to share.

H-Z Bring a salad to share.

There will also be door prizes
given during the meal.

Come join the celebration of
Christ, our King!

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Thanksgiving

Thursday, November 26, 2015

Worship service at
10:30 a.m.



Crèche Festival

December 6, 2015

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

Not A Bother!

Greetings in the Lord! “Hey Pastor, sorry to bother you at home.” Well tuck this away, it’s never a bother, as a matter of fact that’s why I have a phone. So, wish to make that really clear.

But I wish to thank you for bothering. There are so many times I am grateful for all you do but for some reason today one particular act of love stands out—the funeral meal. The funeral day is a hard day. Once the service is over and the committal has taken place, there comes a time of food and fellowship, stories and sharing, tears and the touch of hugs and firm hand shakes. The cement that ties this family time together is food—yes cakes, cookies, bars, sandwiches, salads and casseroles. Comfort food for the bereaved. This is where the good bothering takes place. You “bother” enough to be so generous. It takes time and resources but there you all are. I see the steady lines of gifts of food coming to the kitchen. Then, another “bother” takes place. The kitchen is filled with servers and dish washers and hands cleaning up. To all of you who over the history of your life at Faith have “bothered” to care, well, an enormous THANK YOU!

Thank you as well for “bothering” to help with this

year’s Country Fair. What a mighty host of workers this takes. All the goodies, baked goods, canned goods, crafts, valuable treasures of your home which you no longer need—all the lunch and kitchen workers, all the booth workers, all the cleanup workers.

It is a wonderful interaction and the resources of finances help our community, our parish and missions.

God our Father also—

- Is not bothered when we call upon Him.
- Bothers about us.

Yes, “God so loved the world that he was not bothered to send his only Begotten Son...” Oh surely it bothered Him, for He knew what Jesus would encounter—but in love He acted out His role in seeing that we were saved.

So “bother” cuts two ways. First, we are not bothered when someone asks us to help in the needful time of life. Second, we do “bother” to care.

As you receive this letter—thank you, thank you for “bothering” to care.

God “bothers” to care for you!

The Lord be with you.



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Adventure Club Movie and Fun Night

Adventure Club Movie and Fun Night for families and youth up to 5th grade. *Parents are welcome also to this free event along with any children in the family including little ones!* Please join us Sunday, Nov. 8th in the morning for High School French Toast and in the evening for a family movie night. The 8th will give us plenty of opportunities to encourage family bonding and activities together. Our movie is going to be: “*Robin Good and His not so Merry Men*” “A long time ago, in the faraway town of Bethlingham, roved a band of merry men, led by the fearless Robin Good. Their mission: to help people by fundraising from the rich and giving to the poor! But when a greedy Prince starts stealing the townspeople’s hams, donations are down and Robin’s friends take off and decide to give robbing from the rich a try. Feeling rejected, Robin thinks things can’t get any worse, until he finds out that the ham-hoarding Prince has also captured his friends. Can Robin overcome his own hurt, rescue his friends and restore the townspeople’s hope? Find out in this fun Veggie story where kids learn that no hurt is too big for God!”

So, please join us at Faith Lutheran Church on Sunday, Nov. 8th from 5:00-6:30 pm in the afternoon in Jon’s Place! **For those who are unsure of where Jon’s Place is located, directions will be posted as you enter through the main doors of the building. There will be popcorn, pizza, garlic bread, drinks, snacks, and treats. Please sign-up on the back table in the Narthex. Parents are welcomed and encouraged to stay and attend! Friends are welcome too! Hope to see you there with us.**

Youth for Christ

Growing up, my life revolved around the church, or so it seemed. No, I wasn't a Pastor's kid, but my childhood was filled with what was a "church life" filled with Christian activities. I attended a Lutheran grade school, Lutheran high school, a Lutheran college, and a Lutheran Seminary. Since my home congregation was not connected to the Lutheran grade school I attended, I had the (*forced*) privilege of taking confirmation twice, once at school during the day, and once at evening at my home congregation where I was confirmed. I was involved in youth group, did faith activities at Sheboygan Lutheran High, attended Christian retreats, mowed our church cemetery for two summers, helped clean the church building twice a year, and I even spent 2 summers working as a Lutheran camp counselor (Camp Lutherhaven in ID, and Camp Lutherhoma in OK) in our Lutheran camp system. These experiences were truly formative in God leading me to full time ministry, and truly formative in shaping me as a Christ follower and as a Christian man.

My goal in youth ministry is to keep our young people connected to Christ. Your involvement as parents in that process is crucial. When we walk, talk, sit, play games, go on trips, eat together, do fundraisers, etc., the question becomes: "How is Jesus a part of everything that we do? Is our life surrounded by Him and is it a life lived for Him?" Mine seemed like it was. The constant opportunity to be taught and brought into a Christian understanding was so crucial

in my upbringing. My siblings and I were not allowed to take Sundays off from church when we were young. My dad ensured that we made it to Sunday School and worship. Eventually we quit misbehaving in church. My dad could have taken the easy road and just not made us go, but he didn't! Thanks be to God!

So what are some ways we can encourage our youth to be Christ followers, to be connected to Christ each and every day? First off, set the example. Be the model by which your own children and the youth of the church can imitate. Next, plug them into church activities with other youth. Want them to participate in church sponsored activities? I know that I do! Well then, let's get their friends involved. Friends are always welcomed at Faith Lutheran events. Having a prior heads up so we can plan for them is always good! The likelihood of youth attending church sponsored events dramatically increases when their friends engage in the activities with them. Also, encourage worship participation. Here's the deal, there's a good chance youth aren't going to want to attend worship on their own. So, set the expectation from early on that this is just what we do as a family-stick to your guns and start early. May God bless you in the holy calling you have as parents to *train a child up in the way she/he should go.*

In Christ's Love,

Pastor Joshua Baumann

Pastor Baumann

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Official Acts

Baptisms

Bridger Michael Tobin
Taya Elizabeth Dozier
Rachel Jean Dozier
Kelly Knight

Weddings

Kendra Ott & Ronn Beyer
Elizabeth Fredrich & Shawn Lyons
Jason Buxcel & Brittany Heller

New Members

Kelly Knight
Jessi Speck and children
Trey, Alyson, & Shaylee
Jennifer Larson & Nina
Katie Thompson and children
Taylor & Ty
Jan Mammenga
Emmett & Samantha Shields
Doug Miller
Stacy Martinmaas and children
Dayna, Ethan & Wyatt
Travis & Courtney Jordan
Liz Chrisp

Funerals

Doris Ivanoff
Elsie Berg



CHURCHES FOR *Life!*

NOURISHING CHURCHES AS GOSPEL-DRIVEN CHAMPIONS OF LIFE

Life Team News!

Our Mission Statement:

"The Life Team of Faith Lutheran exists to equip our Church as a scriptural-based, gospel driven, life affirming people."

Since our last newsletter entry the team has:

- Collected diapers and wipes for Birthright of Pierre, Missouri Shores, and the Pantry;
- Held a bake sale for Pastor Bucklew and his family, victims of a tornado this past spring;
- Observed Pregnancy and Infant Loss Day on October 15 with a come and go prayer vigil and a Vespers Service that evening; and
- Is launching an *Adopt a Grand-parent Project*. The Life

UGANDA WATER PROJECT RUMMAGE SALE A rummage sale is being planned for November 6 and 7 in the CFLC at Faith, with **all proceeds** going to the two water projects underway in Uganda at Compassion centers UG 253 (borehole well) and UG 261 (rainwater collection and storage system). The sale will run from 5-8 pm Friday night and from 8-2 on Saturday. If you have items to donate for the sale (household goods, toys, clothes, tools, etc.), you may bring them to the gym the afternoon of Friday, November 6th; there will also be a trailer in the parking lot, open during the day, which will be available for drop-off of sale items for at least a week prior to the 6th. A sign-up sheet will be on the oak table in the entry at church for anyone who would like to help set up, clean up, or during the sale. Please contact Shannon Zeeb (605-695-6030) or Annette Hill (224-0884) if you have questions.

Team is paring up certain elderly individuals (identified by our Pastors) from the congregation with mid-week classes. The team will provide cards during Thanksgiving, Christmas, and Easter for the students to write notes in or draw pictures. The team will facilitate this and make sure the cards are received by the individuals. Birthdays may also be added to this list provided we are able to obtain that information. ***God values life from conception to natural death and we hope this action demonstrates that value and respect to our youth as well as be a blessing to the elderly individuals.*** Parents

are welcome and encouraged to facilitate outside involvement between their youth and the individuals assigned to the class if they wish.

FINALLY "have you noticed the wonderful art work on the Thrivent Bulletin Board lately! The Life Team will continue to use this space for events and information. Check it out!

Blessings! Faith Lutheran
Life Team



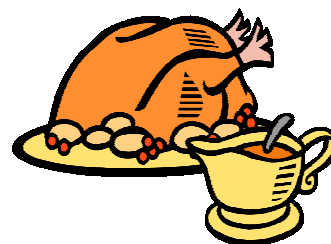
Forever Young Thanksgiving Feast

Please join us November 20th at high noon for our Annual Forever Young Thanksgiving Meal.

The turkey, mashed potatoes, dressing and gravy will be provided. Bring a dish to share.

We will enjoy some thanksgiving songs along with our monthly birthday and anniversary songs.

November 20
High Noon



Crèche Festival

Sunday, December 6

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

Faith Ev. Lutheran Church

Live Nativity

at 3:00 p.m.

Let's start thinking ahead!

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Experiencing the Joy of Generosity



November 1st we will begin a three-week stewardship emphasis titled *“Experiencing the Joy of Generosity.”* This will be an exciting and beneficial three weeks of sermon messages and Bible studies. We believe this program will be a blessing to those who already are experiencing the joy of being generous with the gifts God has given to them, and we hope and pray that this effort will help many more experience the joy that comes from giving faithfully and generously.

When we give to God through giving to our church and others, we experience one of the true joys of being

Christians. Jesus said, *“It is more blessed to give than to receive”* (Acts 20:35). God doesn’t need our gifts, but He asks us to give them. He accepts and uses them and gives us joy in sharing them. As we respond to God’s love for us by giving back to Him part of what He’s given to us, He reacts by giving us even more. *“Give, and it will be given to you. Good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be put into your lap. For with the measure you use it will be measured back to you”* (Luke 6:38). Although we don’t give so that we will receive God’s blessings, God’s Word promises us that, when we give faithfully and willingly, we will receive an abundance of spiritual blessings and, for some, material blessings as well.

Have you ever wondered why you are left with such a joyful feeling when you are able to give a gift to your church or to help a person in need? The answer to that question may be rooted in us as Christians who are being recreated in the image of God. To be made in God’s image means we

are made to be like Him whose nature is to give. Giving helps us feel fulfilled as we reflect His nature. Although the image of God was lost by sin, as those converted by faith in Jesus, we *“have put on the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge after the image of its creator”* (Colossians 3:10). Our Creator empowers us to give joyfully to our church and others according to His will. With this attitude of joyful gratitude, God keeps us close to Him, and others see His image through us.

Our pursuit for fulfillment and joy culminates in the discovery that we receive those things when, by God’s grace, we respond with eagerness to God’s directive to give. Like David, we exclaim, *“But who [are we]...that we should be able thus to offer willingly? For all things come from You, and of Your own have we give You”* (1 Chronicles 29; 14).

We hope and pray that the emphasis *“Experiencing the Joy of Generosity”* will be a blessing to you and your family.

You Did It Again!

As we paid our October 1, 2015 regular building payment of \$5,395.00 from our General Fund budget, we were also able to make one additional payment.

Therefore, we have made:

- ⇒ 142 advance payments
- ⇒ Saved \$525,300.95 in interest
- ⇒ Our principal on our \$1,000,000 loan has been reduced \$515,380.69

Insights

- ◇ We have now saved more interest on our loan than the balance

due. We have accomplished in just five years since our first payment in July 2010, saving over 50% of the total interest and reduced the principal nearly in half.

- ◇ An advance payment means when we can make an additional payment of principal, we save the interest on that principal payment.
- ◇ Every month it takes a little more to do an advance payment as we get deeper into our payment schedule
- ◇ For example, in our next as-

signed payment the principal is \$3,623.38 and the interest is \$1,771.62.

- ◇ Compare this to our very first payment in July 2010 when our principal was \$1,683.22 and our interest was \$4,152.78.

YES INDEED!
YOU DID IT AGAIN!



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WALK AS CHILDREN OF LIGHT

"For you were once darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Live as children of light, (for the fruit of the light consists in all goodness, righteousness and truth) and find out what pleases the Lord."

Ephesians 5:8-10

The themes of light and darkness are prominent throughout the Bible. Darkness symbolizes Satan's evil domain and the sinful deeds of those who do not obey God. It also represents the spiritual ignorance of those whose sin has blinded their eyes from the light of God's truth. However, darkness is not necessarily a bad thing to avoid. It is during the darkness of night that we sleep and regain strength for the next day. Darkness can bring with it a quiet solitude, a time of relaxation and reflection. I often find myself praying in the dark. Jesus was even born in the darkness of night.

I want to walk as a child
of the light,

I want to follow Jesus.

God set the stars to give light to the
world.

The star of my life is Jesus.

One of the most common childhood fears is fear of the dark. Darkness represents the unknown, and we all feel a need to see. The sun and the moon and the stars illuminate the earth. The security of a nightlight in a child's bedroom is a calming presence. As adults, we need to see what we are doing and where we are going. When night falls, we turn on the lights in our homes so we don't stumble or fall

down. Flashlights and streetlights cast light on our paths. The headlights on our vehicles show us where the road leads.

I want to see the brightness
of God,

I want to look at Jesus.

Clear Sun of Righteousness, shine on
my path,

And show me the way to
the Father.

The author of Ephesians tells us we need to be lights in the world of darkness. We need to be lighted with the spirit of Jesus Christ and let His holy light shine within us and through us to all the people throughout the world. Have you ever heard the saying, "If everyone lit just one little candle..." Last December, Pierre Latin teacher, Jay Mickelson, entertained several of us in his home following a concert. The Mickelson Christmas tree featured real candles, and Jay proceeded to light them all. The living room lights were turned off, and Mr. Mick led us in singing "Silent Night." The light from the tree illuminated the entire room, and following the singing of the carol, everyone fell silent to the brilliant candlelight. Jay instructed us to extinguish the candles according to German tradition – beginning at the bottom of the tree, each guest put out a candle until only the candle at the top of the tree remained lit.

In Him there is no
darkness at all.

The night and the day
are both alike.

The Lamb is the light of
the city of God.

Shine in my heart, Lord Jesus.

What if everyone did light one little candle with the light of the Spirit of Christ the Lord? What a bright place the world would become! It would be illuminated with the brilliance of glory! And the light would be the goodness, the righteousness and the truth of Jesus!

Karen Lindbloom

A Message from Holy Cross in Onida

Pastor Edwards has accepted a call to Rapid City. We will be hosting a farewell supper and would like to invite the people at Faith.

Here are the details:

Community Farewell for
Luke and Gina Edwards,
Abram and Olivia

Sunday, November 1
5:00 p.m. at the
Sully County Phoenix Center

BBQ's provided, please bring
a salad or dessert to share.

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Faith Lutheran Daycare News

Greetings, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, from Faith Lutheran Daycare! The children are excited about the change in season and getting to play outside in the nice breezy autumn days. During Circle time this month, we are having fun learning about Isaac's blessing, Jacob's dream, when Jacob and Esau met again, and Joseph's colorful robe.

We have received some very generous donations to the center recently. One of which, The Good Shepherd Room is receiving a new painted theme. This room is used as one of our toddler rooms and our nap room. The children have enjoyed watching as the room comes to life in a new color with a safari theme. A group of high school students have been hired to do the safari painting in the

room. The donations are greatly appreciated! We receive gifts of all items and monetary form from families and we are grateful for all the thoughtfulness that goes into donating to our center. Thank you for the thoughtful members of our church family, board members, parents, and friends in the community!

The Halloween party is scheduled for Friday October 30th. This is an all-day event! The children, staff, and visitors are encouraged to dress up and bring spooky fun snacks for the party. Please let Katie or Deb know if you would be interested in being involved in the activities.

November will bring learning about Moses' life and many more crafts and projects for the season. Feel free to view some of the crafts on display

in and around the daycare all times of the year. The children are all so proud of their projects!

Please continue to keep the daycare in your prayers as we strive to provide the best childcare possible. If you have any craft items (specifically old color crayons that we can melt into new crayons), pictures to color, or your time, let Katie know. We will make use of every resource offered. As always, Dakotamart receipts, box tops for education, and Campbell's labels are always greatly appreciated and offer service to Faith Lutheran Church, our preschool and our Daycare programs. Have a great November!

Katie Barrer/Director



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 visited with us about fire safety. Pastor Baumann told us about Jesus and what our pastor does. Rachel Aamold, Tina Ottenbacher and Olivia Lewis talked to us about germs and vaccinations. We learned about dental health from Deb Bumann; the Pierre police department 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 were 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.

In November we will be going to the Cultural Heritage Museum, talking about Native American Culture, decorating a large tipi, learning about pray-

er 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/Teacher
Faith Lutheran Preschool
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FAITH LUTHERAN YOUTH PAGE

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.



Sunday School and Midweek Children's Christmas programs are going to be Sunday, December 13th with the Nursery – 3rd grade program taking place at 9:45 and the 4-8th grade program at 11 o'clock. Christmas program dress rehearsals will be Saturday, Dec. 12th from 9:30-11 a.m. for Nursery – 3rd grade, and from 11:00-12:30 p.m. for 4-8th grades.

Reminder Our Nursery through 4th grade Sunday School youth will be singing at the 11 o'clock worship service on Sunday, November 15. Thank you for allowing your child the opportunity to grace God and our worship of Him with cheerful songs of praise from our youth.

Reminder LYF: (Lutheran Youth Fellowship) Meets Wednesdays at 8:00 p.m. at Faith Lutheran. Any and all high school youth are welcome to come! Typically meets in Jon's Place.

November Acolytes



November 1

Early: Sammie Axtell, Cassie Axtell
Late: Emily Haberling, Brady Hoftiezer

November 8

Early: Jordan Thompson, Zane Schuchard
Late: Austin Mammenga, Sam Overturf

November 15

Early: Samuel and Cassandra Ryckman
Late: Adam Schochenmaier, Brooke Kampfe

November 22

Early: Ethan Hill and Nate Hill
Late: Kenzie Trujillo, Trevor Hayes

November 26 Thanksgiving

10:30 Damon Hoftiezer, Brady Hoftiezer

November 29

Early: Pacen Banuat, Austin Fawcett
Late: Tucker Berens, Trevor Penrod



N.Y.G. fundraisers which are coming up, include our N.Y.G. Breakfast Fundraiser Sunday, Nov. 8 in the gym in between services, which we kindly invite the entire congregation to join us for! Texas French toast once again!

IN CHRIST ALONE!!! 2016 National Youth Gathering in New Orleans, LA July 16-20

We have roughly 34 youth and adult participants going to New Orleans for the 2016 gathering. Praise God for this remarkable opportunity to stand on Christ Alone in New Orleans! Fundraisers to follow in the months ahead! A listing will be coming your way in the near future.

Transportation, including: costs for travel (which are the youth's responsibility) & itinerary for our travel. Tickets out of Rapid are about \$480 per person which is better than last Gathering's rate of \$540 per person. We will most likely leave Thursday, July 14th in the evening to head out to Rapid City.

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