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Pierre, SD 57501



FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH

October 2024 Newsletter

**Saturday,
Oct. 19**

Country Fair

**9:00 am to 1:00 pm
at Faith Lutheran Church**

Here's how you can help!

Arts & crafts of all types are needed for the Crafts Booth
Place them in the coat closet in the Narthex and label "Crafts".

Homemade goodies

We'll need TONS of homemade pies, breads, cookies, bars and candies of all types. Please bring candy by 3 pm the day before Country Fair so we can package it. If packaged at home, please place 6 pieces per plate. (Note - pies are needed for both the lunch counter AND the Homemade Goodies booth, so we need a LOT of them!)

Homegrown produce - jelly - sauces & other canned goods

Be sure to set aside some homegrown produce, honey, and homemade jelly, salsa, pickles, relish, dilly beans, spaghetti sauce and other canned goods for our "Lutheran Market" booth!

Supply kitchen needs & sign up to help on October 19

Check out the signup sheets at the Country Fair table in the Narthex.

Attend! (And be sure to bring friends and family for a fun time)

Money raised at Country Fair supports mission projects at the local, state and national level, as well as church projects.

QUESTIONS? Dawn Koch (605) 222-8964 -or- Kathleen Monfore (605) 280-5945

Do Good!

The Dead in Christ

“Rejoice that your names are written in heaven” (Luke 10:20). We have confidence in our eternal salvation through Jesus. In his death and resurrection, Christ has obtained forgiveness and eternal life for all who trust in him. Our time in this world will come to a conclusion of sorts in our own death. Yet, because Christ has risen from the dead, we look forward to the day of our resurrection. As family members and friends die, we put our hope in the promise of Jesus that his people will rise from death.

Every year, on All Saints’ Day, we take time in our worship to remember those who have died within the past year. God blessed them with many gifts during their life. We take our greatest comfort knowing that faith was one of their treasured possessions. The names of the “Dead in Christ” are also written in a book that we place on the altar as part of our All Saints’ Day observance: “The Book of the Names of the Dead.”

Those members here at Faith who have died within the past year will have their names written in the book. This year, I want to open the book to all of you to write names of people in your lives who have died within the last year (since November 2023). The idea is to collect and remember the people that God placed in our lives who are temporarily separated from us by death.

“The Book of the Names of the Dead” will be on the Living Room table throughout the month of October. Please use that time to write down the names of people in your life who have died within the past year. I would prefer to include only people who have expressed their faith in Jesus. This book is intended to be a growing list of God’s faithful people with whom we will be reunited on the day of the resurrection.

During our All Saints’ Day worship on November 3, we will thank God for the gifts of life and faith that he gave to all the people in our book as well as to all his faithful people who are at rest in Jesus. We will individually list the members of our church and include a moment of silence for each one of them. As you remember their names and see their pictures, I want you to look forward to being able to see those faces, speak those names, and rejoice in the gift of unending life made possible through our Savior Jesus Christ.

Pastor Sam



THE SEASON OF TREES

"He is like a tree planted by streams of water, which yields its fruit in season and whose leaf does not wither. Whatever he does prospers." Psalm 1:3

When I first moved to Pierre in 1973, I missed the trees. I grew up in a rural area of Minnesota -- farm land, lakes and... trees. Lots of trees; and the further north one ventured, there were more trees and... forests! Grand Portage State Forest, Superior National Forest, and more. Beautiful trees and woodlands. Every farm had a grove of trees, and the lakes were surrounded by trees. One couldn't but help think about God's creation. They were part of our lives.

*The tree of life has many branches
and with each bud new hope is born,
springing forth in joy and splendor,
reminding us our legacy will live on.*



There were lots of trees in our neighborhood. Behind the house was our garden, and right next to it was our neighbor's garden. The alley, which ran along the edge of the gardens, was lined with ever-green trees, planted before my folks ever built their home. The trees are still there, towering over the highline wires, and standing sentinel over the neighborhood, while offering protection from the cold north wind. My folks planted a beautiful maple in the front yard, and in late fall, its gorgeous red-gold leaves would eventually drop into piles on the driveway. Dad also planted a weeping willow in the front yard, from a tiny little shoot. We kids used to jump over it when we thought our folks weren't watching. It didn't seem to stunt its growth, however, because it grew tall and proud -- so much so, it eventually had to be taken down. After I left home, Dad planted a flowering crab, which has produced a riot of color every spring. The old basswood tree is still on the corner -- sturdy and huge. It actually protected my brother's car during a hailstorm earlier in August.



*The seasons change, the life tree blossoms,
each young leaf nourished from above,
holding on through trial and tempest,
assuring us our legacy will live on.*

Trees appear often in the Bible. They are part of the creation story. We read of the Cedars of Lebanon, olive trees, fig trees, palm trees and more. In Genesis, Joseph is compared to a tree -- a fruitful vine with branches. Jeremiah likens a man who trusts in the Lord to a tree planted by water and sends out its roots by the stream. Isaiah provides a physical description of the Messiah as a tender shoot, the "stump of Jesse." Perhaps best known is when God placed Adam in the Garden of Eden to care for it, but was warned not to eat from the Tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil. We all know what happened to Adam, and because of his failure, it was probably a good thing the trees provided leaves for him and his wife!

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THE SEASON OF TREES continued



*We grow and change, we plant and harvest;
in time each leaf comes tumbling down.
Dust to dust, ashes to ashes, in Christ reborn,
our legacy will live on.*

Trees teach us about the nature of God. Like a tree, God is constantly giving life, beauty, food and shade. We often refer to Jesus' cross as a tree. Trees, like God, give life -- even after death. Where would we be without the wood that is used for warmth, and in building our homes and more? When John saw heaven, there was the water of life, a river flowing from the throne of God, and on each side of the river stood the tree of life. Quoting John in Revelation 22:14, "Blessed are those who wash their robes, that they may have the right to the tree of life and may go through the gates into the city."

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



Karen Lindbloom

Thursday, October 31, 2024

6:00-7:30 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 would like 20 families to serve as Host Trunks.

There are boxes in the Narthex if anyone would like to contribute candy to help the host trunks if they run out.



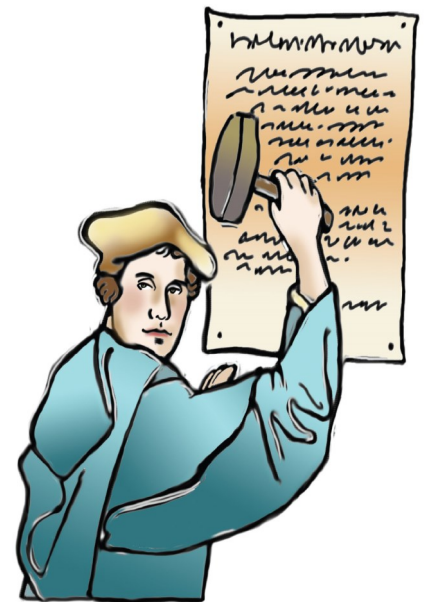
This and That

CREATION MUSEUM + ARK ENCOUNTER

Motor Coach Tour Dates: *October 20-25, 2024*

You will be amazed at how the Bible comes to life at the Creation Museum and the Ark Encounter! Travel via Faith Motor Coach. **Tentative Itinerary: Day 1-2:** Travel to Kentucky, **Day 3:** Tour Creation Museum, Petersburg, KY, **Day 4:** Tour Ark Encounter at Williamstown, KY, **Day 5-6:** Travel to Pierre, SD. Bus travel cost per person \$200. Deposit required. Museum and Ark tickets will be reserved and reimbursed. Room costs will vary based on occupants and meals paid individually. **Please sign up as soon as possible.**

See www.faithluth.com/arktrip/ for details.



Reformation Day

Official Acts

Baptism

Islee Kay Utech 9/28/2024

Grace Kathryn Vasilie 9/29/2024

Wedding

Caitlin Bolte & Michael Hanson

9/21/2024



REFORMATION
⊕ *Sunday* ⊕

October 27, 2024



Preschool News

We are off to a great start of the school year. The kids are working hard and showing great classroom skills. In the month of October, we have lots of things planned. We will be working on letters, L, F, O, and Y, along with the numbers 3, 4, 5 and 6. Our color for the month will be Orange and our shape is Triangle. We have started our first Unit in our new bible lesson curriculum, which starts off with Genesis 1-2. I am very excited to teach the kids all the things God created for them.

With fall now starting we will be doing lots of fun activities, including a little fall

fun party during Halloween. We have the kids wear a fun Halloween or fall shirt if they have one in place of their costumes. The kids love to go out on walks and see what is all changing with the fall weather. Our church also puts on a Trunk-or-Treat that for all to join that evening. If you would like to come in the classroom to read to the preschoolers please reach out to me, we would love to have visitors reading to us!

We are saving Dakota-Mart receipts if you have any, we



would gladly take them. We will be using the money we earn back towards some new learning activities in the classroom. Thank you for all who have donated receipts to us, we greatly appreciate it.

We hope you all have a blessed Fall!!

God's blessings,

Kelsey Kampfe

Preschool Director/Teacher



Daycare News

We are going to have pictures taken on October 3rd and we are going to have a Faith Lutheran Daycare T-Shirt fundraiser. The T-Shirts have been mentioned by several families, so we decided to do it to make a little money. The money raised will help pay for the new playground toys that were purchased this summer by Kim and Mandy. We got a Seesaw and a music toy

that the children love to play when the bells come on the loud speakers every hour. Thanks again for all the support this church and the members give the daycare so that we can help children grow, learn and love what God has to give each one of us.

October is going to be a busy month for Faith Lutheran Daycare.

Please check out the Faith Lutheran Daycare page on Facebook to see pictures of our adventures. Monday, October 14th we will be closed for Native American Day.

God bless,

Mandy Vogel/Kim Jensen



Forever Young



Our Forever Young group will meet October 17, 2024 at noon for potluck.

Forever Young is a group of 55 and older, retired or semi-retired folks who get together the third Thursday of each month for fellowship and great food. Please join us!

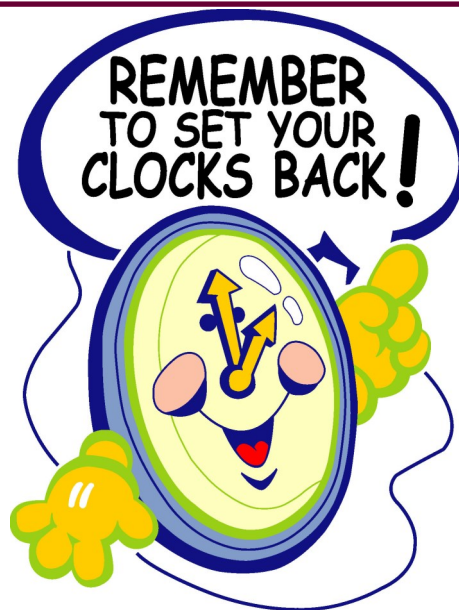


Men's Fellowship

Our Men's Fellowship will meet on the first Monday of October, the 7th at 7:00 pm.

We will enjoy an evening of Dartball or Bean Bag Toss. Beverage will be provided, bring a snack to share!

Come for a time of devotion and sharing.



By One Hour

Saturday, November 2

Our Broadcasts

We are broadcasting our church service on Cable access channel 8 at 7 PM on Wednesday evenings.

We also live-stream our 8:30 service so anyone who is tech savvy can watch them live on Sunday mornings. Go to: www.faithluth.com and click on livestream.

Our Cable Broadcast is also on our Website which Dennis and Carolyn Ryckman keep very current for us. Take a look at www.faithluth.com.

COST: You may sponsor the radio broadcast of Sunrise for \$30.00. This radio broadcast is on 1240 AM KCCR at 6:40 a.m. on Sunday morning. The cost of sponsoring the cable broadcast of our worship service is \$35.00. This cable access broadcast is televised on Wednesday evening at 7:00 p.m. on Channel 8. **If you choose to sponsor both, the cost is \$60.00.**



YOUTH PAGE

Higher Things Conference 2025

The mission of Higher Things is to make the Gifts of Christ Jesus known to youth and young adults. The closest *All Things New* conference will be July 8-11, 2025 at Concordia University Nebraska, Seward, NE. Everlasting life belongs to all who believe...one day. But for us, some days, that day feels far away. Like it'll never come...like it's been made for someone other than you. Live a steadfast faith today no matter what things look like because you rest on a yesterday that was made whole on the cross. Realize that God hates the same things you war against too, but he has already won the victory...the victory that makes *All Things New*.



On the Lighter Side...Puns for Fun

Q: What kind of music do mummies like?

A: "wrap music"

Q: Why did the rooster cross the road?

A: To prove he wasn't chicken.

Q: What do you call a chicken crossing the road?

A: "Poultry in motion."

Q: Why did the skeleton go to the party alone?

A: Because he had no body to go with him.

Q: What did one shark say to the other while eating a clown fish?

A: Is it just me, or does this taste funny?

Q: What has four legs but can't walk?

A. a chair!!!!!!!!!!!!

Q: What is bigger than you but doesn't weigh anything?

A: "Your Shadow"

Q: What time is it when ten elephants are chasing you?

A: Ten after One!



LCMS YOUTH GATHERING



It's time once again to start thinking about the **LCMS Youth Gathering!** The LCMS Youth Gathering will be July 19-23, 2025, in New Orleans, Louisiana. LCMS youth and adult leaders will visit the city under the theme Endure based on Hebrews 12:1-3. Held every three years, LCMS Youth Gatherings provide young people an opportunity to learn more about Jesus Christ, the Christian faith and their Lutheran identity. During the five-days of the Gathering youth spend time together in worship, God's Word, prayer, song and service. This event is organized by LCMS Youth Ministry in Saint Louis, Missouri.

What does a robot frog say?

-Rib-bot. (Said in your best robot voice)

Why did the chicken cross the playground?

-To get to the other slide.

~ What do elves learn in school?

"The Elf-abet!"

~ What did the tree say to autumn?

"Leaf me alone!"



YOUTH EDUCATION

Rally Day kicked off the 2024-2025 Christian education year in early September with bounce houses and a meal prepared by the Board of Education and served by the Board of Parish Fellowship.

Sunday School meets from 9:45am – 10:45am Sunday morning for ages 3 – high school. The high school is watching a video series entitled “Upside Down Kingdom” which discusses how the world is going backwards because we’re not living the upside-down life. The other youth classes are looking at Old Testament passages that solidify God's promise of salvation through instances of restoration and healing.

Sunday School Teachers: Jessica Paul (age 3-K), Cathy Handschke (1st & 2nd), Luke & Becky Denke (3rd & 4th), Ellen Blauert (5th), Carolyn & Cassandra Ryckman (6th- 8th), Brian & Shannon Zeeb (high school), Lurene Denke (music), Noel Clocksin (music)

Attendance: 42 (9/8), 47 (9/15)

Midweek (Catechism) classes are Wednesdays from 6pm – 7pm for grades 2nd – 8th. Grades 2nd – 5th covers a variety of topics creating a foundation in preparation for their catechetical study. Grades 6th – 8th includes an extensive review and explanation of *Luther’s Small Catechism* to help students affirm a solid foundation for understanding their LCMS faith and culminating with Confirmation.

While regular attendance at both Sunday School and Midweek to strengthen youth faith is desired, youth desiring to be confirmed are expected to regularly attend classes in grades 6th – 8th.

Midweek Teachers: Angela & Brianna Roman (2nd & 3rd), Dale Knapp (4th & 5th), Bob Green (6th), Mike Vasilie (7th), Pastor Handschke (8th)

Attendance: 60 (9/11), 67 (9/18)

If you have a child in your life, it’s not too late for them to join! Please fill out an online registration form to ensure contact information and needed info is available. Visit faithluth.com -> Ministries -> Youth Education -> Registration.

Opportunity to Serve! The Board of Education is seeking additional individuals to serve as an extra adult presence in classrooms and is also looking for substitute teachers. Please contact any Board member (Ellen Blauert 605-295-4850, Kassie Gordon 605-280-3774, Amy Hatheway 605-530-1264, Mark Koch 507-649-0430, or Jessica Paul 605-222-8738) for more info or use the Youth Education Registration form to express your interest.