

THE FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT

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*A Christ Caring People Who Gather Around Word and Sacrament,
Yoked Together, In Personal Service to Christ in World Wide Missions*



Behold, I am doing a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it?
I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert. The wild beasts will honor Me, the jackals and the ostriches, for I give water in the wilderness, rivers in the desert, to give drink to My chosen people, the people whom I formed for Myself.



AS WE GATHER Israel recalled walking through the water of the Red Sea on dry land. To the nation exiled in Babylon, God promised a new thing: rivers in the desert when they would return to the Promised Land. Paul remembered being a devout Pharisee. To his fellow believers, he writes off that life as rubbish for the new gift God has given him: righteousness through faith in Christ. The religious leaders of Jesus’ day thought they had inherited the nation

and temple as their own. Jesus proclaimed that the kingdom would be given to others. Each day God’s mercies come to us new as a gift. Daily we die to sin and live to righteousness. How then shall we live out this new life?

THE WELCOME AND OPENING PRAYER

If there are prayer concerns for you, your family, your friends, or your neighbors, please put them on the blue information card. Our Board of Elders are prayerful with our pastors about these joys and struggles of our earthly journey.
“The prayer of a righteous man is powerful and effective.” James 5:16b

**THE RINGING BELL CALLS US INTO THE PRESENCE OF
OUR LENTEN LORD**

DIVINE SERVICE-SETTING ONE

THE OPENING HYMN *“My Song Is Love Unknown” LSB 430 Verses 1-3
(All who are able, please stand)*

THE INVOCATION

P In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

Matthew 28:19b; [18:20]

OPENING SENTENCES

P Today is the Lord's Day, a Sunday *in* Lent, but not part *of* it—a little Easter. Let us rejoice and be glad in it,

C **in Jesus' name. Amen.**

P O Lord, open my lips,

C **and my mouth will declare Your praise.**

P Make haste, O God, to deliver me;

C **make haste to help me, O Lord.**

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

THE GREETING

P The grace of our Lord ✠ Jesus Christ and the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C **Amen.**

THE CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

P As we are about to receive our Lord's body and blood in, with, and under this bread and wine for the forgiveness of sins, let us make confession to our heavenly Father.

With God's Old Testament people, we remember His rescuing them and us from spiritual and physical enemies, that we might declare His praise.

C **But we confess that too often we still fear those who would harm us and deceive us, unsure of God's almighty protection.**

P With generations before us who joyfully harvested their crops, we give thanks for all the great things the Lord has done for us.

C **But we confess that too often we focus on the gifts and forget the Giver. We are glad, but do not always give God the credit.**

P With Paul and the saints before us, we proclaim the righteousness that comes from Christ alone through the God-given faith He has bestowed on us.

C **But we confess that too often we seek to impress God with our own righteousness. We hope He will answer prayers, thinking that we deserve to be heard.**

P Although our Lord warned His opponents of the judgment they faced, because He, the rejected stone, has become the cornerstone on which the Church is built in grace and mercy, let us confidently go to God, asking His forgiveness for Jesus' sake.

P Almighty God, heavenly Father,

C we confess that we are by nature sinful. We have failed to love You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We have considered ourselves better than others; we have expected You to bless us in all things. For the sake of Jesus Christ, Your Son and our Lord, forgive us, and by the power of Your Holy Spirit cleanse our hearts and minds that we might walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.

P Christ Jesus, true man and true God, was obedient to His Father in all things and in our place. By His death, He destroyed death, and by His rising opened eternal life to all who call on Him for forgiveness. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit. May God strengthen you in your Lenten journey toward the joys of Easter.

C Amen.

THE SALUTATION

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

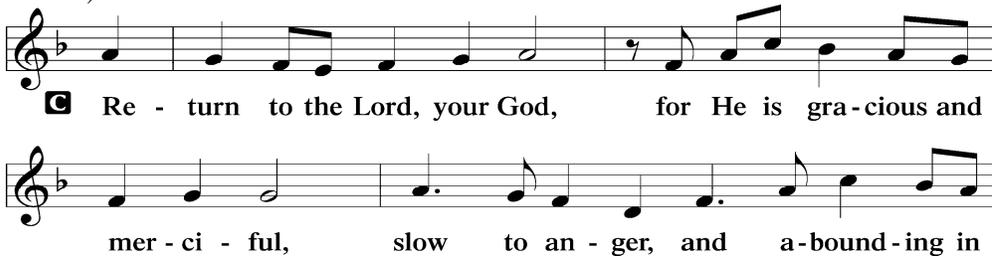
THE COLLECT

Almighty God, by Your great goodness mercifully look upon Your people that we may be governed and preserved evermore in body and soul; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
Amen.

THE OLD TESTAMENT *Isaiah 43:16–21 (God will do a brand new thing.)*

THE SPECIAL MUSIC *“Washed in the Blood of Jesus”...Lowry/Doane
Maria & Elli Noyes, instrumentalists*

THE EPISTLE *Philippians 3:(4b–7) 8–14 (All else is rubbish compared to knowing Christ.)*



Re - turn to the Lord, your God, for He is gra-cious and
mer - ci - ful, slow to an - ger, and a-bound - ing in



stead-fast love, and a - bound - ing in stead - fast love.

Joel 2:13

THE HOLY GOSPEL *St. Luke 20:9–20 (The parable of the wicked tenants)*

CHILDREN'S TALK

THE SERMON HYMN *"Come to Calvary's Holy Mountain" LSB 435*

THE SERMON *"Signs of the Holy Cross – Rod of Moses"*
Psalm 91:7-8, 14-15
Pastor Daniel Barbey

THE NICENE CREED *Inside back cover of the Lutheran Service Book*

THE OFFERING *We gather our tithes, gifts of love and "Building Together in Faith" gifts.*

THE OFFERTORY

THE PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

P Let us pray for ourselves, the Church around the world, and all people in their various needs.

Let us pray for all who, like Israel in Isaiah's day, have had their dreams shattered, have been displaced from their homes, are living in refugee camps, or are forgotten in pockets of poverty and discrimination.

C **Fulfill their dreams with Your gracious plans, Lord. Restore them to their homes, lift their lives in dignity, and provide the food, clothing, and shelter they require.**

P Let us pray for our Faith family and its friends in the midst of life's joys and struggles... and for all who, like those in the psalm going to the temple, whose better, joyful, and bountiful times in the past seem like shattered dreams.

C **Fulfill their dreams with Your gracious plans, Lord. Console those who mourn loved ones, lost crops, and past prosperity. Strengthen and restore those who languish under ill health, inadequate nutrition, or unemployment.**

P Let us pray for all who, like Paul before he came to faith in Christ, struggle, dreaming that they might be righteous under God's Law, as well as those who have no understanding of God's grace and mercy for the sake of Christ, our Lord.

C **Fulfill their dreams with Your gracious plans, Lord. Guide the Church here and around the world to proclaim the righteousness that comes through faith in Christ.**



Strengthen us to press on toward the upward call You so graciously extend to us for Jesus' sake.

P Let us pray for our Faith family and its friends in the midst of life's joys and struggles... and for all who, like the tenant farmers in Jesus' parable, have nightmares, fearing that the spiritual and physical blessings they enjoy must be held tightly as their own possessions.

C **Fulfill their dreams with Your gracious plans, Lord. Open the eyes of governmental leaders, corporation executives, and religious leaders to see their calling to care for others with the resources You provide. Show them how they may serve Your people in justice, compassion, and mercy.**

P Into Your hands, heavenly Father, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy for the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C **Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

C Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven; give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

The 8:20 service continues on page 7 with The Benediction

Crossed Hands – The Board of Elders would find it helpful that when you desire to receive the communion wafer in your hand that you extend your hands in front of you. It is a nice tradition that you cross your hands simply placing your top hand crossed in the palm of the lower hand.

THE SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

11:00

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD *Matthew 26:26-28; Mark 14:22-24; Luke 22:19-20; 1 Corinthians 11:23-25*

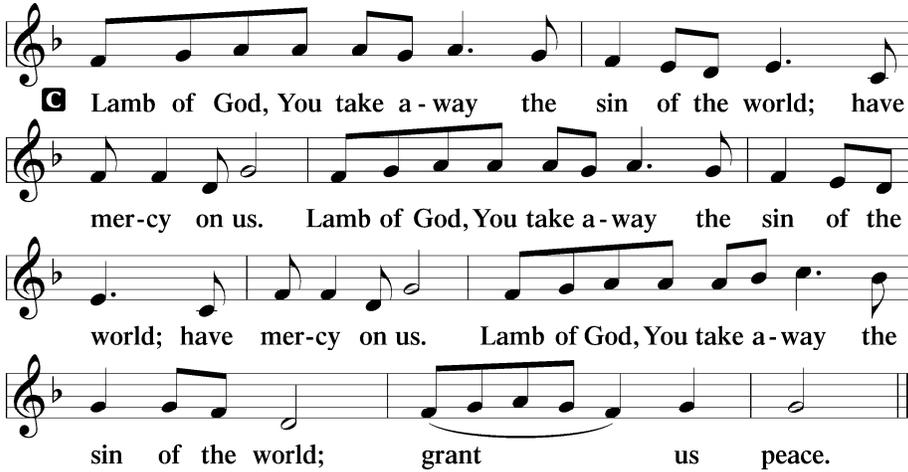
THE PAX DOMINI

John 20:19

P The Peace of the Lord be with you always.

C And also with you.

AGNUS DEI



□ Lamb of God, You take a-way the sin of the world; have
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a-way the sin of the
world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a-way the
sin of the world; grant us peace.

THE COMMUNION HYMNS

“Drawn to the Cross, Which Thou Hast Blessed” LSB 560

“Seek Where You May to Find a Way” LSB 557

“Eat This Bread” LSB 638



THE BENEDICTION (With Sung Amens)

P The LORD bless you and keep you.

The LORD make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The LORD look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.

Numbers 6:24-26



□ A-men, a-men, a - men.

THE CLOSING HYMN “My Song Is Love Unknown” LSB 430 Verses 4-7

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Welcome to Faith Evangelical Lutheran on this Fifth Sunday in Lent! We are delighted to have you in worship with us. If you are visiting from out of town, we bid you welcome and God-speed on your journey. Should you be from our community, and have no church home, we invite you to make Faith your church home. Greeting you this morning:

Before Early Service

Terry & Clareen James
Cordell & Judy Costar

After Early Service

Tom & Cindy Deadrick
Lanny & Sheryl Blake



Before Late Service

Jim & Char Russell
Paul & Lurene Denke

After Late Service

Mike & Angela Roman
Tony & Melissa Neyhart

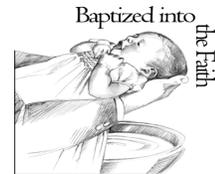
Preaching this morning is Reverend Daniel Barbey. Pastor Barbey is Faith's Interim Pastor.

Prayer at the Pulpit Following both services Pastor Barbey will be by the Pulpit if you have prayer concerns this morning.



Holy Communion is celebrated at our 8:20 service this Sunday. In this Sacrament, our Lord brings us strength and forgiveness to be about His vision and mission. Those confirmed Lutherans who come to the Sacrament of the Altar today are asked to read the communion side of our information card found in the pew rack and to sign the bottom of the reverse side so that our communion records might be complete.

Holy Baptisms This noon by God's extraordinary Word and with ordinary water Declan Michel Camp becomes a child of God. Declan is the son of Heidi Boardman and Antoine Camp. Sponsors for Declan are April Roselles, Mike Roselles, Peggy Steffen and Mike Steffen. May God richly bless Declan and his family.



Also becoming a child of God at noon is Castiel Lee

Our First Sunday of the Month Morning Fellowship will be held on the today, March 13. Join us between services in the CFLC for a fresh cup of coffee, goodies and fellowship. We thank Mary/Martha Circle for providing the goodies and hosting our fellowship.

Sunday School Sunday School is for all children age 3 by September 1, 2015.

Corned Beef & Cabbage Meal Join us this noon for a Corned Beef and Cabbage Meal to support our youth who are going to the National Youth Gathering this summer in New Orleans. Free-will offering.

Our Adult Bible Study There is NO Adult Study this morning. Join us next week as we continue our study on “Living Lent” at 9:45 in the Fellowship Hall.

Nursery The Nursery is available during the 11:00 service. It is located in the **F/G Room downstairs**. It is for children ages infant through 5 year olds.

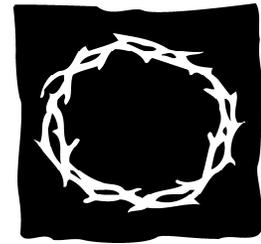
Nursing Moms can find a comfortable rocker in the Daycare. This is NOT a Nursery for young children, just a quiet, private place for nursing moms.



Lenten Notes – The season of Lent is 40 days long excluding the Sundays “in” Lent... This parallels the 40 days of temptation of Jesus in the wilderness... During Lent the joyful alleluias and the cheerful Hymn of Praise is not generally sung... the cross is draped to commemorate Christ’s death... the statue on the Altar is from our 1938 church and will remain until the Sunday following the Ascension... we generally do not place flowers on the Altar during Lent, which helps us appreciate the bright fragrant blooms of the Easter morning lilies... Lent is a time to devote more time to our devotions... Lent is a good time to give something up if it helps us focus on Christ’s passion, suffering and death for our sins... Lent is also a good time to take something up, a new discipline, more prayer, a project to help others... the Hymns tend to be minor key Hymns which reflect the soberness of the Season; may God richly bless your Lenten Journey.



Lenten Services
Every Wednesday at
11:00 am and 7:00 pm
“Living Lent”
As People of the Resurrection
PROCLAIM



God Be With You!

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Our Broadcasts Our Sonrise and Cable Broadcasts are made possible this week by our Faith congregation.

Did you know that “Sonrise” is streamed on KCCR live? If you are away, log on to www.TodaysKCCR.com.

The Broadcast schedules are on the traveling Bulletin board, which is in the Narthex. Our Cable Broadcast is also on our Website. 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.

Wed. Mar. 9 Att. ; Lenten Offering \$.00; **Sun., Mar. 6 Att. ;** General Fund \$6,958.29; Building Fund \$248.00 (Debt Retirement \$248.00); Sunday School \$12.10; Love Fund \$100.00; Thrivent Automatic Withdrawal \$1,235.00 (General \$1,170.00, Debt Retirement \$65.00); Contingency Fund \$100.00.

This Week at Faith Lutheran

Today: Mar. 13

8:20 am Communion
 9:45 am Sunday School/Adult Study
 11:00 am Worship
 12:00 Corned Beef/Cabbage Fundraiser
 6:30 pm 1 & 2 Kings Bible Study

Mon: Mar. 14

5:30 pm Youth Orchestra
 5:30 "Living the Chocolate Life" Bible Study in Young Conference Room
 6:30-8:00 pm Tae Kwon Do
 7:00 pm Capitoliens
 7:00 pm LWML

Tues: Mar. 15

8:25 am Staff Devotions
 10:15 "Living the Chocolate Life" Study in the Living Room
 1:30 pm Edgewood Chapel
 6:30 pm Choir
 7:30-9:00 pm Pickleball

Wed: Mar. 16

11:00 am Lenten Worship

12:00 Forever Young
 6:30 pm Midweek
 6:30 pm "Ephesians" Bible Study in the Young Conference Room
 6:30 pm NO "Daniel" Bible Study
 7:00 pm Lenten Worship
 8:00 pm LYF Youth Meet

Thurs: Mar. 17

7:00 am Men's Bible Study
 8:25 am Staff Devotions
 6:00 pm Rebekah Circle
 6:30 "Living the Chocolate Life" Bible Study in Young Conference Room
 6:30-8:00 pm Tae Kwon Do
 7:00 Mary/Martha Circle

Sun: Mar. 20 PALM SUNDAY

8:20 am Communion
 9:45 am Sunday School/Adult Study
 11:00 am Communion
 6:30 pm 1 & 2 Kings Bible Study
 7:00 pm Board of Stewardship ??

BUILDING NEWS

Thank you for your continued gifts to our Building Fund – We thank you for your gifts last Sunday to the Building Fund of \$313.00. The gifts were



designated as follows:

The Debt Retirement Account: \$313.00

LADIES

Mark your calendars for this Friday, March 18th and join us in the Christian Life Center to assemble Palm Crosses for Palm Sunday. We will begin at 9:00 a.m. so please bring your scissors, a yard stick perhaps and willing hands.



LWML Upcoming Events

Monday, March 14th....Regular meeting – Meet Pastor Barbey – Prayer partner exchange. Please bring a small pack of assorted greeting cards to exchange with your prayer partner.

Monday, April 11th....Regular meeting - Silent Auction- Baked goods, crafts, and white elephant items are welcome for the Silent Auction.

Little Dresses for Africa... Dresses are due back by April 30th. Completed dresses can be placed in the tote in the Narthex.



Monday, May 9th....Regular meeting – Pack Dresses

District LWML Convention - June 3rd & 4th at Faith Lutheran, Pierre....more details to come.

Preschool Registration Registration has begun for the 2016-2017 year at preschool. Please fill out the enclosed form and return to the church office as soon as possible. Questions? Call Jan Larson at 224-6574.

2015 Choice Dollars Expire Soon

Act Now! Thrivent Financial members have until March 31 to direct any remaining 2015 Choice Dollars®. After that date, Choice Dollars will expire. Faith Evangelical Lutheran Church has received \$39,739 in Choice Dollars grant funds since enrolling in the program. Choice Dollars are a great help to our church. If you are eligible, please consider designating your Choice Dollars to

Faith Lutheran Church or to Faith Lutheran Preschool.

Life Quotes “The greatest irony of Jesus’ life is the more Jesus loved, the more Jesus forgave, the more He was hated.” *Rev. Paul Koelpin, Professor of History, Theology at Martin Luther College, New Ulm, Minnesota – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • www.lutheransforlife.org*

Main Street Living **Did you know** the Main Street Living program is broadcast throughout South Dakota and into bordering states on two TV stations: KDLT in Sioux Falls at 10:00 AM central and KEVN at 8:00 AM mountain in Rapid City?

Kid's Crossing-Janitor Bob, Miss Lisa, and Jemimah discuss the story of the shepherd and the lost sheep, and other Bible stories about being lost.

March 13, 2016-Rev. Dr. Michael Kumm of Holy Cross Lutheran Church in Dakota Dunes presents today's message titled “Live in Peace”, based on Luke 20: 9-20. Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty; Lord, Open Now My Heart to Hear; and Abide O Dearest Jesus, are the hymns performed by the Main Street Living Choir. The program is interpreted and closed captioned for the hearing impaired.

Faith Lutheran Youth - F. L. Y.

Here's what happening with the youth of Faith Lutheran....



Acolytes for Sunday

March 13

Early: Jordan Thompson, Zane Schuchard

Late: Austin Mammenga, Sam Overturf

+March 16 LENT

7:00 Brooke Kampfe, Emily Haberling

March 20 Palm Sunday

Early: Madison Siebrasse, Bailey Siebrasse

Late: Adam Schochenmaier, Trevor Hayes

March 24 Maundy Thursday

7:00: Brooke Kampfe and Jaden Filler

March 25 Good Friday

7:00 (Need 4) Pacen Banuat, Austin

Fawcett, Hallie Dunn, Hanna Dunn

March 27 EASTER!

Early: (Need 5) Hannah Lingle, Megan

Pease, Wyatt Loesch, Jaden Filler,

Samantha Axtell

Late: (Need 5) Caiden Jost, Tucker Berens,

Joseph King, Daniel Voita,

Cassandra VanDeWiele

*If acolytes are not able to be present for their assigned day, it is their responsibility to call someone else to find a replacement and then notify the church office. Thank you so very much!

Verse(s) of the Week: (NIV)

Romans 14:8 NIV "If we live, we live to the Lord; and if we die, we die to the Lord. So, whether we live or die, we belong to the Lord."

→ **PRAYERS of all types and sorts...** "This week pray for Bible translators as they work to bring God's Word to those around the world who may not have it available in their own language, that God would mercifully grant knowledge, resources, and discernment to those who endeavor to faithfully translate His Word."

Lord in Your mercy...Hear our prayer.

→ **L.Y.F. Breakfast Fundraiser TODAY.** Our free-will breakfast is this morning in between our two worship services from 9:20-10:30. The proceeds will go to benefit the youth group heading to the National Youth Gathering in New Orleans this next summer. Thank you for your support.

→ **Did you know?** J.Y.M. Circuit Bible Camp will take place again this summer! The dates for Circuit Bible Camp are: June 27th—30th. This event is open to any youth who will be heading into 5th grade and also to any youth who are going into 9th grade, so 5th through 9th graders please come. Mark June 27th through June 30th off on your calendars for **CIRCUIT BIBLE CAMP**. Registration costs, which includes: meals, campsite stay, and a day on the water with Steamboat Outfitters will be \$90 for the week to cover expenses. Faith is offering \$30 scholarships to any participant looking to attend camp to help offset costs. You don't want to miss this wonderful summer opportunity to grow in faith and in friendships! Invite your siblings, friends, and anyone you know. You don't want to miss this summer Bible Camp opportunity!

→ **Sunday School Children Singing Dates for the Remainder of the Year:**

Here are the remaining Sundays the N-4th grade Sunday School will be singing at the 11 a.m. service: **Mar. 20th (Palm Sunday); Apr. 17th; and May 8th (Midweek Children Sing on May 8th)**

LCMS National Youth Gathering? Upcoming Dates:

- July 16-20, 2016 the actual gathering date
- *Payment Due Dates per Child *(May 16th amount Tentative)*



- Feb. 16th, 2016 - \$275(PLEASE REMIT THIS PAYMENT IF NOT DONE SO)
- May 16th, 2016 - \$200

For More Info Check Out: www.lcmsgathering.com



→Lenten Coffee's: Lenten coffees are a way in which we serve our congregation, and raise some monies for our high school activities and trips, not just the National Youth Gathering. We ask those assigned to a particular Wednesday to please set up, serve, and clean. Each family is to bring 3 dozen cookies, bars, **or** brownies. We also ask that you please do not just drop items off in hopes that someone takes care of it. Families who do not find their names on this list are welcomed to select a date and join that group in serving Lenten coffee and cookies. Thanks so much for your support high school families.

→ Easter Sunday Egg Bakes

The signup sheet for contributing to the assortment of Easter Sunday Egg Bakes is available on the back table in the Narthex. **THANK YOU SO VERY MUCH** for your generous contributions to our youth! **-Easter Breakfast is Sunday, March 27th in between the services**

→ The Theme for this year's Vacation Bible School will be: *Barnyard Roundup: Jesus Gathers Us Together!* Our VBS dates for this year are: June 5-9. Captive Free will be joining us as well! Sing-ups for adult volunteers, decorations, and helpers will be made available in April.



-Lent Worship - 7:00 to 7:45 on Wednesdays during the season of Lent

-Good Friday Baked Potato Meal from 5:00-6:15 pm on Friday, March 25th

→ Need to talk? Need prayers and encouragement? Pastor Baumann would love to pray for you, and if possible even with you for anything big or small that may be on your heart or mind. Find him after worship, or in the office for a special opportunity for prayer and conversation.

→ VBS Meal Sign-up to host Captive Free will be posted on the back table in the Narthex in the coming weeks. Please consider hosting our group for a lunch the week of June 3-10th.

→ OUR LAST DAY OF SUNDAY SCHOOL is going to be Sunday, May 8th.

→ MIDWEEK — Our last night of Midweek classes for this year is going to be Wednesday

evening May 4th concluding with an ice cream party (outside) . We also want to remind our Midweek students that they will be singing on Mother's Day, which is Sunday, May 8th at the 11 o'clock service.

→**TEACHERS of Faith Lutheran Church:** (Midweek, Sunday School, Adult Bible Studies—Men's... Ladies...In-home etc. — along with our Daycare, & Pre-school Staff & Teachers)... Join us for a **NOON LUNCHEON** in the gym with your family Sunday, May 15th after the 11 o'clock worship in your honor! Our way of saying thanks for all that you do! We will have lunch, door prizes, and a small program. We praise God for your all service!



→**Got something to share in the youth announcement section?** Please e-mail it to: baumannj@cs1.edu Thanks!

Upcoming Youth Dates to Keep in Mind:

Mar. 6th → N.Y.G. Breakfast 9:20-10:30 pm

Mar. 25th → **Good Friday Baked Potato Meal from 5:00-6:15 pm**

Mar. 27th → **Easter Breakfast – Easter Sunday, March 27th between the services**

April 2nd → Bible Bowl at Faith

April 2nd → Admissions Counselor Rev. Daniel Eggold visit from Concordia St. Louis 8 a.m.-Noon

June 5-9th → V.B.S. “*Barnyard Roundup*”

June 27-June 30th → Circuit Bible Camp

June 26-July 2nd → Camp Minneboji

On the Lighter Side:

<http://www.kickvick.com/stupid-funny-jokes/>

Q: What did the pirate say on his 80th birthday?

A: “**AYE MATEY!**”

Q: What are the 3 steps to putting an elephant in a refrigerator?

A: **Open fridge, put elephant in, close fridge.**

Q: What are the 4 steps to putting a giraffe in a refrigerator?

A: **Open fridge, take elephant out, put giraffe in, close fridge.**

Q: The Lion King is having a birthday party. Which animal is unable to attend?

A: The giraffe, he's stuck in a refrigerator!

It is time for the ARDIS TOWNSEND CHALLENGE!!!

Once again, our local banking financial institutions – American Bank & Trust, BankWest, Black Hills Federal Credit Union, Dakota Prairie Bank, First Dakota National Bank, Oahe Credit Union, and USA Bank agreed to provide MATCHING FUNDS!!!

Donations received between March 1st and April 30th, 2016 will count towards the challenge. WE count donations received for BOTH the Pierre-Ft. Pierre Food Pantry and the Backpack Program. Donations can include cash, pledges, checks and food items. (Food items count as \$1 per pound)

This challenge comes at a great time of the year and it has become one of our biggest Food Drives to sustain the Pantry and Backpack Program for the year. Last year in 2015, Pierre Area Referral Service served approximately 3,975 adults and children through the Pantry and handed out 9,886 bags to students to have food on the weekends through the Backpack Program. We also distributed meals/fruit and vegetables to over 3m011 families in the 2015 year through Holiday Meal, gift Food Boxes and fruit and vegetable giveaways. A simple thing like having enough to eat is a comfort that we are blessed to be able to provide. None of the services we provide would be possible without your support.

If you would like to take part in helping fight hunger in our community, please consider a monetary or food donation. If you have questions please call PARS at 224-8731. If you or your group would be interested in sponsoring a food drive we have a list of items most

needed by both programs, Financial donations should be made out to Pierre Area Referral Service, 2520 E Franklin, Pierre, SD 57501. Please note “ARDIS TOWNSEND CHALLENGE” on your check so we can count it towards our goal!

WE truly appreciate the support you have shown our programs in the past and hope that you will consider helping make our First Annual Ardis Townsend Challenge a success!
THANK YOU!!!

Laura White, Executive Director – Pierre Area Referral Service