
September 2026 Newsletter

Faith Lutheran Church

714 N Grand Avenue

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RALLY DAY

Sept. 13, 2026

Sunday School and
Bible Classes begin



CHRISTIAN EDUCATION



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 at both services. These items are free, and we will also have additional Bibles and catechisms available if you would like to purchase them.

Rally Day Noon Meal

Details still pending

Check August 30 bulletin for details



Everything Good



It's THAT time of year again!

But what a great time of the year it is! It's back to school time! Not just for the Pierre School district, but also for the Faith Lutheran Christian Education program! We are ready to receive all of God's children in our Sunday School, Midweek programs, and Adult Bible studies. There are many opportunities for all of us, in any age group, to be *"in the Word"* this fall! But we wouldn't be able to do that without those who come forward to "teach" God's Word.

God never asks His servants to perform tasks in his name without committing Himself to helping us get the job done. What He demands He is ready to give. In any Christian education program, He teams up a trained teacher with His Holy Spirit to empower their work, as He promised. God is no stranger to team teaching. It is the technique He himself employed in His desire to bring us to salvation through faith in Jesus Christ!

In His ministry as the Word of God made flesh, Jesus showed himself to be a Master Teacher. With His parables He met people where they were, and unfolded the Word clearly and pointedly. The people of Galilee who crowded around to hear Him were *"amazed at His teaching because He taught as one who had authority, and not as their teachers of the law."* Nicodemus, a member of the Sanhedrin, the high Jewish Council, came to interrogate Jesus privately one night, and said to him, *"Rabbi, we know you are a teacher who has come from God, for no one could perform the miraculous signs you are doing if God were not with him."* Jesus said of himself, *"My teaching is not my own, but comes from Him who sent me."* And then He told how we can validate the truth of His teaching: *"If anyone chooses to do God's will, he will find out whether my teaching comes from God or whether I speak on my own."*

Jesus did more than teach about the Love of God. He embodied that Love! He gave himself into suffering as God's own atoning sacrifice for every human sin. He demonstrated fully that *"God is love."* Then, with His saving ministry completed, the risen Jesus turned responsibility for teaching over to the Holy Spirit. He told his disciples, *"The Counselor, the Holy Spirit, will teach you all things, and will remind you of everything I have said to you."* The Spirit provides the Good News of Jesus with all the power of God, so that Jesus becomes personally meaningful to us as our Savior. His dynamic is indispensable, for *"no one can say 'Jesus is Lord' except by the Holy Spirit."*

It was love for Jesus that has led all of our teachers and volunteers to make up our Christian Education program. It is the work of the Holy Spirit along with our teachers that make the interaction with people of all ages truly a workshop of God's Word. So, come!! Come and join us this year! Make a renewed effort to be *"in the Word"*. The Holy Spirit and your teachers are ready to team up with you, as you dig into the Word of God.

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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ERASERS ARE THE NICEST THINGS

"Praise the Lord, O my soul; all my inmost being, praise his holy name. Praise the Lord, O my soul and forget not all his benefits—who forgives all your sins and heals all your diseases." "He does not treat us as our sins deserve or repay us according to our iniquities. For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is his love for those who fear him; as far as the east is from the west, so far has he removed our transgressions from us."

Psalm 103:1-3, 10-12

My 15 year-old granddaughter from St. Cloud, Minnesota, came to stay with me for most of last week. I made a list of things we could do together, recipes to try, where we could shop, and places to eat, like Zesto, La Minestra, and Deb's Feed Store. One of the first things on the list was to head over to Walmart and buy the school supplies that would fill one of the backpacks I picked up from the church. Among the items needed were pencil-top erasers and a dry eraser for a white board. If the student made a mistake, he could easily erase it.

Amazing grace, how sweet the sound, that saved a wretch like me!

I once was lost but now am found, was blind but now I see!

The Lord has promised good to me, His Word my hope secures;

He will my shield and portion be as long as life endures.

When we make a written mistake, an eraser is a handy thing to have around—maybe not so much in the digital age, when we have computers and other devices, but when I was in grade school, especially—we made good use of erasers—especially, in math. An eraser would make the mistake go away—as if it never happened. Then we could start over with a clean slate.

Through many dangers, toils, and snares I have already come;

His grace has brought me safe thus far, His grace will lead me home.

Yes, when this flesh and heart shall fail, and mortal life shall cease,

Amazing grace shall then prevail in heaven's joy and peace.

When we make the mistake of sin, as we are prone to do, God's grace is a handy thing to have around. It can make the mistake/sin go away, as if it never happened. Our slate is wiped clean. God's love and favor toward man is precious. He extends unlimited grace to all of us and makes our lives new. He forgives us, utterly and completely.

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ERASERS *continued*

The burden of sin is lifted! He also enables us to forgive others as we have been forgiven, and extend His amazing grace to them.

*When we've been there ten thousand years, bright shining as the sun,
We've no less days to sing God's praise than when we'd first begun.*

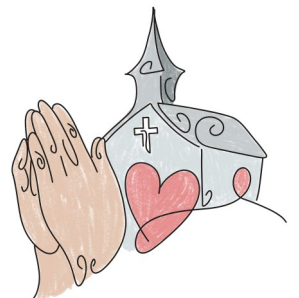
"Amazing Grace" is a favorite and well-known hymn of believers—and maybe unbelievers? It was penned by Sir John Newton, an English evangelical Anglican cleric and slavery abolitionist. At one time he was a captain of slave ships, and experienced a Christian conversion after his ship was caught in a severe storm. In response, Newton began praying for God's mercy, after which the storm died down. He began to read the Bible, and no longer sailed; however, he continued to invest in the slave trade for a time before fully abdicating it. He noted that respectable leaders were renouncing slavery, and wrote, "So much light has been cast on the suppression of a traffic which contradicts the feelings of humanity, that it is hoped this stain of our National character will soon be wiped out." Erased!

Karen Lindbloom



Important Info Concerning Faith Circle's Mission

After Faith Lutheran members graduate from high school, Faith Circle Ladies will lift these members up in prayer for four years as they begin their adult years. In addition to prayers, inspirational items will be sent to their home addresses at both Christmas and Easter. It is our hope that parents will deliver these items for us. If this is not possible, please share your young adult's address with the church office so the items can be sent directly to them. Thank you for your help in ministering to these Faith members.



Cindy Fiechtner, Faith Circle, Chairman

Everything Good

Saturday, Oct. 17th 9 am to 1 pm at Faith Country Fair!

YOU CAN HELP US GET READY

Make arts and crafts of all types

Place in the coat closet in the Narthex and label "Crafts".

Homemade treats

Bring homemade pies (we sell whole pies in the Homemade Goodies Booth -AND- pie by the slice at the Lunch Counter, so we need a LOT of 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. Baked goods can be dropped off the evening before Country Fair.

Homegrown produce - jelly - sauces - canned goods

Homegrown produce, honey, and homemade jelly, salsa, pickles, relish, dilly beans, spaghetti sauce and other canned goods are all very popular.

Ingredients and supplies for the Lunch Counter

Check the sign up sheets at the Country Fair table in the Narthex.

Volunteers are needed on October 17th!

Helping at Country Fair is a great way to meet people. We need help in the booths - in the kitchen - busing tables - and greeting people at the door. Sign up at the Country Fair table in the Narthex.

Money raised at Country Fair will support these projects:

LOCAL

- Governor Grocery and Stanley County Buffs Closet (food pantries for students in need)
- Meals on Wheels

DISTRICT

- Orphan Grain Train
- Pastors Utech and Sutton

NATIONAL

- Lutheran World Relief
- Veterans of the Cross

CHURCH PROJECTS (as funding allows)

- Circle projects
- Banner
- Tablecloths
- LYF
- Mexico Mission trip
- Preschool

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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

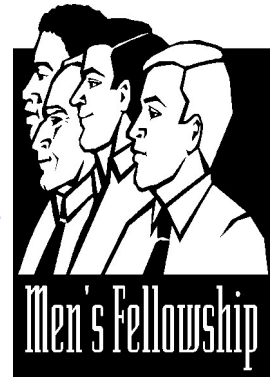
names to be engraved in time for dedication on All Saints' Sunday, the first Sunday in November. This year it is November 1.

To date we have had 124 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 August 31 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

Twenty-six women from Faith Lutheran gathered at Salt, Inc. in the former Mesa's Diner hosted by Megan Linn Bertsch for an evening of fellowship, door prizes and great food. Jan Larson gave the welcome and table prayer. A buffet

style pasta bar was the main entree with a variety of ice cream bars for dessert. The new venue gave the attendees plenty of room to park and the evening was filled with laughter and smiles in a relaxing atmosphere. Those who attended enjoyed their Fun Night away from the regular diner routine.

Official Acts



Baptisms

Weddings

Rachel Salvetti & Quaid Shields
9/12/26

Funerals

Barbara Vermundson
8/8/26

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Seniors' Gathering

**Forever Young
September 17
at noon**

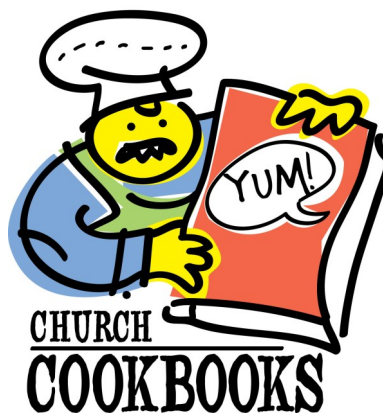
Forever Young is a group of semi-retired and retired members who get together the third Thursday of each month for food and fellowship.

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!



Please have all articles you want in the October newsletter submitted by noon on **Friday, September 18**. If articles are not submitted by then they will **NOT** be in the newsletter.



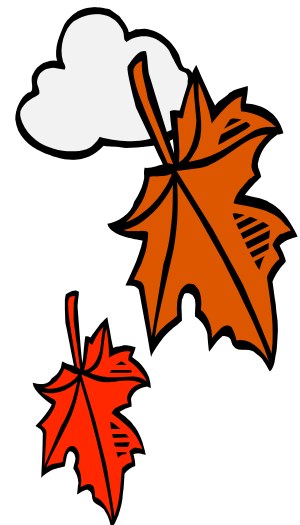
We are done collecting recipes! Thanks to all who submitted some. Hopefully we can have it back for Christmas.

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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!





On Wednesday, September 9th, 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 14th and 17th). 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. Miss Carlie will be coming back for her 3rd year and we are excited for her return. She will be returning a bit later as she will be welcoming her baby boy into the world in September!! Please keep her and her family in your prayers as she enters this new wonderful chapter in life.

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.

Gods Blessings,

Kelsey Kampfe
Preschool Director/
Teacher



DAYCARE NEWS

Blessings about Our Daycare Center

There have been many firsts and changes within our daycare center over the past couple of months, and through it all, we are so blessed to have a wonderful group of teachers who truly love what they do. You can see their love and dedication in the way they interact with the children each and every day.



Ms. Kim and Ms. Jaina are working hard on our curriculum. In September, the children will be learning about **Dinosaurs** and **The Story of Creation**. We are excited to see all the fun learning opportunities these themes will bring!

Our teachers are also excited to begin **Chapel Time** again. Ms. Jaina and Ms. Katelynn will lead chapel with prayer and songs. Then, Ms. Sammi and Mr. Adam will share stories from the **Arch Series**. We look forward to growing in faith together and helping our children learn about God's love.

We have also been blessed with a wonderful addition to our infant room. **Ms. Jess and Ms. Cheryl** have joined our team and are doing a great job caring for our littlest ones. We are expecting a couple more little ones to arrive, and by October, our Manger Room is expected to be full of new babies! Our baby room is always in need of **baby wipes**, as our

little ones are keeping everyone busy. They are becoming more mobile every day and certainly keep our teachers on their toes!

Ms. Justice, our float teacher, is another wonderful blessing to our daycare. She has a great sense of what needs to be done to help our teachers and classrooms run smoothly, and we are thankful for all she does.

We are also currently **looking for a kitchen staff member** to join our daycare family. If you or someone you know may be interested in helping prepare meals for our children and being part of our wonderful team, please reach out to the daycare for more information.

We are truly blessed to have such a wonderful "**village**" within our daycare family—our children, families, teachers, and staff. Even with all the changes that have taken place over the last few months, our goal has remained the same: **the children and families we care for always come first, with respect, kindness, love, and compassion.**

Thank you to our congregation and daycare families for your continued prayers, encouragement, and support. We are grateful to be part of such a caring community, and we look forward to all that God has in store for our daycare in the months ahead!



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ONE NATION UNDER GOD?



““At the name of Jesus, every knee shall bow and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ IS LORD.” Philippians 2:9-11 and “Blessed is the nation whose God is the LORD.” Psalm 33:12 were the two scriptures on each side of the Faith Lutheran Church float which traveled the Ft. Pierre 4th of July parade route on a beautiful sunshine-filled Independence Day. This was accompanied by many ambitious ambassadors for Christ. Over 1,500 Gospel tracts were handed out asking where is your trust: In your strength, your money, people, or Jesus Christ, along with John 3:16. Thank you to all who helped stuff 14,000 squares of crepe paper into chicken wire to make the American Flag. Thank you to all who walked the parade with happiness and joy in the Lord. To God be the Glory.



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MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

Education year begins

Sunday School & Midweek

As school is back in session, it's also time for the Christian education classes offered by Faith Lutheran to resume.



Sunday School is offered to toilet-trained 3-year-olds through high school on Sunday mornings between 9:45am - 10:45am.

Midweek is offered to youth in 2nd - 8th grade on Wednesday evenings between 6pm - 7pm. Sunday School and Midweek courses are intended to be taken together to ensure a broad biblical and Missouri Synod Lutheran perspective. Youth are encouraged to attend all eligible courses. Individuals desiring to be confirmed are required to attend Midweek in 6th - 8th grade. Please make sure that the youth in your life are registered for classes! Registration is important to ensure that we have parent/guardian contact information and can plan for room and study materials.

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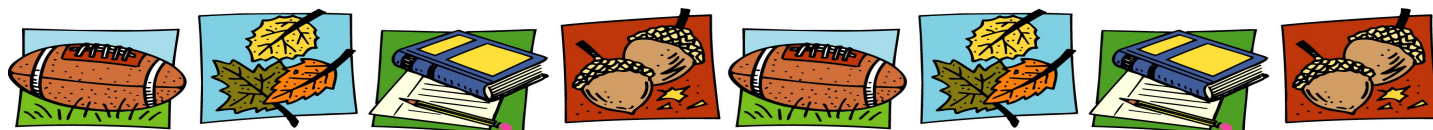
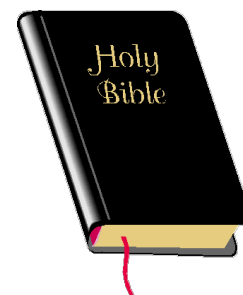
** The content for Sunday School and Midweek are different and participation in both is strongly encouraged.*

Adult Class: Numerous Bible studies and topics are offered at varying times during the week, including Sunday and Wednesday. Plan to bring the kids for their class and stay for your own! Contact the church office for more details.

Church Services: Make attending service on Sunday before classes at 8:30 a.m. or after classes at 11:00 a.m. part of your routine. An additional Chapel Service is offered Wednesday evenings at 7 p.m.

Bibles and Catechisms

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Train up a child in the way
he should go: and when he
is old, he will not depart
from it.

Proverbs 22:6

This verse isn't just for the children. Though there is a great benefit for the children to learn about Jesus and put Bible verses into their memories. Bible study enhances the lives of every age and brings us much closer to our God. Please consider joining one of our Bible Studies.



Classes for All Ages

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Food for local kids!

September is Faith's month to gather donations for "Governor Grocery" - a food pantry for local students

Help stock the shelves with nonperishable, peanut-free foods in single-serving sizes -and- personal hygiene items.

Highest-demand items in **bold blue** print.

MEAL ITEMS

- **Mac & cheese cups**
- **Ramen noodle cups/pkg**s
- **Pop Tarts**
- Canned meals
- Canned veggies
- Cereal cups
- Microwavable soup & stew
- Microwave instant mashed potatoes
- Nutrigrain & granola bars
- Oatmeal cups or packets
- Pasta meal cups
- Rice cups
- Tuna / chicken packets

BEVERAGES

- **Gatorade**
- Juice boxes
- Shelf-stable milk

SNACKS

- **Animal crackers**
- **Cheese/cracker packets**
- **Jerky / jerky & cheese**
- Cheeze-Its & Goldfish
- Fruit cups & fruit snacks
- Jello & pudding snack packs
- Oreos
- Popcorn
- Pretzel & cheese packets
- Rice Krispie bars

HYGIENE PRODUCTS

- **Body sprays & perfume**
- **Deodorant**
- **Tampons/pads/panty liners**
- Lotions
- Mouth wash & floss
- Shampoo & conditioner
- Soap / body wash
- Toothbrush & toothpaste

Leave items on tables in the Narthex.

**Help yourself to a shopping list from the drop-off tables.
See the poster in the Narthex for more details about this project.**

Fall Bible Studies

Sunday *Revelation* Our study of *The Revelation* will continue between services September 13. We will pick up where we left off in Unit 5 “*The Lamb and the Victory Song of the Saints.*” *Revelation 14:1-5.*

High School Sunday Morning Bible Study will be led by Dennis & Carolyn Ryckman between services.

Monday Our *Monday Men* will continue to meet Monday evenings from 5:30 to 6:00 pm. All men are welcome to join at any time.

Tuesday The Women’s Bible study group will continue their study of *Joseph* sometime during September or October at 10:30 am. **Watch bulletins for details.** This study is led by Karen Lindbloom.

Wednesday *Revelation* study will resume Sept. 9th at 5:45 pm at the home of Jerry & Corinne Wulf.

Wed. evening at 6pm in the Young Conference Room by Church Office Starting 9/16. Led by Dennis Ryckman. *Clearly Christian: Following Jesus in this Age of Confusion* by A. Trevor Sutton

Wednesday evening In Homes study will resume September 2 at 6:30 pm. They will be studying *Isaiah*. For more information call David Zuercher at 605-222-8424.

More information on Bible Studies will be in bulletins as the information comes in to the office.



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Volunteers needed!

Do you enjoy sharing God's love with others? Could you spare an hour of your time? The Board of Ed is still seeking adults willing to support educational opportunities as teachers, substitutes and leaders for Sunday School, Midweek, Bible Study, LYF and other events this academic year. No prior experience or kids attending classes is required. Schedules are flexible. Please register as a volunteer and comment on your preferences. Questions? Contact Ellen Blauert, Julie Coppersmith, Amy Hatheway, or Jessica Paul for more info.

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**Classes Resume**

Make sure you register for fall classes and mark your calendar!

Sunday School: Classes begin 9/13. For potty-trained 3-year-olds through high school. Sundays from 9:45am - 10:45am.

Midweek/Confirmation: Classes begin 9/16. For grades 2-8. Wednesdays 6-7 pm. **Grades 6-8 are required to attend for those desiring to be confirmed following completion of the 8th grade year.**

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Classes for All Ages

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Faith in Action!

Snapshots of a few recent congregational activities



Preparing and serving breakfast to 350 Rally-goers in Sturgis



The annual Ladies' Fun Night on August 10th



25 backpacks were filled with donated school supplies for local schoolchildren in need.



Men's Retreat at the Korkow Ranch

For more photos of recent Faith events and updates on congregational news, visit our Facebook page: facebook.com/groups/FaithLutheranChurchPierre

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