THE SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

February 12, 2017 A.D.

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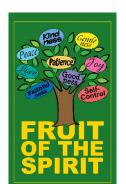
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SERIES THEME: The Fruit of the Spirit

The services from The Baptism of Our Lord (January 8) through Transfiguration (February 26) are tied together by the theme "The Fruit of the Spirit" from Galatians 5:22–23. Each Sunday focuses on a different fruit.

THEME CELEBRATION "Goodness" Psalm 34:8; Hebrews 6:5; Philemon 14

In both the Old and New Testaments, the goodness of God is linked to the life of the believer. The psalmist writes, "Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good! Blessed is the man who takes refuge in Him!" Hebrews affirms that

those who believe in Christ "have tasted the goodness of the word of God." Although the words *God* and *good* are not linguistically related, God is all about goodness and mercy.

Goodness is part of the Christian character and an important fruit of the Spirit. As Paul wrote asking a favor from his friend Philemon, he states, "but I preferred to do nothing without your consent in order that your goodness might not be by compulsion but of your own free will."

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

DIVINE SERVICE-SETTING ONE

THE OPENING HYMN "Come, Thou Bright and Morning Star" LSB 872 (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]

THE HOLY BAPTISMS OF JAECELLE MICHAEL DENNIS AND CHRISTIAN MORGAN LADEAUX 11:00 service LSB 268

THE OPENING SENTENCES Galatians 5:22–23; 1 Corinthians 3:16; Psalm 23:6

- P The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law. Do you not know that you are God's temple and that God's Spirit dwells in you?
- C Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

THE CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION Titus 3:4–5; Deuteronomy 30:19–20; 1 Corinthians 6:19

- "When the goodness and loving kindness of God our Savior appeared, He saved us, not because of works done by us in righteousness, but according to His own mercy." Let us go to Him, confident that He will grant us forgiveness for Jesus' sake. Heavenly Father,
- we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have failed to exhibit goodness, the fruit of Your Holy Spirit, in our thinking, speaking, and acting. We have not always chosen life, loving the Lord our God, obeyed His voice, and held fast to Him. We have not always sought to be reconciled to our brothers. Our Lord Jesus revealed His person and ministry through His words and actions. In Your great mercy, forgive, renew, and lead us so that we may be revealed as His faithfilled followers to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.
- "Do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, whom you have from God? You are not your own, for you were bought with a price." Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. 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.
- C Amen.

THE HYMN OF PRAISE "Glory to God in the Highest"

Luke 2:14; John 1:29



A Glory to God in the highest, and peace to His peo - ple on earth.



THE COLLECT

Father in heaven, throughout His earthly ministry, Jesus revealed His identity and mission through words and deeds. Grant that Your Holy Spirit will strengthen us, so that we may be revealed as His faith-filled followers as we reflect the goodness You have shown us in Your grace; through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

(Please be seated)

THE OLD TESTAMENT READING Deuteronomy 30:15–20 (Choose life!)

THE SPECIAL MUSIC "With All My Heart: A Medley"...arr. Lloyd Larson

- 1. "Change My Heart, Oh God"...Eddie Espinosa
- 2. "Lord, Be Glorified"...Bob Kilpatrick
- 3. "With All My Heart"...Babbie Mason Faith Choir

THE EPISTLE LESSON 1 Corinthians 3:1–9 (Only God gives growth.)

(Please stand)



THE GOSPEL St. Matthew 5:21–37 (Jesus teaches about the Law with authority.)

(Please be seated)

THE SERMON HYMN "Songs of Thankfulness and Praise" LSB 394

THE SERMON "God Gives the Growth"

1 Corinthians 3:1-9

Rev. Dr. Michael Kumm

(Please stand)

THE CREED 8:20 Apostles' Inside back cover of the Lutheran Service Book 11:00 Nicene Inside back cover of the Lutheran Service Book

(Please be seated)

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

(Please stand)

THE OFFERTORY "We Praise You, O God" LSB 785

THE PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

P Let us pray for God's people around the world and all who call out to Him in their various needs.

Sovereign God, when people anywhere are in conflict, are driven by hate, or are living in countries with cruel taskmasters or brutal regimes, surround them with Your <u>love</u>. Use us to bring word of Your compassionate embrace so that they may endure until relief is realized. Lord, in Your mercy,



C hear our prayer.

Lord Jesus, we pray for all who face this day in sadness or grief, are facing sudden crisis or long-term ill, or are mourning the loss of a loved one. [We remember especially . . .] Restore joy to them through those who care about them—professionals, family, and friends—all who know the joy of Your gracious presence. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

O Holy Spirit, open doors of opportunity for people of <u>peace</u> so that nations will not raise up sword against one another, societies may be ordered for the good of all, and Your kingdom of grace may be extended without persecution. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P Father in heaven, give <u>patience</u> to all who make, administer, and adjudicate the laws of the nations. Grant them willing ears and calm hearts to make decisions that will benefit the lives of all their citizens. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P Gracious Lord, whose <u>kindness</u> knows no end, bring to repentance all who have turned from Your way. Use people of faith to bring Your Word to them that they may hear anew the precious Gospel of Your Son. Grant to us the wisdom to know when to speak and what to say. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

Enlivening Spirit, Jesus revealed His person and ministry during His time on earth. Now shine Your goodness through us who worship here and those who gather around Your Word and Sacraments worldwide so that we may be seen as His adopted brothers and sisters. Strengthen us to carry on His work at home, at work, or in school to the glory of Your holy name. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P Lord over all, grant <u>faithfulness</u> in their calling to all who raise and distribute food, all who guard and protect their neighborhoods and nations, all who tend the sick and wounded, and all who build homes and manage businesses. May their efforts benefit the entire society in which they live. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P Loving Lord, help us to act in gentleness toward the forgotten in society, the invisible

poor, the forgotten in prison, those about to be born, and those nearing their end of days. Open our eyes to opportunities to serve their needs in Your name. Lord, in Your mercy,

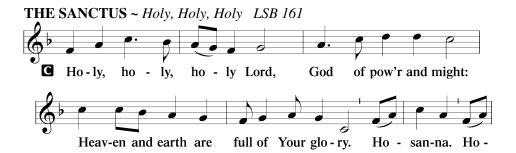
- C hear our prayer.
- P Triune God, guide the leaders of the Church around the world so that they may exercise self-control over their momentary emotions and personal desires, keeping their eyes always fixed on You, the source of life and health and peace, and keeping their ears attentive to Your gracious Word. Lord in Your mercy,
- C hear our prayer.
- P These and any other things You would have us ask of You, heavenly Father, grant to us for the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.
- C Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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.

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THE SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT 11:00 Service

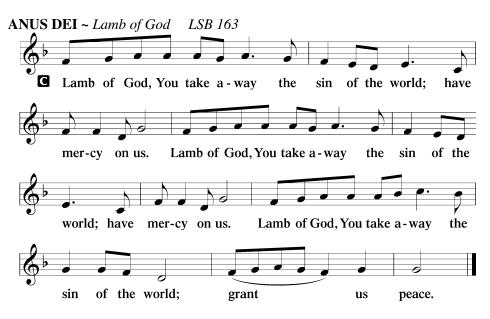




THE WORDS OF OUR LORD LSB 162

PAX DOMINI

- The peace of the Lord be with you always.
- C And also with you.



(Please be seated)

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 DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

- "Eat This Bread" LSB 638
- "Jesus Sinners Doth Receive" LSB 609
- "Draw Near and Take the Body of the Lord" LSB 637
- "Thy Word Is a Lamp" LSBuilder 973

973 Thy Word Is a Lamp



Thy Word is a lamp un-to my feet And a light un-to my path.



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(Please stand)



Luke 2:29-32



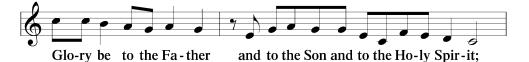
Lord, now You let Your ser-vant go in peace; Your word has been ful-

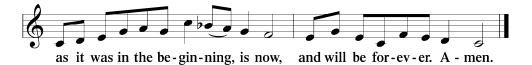


filled. My own eyes have seen the sal - va-tion which You have pre-









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



THE CLOSING HYMN "Our Father, by Whose Name" LSB 863

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Welcome to Faith Evangelical Lutheran on this Sixth Sunday after the Epiphany! 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
Marvin & Carol Olson
Tim & Jan Larson
After Early Service

Tom & Cindy Deadrick
Ryan & Ann Noyes



Before Late Service
Terry & Amie Miller
Corey & Susan LaFave

Preaching this morning is Reverend Dr. Michael Kumm. Pastor Kumm is from Holy Cross, Dakota Dunes and is a former parishioner of Faith Lutheran – Pierre. We welcome him home again. Reverend Joshua Baumann, our Associate Pastor, is our Liturgist.

Holy Communion is celebrated at our 11:00 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.



Adult Bible Study Join us as we continue with our study in Genesis at 9:45. Hope to see you there.

Sunday School Sunday School is for all children age 3 by September 1, 2016. Green registration sheets are located on the information table in the Narthex.

Nursery Nursery is available during the 11:00 service. Nursery 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.

God Be With You!

Our Broadcasts Our Sonrise Broadcast is 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 Sonrise for \$30.00. This radio broadcast is on
1240 AM KCCR at 6:40 a.m. on Sunday morning.

Sun., Feb. 5 Att. 475; General Fund \$10,825.00; Building Fund \$1,605.00 (Debt Retirement \$545.00); Sunday School \$9.76; Love Fund \$125.00; Contingency Fund \$100.00; Thrivent Automatic Withdrawal \$4,485.00 (General \$4,170.00, Debt Retirement \$245.00, Utecht Ministry \$70.00); Bible Studies \$85.00; Sound System \$40.00; Lutherans For Life \$80.00; Friendship Sunday Bags \$381.43; Endowment Fund in memory of Helen Miller \$20.00; Memorial in memory of Phyllis Barber \$20.00.

This Week at Faith Lutheran

Today: Feb. 12 8:20 am Worship 9:45 am Sunday School/Adult Study 11:00 am Communion 4:00 pm Installation of Pastor Cory Rajek 5:00 pm Welcome Meal for Rajeks

6:15 pm Board of Education 6:30 pm "Ezra/Nehemiah" Bible Study

6:30 pm Basketball

7:00 pm Board of Missions & Evangelism, Board of Parish Fellowship

Mon: Feb. 13

6:00-7:00 pm 1st Grade Basketball

7:30 pm LWML **Tues: Feb. 14**

8:25 am Staff Devotions 9:30 am Circuit Conference

10:15 am "Soul Spa" Women's Study

4:00 pm Homeschool PE

6:30 pm Choir

7:00-9:00 pm Pickleball

Wed: Feb. 15 6:30 pm Midweek

6:30 pm "2 Corinthians" at Lila Houck's 28318 US HWY 14/34, Ft. Pierre

6:30 pm "Mark" Study in Young Conf. Rm.

8:00 pm LYF Youth meeting

Thurs: Feb. 16

7:00 am Men's Bible Study 8:25 am Staff Devotions Feeding SD Event – All Day 5:30 pm Feeding SD Meal 6:00 pm Rebekah Circle

Sun: Feb. 19

8:20 am Communion

9:45 am Sunday School/Adult Study

11:00 am Worship 1:00-3:00 pm Tennis

1:30 pm Maryhouse/Parkwood Chapel 6:00-8:30 Congregational Swim Night 6:30 pm "Ezra/Nehemiah" Bible Study

6:30 pm Basketball

7:00 pm Board of Stewardship





Thank you for your continued gifts to our Building Fund – We thank you for your gifts last Sunday to the Building Fund of \$1,850.00. The gifts were designated as follows:

The Debt Retirement Account: \$1,850.00

Installation Service of Pastor Cory Rajek is today at 4:00 pm. There will be a potluck meal after the service with the meat portion provided. Members are asked to bring desserts and salads. A-J bring desserts; K-Z bring salads.

Northridge Plaza Entertainment Jeff Speaect, accompanied by Ron Smith, will entertain those at Northridge Plaza today from 1:00 pm-2:00 pm. They will perform a wide range of religious music which will include long-time favorites as well as some contemporary pieces. They will be out front of the Pierre Music store inside Northridge Plaza. They would appreciate your company!



Forever Young We will NOT be having Forever Young this Thursday as Feeding South Dakota will be using the gym for their "Empty Bowls" event. We will join again March 1 for our Ash Wednesday Chicken Feed. Chicken will be provided, bring salads and side dishes. As we are starting our Lenten season we will forget the desserts.

Ladies of Faith Lutheran Church:

I would like to request your help and offer an opportunity to assist Feeding South Dakota with their first annual "Empty Bowl Event" to be held on **February 16, 2017 at Faith Lutheran Church!** This event will directly benefit the Mobile Food Pantry that is part of Feeding South Dakota and is crucial for delivering food to underserved individuals and families in our surrounding area and supporting their existing local food pantries and feeding programs. I have attached the Empty Bowls event brochure for additional information.

Volunteers are being sought to set the tables for this event. *I am in need of 10-12 table decorators*. Each place setting will require a bowl, bread plate, water glass and coffee cups. Dessert plates will be provided. Tables will be set for eight. A centerpiece will be needed. You may decorate your table with any theme. We are asking for no paper plates, bowl, etc. The meal will consist of soup and bread, desserts and drinks. While details are not yet finalized, we will likely set the tables the night prior or the morning of February 16th. They may be picked up at the conclusion of the event. Better yet...plan on attending or becoming a partner! I will email you with details as the event gets closer.

This is a wonderful opportunity to support Feeding South Dakota and serve those in need. While most of us rest easy knowing we have enough food to eat, not everyone shares that same peace.

Please contact me, Amy Mesman at 280-9740 if you have any questions or if you are interested in setting a table. Thank you!

Cable Broadcast Update "The weekly broadcast of our church services on OAHE Cable TV has been suspended due to a number of factors – including the equipment used to record the service. The Board of Elders is working to find different options to reach those who may depend on this form of outreach into our community as well as the evangelism opportunities we haven't explored outside of Pierre/Ft Pierre city limits. Equipment and staffing issues are being evaluated. A future option could include services streamed live on the internet as well as being recorded for viewing on a YouTube channel. But any of these options will require an upgrade of the equipment and a commitment of members to assist with the task of making it happen. We should also remember that many of our members live in locations where OAHE cable doesn't exist and have never had access to these programs. So, as they say, STAY TUNED for updates and thanks to all who have supported this service financially and with their volunteer time! We will move forward with a solution in the future."

Dennis Ryckman recorded last Sunday's sermon and put it on Faith's website. So if you are able to get on the website you can get the sermon there or if you have a DVD player we have a copy at the office you could check out.

Men's State Dartball Tournament Saturday, March 11, at Faith Lutheran Church, Pierre. All men (and women and confirmed youth) are welcome to come practice throwing darts every Monday at 5:30 in the Christian Family Life Center. A lot of fun and good fellowship.

Goodie Boxes The members of Faith Circle send Goodie Boxes to college students who are members of our congregation twice a year near Halloween and Valentine's Day. A Faith Circle member will be calling for the student's **accurate** mailing address. Walmart assists with a monetary donation for treats and LWML with mailing postage. Thank you for that support.

Little Dresses for Africa will be starting again on Monday, February 13 at 7:00 pm in the Old Fellowship Hall downstairs. Once again, we will be assembling sewing kits for members to take home which will have all you need to complete a little dress from a pillowcase. Therefore, we are in need of new or slightly used pillowcases, trim, buttons (no shanks please), and cash. It costs about \$1.00 to send each dress to headquarters, so cash to cover the cost of postage is always



welcome! We will be meeting on the following Monday evenings at 7:00 PM: February 27, March 6 and March 20. We will also be meeting on the following Thursday afternoon starting at 2:00 PM each week listed. Please come and join us for some great fellowship and fun work! If you have any questions, please contact Kristy Deal (280-7004) or Doreen Miller (224-9955). Deadline for completion is April 9th.

LWML turns 75!!! To help celebrate this monumental year we are planning a bake sale between services on Sunday, February 26th! All proceeds will go toward a special anniversary offering to help the LWML reach out to those who need the gospel of Jesus! Anyone and everyone is encouraged to participate by baking and or purchasing the home made goodies. Instead of having each item marked with a specific amount, all items will be sold for a free will donation. Please mark your calendars for this special event! Questions? Call Kristy Deal at 280-7004.

Coming up in our March LWML meeting we will be bringing note pads and pens for our Prayer Partner exchange. This is a fun way to develop a closer relationship with another LWML member!

Bible Bowl 2017 We received word from the South Dakota district on the selection of topics for the 2017 Bible Bowl. The books of the Bible will be prison epistles of Paul. Those are the books of Ephesians, Philippians, Colossians, and Philemon. The catechism part is Baptism. Students from sixth grade to Seniors are eligible to participate. The statewide competition on Saturday, April 1st will be held at our church again this year. For more information or to register please contact Bible Bowl coach LeRoy Kropuenske or Pastor Baumann.

Enchanting Rhine and Reformation Tour November 11-20, 2017 Sign up now as there is limited availability left for this tour. Who wants to go to Germany? Travel with Educational Opportunities Tours – EO Tours – Departing the USA with an overnight flight to Amsterdam, Holland and arriving to board the luxurious river cruise ship, MS AmaVerde and meet your fellow travelers at the Welcome Dinner. From there you will cruise down the Amsterdam Canal going to Cologne and Koblenz, through the Rhine Gorge and on to Worms, Heidelberg and Speyer. Then it will be on to Eisnach, Erfurt, Wisleben and Wittenberg and finally to Berlin before departing for the USA.

As you enjoy the beautiful stone castles and churches, Rev. Keith Loesch, the founder and past director of the Wittenberg English Ministry in Germany, will be there to interpret the paintings and explain the artistry of the medieval artists and the history of Martin Luther's life.

For more information, contact: Pastor Joshua Baumann at Faith Ev. Lutheran Church, Pierre, SD 57501; Ph: 605-224-2216, Cell phone: 605-220-1908. Or contact: Royce Loesch at 1732 Northstar Ave., Pierre, SD 57501; Ph: 605-224-4512, or Cell Ph.:605-220-9725.



REMINDER!!!

Everyone please remember to wear your name tags. Let's try to make it a little easier for Pastor Rajek to learn names as he has several hundred and we only have one name to learn. If you need a new name tag there is a sheet on the information table. Put your name down and Helen will make a new tag and leave it on the table for you to pick up the next time you are in church.

Dear Faith family, after much prayer and consideration, I am announcing my retirement at the end of this summer as the Director/Teacher of Faith Lutheran Preschool. I have chosen to announce it at this time so parents who register their children for next fall will know I will not be the teacher next year. For the past 31 years, it has been my privilege and honor to be your voice to the little ones who have come to our preschool to get ready for kindergarten and to learn about Jesus. Your support and prayers over these past years has been tremendous! Thank you so much for all you have done to help Faith Lutheran Preschool be the best it can be! It has been a huge blessing to be able to serve my Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, the church and the community in this very special way. God's blessings to each of you! Jan Larson

If you are aware of anyone who would be interested in applying for the position, please let the church office (224-2216) of Shelley Larson, chairperson of the Board of Early Childhood Education, know. Her number is 605-280-6245. The position requires a four year degree in Early Childhood Education or Elementary Education. Thank you!

Free Tax Help Beginning Wednesday, February 1 through April 18, 2017, certified volunteers will provide free Income Tax service for seniors and middle to low income taxpayers. Tax assistance will be provided on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday afternoons from 1:00 PM to 4:30 PM at the Pierre Area Senior Center located at 401 West Pleasant Avenue. You must bring SOCIAL SECURITY or MEDICARE CARDS for everyone listed on your tax return, photo ID's and your2015 Tax Return. If you plan to itemize, please bring all expense records. All taxpayers and spouses are required to sign their tax return before they are filed electronically.

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? Did you know you can see the Worship Service and Kid's Crossing on our website at anytime? All programs are streamed on www.mainstreetliving.com, and are available the day before they are broadcast.

Life Quotes "So marriage is a profoundly unique thing that is strengthened by years of shared experiences, trials, triumphs, challenges, and victories. The oneness of marriage is why Grandpa can start a sentence and Grandma can finish it. It's why when she cries, he tastes the salt. It's her knowing what's wrong without him speaking a word. It's two lives becoming one. It takes time,

effort, sweat, and tenacity. But the rewards are like none other on earth." *Rev. Daniel Domke, Mount Calvary Lutheran Church, Huron, South Dakota – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life* • www.lutheransforlife.org

Faith Lutheran Youth - F.L.Y.

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

Acolytes for September

February 12

Early: Daniel Voita, Dillon Axtell Late: Hannah Lingle, Megan Pease

February 19 (Sunday School Sings at 11 o'clock)

Early: Savannah Loesch, Wyatt Loesch Late: Caiden Jost, Adam Foreman

February 26

Early: Nathan Shoup, Madyson Titze Late: Kamden Carter, Kaycee Carter

*An acolyting schedule has been sent to each high school family for 2016/2017. If your high schooler did not receive one, please let Pastor Baumann know! This list is complete through the end of June 2017. A sub list with contact information was also included in a golden rod packet of paper. 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)

Genesis 18:32 NIV "The he (Abraham) said, 'May the Lord not be angry, but let me speak just once more. What if only ten can be found there?' He answered, 'For the sake of ten, I will not destroy it.'"

→ PRAYERS of all types and sorts:

In our prayers this week, we lift up before our good and gracious God: Pastor Rajek and his family, that God would lead and guide him in his ministry among us at Faith.

Lord in Your Mercy...Hear Our Prayer.

Join us at 4:00 p.m. today for the installation of Pastor Rajek! Meal to follow.

→ Mardi Gras – will be the next major LYF activity. It is Tuesday, Feb. 28th from 5:00-6:30 p.m. Our high school youth will help with the games. 10-15 L.Y.F. youth would be ideal to help out! Set-up will be Monday, Feb. 27th at 6:00 p.m. High school youth, come Monday and Tuesday for Mardi Gras Festivities!

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

Here are the Sundays the N-4th grade Sunday School will be singing at the 11 a.m. service: **Feb. 19th**; **Mar. 19th**, **Apr. 9th** (Palm Sunday); & May 14th (Midweek Children Sing on May 14th).

- →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. Each high school family in the congregation will be receiving a letter detailing the schedule and the lead family who is responsible for contacting the other families assigned for that week. 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.
 - → The Theme for this year's Vacation Bible School will be: A Mighty Fortress: In Jesus the Victory is Won! Our VBS dates for this year are: June 5-9. Sing-ups for adult volunteers, decorations, and helpers will be made available in April.
 - → 8th Graders are welcomed to join HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP please just come Wednesdays at 8 pm in the gym unless directed otherwise!!!
 - → HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP meets every Wednesday @ 8:00 p.m. at faith. Open to anyone in high school and is intended to be a safe place where high school aged youth can come together to spend time and fellowship together as young Christians each week. Pastor Baumann and Michael Shoup co-lead the group and love to spend time with each person that comes. If you have an activity that you would like to do, please let either of us know! Creativity is welcome!

Upcoming Youth Dates to Keep in Mind:

Feb. 28th → Mardi Gras 5:00-6:30 pm **June 5-9th** → Vacation Bible School 6:00-8:30 pm

On the Lighter Side...

- Sue broke her finger today, but on the other hand she was completely fine.
 - Some people say I'm addicted to somersaults but that's just how I roll.

Congregational Prayers

Dottie Bossman Martha Vance Ben Shoup Richard Zoller Julian Olson Elaine Phillips Gene Schlichenmayer Mike Youngberg Zoe Jones

Signe Gaasch (Urbach's) 5/2/16

Elaine Wagner 6/30/16 Greg Iversen 7/10/16 Jeannette Protexter 7/18/16 David Peterson 8/26/16

Ripley Olson (Alberta Olson) 8/4/16 Doyle Charron (Jochim) 8/8/16

Ron Lawrence 8/14/16 Red Westall 8/21/16

Jennifer Moser (Darline Fuoss) 9/4/16 Logan Krause (Kenefick-Aschoff) 9/4/16

Phil Baker 10/02/16 Myrna Hartmann 10/02/16

Grace Erickson (Mark Erickson) 10/9/16

Jodi Williams 10/17/16

Betty Fuhrman (Sheri Adney's mom)

10/23/16

Susan Bennett 10/31/16 Ginger Niemann 11/10/16 Betty Lindquist 11/10/16 Rene Liegl 12/5/16

Joan Anderson (Kelly VanDeWiele's

mom) 12/27/16

Jeffrey Neuberger (April Hodges) 1/9/17

Jean Carlson (Gail Eichstadt) 1/15/17 David Knapp (Dale Knapp) 1/22/17 Susan Urbach 2/3/17

Missionaries

Pastor Andrew Utecht and Pastor Albert Sutton and their families on the Rosebud and Pine Ridge Reservations

Pastor Matthew Nix

Pastor Alan Ludwig - Siberia, Russia

Janet Borchard - Papua New Guinea

Pastor Daniel Jastram – Japan

Birth

Kaden Daris Kampfe, son of Daris & Kelsey Kampfe. 1/18/17

Comfort Deut. 34:8

Bob Miller & family upon the death of his mom Helen Miller. 1/14/17

John Barber & family upon the loss of his mom Phyllis Barber. 1/14/17

Twyla Adney & family upon the death of Richard Adney. 1/17/17

The family and friends of Cliff Thorn upon his death. 1/26/17

Jason Hyde and family upon the death of his dad Vern. 2/5/17

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