

JUNE 2024 NEWSLETTER

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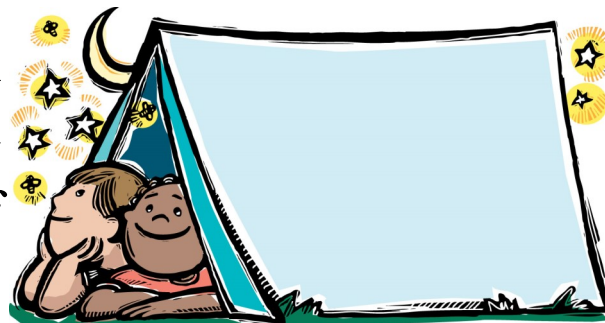
PIERRE, SD 57501

Camp Minneboji

June 16-22, 2024

Camp Minneboji is for kids who **have finished** 4th-8th grade. Honors Camp Minneboji is for those who **finished** 9th grade.

Participants are NOT to come to Camp Minneboji if they are sick. If you are sick and are likely to spread sickness, stay home. If this is the case, you may request and receive a refund of your deposit and payments made.



Be Thinking Ahead

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Let's Go!

Overcoming Life's Sorrows

If you have ever gone through a difficult time in your life, it usually leads to questions: **“Can I experience sorrow and not be destroyed?”**, **“Can I keep my heart from turning to stone when it has been wounded and broken?”**, or **“Is there a road map that takes me from death to life so I can live again?”** Yes, all of these are possible. Yes, you are not alone in walking through your struggles. Yes, God gives us hope and encouragement to overcome these sorrows. They happen in the book of Jeremiah.

This summer, starting on Sunday, July 14, we are going to hear about how the prophet Jeremiah experienced the lowest and hardest of times and yet still found hope. Our sermon series will highlight the challenges that were faced by this seventh century BC prophet. Perhaps unsurprisingly, we face similar difficulties and sorrows today. God's words of hope and life ring true for both the people of Jerusalem under siege by the Babylonians and for us in twenty-first century America.

If you do not want to wait (July 14 is a ways off), you can read God's Word. The secret to pretty many of life's problems is found in there. We also have a companion book written by Dr. Reed Lessing. That name might sound familiar. He is the author of “Deliver Us,” the companion book for our Exodus sermon series this past Lent. His book on Jeremiah is titled **“Overcoming Life's Sorrows.”** We will have copies available at the church for you to buy or you can purchase it wherever you normally buy books.

I know that many of you travel during the summer and might miss some of those Sundays. We do livestream each Sunday morning at 8:30AM and also record the service. You can watch with us whenever you have time to hear the entire series and see how God confronts the sorrows and troubles of this life, giving us victory and hope.

Dr. Lessing presented this series and portions of his book during the Spring Pastors' Conference this past May. I personally found it emotionally uplifting and spiritually strengthening. Dr. Lessing was able to speak to contemporary struggles that I face and that I know many of you face. Although the book of Jeremiah is over 2,600 years old, its message is living. **“Jeremiah will become a trusted companion. His book will become a lantern, lighting the way through your darkest valleys. Jeremiah will help you make sense out of life's nonsense.”** I hope you take the opportunity to join us on Sundays from July 14-August 25 as we walk through the book of Jeremiah and see how God helps us overcome.

(The portions in parentheses are taken from Dr. Lessing's book “Overcoming Life's Sorrows”)

Pastor Sam



Let's Go!

AT THE MARRIAGE FEAST

And the angel said to me, "Write this: Blessed are those who are invited to the marriage supper of the Lamb." And he said to me, "These are the true words of God." Revelation 19:9

When I was growing up, June was considered the month for weddings. I'm not sure that holds true anymore, as it seems weddings take place every month of the year. I grew up a half block from St. William's Catholic Church. In the 50's it was common practice in the Catholic church that weddings took place in the morning. As a little girl playing in the yard, I had a clear view of the church, and I just loved watching when a wedding party would emerge from that large brick church. My folks took us along to weddings of relatives from time to time, but as a young girl of five or six years, I didn't completely understand the real meaning behind the service. However, I sure got wrapped up in all the other elements—the bride and her attendants, the flowers, the music, the reception and all the other decorations.



Gracious Savior, grant Your blessing to this husband and this wife,
That in peace they live together in Your love throughout their life.
Christ, defend them from the tempter and from all that would destroy
Love's foundation You have laid here, and its threshold paved with joy.

Recently I read an article that stated the Bible begins and ends with a wedding. Not only that, but they take place in places of paradise. Now, I hadn't seen it stated in that manner before, even though I knew it; and...the entire history of the world takes place between two weddings! The first wedding united Adam and Eve in the beauty of Eden. The second wedding will take place on the last day...the marriage of the Lamb; Christ, the bridegroom, will be united with His bride, the Church, and the feast will be eternal.

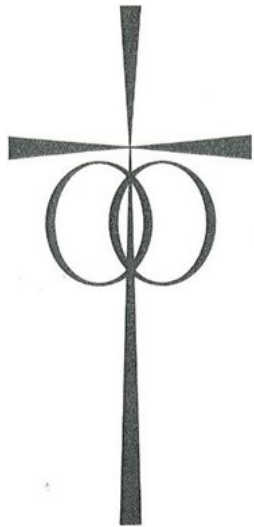
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THE PERFECT HOUSE continued

Make their love a living picture showing how You loved Your bride:
When You gave Yourself to cleanse her, when for her You bled and died,
Jesus, You have made her holy, pure and fair her radiant train;
To Yourself, Your Church presenting, without wrinkle, spot, or stain.

A year ago, in June, when I was visiting Dad at St. William's Living Center, the activity director had set up a huge wedding display. There were wedding gowns belonging to some of the residents and employees, hung up with great care; some modern, some hand-stitched from many years past. Bridesmaid dresses of all colors and styles were hanging along one wall. There were wedding photos, among them, one of my folks. Dresses for flower girls, silk bouquets, bridal headpieces and veils, cake toppers, a groom's morning suit that belonged to a 90 year-old resident, and all kinds of items relating to a wedding. One afternoon residents were served wedding cake for their afternoon coffee hour, and they reminisced about their own weddings. As lovely as all that was, it can't compare to the vast praises of the multitudes singing to God when the invited guests, making up the Church, will feast and reign with the Lord forever in peace, gladness, triumph and great joy.



Father, You created Adam, crafted Eve, and made them one;
Jesus, from their sin You saved us, as God's true incarnate Son;
Holy Spirit, You forgive us; from our sins we are released.
Bring us, Lord, at last to heaven, to the endless wedding feast.

Karen Lindbloom

Let's Go!

Independence Day

Every 4th of July our central South Dakota communities of Fort Pierre and Pierre celebrate two days of activities to celebrate the Independence of our nation with a rodeo performance on both the 3rd and 4th at 7:00 p.m. to entertain the public. On the 4th there is a parade through Ft. Pierre commencing at 10:00 a.m.



In preparation for the 4th of July celebration and having the opportunity to serve the number of people in and around our towns and community, Faith Lutheran Church has the privilege to share the love we have for God and proclaim that God sent His only Son to save us all from our sins. We as a congregation use this marvelous opportunity to witness to the lost, to proclaim God's love to all and to invite all to worship with us. The float with its Christian theme, our beautiful motor coach with its Christian message, and tracts that we pass out to the public during the parade are methods we use to share Jesus.



The Board of Missions and Evangelism is asking for the support of the congregation through:

1. **PRAY** that those attending the parade would be moved by the work of the Holy Spirit through Faith Lutheran's evangelism.
2. **VOLUNTEER** to assemble the float on **June 8th and 15th at 6:00 p.m. at 902 Walleye Dr., Ft. Pierre.** Materials provided and theme has been established so just your labor is needed.
3. **RIDE** in the motor coach during the parade... let's fill it full, in support of Faith Lutheran Church.
4. **WALK** the parade route spreading the message of God through Christian materials.



Let's Go!

MEXICO MISSION TEAM—HEADING SOUTH!

The Mexico Mission trip will take place June 1, 2024 – June 8, 2024. This year there are 11 missionaries going on the trip. The team is looking forward to sharing the Lord's Good News with all the people He has already planned and for building a home for a family in need. The family consists of a mom, her father, and her two children. Thank you for all your support for this journey. Please keep this group in your prayers as they prepare for the trip that they have a burden for the lost and see people through God's eyes and while on the trip for the salvation of souls and the strengthening of believers.

"I am the vine; you are the branches. If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing." John 15:5

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR TEAM:

Roland Degen

Brian Zeeb

Shannon Zeeb

Broch Zeeb

Bryant Zeeb

Shawnie Zeeb

Dennis Ryckman

Carolyn Ryckman

Samuel Ryckman

Cassandra Ryckman

Joshua Ryckman

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Recipients of Mexico Mission Home



Family Members include Petra, Petra's father, Petra's son and daughter. They attend Iglesia Luterana La Santa Biblia in Anapra.

Petra is living with her elderly father and her two children. She is her father's caretaker and while they all live in a small house on land belonging to her father, her teenage children are needing privacy. Petra is asking for help in building a bigger space for their family.

Below is a letter from Petra.

My name is Petra Avalos Saavedra and I am asking for help in getting a house. I am a single mother. I have four children and I take care of my elderly father. My two eldest daughters are married and the two youngest, both teenagers, live with me and my father. Fernanda is 13 years old and is currently in her second year of middle school. Jesus is 15 years old, and he is currently working full-time. My father is 80 years old. His name is Jose Carmen. In his elderly age, he needs constant care. I have been caring for him since my mother passed away.

My children need to have their own space, as well as my father. We are currently all living in my father's house.

If you could help me, I would be very grateful.

God bless you.

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POTLUCK DINNER FOR SENIORS

FOREVER YOUNG

Our Forever Young gathering for June will be **Thursday, June 20, at noon**. We are having a salad luncheon with desserts. Beverage is provided. This is a good way for our **55 years old and older members** to fellowship, have a great meal, and get to know newer members. We meet in the fellowship hall/gym by the kitchen. All are welcome. Please join us!



Father's Day

This & That Official Acts

Baptisms

Oliver William Brown

Funerals

Dale Brinkman

Rene Liegl

Ron Gilman



Installation of New Church Officers

June 2 at our 8:30 am
and/or our 11:00 am
worship services.

Any new officers not able to attend on Sunday will be installed during our Wednesday, June 5th evening service at 7:00 pm.

Outgoing Board Members

Please turn in your church key (if you have one) and your binder so we may pass them on to our new board members. Bring them to the office and leave them with Helen or Pastor Sam. Thanks for your service to our church family!



The deadline for articles going into the July/August newsletter need to be submitted to Helen by **June 19** before noon.

Let's Go!

Faith Lutheran Daycare

Goodness! May was extremely hectic and went by so quickly. We are looking forward to a busy summer with the children that will be heading off to Kindergarten; Mrs. Sandy has them going all summer long. We also enjoyed Muffins with Mom for Mother's Day, great turn out. We have Donuts with Dad planned for Father's Day.

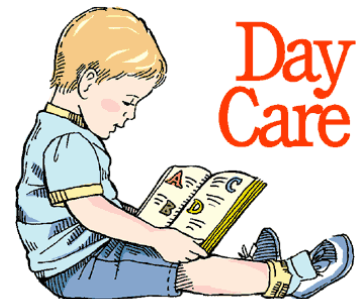
We have been the directors for two years now and we are super happy with what we have accomplished and the goals we still want to achieve. We have an open-door policy if people would like to ask questions, come see the daycare, express concerns, etc. We always have room for improvement and want to continue to have the best place for children to learn and grow in the presence of God.

Thank you everyone who has been supporting and praying for the daycare, its mission, its staff, its children, and the program as a whole. We would not exist without your support!

God bless,

Kim Jensen/Mandy Vogel

daycare@faithluth.com



Thirteenth Annual Diaper Derby ends Father's Day, June 16, 2024

Donations for the Twelfth Annual Diaper Derby will continue through Father's day, June 16! Please bring your donations of new diapers (any size) and baby wipes and place them in *the crib in the Narthex*. Three area agencies and families will benefit from your donations: Birth-right, PARS and Missouri Shores Shelter.

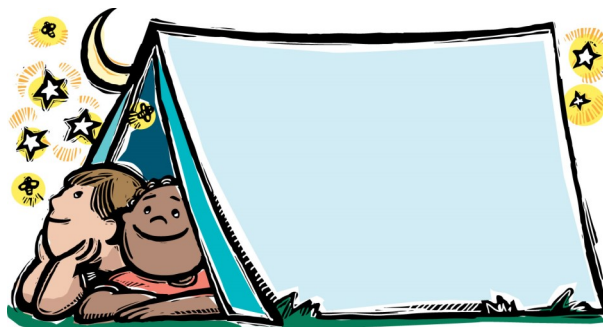


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YOUTH NEWS

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Camp is scheduled for **June 16-22, 2024**. Minneboji is a Lutheran summer camp program led by our South Dakota and Minnesota South districts of the LCMS and hosted at Camp Okoboji in Milford, Iowa. Through Bible study, talks with missionaries, music, crafts, and sports, your student will develop their sense of who God has made them and called them to be.



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