

Faith Ev. Lutheran Church

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## Out of Town But Not Out of Touch

Traveling this summer? We encourage you to stay rooted in Faith by attending our Sunday worship services online. Visit our website at [faithluth.com](http://faithluth.com) and click on [Worship Livestream](#) to watch our 8:30 am Sunday services **live**. You can also view archived recordings of recent services at that link. (Thank you to our volunteer tech team for making this possible each week!) Worship service bulletins are also posted on our website each week so you can conveniently participate in the service: Select the **Worship** tab at the top of the

home page, then select [Worship Bulletins](#).

## Vacation Bible School (VBS)

VBS is scheduled for August 2-6.

Check bulletins for updates as the time for VBS nears.

The Boards are providing meals for everyone from 5-6 pm. VBS will be in session from 6-8 pm.

Sign up will be online and you should look for updates online thru Remind App and Face-



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## “FREE INDEED!”

Many of you, as you celebrate the Fourth of July, will enjoy a cookout with close friends and/or family. Then you will make your way down to a special spot from which you can watch the fireworks displays to make the holiday complete. We all love and enjoy our friends. And we appreciate the freedoms that are ours as citizens of the United States of America.

The Fourth of July calls to mind the heritage of freedom that we too often take for granted. America’s second President, John Adams, wrote, *“Posterity, you will never know how much it cost the present generation to provide and preserve freedom. I hope you will make good use of it.”* I saw a political cartoon that insisted, *“But freedom isn’t free!”* True. The price in toil, blood and tears has been tremendous. Also we today cannot fully enjoy our rights and freedoms if we are not investing ourselves in some ways to guarantee those rights and freedoms for all citizens of the USA. If we don’t value freedom for others, in time, we will lose it ourselves.

Jesus Christ spoke of freedom, too – freedom that far exceeds and is of far greater value than all our political freedoms. He said, *“If you continue in my Word you are truly my disciples, and you will know the truth and the truth will set you free.”*

The religious leaders who heard him objected. *“We have never been in bondage to any man. How is it that you say you can make us free?”* They were fooling themselves. Their nation was in fact under the domination of Rome. And they themselves were enslaved by pride and a religious system that encouraged their pride. We can fool ourselves in similar ways when we want freedom just for ourselves – but not necessarily for others.

Jesus responded, *“If the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed.”* He of course, was talking about true freedom – freedom from spiritual slavery, from sin and guilt. When you enjoy the freedom He gives and are living in God’s family as one of His children, you are free indeed regardless of outward circumstances.

The freedom that Christ offers cost Him His life, for it is the blood of Jesus Christ, God’s Son that cleanses us from all sin and sets us free. Freedom in Christ comes to us as a gracious heritage – just as our political freedoms have. Even more than our political freedoms, however, our freedom in Christ requires responsible use, and we must invest ourselves in the privilege of bringing it to others.

Paul wrote the Galatian Christians: *“You were called to be free. But do not use your freedom to indulge your sinful nature; rather, serve one another in love.”* His words surely are applicable to all of life as we celebrate another Independence Day.

Serving Christ with you,

*Pastor Kumm*

*Again Jesus spoke to them, saying, “I am the light of the world.  
Whoever follows me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life.”*

John 8:12 (ESV)



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## FROM TYRANNY TO FREEDOM

On April 23, 1891, in Philadelphia, a 24-page hand-written book was purchased at public auction. It was valued because of its author. It was titled *The Daily Sacrifice*. A book of prayers, it contained petitions for morning and evening of each day of the week.

Listen to a few of its pleadings: “Pardon, I beseech Thee, my sins. Remove them from Thy presence as far as the East is from the West, and accept me for the merits of Thy Son, Jesus Christ.” Another: “Remit my transgressions, and cover them with the absolute obedience of Thy dear Son, Jesus Christ, offered upon the cross for me.” One more: “I humbly beseech Thee to be merciful to me in the free pardon of my sins, for the sake of Thy dear Son, my only Savior, Jesus Christ, who came not to call the righteous, but sinners to repentance.”

Who wrote these reverent prayers? Was it some great preacher? No, these prayers were written by George Washington at age 20, an age at which too many young people find little time for communicating with God and show little respect for his Church. They reveal Washington’s personal faith in Jesus as his Savior, and his gratitude for the grace of God that brought him into God’s Kingdom.

When people become citizens of the United States they renounce loyalty to the lands of their birth and swear allegiance to the United States and its Stars and Stripes. That can be an emotional experience. In some cases it means a dramatic move from tyranny and dictatorship to the assurance of rights and freedoms in the land of the free. They are happy to be a part of what makes the USA what it is.

George Washington “The Father of our Country”, and others founded our nation “Under God”. We were known as a “Christian” nation. We are thankful for those efforts and the great sacrifice many have made in creating this nation and building it to be the best in the world. However today, we see the Christian base of our nation and culture eroding from under us. Public prayer is being suppressed, Christian slogans and mottos are being eliminated from public buildings and media. But the one thing that remains solidly in our constitution is the Freedom of Religion, one of the principles that have made our country great.

On the basis of his book of prayers and other indications, Washington was dedicated also to his relationship with God through Jesus Christ. He had renounced sin and self and had given his allegiance to God’s Kingdom of Grace. This should serve as an example to us as Christian citizens. In the freedom we are so richly afforded, we need to continue to stand for what is right in God’s eyes in our country.

St. Paul, grateful for his own release from sin, wrote, **“Give thanks to the Father, who delivered us from the power of darkness and translated us to the kingdom of his dear Son.”** Our political freedoms and our spiritual freedom in Christ did not come easily. As we value them, we will use them responsibly, and will protect and promote them for all. Let us continue to rightly apply God’s Word to our culture and society, not letting culture and society bend and twist God’s Word. May we hold fast to these beloved principles for another 250 years!!

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## SINGING OUR FAITH

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*“...every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord,  
to the glory of God the Father.” Philippians 2:11*

When I was growing up, our choir at Immanuel sang about once a month. They were a dedicated group made up of farmers, housewives, students, merchants and the like. From little on, I always looked forward to hearing them sing—after all, my dad sat in the back row with the tenors and basses. The pastor was their director. As I said, they were committed. Rehearsals were around 8:00 in the evening to accommodate the farmers who had to finish up with milking and chores, but no one seemed to mind. Sometimes they even had lunch afterwards. One thing was very obvious, choir was important to them.

When I was a sophomore in high school, I began singing in the church choir, along with several friends. We happened to have an excellent choir in our high school, of which we were all part of. We were very fortunate to have an outstanding, energetic director that we loved—even though he was pretty tough on us. I learned so much about singing and choral music from him. When I think about some of the literature we learned, it kind of blows my mind. I probably didn't appreciate it at the time, but it was top notch, and a lot of it was a cappella. There were works by F. Melius Christianson, Vaughn Williams, and arrangements by Gershwin and Benjamin Britton. Some of that was definitely college level.

As a high schooler coming into church choir, I soon became aware that the choir didn't quite have the finesse the school choir did. Sometimes voices didn't blend so well; vowels and consonants were never mentioned, and phrasing didn't come up to par. Sixteen-year-old me said something to mom one day, that I thought the choir could do better. Well, she set me straight on that one! I came to understand that most of these people didn't have formal training (my dad didn't read music), they weren't professionals; they were common people, and the pastor was not a trained director, even though he appreciated good music. She said, “They sing from the heart. They are singing their faith. They are praising God.”

I'll admit I push our choir at Faith. Every little push shows me what they are capable of doing—even if they think they can't. I recently came across an article in one of my choral journals that said, “Singing during worship is a beautiful privilege—one that's not about us, but about what God is doing through us. This doesn't mean the quality of the music doesn't matter—it does. But the important thing is not THAT it matters, but WHY it matters. Let's remember why we're there.” Choral anthems have the power to speak to people, help them pray and contemplate some of the most awesome mysteries about God, faith and humanity.

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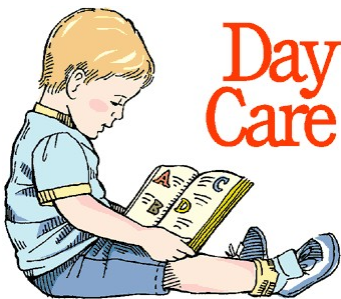
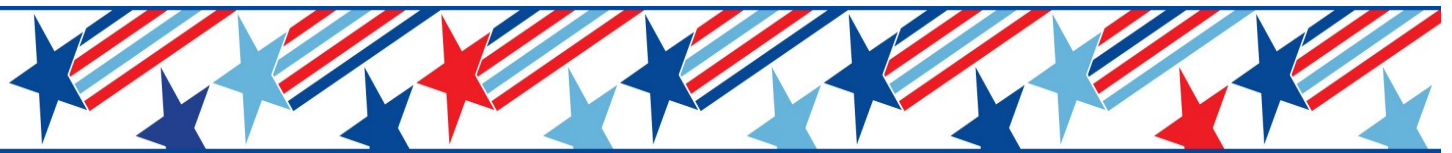
## SINGING OUR FAITH continued

I have told our choir that we are singing for an audience of ONE, and they understand that. The following can apply to the choir, but also the congregation:

Consider this.

*Every time you gather for rehearsal  
 Every time you gather for worship  
 Every time you sing the hymns of faith  
 Every time you sing an anthem or a response  
 You are, in fact, professing your faith  
 In the ONE in whom you believe  
 In the ONE in whom you place your trust  
 In the ONE who gave His life for you  
 In the ONE who gave you the gift of music to share.*

*Karen Lindbloom*



### Day Care

We are in full swing of summer and the older children are really enjoying being out and about in the community. Our younger preschool students get to enjoy being outside of the building as well, just not as much. We are enjoying our high school staff being with us this summer as all three of them will be heading off to college in August. We hope to keep enrollment the same come this fall, maybe add 5 more with Gods grace that all the full-time staff stick around.

We have new faces and names on the many Boards here at Faith Lutheran so I want to make sure everyone knows we have an open-door policy and any of you can come take a peek and ask questions if you would like to. May God steer us in the right direction and help us all fulfill our positions to the fullest.

May God Bless you all and we hope you enjoy your summer!

Thanks,  
Mandy Vogel/Kim Jensen

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# FOREVER YOUNG



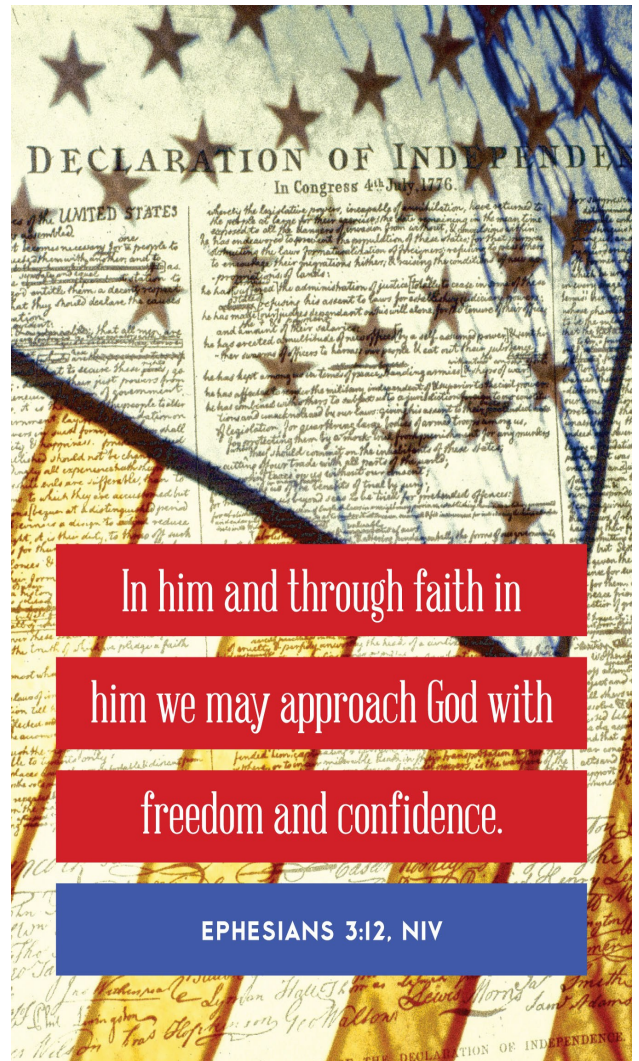
## POTLUCK DINNER FOR SENIORS

Our Forever Young Gatherings for **July 16** will be hot dogs (maybe chicken instead?) furnished and picnic foods. **August 20** will be the normal potluck meal. Third Thursday of each month at noon.

Forever Young is for those who are 55 years old and older, semi-retired or retired. Bring a friend or any visiting family members. All will be welcomed. If anyone is interested we may play some bingo!



The deadline for any articles for the September newsletter need to be emailed to [faith@faithluth.com](mailto:faith@faithluth.com) by **August 17** at noon. **Thanks!**



In him and through faith in him we may approach God with freedom and confidence.

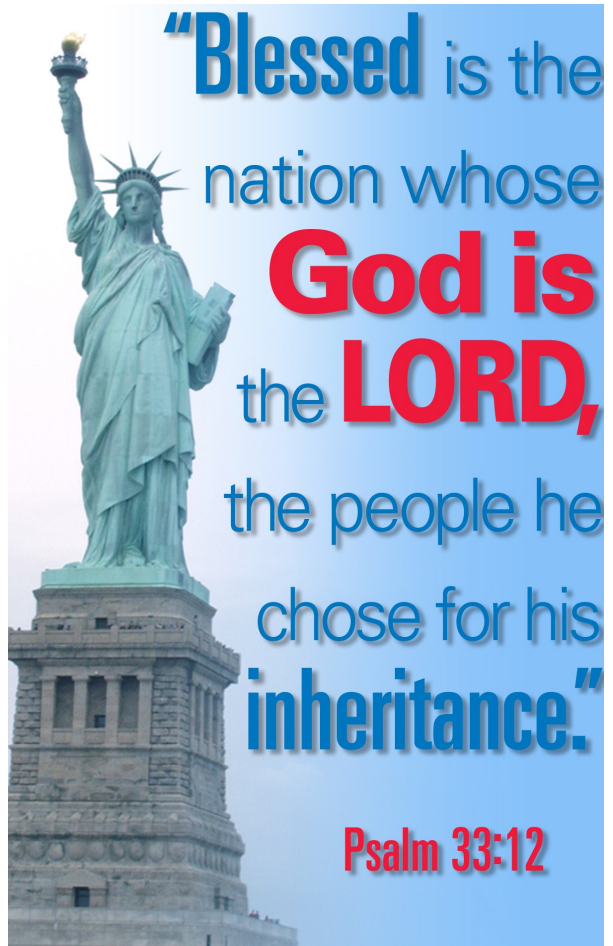
EPHESIANS 3:12, NIV

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## Governor Grocery Project Help Local Students in Need

Planning ahead: September will be Faith Lutheran’s month to gather donations for the Governor Grocery project. Individual serving sizes of shelf-stable, peanut-free food items are requested. Personal hygiene products are also welcome. A list of in-demand items will be posted in the Narthex in late August.

**About the Governor Grocery Project:** housed at the Georgia Morse Middle School, this student pantry provides free food and hygiene items for local middle and high school students. Students can stop at the pantry after school on Fridays to select meal, beverage and snack items for the weekend. This project is run by volunteers and is funded entirely by donations.



# FEED THE HUNGRY

## Official Acts

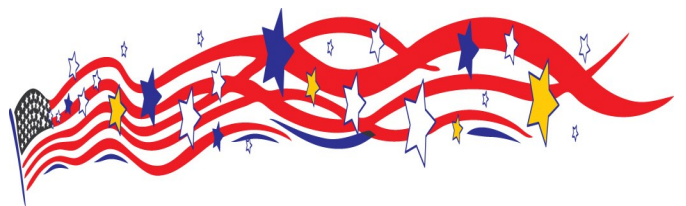
### Buriel

Lois Kirschenmann 6/3/26

### Funerals

Arthur John 'AJ' Lenz 6/3/26

Rose Marrington 6/16/26



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# COUNTRY FAIR!

SATURDAY, OCT. 17<sup>TH</sup>

9 AM - 1 PM AT FAITH LUTHERAN

## HELP US GET READY FOR THIS ANNUAL FALL BAZAAR BY MAKING ITEMS FOR OUR BOOTHS

- Crafts
- Candy of all types (we were way short last year!)
- Baked goods, such as bars, cakes, cookies, pies, and breads
- Jellies, jams, pickles, sauces, salsa, relish, dilly beans

## Gift Baskets are a popular item at Country Fair. Here's what we need for the baskets.

- Good quality medium-sized baskets (not Easter baskets)
- Mugs, wooden spoons, measuring cups/spoons, whisks, dish towels
- Christmas & snowman-themed items
- Autumn & Thanksgiving-themed items
- Special occasion items: birthday, get well
- Hand soaps, lotions, candles, cute notepads, small decorative items
- Microwave popcorn, jerky sticks
- Individual packets flavored coffee, hot chocolate, tea
- Wrapped hard candy, miniature or snack size candy bars
- Baby items: blankets, toys, rattles, bath wash, books

**Not needed:** Spring, summer, Valentine's or Easter-themed items.

Place gift basket items in big coat closet by Monday, Oct. 5<sup>th</sup>

**Questions?  
Contact  
Kristy Deal  
(605) 280-7004**

# LADIES' FUN NIGHT!

**Monday, July 27**  
**6:00 pm at Salt, Inc.**

The LWML will host an evening of fun and fellowship for the ladies of Faith at Salt, Inc. at 1601 N. Harrison (in the Harrison Hill Plaza, which is near the Bank West branch). The cost of \$18 per person includes a tasty Pasta Bar dinner!

Sign up at a table in the Narthex starting July 1st.

— SALT, INC. —  
 — CATERING —

## PASTA BAR

-  MEATBALL MARINARA PENNE
-  CHICKEN ALFREDO FETTUCCHINI
-  GARDEN SALAD
-  BREAD

**\$18.00** per person  
 MINIMUM 20 GUESTS



# MEN'S RETREAT

*MEN'S RETREAT – Brought to you by the South Dakota – LCMS Mission and Ministry Council.*

*Men are called to be leaders – this retreat is a great way to build your faith with other men as we tackle the topics of what Christian leadership looks like in the home, with your family, leadership in your community and at church. Plan to strengthen your knowledge with practical steps and ideas. We will also enjoy a fun Saturday afternoon at the shooting range so bring your shotgun, rifle and pistols. See the SD District website for more information and details. Registration is now open.*

*Theme: Modeling Your Faith - God has called men in the church to be leaders, demonstrating their faith to neighbors and their family.*

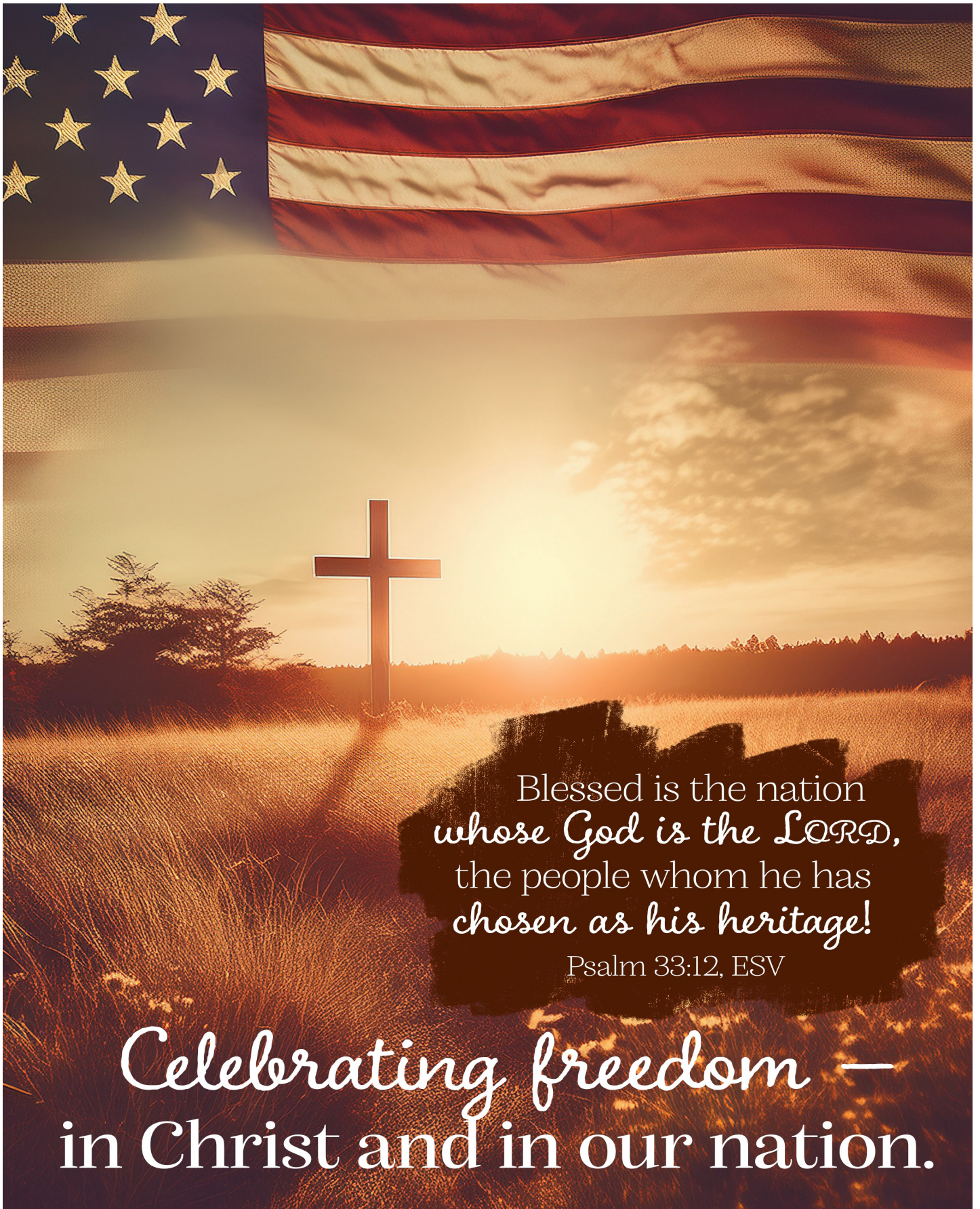
*Where: At The Korkow Ranch Ministries, rural Pierre SD*

*When: Friday, July 31 to Sunday, August 2*

*Cost: Just \$40*

*Registration: <https://sddlcms.org/event/mens-retreat-in-pierre-sd/>*

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Blessed is the nation  
whose God is the LORD,  
the people whom he has  
chosen as his heritage!

Psalm 33:12, ESV

*Celebrating freedom —*  
in Christ and in our nation.

*Do Good!*