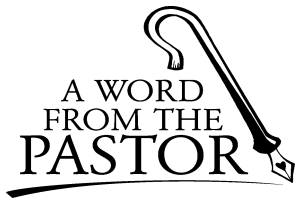


Faith Evangelical Lutheran Church
Pierre, SD

“Out Of The Boat”



Greetings to you in our Lenten Lord!

We have used Luther's Small Catechism since 1529. With the exception of Holy Scripture, the Small Catechism is probably the largest running book in any Lutheran home.

Lent has started and there is a question/answer in the Catechism which I feel truly captures our Lenten theme, "By His Stripes". It is Question 182:

Q. *How is it possible for a just and holy God to declare sinners righteous (justification).*

A. God declares sinners righteous for Christ's sake; that is, our sins have been imputed or charged to Christ, the Savior, and Christ's righteousness has been imputed or credited to us.

The words charged and credited we understand, but the word "imputed" we don't often use. Webster's II dictionary defines "imputed" as:

1. To ascribe (e.g., a crime of defect) to another.
2. To attribute to a source or cause.
3. To attribute (e.g., credit for a good turn) to a person other than the one who initiated the act.

There it is, our "crime or defect" ascribed to Christ and Christ's "good turn" attributed to us. Isaiah, the major prophet of 700 B.C. stated this idea of

"imputed" very clearly:

"But he was pierced for our transgressions, he was crushed for our iniquities; the punishment that brought us peace was upon him, and by his wounds we are healed.

We all, like sheep, have gone astray, each of us has turned to his own way; and the Lord has laid on him the iniquity of us all."

Isaiah 53:5-6

This is why Lent is such a powerful time in the life of our Church and in the life of the Christian Church—we remember with joy and sorrow that which is "imputed".

The veiled cross, the purple paraments, the lack of flowers, the absence of the joyful Alleluias, the centrality of the cross, it's all about that which is "imputed".

The "imputed" celebrations are finally captured in the darkness of Good Friday and the brightness of the Day of Resurrection. Ash Wednesday and all the Lenten services move us to this grand climax of the divine couplet of Good Friday and Easter Sunday.

St. Paul captures the thought well of how Good Friday and Easter are bound together for our salvation.

"He was delivered over to death for our sins and was raised to life for our justification." Romans 4:25

We look forward to Lent every year, while at the same

time eagerly awaiting Easter Sunday noon with a big sigh. We are looking forward to our Sunday preaching on Jonah entitled, "The Survivor Series".

And, of course, our midweek services that focus on our human relationships and our relationship with our Heavenly Father in Christ, "By His Stripes".

God bless you! These are challenging times in our country and our state. They are also challenging times at Faith as we near some final direction with our "Building Together in Faith" emphasis for our Christian Family Life Center.

When we are anxious about challenges and changes and children, it's a wonderful time to "impute" it all to God.

The Lord be with you—in an especially large way in these days of Lent!

In the love of His stripes,

Pastor Brad Urbach

Pastor Levi Willms



Main Street Living

The program may be seen on KDLT-NBC, Sioux Falls, at 10 AM and on KEVN-FOX, Rapid City at 9 AM. Additional information may be found on the WEB site: www.mainstreetliving.com. Our mailing address is Main Street Living, 1400 S . Duluth Ave. Sioux Falls, SD 57105.

The Main Street Portable Studio will be at Faith on Saturday, March 14 to film seven Pastors who will preach and lead the Main Street services.

Of interest to our parish is this:

Pastor Willms will lead service on the March 22 Main Street Living and Pastor Urbach will lead the Easter Sunday, April 12 Main Street Living

Official Acts

Baptisms

Mackenzie Rae Burger 1-11
Samuel Aaron Larson 1-11
Bryson Michael LaRosh 1-18
Zachary Nathan Clarke 2-14
Carson Grant Knittel 2-21
Alexander Bane Zachmeier 2-22

Funerals

Armelle Wilcox 2-7
Estella Marie Frost 2-17



Forever Young St. Patty's Day Special



Who—Everyone retired or semi-retired is invited to Forever Young on Wednesday, March 18 at High Noon.

Eats—Bring what you desire, but Corned Beef and Cabbage is welcomed and anything with a touch of green is enjoyed.



Songs—Yes, we will sing a few Irish songs

What to wear—Yes, by all means, wear something green if you have it.



Building News



- ◆ Did you notice a new cluster of grapes has now appeared? To date, with congregational giving, estate giving, and interest, \$1,407,574.08 has been placed in our Building Fund.
- ◆ The Lego Church is also growing, here is how it works:
 - ◆ Every time a child gives a gift, we ask them to add one Lego block to the addition. Every New block will represent a gift given.
 - ◆ Parents, to the best of our abilities, we are hopeful our children as we add the Lego addition don't "undo" what other kids have done. Thanks.



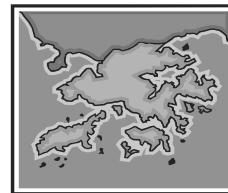
Dear members of Faith Lutheran Church,

Thank you so much for supporting our ministry for another year. That was a wonderful way for you to show your love for the Lord by continuing to help His people to have God's Word in their language.

Lord willing, this year our ministry will expand beyond the Ipili people as we help to train men from other language groups to be better translators during the National Translators Workshop.

We are also planning to help to record the Ipili New Testament so people who can't read can hear what it says. I am also planning to lead a workshop to help both missionaries and nationals translate 1st Corinthians. I am now preparing to lead that workshop. In His service,

Terry & Janet Borchard



Hong Kong Bound Nick Hill of our congregation will be joining his father-in-law Pastor David Schwan for a mission trip to Hong Kong. Nick will leave March 12 and be gone for 10 days. Our Board of Missions and Evangelism will provide witness bracelets for the school of 800 students where they will be teaching and sharing the love of God in Christ Jesus. *The Board is also hosting a coffee Fellowship following the 8:20 service on Sunday, March 1 with a free will offering to provide some monetary support for Nick's trip.* We know not all of you will be at the 8:20 service so, if you would like to contribute and you will be at the 11:00 service, your gift can be left in the church office. Please note that it is for the Nick Hill Mission Trip.



Bible Studies

As we begin Lent 2009, many might find it a good time to begin a new discipline of being in God's Word. We encourage you to get started in one of these open studies.

Sunday Night at Church 6:30 p.m.. *Overview of the Bible* you can call Marv Schweigert with any questions 224-5133 or just show up.

Wed. Night at Church 6:30 p.m.. *Purpose Driven Life* study and you can just come while kids are in Midweek or right before church at 7:30. Call Bill Markley 224-5322 or just show up.

Monday Afternoon at church 1:30 p.m. *Psalms of the Messiah*, this is a women's bible study and you can call Karen Lindbloom or just show up.

Wed. Morning at church 6:30 am . *Lessons of the Church Year*. This is a women's study and you can call Ruth Leidholt or just show up.

Thurs. Morning at church 7:00 am. *Hebrews*. This is a men's class and you can contact Pastor Willms 224-2216 or just show up.

Sunday Mornings at church 9:45 am. *Faith Under Fire*. Probably the easiest to get to. Just stop in after or before church and while kids go to Sunday School. Don't contact us just show up!



Dear Brothers and Sister in Christ,

The winter months are winding to a close. All of the kids are excited about having more time outside now that the weather is getting a little warmer. And all of the teachers are happy that the brunt of the winter illnesses seems to have passed by.

The routine at the Daycare center has been pretty much the same everyday for the past few months, with the exception on the Valentine's party that we recently had. Time has been going by so fast it seems like we just had our Christmas party.

During March, I will be attending an early childhood educator's conference in Minnesota. Some of the session I will be attending include small group strategies, fostering literacy skills in pre-kindergarteners, toddler development, and center based teaching. I am very hopeful that the information gained at the conference will help me make some minor adjustments to improve our excellent program.

Yours in Christ,
Nick Wulf, Director





ACOLYTES

Acolyte Schedule



March 1

Early: Alyssa Williams and Jessalinn Baker
Late: Kyle Olson and Miranda Bren

Wed. March 4

Megan Arneson and Jake Chambers

March 8

Early: Rebekah Miller and Linsey Peterson
Late: Jacob Larson and Karrie James

Wed. March 11

Mallory Hull and Elizabeth Irwin

March 15

Early: Jared Neilan and Trevor Larson
Late: Joshua Thompson and Joshua Larson

Wed. March 18

Joseph Knofczynski and Ryan Koch

March 22

Early: Alex Neyhart and Crystal Ortbahn
Late: Jake Chambers and Amanda Goglin

Wed. March 25

Jacob Larson and Rebekah Miller

March 29

Early: Megan Arneson and Natacha Arneson
Late: Mallory Hull and Rayleen Rathbun

LYF Ski Trip The LYF kids will go skiing on March 6-7. We will go out on Friday night leaving at 5:00 and return on Saturday about 8:00 PM. The cost is \$64 for skiing and \$66 for snowboarding plus bring some money for food. There is a sign up in the Narthex.

Lenten Coffees You should have received a letter if you have high school youth to help out with Lenten coffees. Please bring a dozen cookies or bars and serve on the night you were assigned or switch with someone from a different night. This is after our mid-week services which start at 7:30 on Wednesday.

LYF Meeting LYF will meet on March 22nd and will continue with our series on Sex and Dating. We will meet from 3:00-4:30. We will also have some ice cream and play some Mafia which we didn't get done last time.

JYM Meeting We will have JYM on March 15th from 3:00-5:00. We will play some fun games and talk about Friendships and how they can be built on love and respect that we learn and share from God. We will also have some ice cream Sundaes.

Good Friday Potato Supper and Easter Breakfast We will be having a meeting after Lent Services on Wed. March 18th to discuss preparations for these big meals of service to our congregation and fundraising for our Youth.

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Preschool News



February is a fast, fun month – we celebrate Valentine’s Day (so exciting) and have our annual Color Days. Each day during February, the children (and Teachers) wear a specific color. It is a fun way to learn and it gets the parents involved too. We also emphasize pink, 8, PQR, and hearts. The end of February we will be getting ready for conferences, which are March 16 and 17. We have added some new students during 2009, so our enrollment is now 57 students.

It’s hard to believe that it is time to start registration for next fall already! Please use the form below to pre-register your child or pass it on to someone who has a preschool child. Word of mouth is our best advertising! Thank you.



If you or anyone you know is interested in our 2009-2010 program, please fill out the form below and return it, along with a \$25.00 registration fee, to the church office. Children will only be pre-registered when the enclosed form and fee are received at the church office or to Jan Larson. Children must be three by June 1, 2009, for our Tuesday-Thursday sessions and five by December 31, 2009, for our Monday-Wednesday-Friday sessions or have previously attended our preschool for a year. If you have any questions please feel free to call Jan Larson at (224-6574). Thank you.

Faith Lutheran Preschool Pre-Registration Form

_____ will attend Faith Lutheran Preschool in the 2009-2010 school year.

Child’s Name _____

Phone Number: (Home) _____ (Work) _____ (Cell) _____

Child’s Birth Date _____

Please check section preferred:

_____ Mon/Wed/Fri a.m. * (9:00-11:30)

_____ Tues/Thur a.m.** (9:00-11:30)

_____ Tues/Thur p.m.** (1:00-3:30)

* Must be five (5) by December 31, 2009 (plus 2nd year students of Faith Lutheran Preschool)

** Must be three (3) by June 1, 2009

Your Name _____

Your Address _____

Your registration fee: \$25.00 (Non-Refundable)

Monthly Tuition: 2 day - \$60.00
3 day—\$90.00