

September 2024 Newsletter

Faith Lutheran Church

714 N Grand Avenue

Pierre, SD 57501

Status of Donations for Our Sanctuary's New Heating and Cooling System

Installed: May 26, 2023

Total Cost: **\$80,080**

Total Donations to Date:
\$70,494

Total Cost Remaining:
\$9,586



Status of Donations for Our New Security System

Total Cost: **\$30,370**
Total Donations to Date:

\$8,322

Total Cost Remaining:
\$22,048

Thank you for your kind giving.



Do Good!



“Do Good!”

What is your plan for the day? Do you have an appointment to get to later, kids who need to be taken from one place to another, or a project that you finally have the chance to work on? As you navigate the stops along your day, you have a series of decisions, some more impactful and some less. You were running late to pick up your kids, so you did not have time to hold the door open for the person behind you. When you were out getting supplies for your project, the person at the store had a less than helpful attitude and you matched their irritation. As the sun sets and you sink into your chair, you can reflect upon how the day went. Did you meet your expectations? Did you do good along the way?

Maybe you can identify with St. Paul when he says, “I do not do the good I want, but the evil I do not want is what I keep on doing” (Romans 7:19). We have this daily struggle between doing the good that God intends and doing the evil that seems so natural. We have a much more difficult time performing good and helpful actions than we do performing harmful ones. God not only has some guidance for our lives; he has encouragement for us to keep trying despite our failures. Over the next year, we will focus on the theme of “Do Good.” Our time together will help us:

- (1) to realize this struggle between good and evil,
- (2) to see how God does good to us and through us,
- (3) to appreciate how our actions towards others reflect our relationship with God and
- (4) to find encouragement in the ways we are already doing good while opening our eyes to new ways.

As the year progresses, you will have opportunities to do good to many people in different situations. Some of them will be here at the church. You will be able to do good with your family, friends, coworkers, and neighbors. Other chances to do good will be more of a surprise, a spontaneous inclination that might even catch you off guard. Do not be too astonished to see God working within you and through you to spread his love.

What is the plan for your day, your year, your life? What opportunities to do good has God prepared for you? These questions can only be answered as we live them out. I want to commend and encourage you for the ways in which you already do good. I want to broaden your vision to see new changes that God may be leading you towards. Join us starting Sunday, September 8 for a sermon series that explores each of the four points and for a year where we give special emphasis to this aspect of our Christian lives.

Pastor Sam



Do Good!

HOLY IS GOD, THE LORD OF SABAOth

In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord seated on a throne, high and exalted, and the train of his robe filled the temple. Above him were seraphs, each with six wings: With two wings they covered their faces, with two they covered their feet, and with two they were flying. And they were calling to one another: "Holy, holy, holy is the Lord Almighty; the whole earth is full of his glory."

Isaiah 6:1-3

The above verse describes a vision experienced by the prophet Isaiah as he was worshipping and praying in the temple. While there he was reminded of the one, singular truth that would accompany him all his days.: The Lord was on his throne.

As a kid growing up in the 60's, probably somewhere between sixth and eighth grade, I, along with the entire Immanuel congregation, was introduced to hymn number 249 in the old TLH. (It's also in our LSB 960.) Pastor Cloeter, who confirmed me, introduced TLH 249 one Sunday when we celebrated the Lord's Supper. The entire congregation was caught unaware! Our attendance those years ranged around 375-400; the church was always packed. It was a congregation of good, staunch German folk, including many of my relatives, and when they sang, they raised the roof. However, that particular Sunday, a hymn which should have thundered through the nave sounded mousy instead of mighty!

I have no idea whether Pastor Cloeter had introduced the hymn to the choir (the pastor directed the choir in those days), but it is a difficult hymn. I don't recall that there was any explanation about its history or why we were singing it. Apparently Pastor Cloeter loved it; he always appeared so happy when

singing it, and we began singing it every communion Sunday. I know lots of kids, myself included, would roll their eyes and inwardly groan when the organist started playing it. I'm not sure the adults cared for it either, because it caused quite a stir. Eventually, though, the congregation learned it and would sing. I'll have to say it really wasn't a favorite of mine. Once I left home, I don't think I ever sang it again during a worship service.

Then came the time I was attending a church music workshop in the Twin Cities. It featured a hymn sing led by the late, great organist, Paul Manz on the massive pipe organ at Central Lutheran Church. There was a brief reflection between each hymn, and then we were instructed to sing—guess what—"Isaiah, Mighty Seer in Days of Old." Men and women were assigned different phrases of the hymn, plus sections where everyone joined together. Wowser! Chills! Thrills! Was that an experience! (Of course, it helped that we were all musicians and could read music.)

It inspired me enough to do a little research. The text and melody were written and composed by Martin Luther in 1526, and "Jesais Dem Propheten" became the stirring Sanctus in his :Die Deutsche Messe." When singing this, there is no doubt the Lord is on his throne. The Lord is in charge of this world. Always has been, and always will be. The seraphs (heavenly beings, angels, cherubim) are continuously in attendance above him, soaring, calling, praising. I imagine it as liturgical mayhem! Isaiah was humbled, and confessed that, as a sinner, he was not worthy to be in God's presence.

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HOLY IS GOD, THE LORD OF SABAOOTH

We should be humbled as well, but since the heavenly beings are glorifying God before we arrive on Sunday morning, we are highly encouraged to join in this timeless, endless worship service, praising and adoring the Lord who sits on the throne!

Isaiah, mighty seer, in days of old the Lord of all in spirit did behold:

High on a lofty throne, in splendor bright,
With flowing train that filled the Temple quite.
Above the throne were stately seraphim;
Six wings had they, these messengers of Him.
With twain they veiled their faces, as was meet,
With twain in rev'rent awe they hid their feet.
And with the twain aloft they soared,
One to the other called and praised the Lord:
"Holy is God, the Lord of Sabaoth!"
"Holy is God, the Lord of Sabaoth!"
"Holy is God, the Lord of Sabaoth!"
Behold, His glory filleth all the earth!"
The beams and lintels trembled at the cry,
And clouds of smoke enwrapped the throne on high.

Karen Lindbloom



Grief Support Group

Help and encouragement after the death of a loved one.

At a GriefShare group, you'll find understanding, guidance, relief, and a safe place to navigate the challenges of grief. Come join us! Community Bible Church on North Harrison Ave. **Starts Sunday September 8, 2024 2:00-4:00pm, 13 week session.** Contact Char Russell, Carol Gengler, Scott Granville, Nancy Thomsen, or Marc Scarborough, for more information. Find more information at griefshare.org.

Do Good!



**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".

Gift baskets

We need new and lightly-used, good quality baskets, plus small gift items. Check the church bulletins for a list of gift needs. Leave in the Narthex coat closet by Sept. 30th.

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.

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.

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

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Do Good!

Memorial Garden Memorial Stones

Now is the time to be thinking about getting names submitted for the Memorial Stones.

There are request sheets in the Narthex on the Information table. The cost for the names is \$35 and if you would like a space saved on the same stone for your name it is an extra \$50.

October 1 is the final date each year for submitting

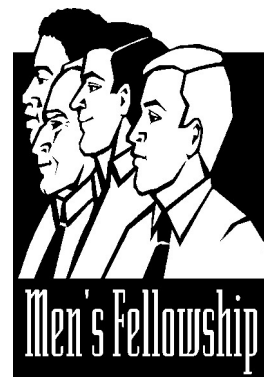
names to be engraved in time for dedication on All Saints' Sunday, the first Sunday in November. This year it is November 3.

To date we have had 106 names engraved on the stones. It is a very nice, lasting memorial to family members.



Men's Fellowship

Our Men's Club begins again this Fall on Monday September 9th at 7:00 pm in the Christian Family Life Center gym.



Beverage will be provided, bring a snack to share!

We will be playing some Dartball, so start honing your throwing skills and be ready for some friendly competition!



LWML AUGUST LADIES NIGHT OUT

The LWML August Ladies Night Out was held on Monday, August 12 at the Branding Iron Bistro with **34** women attending from the congregation. The ladies enjoyed a delicious meal of pork loin, green beans, mashed potatoes and gravy, dinner roll and dessert. The meal was prepared by Pam and crew. It was a wonderful meal and great fellowship.



The evening entertainment was violin selections by Kaylee Blauert and Moriah Gross



Official Acts

Baptisms

Paisley Joe Pickard 7/7/24
Jessica Ann Rumpca 7/11/24
Kinley Rose Rumpca 7/11/24
Maisie Lynn Rumpca 7/11/24
Wyatt William Rumpca 7/11/24
Karston Quin Hillmer 7/14/24



Weddings

Joseph King & Tori Thorpe
7/27/24



Do Good!



Seniors' Gathering

**Forever Young
September 19
at noon**

Forever Young is a group of semi-retired and retired members who get together the third Thursday of each month for food and fellowship.

We encourage anyone 55 years and older to join our group. We would especially like to invite our newer members as this is a great way to meet other members.

This is a potluck meal at noon. Bring a dish to share and enjoy an hour of food, chatter, birthday greetings, and maybe a few rounds of Bingo!

PIERRE FAITH LUTHERAN BLOOD DRIVE

The Blood Drive that was originally scheduled for August 8th has been re-scheduled for Friday, September 6th from 7:30am to 12pm at the church. Contact Jodi Hartmann (605-222-8675) for appointments.



**Rides to Church
River Cities Public
Transit will provide pre-
scheduled (at least
the day before) rides
to church services or
other church related
activities, to and from
the Faith Lutheran facility
at no cost to you.
Give them a call!**



Do Good!



Please have all articles you want in the October newsletter submitted by noon on **Friday, September 20.**

Country Fair Needs

NEEDED: Gift items for the popular gift baskets that will be sold again at this year's Country Fair. Please label "For Gift Baskets" and leave in the big coat closet in the Narthex by September 30th.

- Cute notepads,
 - Kitchen items such as dish towels, dish cloths, potholders, measuring cups & spoons, ladles & wooden spoons,
 - Cups & mugs,
 - Hand soaps, lotions & candles that will fit in a gift basket,
 - Playing cards,
 - Assorted candy (wrapped), jerky, packages of trail mix, individual packets of coffee, hot cocoa & tea, South Dakota popcorn items,
 - Small kids' items that will fit in a basket,
 - Golf balls, tees, & golf towels
- Other small gift items that will fit in a basket.

Thanks!



On Wednesday, September 4th, Faith Lutheran Preschool officially begins with our "Get Acquainted Night"! It is an exciting time for parents and preschoolers as they register and get 'acquainted' with the facility and staff of our preschool here at Faith. Classes will start the week after Labor Day (Sept 9th and 12th). I am excited to get the new school year going and be in the classroom with all the kids! I am blessed to be working another year here at Faith Lutheran, thank you all for your love, support and prayers as we enter another year.

We use the month of September to get acquainted with the preschool routine and will be working on a couple different letters with them, A and X. September

is such an important month as the kids are learning lots of new things about school and what the year will be like. We jump in to the school year with talking about all the things God created and did in the first 7 days.

I would love to have people join our room this year to volunteer to come in and read a story to the kids, if you are interested, please contact me and we can set up a date and time. Lastly, if you know anyone still needing preschool have them reach out to me as we have a couple spots open.

God's Blessings,

Kelsey Kampfe
Preschool Director/
Teacher



DAYCARE NEWS

This summer we had an blast (it came and went too fast)! The pre-kindergarteners had a busy summer with many trips to the



parks, pools, nursing homes to play games with residents, and so much more. We had a great Graduation Ceremony for them and their families. These children also received their own Bible to continue to keep Jesus' present in their lives as he has been for the time they were enrolled at Faith Lutheran Daycare. We would like to thank our parents

for the kind words, and we want to share them with all of you. Our staff and directors work hard to get the children in our community ready for their grown-up lives! These can be found on the bulletin board by the daycare door, please take the time to check it out as our teachers work hard and it shows.

Thank you and
God Bless,
Mandy Vogel/
Kim Jensen



FALL BIBLE STUDIES

SUNDAY 9:45 – 10:45 A.M.

The Gospel of Luke Unit 3

Led by Jerry Wulf

Class will begin September 8th. This fall, the Adult Bible Study class will continue its study of the Gospel of Luke. Class will normally meet Sunday mornings between Church Services (9:45ish until 10:45ish), in the St. Matthew Room, upstairs in the Christian Family Life Center. Class members will learn some things that were not taught in Sunday School.

Why is a study of the Gospel of Luke appropriate for me?

Luke's Gospel is written for those who do not have a background in the Jewish faith. Luke provides more detail on Old Testament laws and prophecies to help the student better understand relevant aspects of Jewish culture and Jewish faith. Matthew's and Mark's Gospels were written primarily for Jews, who already had a good background in the Old Testament Scriptures.

The early church found that non-Jews required much more instruction/education to become believers. They needed a Gospel to help them understand the basic teachings of the Christian faith. Luke wrote such a message. Our study will help you understand what Luke had to say.

During his earthly ministry, Jesus practiced "table fellowship." His example set the pattern for early mission activity of the church. It also set the pattern for worship in the church. How does "table fellowship" relate to worship services in the church, today? Our study of Luke will explain this relationship. Luke's Gospel contains many pas-

sages that are incorporated into the church's liturgy as Canticles, which are especially rich in OT themes. Can you name them? If not, our study will identify them, review them, and show where they appear in our liturgies.

Luke's gospel is a book of the church, written for the church, to be used by the church in its proclamation of the Gospel to both the unbaptized and the baptized. The Holy Spirit works through the teaching of the Gospel to instill faith in the hearer. Those who receive the Gospel become part of the worshipping community.

SUNDAY 6:30 – 8:00 P.M.

1 & 2 Peter

Led by Marvin Schweigert

Held in the Living Room at Faith Lutheran Church

Starting Date: Sept. 8, 2024

We are continuing this study in the *LifeLight* Bible study series of in-depth studies of Bible books. The goal of *LifeLight* is that through a regular program of in-depth personal and group study of Scripture, more and more Christian adults may grow in their personal faith in Jesus Christ.

NINE SESSIONS

Session 1: Called to live in Christ Forever

Session 2: Called to Reflect Our Redeemer

Session 3: Called to Follow Christ's Example

Session 4: Called to Mature in Suffering

Session 5: Called to Care for Fellow Believers

Session 6: Know the Certainty of Your Election

Session 7: Know the Reliability of God's Word

Session 8: Know the Folly of False Teachers

Session 9: Know the Coming of the Day of the Lord

MONDAY 6:00 – 7:00 P.M.

Reading the Psalms

Join us on Monday nights at 6:00PM in the Young Conference Room. Matt Reitzel will be leading the study.

Join us in the Young Conference room on Monday nights at 6:00 for "Reading the Psalms." We will read through the Psalms responsively and discuss their meaning as found in the *Lutheran Study Bible* and the Concordia Publishing book *Engaging the Psalms*. Feel free to join us as your schedule allows if you miss a night it doesn't mean you are out of the loop. First meeting Monday, September 9.

TUESDAY 10:30 – 11:30 A.M.

UNSHAKABLE

Standing on the Rock When Life Quakes Hard

Led by Karen Lindbloom

Held in the Young Conference room by the church office.

Starting Date: Continuing

We are about done with this study. Only a few weeks left. Then we will take a two week break before we begin another Bible Study.

Our next study will be Chosen: A study on the book of Esther. The beginning date to be determined. Watch the bulletins for announcement.

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Bible Studies continued

WEDNESDAY 6:00 – 7:00 P.M. JEREMIAH AND LAMENTATIONS

Led by Dennis Ryckman

605-222-7713

Held at church in the Young Conference Room next to the church office.

Starting Date: September 11, 2024

This study is part of the LifeLight Bible study series of in-depth studies of Bible books. The goal of LifeLight is that through a regular program of in-depth personal and group study of Scripture, we may grow in our personal faith in Jesus Christ.

Why Study Jeremiah? So that we can know Christ better and see God deepen our endurance in the gospel so that our hope in God and His promises will grow. 1. Jeremiah shows us the fullness of God's character. 2. Jeremiah shows us the depths of our sinfulness. 3. Jeremiah shows us the power of our Savior. 4. Jeremiah shows us the riches of the new covenant.

WEDNESDAY 6:30 – 8:00 P.M.

Contact Person: David Zuercher
(605-222-8424)

This study group meets on Wednesday night at 6:30 P.M. They alternate meeting in member's homes. They are continuing their study of 'Acts' in the God's Word for Today series. Watch the bulletins for further information on the start date.



Thanks to all who helped with VBS 'Celebrate the Savior.' We had a great turn out of approximately 55 kids all week. Thanks to the Boards that served meals. Supper was a nice time of quick fellowship and we served between 85 and 90 people each night.

Do Good!



CREATION MUSEUM + ARK ENCOUNTER

Motor Coach Tour Dates:
October 20-25, 2024

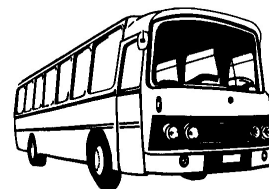
You will be amazed at how the Bible comes to life at the Creation Museum and the Ark Encounter! Travel via Faith Motor Coach.

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. We would also like to reserve a block of rooms by Aug. 31. 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.



MANY THANKS!

Thank you!

Where do you even start?

Well, worship is a good place to start. The Piano/Organ duets, the mixed ensemble, the violin solo, the piano/organ duets and bold congregational singing. Thanks parish musicians. It was joyful “knock your socks off” worship.

Yes, both of my kids and both sisters and brother-in-law were here, what a fun weekend!

And all of you! Was it a card, a personal note, tons of remembrance? Did you bake a pie? It was a dream pie social. A gift certificate, some green, frankly I was overwhelmed; community visitors, table and chair setting-uppers and taking downers, Elders and Altar guild extra duty...

Perhaps you decorated or did you un-decorate, were you that kitchen crew serving and cleaning up or the Board of Elders and our LWML who put this all in motion, or were you Helen getting invitations out, I don't know who did the 1944 table tents – but thanks. My goodness what a party with a full church and full Christian Family Life Center – thanks be to God – Alleluia and Amen!

What an amazing bunch of extraordinary saints.

In my 53 years of being a shepherd of the Lord I have preached in 30 churches, 27 of them in the South Dakota District. I love that *ancient* Word that remains ever contemporary. That sacred Word that we *impart* every moment of our lives.

Thank you!

Pastor Brad Urbach



Do Good!

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

Education year begins

We are excited to begin the education year. Students age 3 through 12th grade are invited to our Sunday School classes. These begin September 8 from 9:45-10:45AM. This class time is focused on sharing God's story with the students. They will learn about the various people involved in this story, men and women from the Old and New Testament.

We also invite students in 2nd grade through 8th grade to Midweek/Catechism classes. Classes will begin Wednesday, Sept 11, from 6:00-6:45PM. This time is focused on the teachings which God gives in His Word.

Both of these times, Sunday School and Midweek/Catechism, are focused on different yet complementary aspects of God and His Word. Students are encouraged to attend *both* classes.



Bible Bowl 2025

We received word from the South Dakota LCMS district on the 2025 Bible Bowl. The books of the Bible are Ephesians, Philippians, Colossians, and Philemon. Students from sixth grade to seniors are eligible to participate. The statewide competition is before Palm Sunday. For more information or to register please see Bible Bowl coach LeRoy Kropuenske. He is around on Sunday for Sunday School and Wednesday for confirmation.



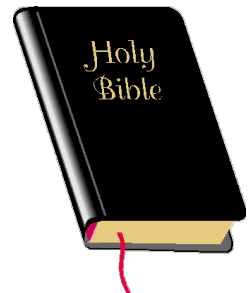
Do Good!



**Midweek Catechism Classes
will begin September 11
at 6:00 pm.**

Bibles and Catechisms

We are continuing our tradition of providing Bibles to 2nd grade students and catechisms to 4th grade students. We will have a special ceremony for students to receive these items during Rally Day. These items are free, and we will also have additional Bibles and catechisms available if you would like to purchase them.



The Mission of Higher Things is to make the Gifts of Christ Jesus known to youth and young adults.
Learn more today at <https://higherthings.org>.



June 24-27, 2025
University of Massachusetts-Amherst
Amherst, MA

July 8-11, 2025
Concordia University Nebraska
Seward, NE

July 29-August 1, 2025
Calvin University
Grand Rapids, MI

All Things NEW

Higher Things Conferences 2025

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.

Information Releases October 1st, 2024
www.allthingsnew25.org

September Content

- ***I'm New Here*** // Young Adult Catechesis Video Podcast
- **Who Am I Hymn Videos** releasing weekly
- **Black and Blue** Returns weekly on Youtube!
- **Uncultured Saints Season 5** continues Weekly on Youtube and podcast
- **Drive to School Season 3** begins every Tuesday and Thursday on Youtube and podcast
- Social Media
 - Feast Day Reels
 - Daily Video Content
- Weekly Bible Studies
 - High School and College
- **High School Bible Studies Collection 2** releases on the HT Store

Latest News

- 2025 Conference Announcement
 - **All Things New // 2025 Conference**
- **Higher Things Beyond** announced
 - **Young Adult Initiative**
 - College Ministry, Vocation Support, YA Ministry, Mission and Service
- 2000 attendees served during 2024 conference season
- Currently booking '24-'25 Retreat Season
- **500 for \$500 Initiative**
 - Looking for 500 Congregations to support Higher Things annually for \$500
 - Looking for 500 Individuals and families to support HT annually for \$500

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