

Faith Ev. Lutheran Church

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2017 July/August Newsletter

Circuit Bible Camp

Who: This event is open to any youth who will be heading into 5th grade and also to any youth who are going into 9th grade.

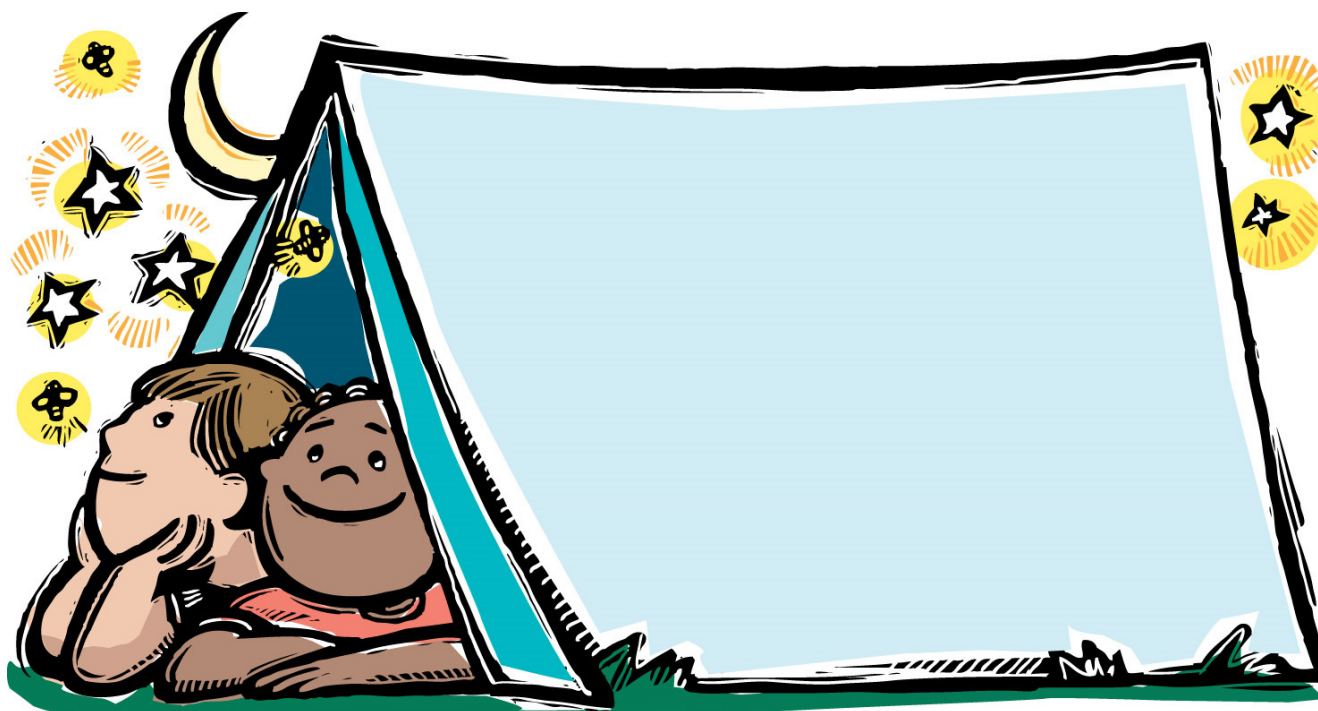
What: Circuit Bible Camp will be July 17-20 in Valentine, Nebraska and includes tubing on the Niobrara for those heading into 5th grade through those heading into 9th grade.

When: The dates for Circuit Bible Camp are: Monday, July 20-23 under the theme: *"Take Up Your Cross and Follow Me."*

Where: Smith Falls State Park in Valentine, NE

How Much? Registration costs, which includes: meals, campsite stay, and a day tubing on the Niobrara will be \$90 for the week to

cover expenses. Faith is offering \$30 scholarships to any participant looking to attend camp to help offset costs. Please pre-register for this event. Registration sheets can be found in the church office along with a medical release form to be completed and returned to the church office.



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“For I know the plans I have for you,” declares the Lord, “plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.” (Jeremiah 29:10)

Do me a favor. As you read this article, take out a piece of paper and jot down the word “strategic.” Now draw a horizontal line and write the words “planning, visioning, thinking, and conversation.” Next draw a vertical line from the word “strategic” and write the words “situation, method, and action.” As you ponder what you just wrote, what comes to mind? Do your thoughts gravitate toward the phrase, “something I see” or “something that falls short?”

In this this month’s article, I’d like to examine the topic of strategic planning within the Christian church. What role does planning take? Is it even a biblical concept? Good questions!

First, what role does planning take? Should it even have a role in the church? You might find it interesting that, by principle and by example, God’s Word establishes strategic planning as one of the ways God enables His people to accomplish the commission He has given. As I will demonstrate in the next paragraphs, there are a number of leaders in Scripture who thought and acted strategically. Yes, strategic planning is found in Scripture and, therefore, an argument can be made for its role within the church.

Second, do we have a biblical foundation for the concept of strategic planning, or is it something we have taken from the secular business model and applied to our churches to examine some biblical figures and the role planning had on their ministries.? To answer this question, I would like

Moses—Soon after God established Moses as the leader of Israel, did Moses realize the enormity of the task. Taking the advice of his father-in-law, Jethro, Moses established a God-ordained plan—a strategy—for dealing with the issue. Jethro taught Moses how to set up a strategic plan by delegating the work so that the load would be spread among many. As a result, the manpower resources were used more effectively and the ministry was accomplished.

David—David was a strategic thinker from early on. It was not his might or strong armor that defeated Goliath, but it was a God-given strategy that pinpointed the weakness of his enemy. Later, as David grew into mighty military leader, he used strategy to defeat the enemies of Israel. Since David needed men who could think and plan strategically, God gave him the men of Issachar “who had understanding of the times, to know what Israel ought to do” (1 Chron. 12:32).

Paul—As a key player in establishing the early church, St. Paul had a strategy. Paul chose key cities in which to establish bases for ministry. He chose cities where he might have the greatest influence on the largest number of people. For example, Paul, a Roman citizen, chose the city of Philippi because it was a Roman Colony and a leading city in the area (Acts 16:12). He also chose Ephesus because it was the gateway to Asia Minor (Acts 19:10).

Jesus—Even Jesus operated the ministry given to Him with a strategy. In the account of the Canaanite woman of Matthew 15, Jesus reveals the “House of Israel First” strategy. A strategy confirmed later on by St. Paul in Romans 1:16. Early on in His ministry, Jesus recruited His leadership, developed them, and then sent them out with the strategy to witness “in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth” (Acts 1:8). Ultimately, God’s strategy to win us back took Him to the cross, the empty tomb, the appearances, and the ascension whereby He sends the Spirit. Jesus Christ knew the Father’s plan to provide redemption for us long before He left heaven to carry it out.

I would like to conclude this article with a word of warning. Solomon writes in Proverbs 19:21, “Many are the plans in the mind of a man, but it is the purpose of the LORD that will stand.” Ultimately, any plans we have must be done with the guidance of God’s Word and prayer. God’s purpose and guidance is a key element that distinguishes church planning with that of the more secular planning models.

The concept of strategic planning is a biblical concept and can help a congregation effectively and efficiently use its God-given resources to their maximum potential. When done



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Dear Friends and Members of Faith Lutheran,

Summer Greetings in Christ!

Growth—We desire it. We expect it. We benefit from it. My father-in-law always used to say: “If you aren’t growing, you’re dying!” At the beginning of our South Dakota summer, things outside were brown and dying because of the lack of rain. It’s easy to see how the equation works... no rain, no growth. The grass seemed to be scorched, and we had barely made it to June! If there’s one thing I’ve learned from my time in South Dakota, it’s that the grass *needs* to grow. We depend on the spring rains to help grow the grass, as do the cattle, the pheasants, and even the firefighters as it helps to reduce the wildfire potential. So many things depend on the grass growing.

The Scriptures even mention growth about our Lord Jesus in St. Luke 2:52 “*And Jesus grew in wisdom and stature, and in favor with God and men.*”

And so too, in these past 4 months, I’ve had an opportunity to grow. Yes, I’ve grown in my ministry partnership with Pastor Rajek. (We are doing extremely well together and have made a good team!) Yes, I’ve grown in my leadership skills as I’ve served as Pastoral Counselor in the LWML South Dakota District and as the President of the Pierre/Ft. Pierre Ministerial Association. And yes, oh yes, I’ve probably had too many Kuchen this past winter and grown that way too! But I know for certain that I’ve grown as a Pastor

and caregiver as well.

This past winter and spring, the congregation blessed me with the opportunity to take what is called a *CPE Course*. That stands for: *Clinical Pastoral Education*. I was able to take a unit of *CPE* through Avera St. Mary’s Hospital here in Pierre. What is it? *CPE* is a nationally recognized clinical pastoral education program geared specifically for pastors to teach and train them to be better spiritual caregivers to members and patients they visit. In class, we took a look at the visits we did and reflected on, “What went right? What went wrong?” We did written verbatim reports and chronicled a lot of our experiences. It was also helpful that we got to tour the SD women’s prison and see the world from a different perspective.

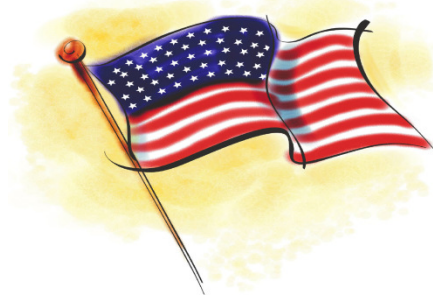
I met with a class of 3 other students from all over the state, and with an instructor from Sioux Falls for over a period of 20 weeks. We invested 100 hours into the classroom portion and a separate 300 outside hours into visits, study, and care of members. I would like to say, that after tallying up my visitation and chaplain hours, it was not difficult to reach the 300 necessary hours like I thought it was going to be. Just about all of them fell into my regular pastoral care routine.

Some of the tools I gained were: being able to be a better listener and reflecting back thoughts and expressions I heard and picked up on, I also discovered more about

myself and what sorts of judgments or biases I am prone to make in regards to how I view things from my background and context. I learned to not come into every situation on a “higher” level of feeling than the patient, but rather to come into things “low.” My same joy and excitement at the birth and gift of life, may not be the same joy and excitement a mother is experiencing who has just had hard labor and potentially life-threatening complications. I would want to tailor a prayer that is more congruent with where she is at and come in “low” to meet her there.

It was my goal through this course to develop my pastoral counseling skills. The course helped me to see what types of boundaries are helpful and necessary to make in ministry. In class, we discussed the difference between shame and guilt. (Guilt-what you feel for something you did. Shame-what you feel for what others or circumstances have done to you. Guilt is what I do, shame is what I am.) It was interesting to learn that shame if not dealt with will turn into rage. I learned more about death and dying, family systems theory, being vulnerable as a

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IT'S ALL IN THE TIMING

“There is a time for everything, and a season for every activity under heaven.”

Ecclesiastes 3:1

The universe is ordered by time; the seasons are ordered by time; our lives are ordered by time; in fact, everything around us is measured by time. Time is basically every moment that has ever been or ever will be. It is a system of measuring duration; a period of which something exists or happens; a set period or term; a designated instant, day, week or year; a repeated occasion.

There are 60 minutes in an hour; 24 hours in a day; seven days in a week; 52 weeks in a year. No more, no less. Time never stops. The sun rises and sets at a precise time. We celebrate the years in our lives; the anniversaries of the day we were married; holidays occur at the same time every year. The workday begins at a designated time; school starts at a given time; worship services commence at certain times; concerts and movies, as well as our favorite television shows begin at a given time. We make dates and appointments at specific times. Even athletic events are set to time: periods, innings, quarters and halves; some right down to the minute and second.

Music is set to time – originally taken from the heartbeat. Musical notation is a magical language all its own, made up of different kinds of notes on a staff. Each note has a name and a duration, meaning how long it should be held. A time signature precedes all the notes. The top number tells the musician how many beats occur in a given measure, and the bottom note indicates what kind of note is the unit of the beat. The conductor will establish a tempo and the musicians will sing or play together. Keeping time ensures accuracy for an ensemble.

The Christian liturgical year is made up of time periods. Most of the seasons of the Christian Church Year are organized around the two major festivals that mark sacred time, Christmas and Easter. Presently, the period of time following Pentecost until Advent, is called Ordinary Time – or as I called it when I was younger, “Green Time.” That was because the liturgical color for that season was green. This time period generally focuses on and emphasizes the mission of the church to the world and its responsibility in carrying out that mission. That mission extends to Reformation Sunday and All Saints Sunday by celebrating our Lutheran heritage and the faithfulness of those saints who went before us.

Then there is God’s timing. “With the Lord one day is as a thousand years and a thousand years as one day.” (2 Peter 3:8) We need to remain totally dependent on God, and be patient. Ever wonder why your prayers seem to go unanswered? God is never in a hurry, but he is always on time. When we look at all the evil in the world – wars, violence, horrific crimes and natural disasters – we may wonder why Jesus doesn’t come back now. Why does He delay? Why hasn’t He returned yet? God has perfect timing; never early and never late. “But when the time had fully come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under the law, to redeem those under the law, that we might receive the full rights of sons.” (Galatians 4:4) It’s all in the timing!

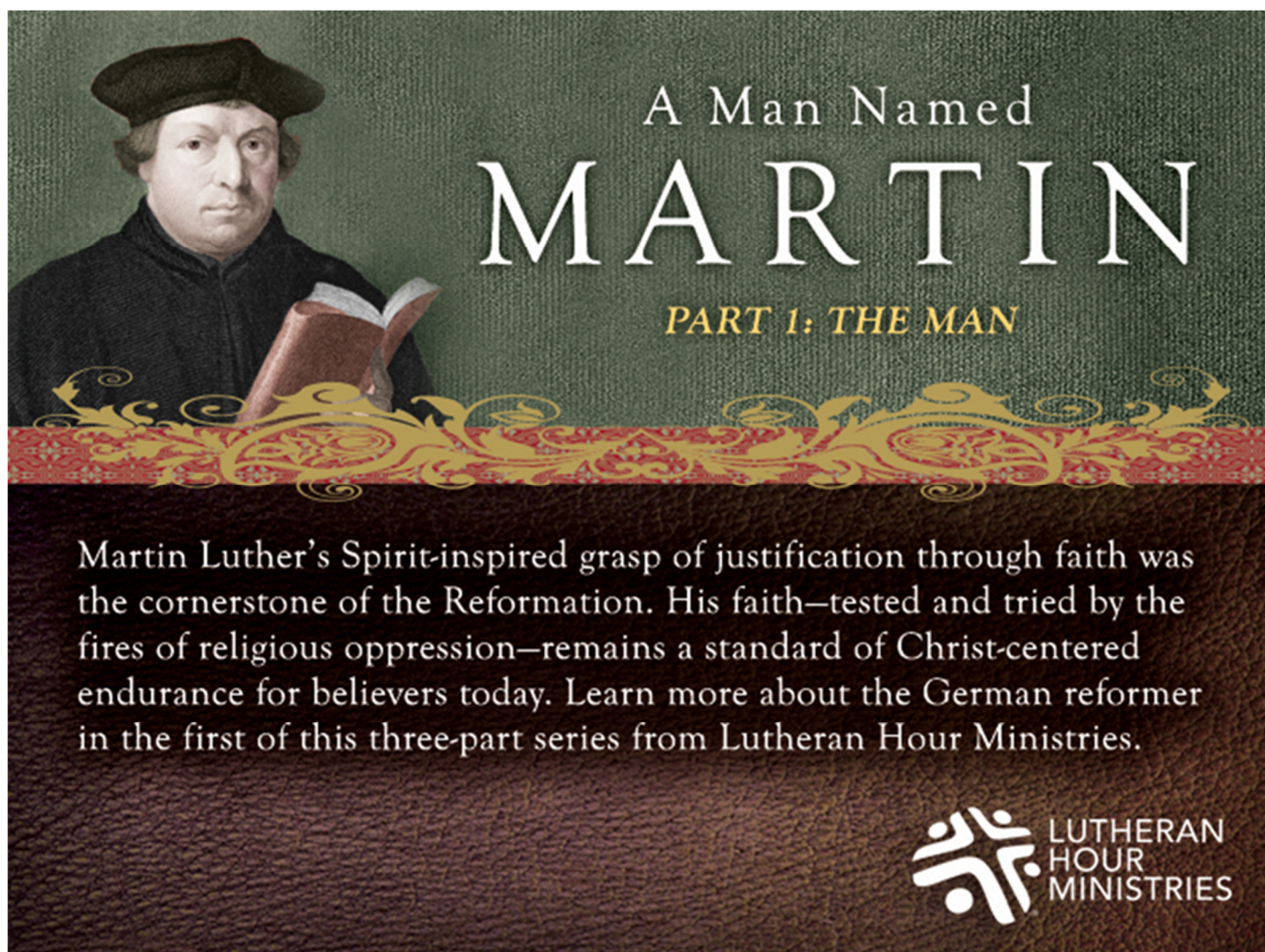


“Your name, O Lord, endures forever, your renown, O Lord, through all generations.”

Psalms 135:13

Karen Lindbloom

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A Man Named Luther

The influence and impact of Luther's life is the stuff of serious study. As a forlorn sinner feeling lost and desperate before a stern and exacting Judge, Luther desponded of all hope for eternity. But as one who came to cling to the Spirit-delivered truths of justification by faith and the liberty believers experience by God's grace, he rebounded to become a triumphant ambassador for the Gospel.

The details of Luther's life -- his childhood with his parents Hans and Margaret, his university pursuits, his decision to become a monk, his protestation of Catholic practices, his voluminous and erudite scholastic output, his life in hiding, and his roles as husband and father -- are all considered in this study. *A Man Named Martin* is a fresh and explorative look at an individual who, down through the centuries, has increased in importance and vitality to the Christian church.

To this day, Luther's staunch faith and the extent of his outreach, remain a standard for Christ-

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Dear Friends...

pastor and meeting others in their vulnerability, how to handle interruptions, and how to identify Biblical and Psychosocial themes in pastoral care. I also learned the importance of helping the member or patient to “*will one thing*,” meaning, helping them to identify and work toward accomplishing one goal in their counseling session, or in their interactions with me as a Pastor. We identify and pick one goal together. This comes through asking the right questions and providing the safe space for someone to share their feelings. Some examples of questions we were taught to explore and ask are: “What’s it been like for you...”, or “I’m curious to know how it feels to be away from your family and home, can you tell me a little more about that?”, or “What’s been the most difficult or hardest part of this for you?”, and “What sorts of things make you *afraid/angry/upset?*”

All in all, the class was truly beneficial and formative for my pastoral care in ministry. In fact, the *May Reporter* featured an article on *CPE*, sharing about what it is and how there will be an online training beginning in July. I don’t think I have another 400 hours to squeeze into that one at this point, but it is worth the time in my opinion! So, from the bottom of my heart, thank you once again for the wonderful support, financial and verbal, to participate in this opportunity of growth and for being able to share back with you a small piece of what I learned.

Grace + Peace be Yours in Christ,

Pastor Joshua Baumann

Pastor Baumann



Forever Young



Who are we? We are a group of busy “Seniors” mostly retired who gather once a month for a fine meal and great conversation!

Qualifications? Laugh, chat and enjoy the company of others.

July and August Events!

July 21 (that’s the third Thursday) at high noon, its our 4th of July party. Hot dogs with the fixin’s and ice cream and the toppings provided. Bring a dish to share.

August 18 (that’s the third Thursday) at 5:30. It’s the annual Forever Young Fish Fry. Keep in mind that we always need fish donations to make this possible. Join Cordell Costar and his highly skilled cooking staff for a great evening of food and fellowship. Bring a dish to share.



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Diaper Derby



The **Diaper Derby** has concluded and the Faith Life Team thanks everyone who contributed. The *Birth Right of Pierre, Pierre Area Referral Services (PARS)*, and *Missouri Shores* are all very appreciative of these donations. We gathered together as a congregation **5724 wipes** and **3192 diapers!**

A heartfelt thanks to everyone who donated diapers and wipes. Thanks also to those who loaned us their wagons in which to collect the diapers and wipes.

Deuteronomy 15:11 reminds us: *There will always be poor people in the land. Therefore I command you to be openhanded toward your fellow Israelites who are poor and needy in your land."*

God's blessings on you all!

Velda Bartel

VBS Thank You



Thank you VBS Volunteers! – Pastor Baumann and the Congregation of Faith Lutheran can't thank you enough for your energy and commitment to helping out with Vacation Bible School this year. Thanks for all your support in so many ways!

The Various Boards: Education, Missions, Fellowship, Elders (Served

Meals)

The Congregation for Craft Donations, Snack Donations, Help Decorating, & Use of the Facility.

Adult Helpers and Volunteers in Each of the Groups.

The Middle School and Youth Volunteers in Each of the Groups.

Music Helpers: Jeanne Schweigert, Judith Miller, and Mike Vasilie

Craft Leaders: Paula Tronvold, Dawn Koch

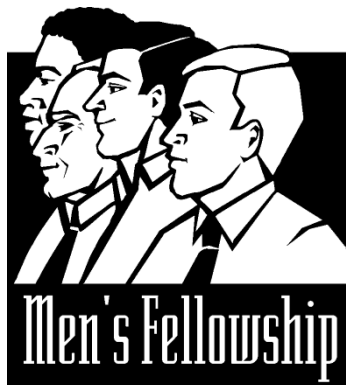
Snack Leaders: Deb Hepper, Kathleen Monfore

Storyteller: LeRoy Kropuenske

Bible Challenge: Tony Neyhart

Masking Tape Decorations: Tony Neyhart, Molly Neyhart

AND ALL OTHERS THAT CONTRIBUTED IN ANY WAY.... THANK YOU SO MUCH!!!



Men's Fellowship

Our Men's Fellowship group will take the next two months off and will resume meetings again the second Monday in September, the 11th at

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7:00 pm. We will be playing Dartball. Please bring a snack to share.



To My Brothers and Sisters at Faith:

You are truly a blessing! (Prov. 10:7) I want like to thank all who helped me and my family move. I've often spoke with Jenny of the generosity of the people of Faith I experienced while on vicarage. Well, last week Saturday, she was able to witness it firsthand. For this I glorify God and praise Him for blessing my life with all of you. I pray God's wonderful blessings upon you and your family as together we continue this journey of serving Him.

In Christ's Love,

Pastor Cory





Dear Faith family, Wow! Words cannot begin to express how surprised and humbled I was by your very generous gift of the Bible Lands Tour! I am very excited to hear that Dr. Paul Meyer is leading the group! Your gift has made this dream trip possible! Thank you so very much to all who contributed!! Your gift was so much more than I ever dreamed! You are an amazing and wonderful family - so very blessed to have been able to serve you for so many years! I am looking forward to reporting back to you about our experience! God's blessings to each of you! In Christ's love,
Jan Larson



Official Acts

Weddings

Cody Nilson & Jessica Blackmore
Taylor Brock & Bethany Dahl
Grady Brodrecht & Caitlin Eckhert

Funerals

Julian Olson
Benjamin Shoup



Caretakers Wanted

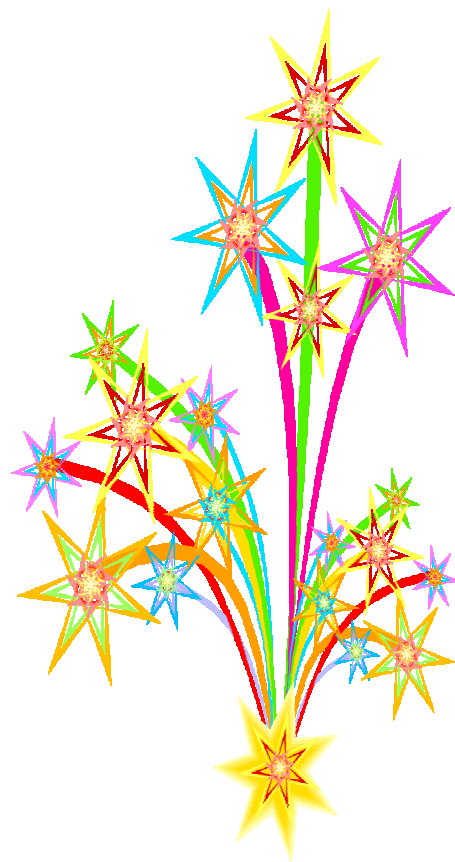
Faith is looking for volunteers who would be willing to help Jay with watering the flowers and the occasional weeding that needs to occur to keep our campus looking its best. Please contact the office at 224-2216 or let Jay know when you see him if you are willing to take on this task. Several volunteers would be optimal so you can take turns and it does not become a tedious, menial, or unpleasant task. Thanks!



LWML August Fun Night

Attention Women of Faith:

The LWML August Fun Night is coming up later this summer! Plan now to attend this fun evening of fellowship laughter and prizes! We will be having an evening meal at **McClelland's Restaurant in Fort Pierre at 6:00**. Details about this event will be in the bulletin closer to the actual day. Set aside **Monday, August 14th** and be thinking about who you can invite to share a girl's night out with fellow sisters in Christ!



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Interested in Leading a Bible Study at Faith?

Let us know your thoughts.

Please speak with Pastor Baumann about the possibility of leading a fall or winter study for next year.

Grow in God's Word

Please return completed form back to the church office.
Thanks!



Bible Study Intention Form

Bible Study Leader Names): _____

Day of the week you wish to have the Bible study on: _____

Range of Dates Bible Study will be held (approximates are okay too.) i.e. it's a *6 week fall Bible study*; or something like *Wednesday, October 6th through Wednesday November 17th* etc.

Times (e.g. 6-7p.m. every Thursday): _____

Location where study will be held (room/address): _____

Target group (men's study/women's study/high school youth/mature believers with extensive Bible knowledge/married couples etc.)

Quantity of workbooks: _____

Description of what the study will be (something pastor can work with to put in our bulletin/newsletter/or other print) so people know what it is about.

Please speak with pastor for a catalogue or direction on potential Bible studies if need be.

Cost per person if there is one-TBD

*Please Return to Pastor Baumann by: AUGUST 1st.

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Acolyte Schedule July/August 2017

Colossians 3:17 "And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through Him."

July 2

Early: Elliot Leif, Ethan Hill

Late: Emily Haberling, Nathan Haberling

July 9

Early: Hannah Lingle, Megan Pease

Late: Tucker Berens, Jacob Larson

July 16

Early: Sammie Axtell, Dayna Martinmaas

Late: Chris Schultz, Kailee Schultz

July 23

Early: Michael VanDeWiele, Hannah Schochenmaier

Late: Ajaye Hicks, Britney Hicks

July 30

Early: Melissa Hedglin, Lane Hedglin

Late: Austin Fawcett, Jayden Nickerson

August 6

Early: Ladd Kramme, Lane Kramme

Late: Kenzie Trujillo, Paige Brandt

August 13

Early: Cassandra Ryckman, Jonathan Geuther

Late: Becca Norris, Bailey Siebrasse

August 20

Early: Andrew Axdahl, Carson Tschetter

Late: Kamden Carter, Kaycee Carter

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

Midweek Parent's Meeting for Wednesday, September 6th!!! There will be a parent's meeting **Wednesday, September 6th** for parents of Midweek students in grades 2-8. At least one parent or guardian is expected to attend. The parent's meeting is 6:30 p.m. at Faith in the church sanctuary. Youth are not required to attend, just one of their parents or legal guardians. This is an opportunity to ask questions, meet teachers, see rooms, pay for materials, and cover expectations for the year.

RALLY DAY – Sunday, September 10th! Join us at Faith Lutheran on this special Sunday as we celebrate the start of Sunday School, watch the special moment when 2nd graders receive their new Bibles, enjoy a pasta bar meal at noon provided by our board of Parish Fellowship, with the congregation providing salads and desserts, and have opportunities for the kids including games and a bounce house in the Christian Family Life Center courtesy of the Board of Education. We look forward to seeing you there among us!



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