

Faith Evangelical Lutheran Church  
Pierre, SD

## “Thus Far has the Lord helped us.” 1 Samuel 7:12

### “Fully”

Today is Thursday, June 12 as I write this Pastoral letter. It was 5 years ago today, on a Thursday, that my wife, Andrea, died. Most days it seems like yesterday, occasionally it seems so long ago. The MD just finally took “fully” from her the ability to breathe. June 14, Flag Day, was a “fully” day with a remarkable service and a long trip to North Dakota for burial.

On Saturday, June 14<sup>th</sup> I will have a “fully” day. I will perform two marriages and attend the marriage of a little boy I baptized who has grown into quite a young man.

“Fully” vows will be made on that day for these three couples.

“Fully” describes who Jesus was. Jesus was “fully” the Son of God, Holy just like His Father. Jesus was “fully” a chip off the old block. Jesus, too, was “fully” human. Someday I want to preach a sermon on “Jesus, the Zygote”. If you are not sure what a Zygote is, join us Sunday morning, August 3<sup>rd</sup> for “Stem Cell Research and Cloning 101”. But for the moment the point is this, Jesus was “fully” human. He needed to be that way to redeem human beings.

This reminds me of God’s design for our lives.

*“I have come that they may have life and have it abundantly.” John 10:10b:*

One translation, the NIV, translates this “to the full”, another “fullness”, another “far more life”, another “overflowing”. Well, you get the flow. It’s having life “fully”. Without Christ, without our sacred participa-

tion in the life of His Holy Church, we are not “fully” what God intends us to be.

We are now in the fourteenth month of our giving to “Building Together in Faith”. We have 300 families that have made a resolve to support this project by commitments and by giving. Our staff, all of our Emphasis Directors, and our whole Fulfillment Committee hope, and we actually do pray for this, ***that all of our families be “fully” committed to this process.*** It is such an exciting time in our parish and I for one, await that “hoedown of a groundbreaking”. I thank all of you who do so much.

*“But in the fullness of time God sent His Son,  
born of a woman, under the law,  
to redeem those under the law...”  
Galatians 4:4*

Why? That we might truly be “fully” human as God created us and intends us to be.

God bless you in these days of summer. In Christ is salvation full and free. Knowing that in the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ we are saved to be “fully” what God intends us to be.

A blessed “fully” summer!

“Fully” in God’s Grace,

Pastor Urbach

## Mission Trip to Mexico

The LYF are headed to Mexico with Bob Hinkley's crew from Minnesota and with a group from Gettysburg. We leave early in the morning of July 25<sup>th</sup> and return August 2<sup>nd</sup>. We will be at Ysleta Lutheran Mission in El Paso and will go over into Juarez Mexico.

## Circuit Bible Camp

Circuit Bible Camp will be held this summer in Spearfish July 15<sup>th</sup>-18<sup>th</sup>. Registration forms are in the Narthex. This camp is for kids in going into 4<sup>th</sup> grade through those who just completed 8<sup>th</sup> grade. Cost for the camp is \$85 and we would like your registration in by July 1<sup>st</sup>, if you miss the deadline, give us a call to check for availability for transportation. **Faith Lutheran will contribute \$25 towards your registration, so you can go for only \$60.** We will leave the church on July 15<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 AM and kids need a sack lunch. On Friday we will arrive back at 4:30 PM.

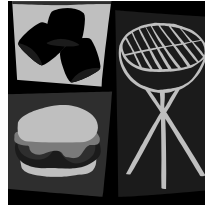


## July 13<sup>th</sup> LYF Meeting

We will meet from 3:00-4:30 and have some time for fun and fellowship. Please make some time in your busy summer schedules to gather and talk about our relationship with God.

## August 10<sup>th</sup> LYF Meeting

We will meet from 2:00-3:30 at church and have a water fight. Bring some water fight gear and we will have fun beating the heat.



## LYF Barbecue August 24<sup>th</sup> 5:00—7:00 Pastor Willms house

We will meet at Pastor Willms house, eat some good food and elect officers for the coming year. I hope all of you can come and get the new school year off to a good start.

### Acolytes for July and August

#### July 6<sup>th</sup>

Early: Elizabeth Irwin and Dylan Norris  
Late: Justin Harmon and Roberta Forman

#### July 13<sup>th</sup>

Early: Joseph Knofczynski and Garrett Weber  
Late: Ryan Koch and Nolan Merrill

#### July 20<sup>th</sup>

Early: Rebekah Miller and Katie Sanders  
Late: Jacob Larson and Josh Larson

#### July 27<sup>th</sup>

Early: Alex Neyhart and Joshua Schweigert  
Late: Jared Neilan and Taylen Templeton

#### August 3<sup>rd</sup>

Early: Josh Thompson and Crystal Ortbahn  
Late: Alyssa Williams and Linsey Peterson

#### August 10<sup>th</sup>

Early: Jake Chambers and Carlee Sanders  
Late: Megan Arneson and Natacha Arneson

#### August 17<sup>th</sup>

Early: Joseph Knofczynski and Justin Harmon  
Late: Mallory Hull and Kelsey Dykstra

#### August 24<sup>th</sup>

Early: Elizabeth Irwin and Roberta Forman  
Late: Ryan Koch and Travis Adney

#### August 31<sup>st</sup>

Early: Jacob Larson and Joshua Larson  
Late: Rebekah Miller and Haley Adams

## Hello Christian Friends,

Psalm 2 ends like this, “Blessed are all who take refuge in him.” What does it mean to be “blessed?” What is the difference between blessing and blessed? Are God’s people in Cedar Rapids, Iowa who have houses destroyed receiving a blessing? Are they blessed? What about the families of the young boy scouts killed by the tornado? Did they have a blessing? Are they blessed? “Blessed are all who take refuge in him.”

These are tough questions, maybe not worth thinking about during a busy summer. Yet maybe, questions we should not try to escape. Of course it is not a blessing to lose a family member, or to have your home destroyed. For anyone to say so would be foolish. But does God bring blessings? I think so. He brings help, He brings clean water, He brings food, He helps build. God seems to bring lots of blessings, sometimes we don’t see how it is enough, but He cares for His people. But even bigger than blessings is that of being blessed. Blessed is more a state of being—A state of continued care, of ongoing blessings. Can I in my own life, move from considering myself as one who has received blessings from God to one who is blessed? “Blessed are all who take refuge in him.” Maybe the person who has lost much is more blessed than I. Sometimes I don’t even know what it means to seek refuge as I am counting my blessings. I really don’t know if this makes sense, other than blessed is more than having blessings. Blessed is having HIM!!! Blessed isn’t having more blessings, it’s having the one who owns the blessings. Blessed is not about the blessings but about the one who blesses.

In my opinion, we sometimes forget to count our blessings, but even more we count our blessings all the time and forget the fact that the one who blesses is more important than the blessings. With Jesus Christ, I am not blessed. “Blessed

are all who take refuge in Him.” Just a note from your pastor, not to tell you that you need church this summer, or the bible, or more prayer. Those are blessings I hope you count. I just want to remind you that you need Jesus. I need Him. Man, do I need Him! “Blessed are all who take refuge in HIM!”

God Bless!

Pastor Willms



## Summer Worship

***The Third Commandment: Remember the Sabbath day by keeping it holy.***

*What does this mean? We should fear and love God so that we do not despise preaching and His Word, but hold it sacred and gladly hear and learn it.*

While our Board of Elders reminds us of the spiritual importance of our Worship of God every Sunday, we also recognize the mobility of our church family in these Summer months.

So we have some questions. Would you please return, as soon as you can, the enclosed questionnaire?



### "Building Together In Faith"

- With great steadiness our Building Campaign is moving along. As this Newsletter goes

to press here is the new news—

- Our \$800,000 grape cluster has now been hung.
- As of June 16, our Building Fund balance is now \$838,569.27.
- Our Building Committee is giving consideration to getting utilities moved yet this summer.
- A kitchen committee is currently meeting. Is there something you would like to see in the new kitchen? Speak to Jan Larson, the chairman or any of the members, Betty Leidholt, Anita Marso, Mary Buxcel or Ruth Hansen.
- Franchised? Yes we truly hope and we pray that every family will have a part in giving generously and sacrificially. Our gifts will all be different yet may our sacrifice be equal.

When we are all done, what a remarkable joy it will be to know we all had a part—every child, every family. All of us "fully" franchised.



"Do you want the optional flight insurance?"

## Brat & Burger Feed

August 4, 2008  
6:00 p.m.

Yes, it's time for the Annual Congregational Brat & Burger Feed hosted by our Board of Parish Fellowship.

- Brats, Burgers, and Beverage Provided
- **A-L** Desserts, please
- **M-Z** Salads, please
- Games provided
- Laughter A-Z
- Take a tour of the Staff Apartment



## For Your Health

### *Back Slaps for Choking*

Both the American Heart Association and the American Red Cross no longer recommend the Heimlich maneuver as the *first* treatment for choking victims. Instead, lean the person forward and give five sharp back blows between the shoulder blades. The goal is to provoke a cough that will unblock and eject the foreign object from the airway. If the object does not dislodge, *then* give five, quick, abdominal thrusts.

This new practice, called “Five-and-Five” (5 slaps followed by 5 thrusts), was adopted after a review of the scientific literature on choking. “Medicine does change, and new lessons have been learned,” said Mike Virgintino, the spokesman for the American Red Cross in Greater New York.

What the Red Cross has learned about First Aid is that, despite the success of the Heimlich maneuver, back slaps are every bit as effective – and possibly easier to administer. Plus, they found that in many situations, if one method does not work, the other method sometimes does.

The hope is that when faced with someone who is choking, you don’t have to waste time thinking about how to do it (the Heimlich maneuver), but instead take action with 5 slaps and then 5 thrusts.

## Questions

- Is our church for or against Stem Cell Research?
- What is the difference between Adult Stem Cells and Embryonic Stem Cells?

These are a few questions that will be answered for you at our final Summer Adult Study.

“Stem Cell Research and Cloning 101”  
Sunday, August 3, 2008  
9:45

## On our Campus

All those flowers in the island and by our doors are gifts from Gail Ferris. Thanks Gail. Also, all those white Geraniums given to the ladies who

attended Pastor Urbach’s presentation on the “Saints” were from Gail Ferris as well. It was a real “White Out”.



## Faith Lutheran Blood Drive

United Blood Services is responsible for providing blood to several area hospitals. Currently 184 pints are needed every day! Please support the community blood program by donating at the drive on:

Wednesday, July 9<sup>th</sup>  
12:00 to 8:00 p.m.  
at Faith Lutheran Church

You can schedule an appointment by calling Freda Peters at 224-7654. I.D. is required to donate. Please bring a complete list of medications that you have taken in the past month. Call today for an appointment. An adequate supply of blood is a responsibility that we all share.

## Café Sola More Bounce to the Ounce!



Looking for a great cup of brewed coffee? Well, Look no further than Café Sola.

Café Sola is a Rainforest Alliance Certified Coffee. Which means, its grown with environmental conditions in mind and where workers are fairly treated.

Café Sola now comes in a bigger package. So a modest price change.

Regular	12 oz.	\$6.00
Decaf	8oz.	\$5.00

This is “coffee with a purpose”. All profits go to LCMS World Relief. So enjoy great coffee, Help God’s creation, and help people in need!



## VBS Thank You

**Thank You** to all who helped with Friendship Trek! It was awesome for the kids to learn all about their Forever Friend Jesus Christ and to learn how we can be friends to one another. Below is a list of those people who helped with VBS! Some helped in more than one area, but are just listed once.

**Site Leaders:** Leroy Kropuenske, Captive Free, Hilary Fenske, Dawn Voeltz, and Jodi Hartmann.

**Teachers:** Carolyn Kropuenske, Gloria Welk, Annette Hill, Carolyn Ryckman, and Heidi Kampfe.

**Adult Helpers:** Todd Fenske, Betty Leidholt, Toni Kenefick-Aschoff, Paula Tronvold, Cindy Ellwien, Lila Briggs, Melissa Choate, Melissa Brock, Michelle Rose, Char Arneson, Jessica Willms, Natalie Grimm, Dana Malfero, Leslie Hicks, and Sherry Brick.

**Student Helpers:** Sydney Lee, Whitney King, Rachel Hartmann, Carlee Sanders, Devin Kampfe, Justin Harmon, Jordain Rathbun, Karrie James, Cade Larson, Brooklyn Voelz, and Megan Arneson.

**Board of Education:** Dallan Hoefener, John Koch, Jennifer Neuhauser, Jeff Tronvold, Beth Schiltz, and Jan Chambers.

**Meals for Helpers:** Board of Parish Fellowship, Board of Education, Board of Elders, and the Board of Missions.

**Snack Donations:** Brenda and Damon Zeltry, Beth King, Pamela Schochenmaier, Karen Lindbloom, Marie McIntire, Jan Norris, Luann Zuercher, Dawn Magee, Velda Rediger, Joyce Nielson, Laurie Schulz, Rena Ortbahn, Cindy Fiechtner, Kim Wiczorek, Freda Peters, Paul Kenefick-Aschoff, Kathy Olson, Lana Dahl, Stephanie Lyons, Susan

Burroughs, and Ann Shoup.

**Craft Donations:** Donna Gohl, Veronica Lenz, Jennifer Kelly, Robin Peterson, Halley Lee, Pat Huisman, Kim Larson, and Jessica Filler.

If I happened to miss you on this list, I am extremely sorry, there are so many who have worked hard to make VBS go great and as you can see, people have been very generous with their time and resources!

**Meals for Captive Free:** Jerry & Lois Erbe, Jack & Dawn Magee, Leo Lehrkamp, Peter & Ruth Hanson, Roy & Charlotte Hiller, Karen Lindbloom & Betty Leidholt, Pat & Veryl Huisman, James & Phyllis Douglas, Dennis & Carolyn Ryckman, and Cody & Lila Briggs.

## LHM's 'JCPlayZone'

This summer, when the kids are inside getting a break from the heat, you can entertain them with Lutheran Hour Ministries' interactive kid's Web site, [www.jcplayzone.com](http://www.jcplayzone.com). JCPlayZone offers games, recipes, crafts, coloring pages, and free e-cards.

Activities and games are updated periodically so that kids will keep coming back. Games include a word search, matching game, crossword puzzle, among others. Besides providing a safe, Christian environment for kids to play online, some games, coloring pages, and e-cards help share Bible stories. JCPlayZone also has Christian music, Daily Devotions, and audio versions of Bible stories to help teach kids about Christian values.

Remember – [www.jcplayzone.com](http://www.jcplayzone.com).

## Daycare Update



It seems that school was just out and here it is already July! We have fluctuated between 47-49 children this summer—a healthy number indeed! We had a wonderful surprise of Nick Wulf returning along with

Nancy Freier and Brenda Underdahl. This summer we have Bailey Bechtold for an afternoon volunteer—a wonderful addition to the center.

Since Nick was able to return, the Schoolers get to enjoy fun once again at the city pool. The rest of the children get to cool off with water play here at the Daycare.

Summer Rec. is going smoothly. We truly appreciate Nancy being our van driver and helping with the children in-between drop-offs and pick-ups.

The center is closed for the 4th of July. Since it falls on Friday this year, it makes for a nice long weekend for all.

Many of the families are enjoying camping and all kinds of vacations over the summer months. It's a special time and we pray for fun and safety for everyone.

With joy and sadness, I say goodbye to everyone on August 1. Although it is time for me to move on, the decision was difficult and I will greatly miss everyone who has made this Daycare so special. You will all go with me in my heart. This year is the 20th anniversary of the Daycare and I pray it serves these communities for years and years to come in the same fashion of Christian love and guidance as it has all along. It was an answer to so many prayers when this center was opened and continues to be so.

Yours in Christ,

Joyce Solem, Director

## A Night to say Thanks!

At our August 4th Brat & Burger Feed we are going to say thanks to Joyce Solem who has faithfully served Faith Lutheran Daycare as it's Director for six years.

Joyce is a gifted woman who has served our Daycare with excellence.

So, as part of our night of food and fun, we will take a warm-hearted moment to acknowledge and thank Joyce.

## A Musical Treat

So, you have heard how good it was and you wish you had not missed it. Well, second chance. Jacob Shoup will sing a half dozen songs at the Brat & Burger Feed, including the really light hearted "*Cartoon Song*".

## Thanks, Dakotamart!

The June mail brought \$500.00 for our Preschool and Daycare Center which was shared equally between the two early childhood ministries. So, we thank all in our parish who save the Dakotamart receipts, and Mae Erickson who adds them all up. We receive \$100.00 for each \$10,000 worth of receipts.

## Faith Lutheran Preschool

Registrations are now being received for the 2008-2009 school year. Please call Jan Larson at 224-6574 or the church, 224-2216 for details. Registrations may be picked up at the church or call and we will mail you one.