



# MAY 2025 NEWSLETTER

Faith Lutheran Church

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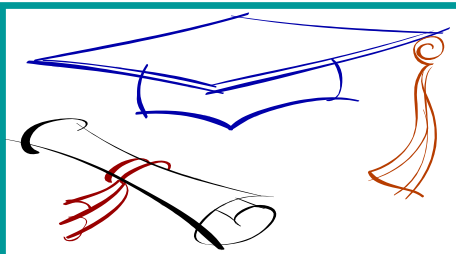
Pierre, SD 57501

## 2025 Graduates

### High School Seniors Graduation Reception

The women of the  
LWML will be  
hosting a reception  
for our high school  
graduates on May  
11 between services

Please join us and  
help our young  
adults celebrate  
this major accom-  
plishment in their  
lives.



Marissa Bauder

Joslyn Cantu

Brady Clocksin

Kiera Gossman

Kellen Hansen

Alyson Hutchinson

Olivia Olson

Eleanor Overweg

Raedenn Rathbun

Amber Roman



Voters Meeting

### Voter's Assembly

May 4, 2025

9:45 in CFLC



Join us for a special  
Ascension Eve worship  
service Wednesday, May 29  
at 7:00 pm.

Do Good!



## THE SEASON OF EASTER

Every so often, we change the color of the decorations in the sanctuary. You see green for a lot of the summer. You also might notice purple (a recent color) as well as blue, red, and white. The colors follow the seasons of the Church Year. The word “seasons” is moderately helpful. Just like you cannot be completely sure when spring will actually begin, some of these seasons move depending on the calendar year. Easter is one of those times and one of those seasons that moves.

The season of Easter officially runs from Easter Day until the Day of Pentecost (which is a red day). During this time, we give special attention to the resurrection of Jesus. Our readings include passages from Revelation that describe the future hope that we have in our crucified and risen Lord. Our Gospel readings begin with the results of Jesus rising from the dead. At the midway point, they transition into his Upper Room Discussion, where he gives encouragement and hope to the disciples as they face a life without Jesus physically present.

I believe we live in a season of Easter, of sorts. We live in the confidence and hope that comes from a resurrected and living Lord Jesus. We need to be reminded of the future that is certain and secure, not because of our works and doing but because of what Jesus has accomplished for us. We also need to be encouraged as we face a life without Jesus physically present with us.

There will be challenges. The first reading for each Sunday from Acts recalls a moment in the time of the apostles. For as much success as they had, there was frequent hardship and difficulty. Perhaps you can empathize with their situation, since it likely describes your own. The resurrection of Jesus is not just a story to be remembered every spring. It is a state of being by which we can endure the pitfalls of life. The season of Easter is the joyful expectation of eternal life with our Savior and with all who have departed in faith. **He is risen! He is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

*Pastor Sam*



*Do Good!*



## THANK YOU, MOM

*"Train up a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not turn from it." Proverbs 22:6*

One of the most popular observances in the month of May is Mother's Day. It got me to thinking about my own mother. Mom grew up as an only child on a dairy farm in west central Minnesota during the Great Depression, and later, World War II. Her father was a German immigrant (I never knew him; he passed away suddenly when Mom was 20 years old), and her mother was a child of German immigrants. They were devout German Lutherans; my great-grandfather was a charter member of my home church, Immanuel Lutheran.

*Let children hear the mighty deeds which God performed of old,  
Which in our younger days we saw, and which our parents told.*

Mom was Valedictorian of her high-school graduating class and attended Macalester College and Interstate Business School. She worked for an insurance company, and later, the bank in my (our) hometown. She loved it, and after thinking about it, I can see why -- working with numbers -- the jobs were exact disciplines, which most definitely suited her personality. After she married my father, she gave it all up to raise a family. She did her best to shape being a wife and mother into an exact discipline.

*Our sons and daughters we shall tell and they again to theirs,  
That generations yet unborn may teach them to their heirs.*

Mother was very structured, and my brother and I didn't always follow her mandates. I've been told I absolutely refused to take a nap as a young child, which resulted in an early bed-time. Mom was very diligent about laundry, ironing, and cleaning on their specific days. She spent hours hanging the wash outdoors, starching and pressing my dad's white shirts (the ones guys used to wear to church), and waxing and polishing the wood floors until they gleamed. Many times we kids would run through the house, and more often than not, leave a black mark on her wood floors. (You can guess her reaction!) She would stand over me as I practiced my piano lessons, counting out loud, and making sure I knew them perfectly before heading to my lessons. Yes, perfectly.

*O teach them with all diligence the truths of God's own Word,  
To place in Him their confidence, to fear and trust their Lord.*

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## THANK YOU, MOM *continued*

However, the things Mom (and Dad, too) was most assiduous about was directing the spiritual development of her children. A Christian upbringing focused on the importance of training and instructing her children to follow God's ways; we were in worship Every. Single. Sunday. And then off to Sunday School we went -- until we were seniors in high school! No excuses for missing! During my two years of catechesis, we were assigned a ton of memory work. I dug out my old catechism and counted up all the Bible verses we were required to memorize - - 263!! (That's probably about half the verses in the entire catechism.) That, in addition to the Six Chief Parts, questions and answers, required for our questioning. We had instruction Saturday mornings, from 9:00 am until noon (with one small break), September through May. (Very rarely, did anyone miss!) What does this have to do with Mom? I was expected to recite my memory work to her each week -- NO mistakes! Now, I don't remember EVERY verse I had to memorize, but I sure recognize them when reading the Bible or hearing them during the worship service.

*To learn that in our God alone, their hope securely stands,  
That they may never doubt His love, but walk in His commands.*

Mom was no-nonsense, and a strict disciplinarian. When I was a teenager, we butted heads frequently. She was not flexible and there was no grey area. (I was not a pampered princess!) Yet, when I think of everything she did for me, I knew she loved me. I often say the best gift she and Dad ever gave me was my faith.

Karen Lindbloom



O Father, God of love, Now hear my supplication;  
O Savior, Son of God, Accept my adoration;  
O Holy Spirit, be My ever faithful guide  
That I may serve You here And there with You abide.



*Do Good!*





## Mexico Mission Trip 2025

The Mexico Mission trip will take place this year May 24, 2025 – May 31, 2025. Our team consists of 25-30 missionaries. We are 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 team is busy raising money for the trip by performing spring yard clean up and other jobs. If you have something you would like them to do for you, please let them know by contacting the church office at 224-2216 or Carolyn Ryckman at 280-6347.



*Home built in 2023*



## PRESCHOOL NEWS

What a blessing this school year has been, I can't believe it's almost summer break, we have had such a wonderful school year. I have had the privilege of working with such wonderful students and their families this year. God is Great!! In May we will be having our pre-school picnic/graduations to celebrate the kids' accomplishments this school year. Each student planted flowers for their mothers for Mother's Day, they are all anxiously waiting for them to bloom.



They are very excited to sing the songs we have been working hard on to their parents.

We still have a few openings in our pre-school classes for next year, if you know anyone needing preschool, please send them our way. We have lots of fun things planned for next year already.

I want to thank everyone who donated to our preschool this year, we couldn't do it without the love and support from each and every one of you. We hope you have a wonderful summer.

Gods Blessings,

Kelsey Kampfe  
Preschool Director/  
Teacher



## Happy Mother's Day!



*Do Good!*



## Daycare News

April flew right on by! We have finally gotten a couple of new staff and hope everyone will stick around. We are looking forward to Summer as we have extra help cause our highschoolers will be full time and teachers can take a little time off to spend with family and friends.

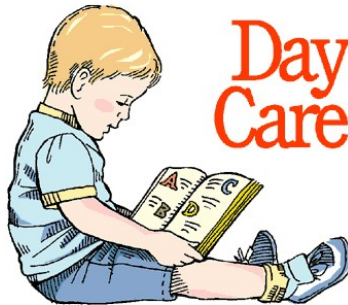
We are looking forward to May 9<sup>th</sup> as we are doing Muffin's with Mom for Mother's Day. We will have coffee and milk as well.

We are getting excited about the end of the school year and the start of our summer shenanigans! The children going to school in the fall and preschool classrooms will have a fun filled summer. Activities include Parks, Ft. Pierre Pool, Pierre Pool, Discovery Center, Bowling, Walks and much, much more! We plan to have the vans in full

force mode again.

As always, thank you for all the ways you support our daycare!

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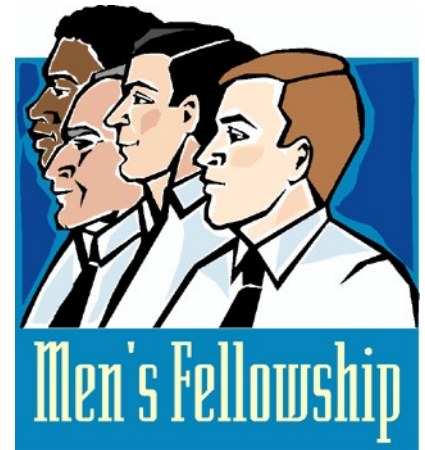
## Official Acts

### Baptisms

### Memorial

Loni Shoup  
4/12/2025

## Men's Club



Our Men's Club will meet Monday, May 5 at 7:00 pm.

Bring a snack to share. Beverage will be provided. We will throw darts, bean bags or maybe play cards. Up to you. It will be a time of great fellowship.



Articles for the June newsletter are due no later than May 20.



*Do Good!*





# Faith Lutheran Youth News

## Camp Minneboji

Minneboji Christian  
Summer Camp  
**June 15<sup>th</sup>-21<sup>st</sup>**

Minneboji, the 7-day/6-night Christian summer camp program for 4<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> graders will be **June 15<sup>th</sup>-21<sup>st</sup>** at Camp Okoboji in Milford, IA. You can register at <https://www.minneboji.com/> . **Registration closes May 1<sup>st</sup>** or when camp is full!

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.

## CIRCUIT BIBLE CAMP

Students who are finishing 4<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> grade are invited to join us for Circuit Bible Camp, which takes place July 7-9. We



will be travelling to Hot Springs and taking in some of the local natural sights. This includes hiking, swimming, and eating outdoors. Packing list includes: Bible, clothes for 2 days (plus extra just in case), toiletries and towel, swimsuit, shoes for hiking, and an outdoor game if you have any.



LCMS National Youth Gathering  
July 19-23, 2025  
New Orleans, LA

The theme is 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.



*Do Good!*