



Faith Evangelical Lutheran Church
714 N. Grand Avenue
Pierre, SD 57501
September 2009 Newsletter



Rally Day
September 13, 2009
IT'S A FIESTA!



Noon Meal with a
Full taco bar

- Hosted by our Board of Parish Fellowship
 - Bring a salad to share
- Dessert provided by the "BTIF" Fulfillment Committee
 - Games for the kids 12:30 p.m. in Pastor Urbach's back yard
- 2nd Graders receive their Bibles at the 11:00 Service
- Sunday School Award certificates will be given to students at our 11:00 Service
- Installation of All Midweek, Sunday School and Adult teachers at both Services



*It's a 9 hole Express
Scramble!*

On Tuesday night September 22, at the Dunes, our Board of Parish Fellowship is having a scramble golf tournament teeing off at 6:00. There will be pizza afterwards and some prizes. We need at least 15 golfers to do this. Please sign up in the Narthex. We would ask you to list your phone number, handicap and average score and if you're a genuine golfer or just out for fun. Our Board will balance out the teams.

So join us for a bit of golf,
lots of fun and good pizza.



Hello Christian Friends,

As we begin our fall programs of Sunday School, Midweek, and other various Bible Studies and educational opportunities, I am also mindful how we are always in partnership with you as families. The primary influence in a child's life in general, and faith specifically, is their parents, what we do at church is secondary and supportive. As much as I hate to admit it, I can do a lot, but nothing compared to what you can do. So I want to encourage you if you haven't done so already, to increase your God talk in your family. I have many kids who ask for us to make things practical, to make it fit what they are going through. No one can do that better than you. You know the struggles, the joys, the daily routine, the ups and the downs. You can have a huge impact in bringing Christ to their lives. Many parents say, "Well, I don't know what to say or do," or "We just don't have enough time."

Sometimes this might show you that you need your own personal growth, to be growing in your faith as well, by spending time in the word and in prayer, or getting more plugged into Bible studies. But I want to also say that sometimes you just got to do it. Sometimes it is better to do something, as weak as it might be, than nothing at all. And God will help equip you for the task. Fortunately we have a God that doesn't abandon us, but by the power of the Spirit will give you what you need.

So here is a plan, turn off the T.V., put down the newspaper, set the cellphone on silence and invest 5 minutes in your family with these simple steps.

Share-discuss your highs and lows of the day. Some places use the pattern of Joys, Junk, and Jesus, which I kind of like, but the Jesus part comes at step 3. What are the joys of the day, what things were low or junky.

Read-Look at and highlight a verse of scripture in your Bible. You can use a devotional book like portals of prayer, or use some other tool. All you need is a verse to get you thinking about what God says to us.

Talk-Something we don't do enough of, how does the Bible verse, or God's word relate to our lives, to our highs and lows, How does Jesus impact our Joys and our Junk.

Pray-pray about your days, your joys and you junk, pray for your family, and the world.

Bless one another-This can be however your family does it. Maybe you say God bless you, or Jesus loves you and I do to. Maybe you hug one another.

Use these 5 steps. The "Faith Five" and bless your home and your family with the strengthening of faith and relationships with God and one another for generations to come. God bless you and I look forward to walking with your families this year and teaching about the love of Christ for us.

Pastor Willms

Voter's Assembly

On September 6 we will have a Voter's meeting at 9:45 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall for the sole purpose of nominating a layperson from our congregation who would be willing to place their name as a layperson to be elected as our Circuit's lay delegate to our Synod's July 10-17, 2010 Convention in Houston.

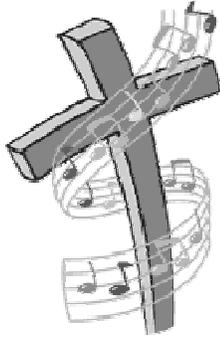
Urbach Family Memorial Garden

The sketch of the Urbach Family Memorial Garden that has been included in this Newsletter is a gift from the Congregation in Thanksgiving to God for the 35 years of Ministry that Pastor Brad Urbach has provided to Faith Lutheran Church. We wanted to keep this gift as a surprise to Pastor Urbach and a sketch of the Garden was provided to him at the 35/65 Celebration we held on August 9th. As a result, we realize that most of the Congregation did not know about this gift in advance and would have welcomed the opportunity to give a gift to help fund this Garden. We have funded the majority of this Garden from gifts already given, but you still have the opportunity to give a gift to help fund the remaining balance of the cost of this gift. Please mark your gift “Urbach Family Memorial Garden” and place your gift in the offering plate or leave at the Church Office. Any funds that we receive that are over and above the remaining cost of the Garden will go into the Building Fund.

The sketch and plan does include 3 benches for people to use in the Garden, but these benches are not in our original cost. If anyone would like to donate a Bench, please contact Larry Coyle so that we can coordinate the style and type of bench to be placed in the garden so that the style is consistent and will enhance the looks and use of the Garden as a place for personal reflection and prayer. (605)-280-6788.

In the future we will also reveal an opportunity for the Congregation to have the name of a friend or loved one engraved in stone and placed in the area below the retaining wall. Details are still being worked out on this opportunity and that will come at a later date. This will give the Congregation a personal attachment to the Garden for many years to come.

EVERLASTING MELODY



My heart sings a melody, an everlasting melody,
A tune of love, a song of peace,
An anthem that sets me free.
Just when I think there's no song to sing,
I hear a melody that is everlasting.
Everlasting melody!

In musical terms, a melody is a sequence of (mostly) pleasing sounds; a tune or a song. It is also the leading part of a harmonic composition. In a choral work, the melody is most often sung by the sopranos, but sometimes appears in the other voices as well. In instrumental compositions, the melody can surface from any of the woodwind, string or brass sections. Nearly always, it is passed around – perhaps from the flutes, to the trumpet section, to the low brass, and maybe, back to the flutes. It is the main theme that identifies the work.

Melodies can be fast or slow; uplifting and light. They can be mournful, heavy; even ponderous. They might be simple or very involved and complicated. Melodies aren't always easy to sing or play. Some aren't particularly pleasing to the ear. They are called dissonant. Frequently, a melody is composed on a text or poetry; the arranger makes an effort to enhance or interpret the written word. Other times a melody emerges strictly as a tune and is developed as a theme.

Sing a song every night and day,
A melody that will last always.
I will forever sing my song,
A melody that lives on and on.

Our lives are a lot like melodies. Some people enjoy a quiet, simple lifestyle. Others live in the fast lane.

They are busy, rushed, and thrive under constant pressure. Some live the good life and are in love with pleasure. Still others deal with worries and face troubling responsibilities on a daily basis. We could all come up with a theme song for our own lives. Would it be “Whistle While You Work,” or “Sentimental Journey?” Maybe it’s “Cry Me a River,” “Stormy Weather,” or “Blues in the Night.” What about “Rock Around the Clock?”

As Christians, we all have a theme song running through our lives. Sometimes the melody is strong, and other times, even though it may be steady, it’s quiet. Then, once in awhile, it may be difficult to hear altogether. That’s what happens when we forget who we are; who we belong to, and become absorbed with matters of the world and our own sinful nature. Then it’s time to face the music!

Just when I think there's no song to sing,
I hear a melody that is everlasting.
Everlasting melody!

That melody, that theme song, is Jesus Christ! His is the tune that is love and peace. His music sets us free from sin. His melody is everlasting! His song will go on and on into eternity..... Are you listening?

Karen Lindbloom

Official Acts

Baptism

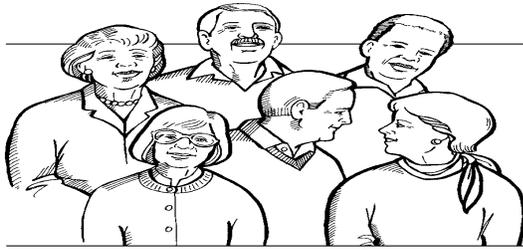
Linda Sundahl 7-12
Ethan John Schick 8-15
Bryson Michael Heuertz 8-23

Funeral

Donna Mae Boren 7-23

Weddings

Ali Haag & Brent Baloun 7-11
Debra Lawrence & Monty Kenworthy 7-25
Karna Knapp & Joshua Pfeffer 8-29
Ashlee Rathbun & Greg Whisenant 8-29



Seniors' Gathering

Forever Young

Who are we? We are a great group of semi retired and retired people who are busier than ever. We gather once a month for a potluck. Sometimes we have a program, sometimes we sing, sometimes we play bingo or bunco, but we always sing our "Happy Birthdays" and "Happy Anniversaries". We get caught up to date on parish happenings and sometimes endure our Pastor's bad jokes.

When do we meet? Well, here is a chance starting September 21, the third Tuesday at 12:00 noon.

How was the Fish Fry in August? Excellent, a great turn out of people and fish. Our hearty thanks to our chefs: Cordell Costar, Brad Schultz and Vern Dockter.

October? Shall we visit the new Casey Tibbs Center?



Fall Blessings!!

The Country Fair is Coming!
Saturday, October 17
9:00-1:30

There are some things to get ready for the Fair that we can start on now.
One thing is watching for items for the Gift Baskets:

Someone suggested small jars of homemade jelly would be nice in the Baskets.

We will be doing recipe in a jar again.

Other needs are: **Nice Baskets**

Coffee mugs (matching pairs are nice)

Lots of kitchen utensils (all kinds), towels, pot holders, etc.

Linens like napkins, place mats, doilies.

Miscellaneous items like candles, decorative note pads, small knick knacks, Christmas items.

A lot of fall wired ribbon has been donated but we still need some different solid colors of wired ribbon.

Some colored shredded paper for filler. (**not** Easter grass)

Watch for a date for assembly. If you have questions contact Ruth Hanson at 224-2297.

Our new booth Collectables:

We found a good use for Children's books in the Kiddie Korner.

Be watching for sing up sheets and other ways you can serve.

The LWML will be choosing projects for the proceeds at the next meeting. Monday Sept 14. As always we will be devoting 1/3 to mission projects. If you have ideas for projects to vote on, contact Lila Briggs at 223-2848. For one in house project we want to be able to give a good portion to the Commercial dishwasher for the new kitchen.

We were blessed with a great Fair last year. Many, many people helped and it was a very fun event as well. Thank you in advance for all you do.

Any other questions, call the co-chairs:

Anita Marso 224-2769

Doreen Kayser 224-4756

Kristi Deal 224-8739

Building Together in Faith



On August 23 we hit another grape cluster milestone. With an update from Brent Adney we have now placed our \$1,800,000.00 cluster on the Narthex wall. The total, “Thus far” is based on congregational giving, interest, and Estate gifts.

◆ **Accelerated Gifts**—Our timeline is moving very quickly, since the new addition will be done before our full 3 year commitment cycle is up. We certainly want to encourage all of our members to consider accelerating their gifts. Accelerated gifts will help us push the loan off as long as we can and God willing, keeping our loan at the smallest level we can.

◆ **Lego Church**

It’s back and it’s all done! We again say thanks to Adam Forman. Our Lego Church and addition needs NO new blocks or any taken off it. **Here is how the finished church works:**

- * In the church part, our kids can continue to place their gifts for our “Building Together in Faith” project.
- * In the gym part, they can place a registration form for a Lego block set to be given away at Rally Day.
- * **One** registration can be placed in the “gym” every time you are at worship. Parents can help the younger kids fill out the form.



The drawing for a large Lego set and three small sets will be on Rally Day, September 20 at 12:30 and then all the kids can go off for the Rally Day games in Pastor Urbach’s back yard.

◆ **Special Needs**

* **The Cross**—On the Euclid Avenue side of the building, we are going to build in a very attractive brick cross. The cost of the cross is \$6,770.00. It might be that someone in the Parish would like to take on the cost of this project in honor or in memory of someone(s) who have been a part of their journey. You can see in the undated Architect mats in the Narthex a good idea of how it would look. It is designed to reflect, somewhat, our LCMS cross. If you are interested in championing this project, please speak to Pastor Urbach.

* **A complete Two-Court Scholastic Telescopic Volleyball System**—This system provides four uprights and two nets which are adjustable for men’s, women’s, and junior heights, and can be adjusted to a tennis level to provide for pickle ball. The cost for the system is **\$4,030.00**. This includes shipping. Perhaps there is a family or several families who could put their heads and resources together to fund this. If 8 families all shared a gift of \$500.00 over and above their present commitments, we can have this by Dedication. Pastor Urbach knows one family already willing to do this. We just need 7 more families.

◆ Special Needs Continued

* The Floor—in the basic bid, was a concrete floor with painted lines. The Building Committee has made a decision to install a tile floor with the edged in lines for Basketball, Volleyball and Pickle ball. Hopefully, continued giving will accomplish this; yet someone may be able to provide a gift for the floor. The additional money needed for a tile floor is approximately **\$8,930.00**.

* The portable basketball system recommended by our Architect is Gared Sports Micro 2 System. The apparatus can be easily moved from half court to full court use. They will not provide for “dunking” (sorry Pastor Willms!), yet for our use they will serve us well. Cost is **\$1,750.00** per unit. Both of these units have been paid for by two of our Parish families.



A Very Noisy Offering



Q. What does a pickle jar, a coffee can, and a shoe box have in common?

A. A really fun and painless way to help us close the financial gap as we near the end of our Building Phase of our “Building Together in Faith” campaign.

Q. How does it work?

A. Well, many families have change jars so here is what we hope for—

- ◆ That starting in September every family unit would start saving its change for a “very noisy offering”.

- * Start by everyone in the family filling a pickle jar with change.
- * Then, when the pickle jar is filled, pour your change into an empty coffee can;
- * Then, when the coffee can is filled pour it into a shoe box, and
- * Then, at what ever stage you are at, pickle jar, coffee can or shoe box, bring it to church in the season of Epiphany which begins Wednesday, January 6 until Ash Wednesday as we have a very noisy offering as we do the final remodeling of our transition into the new Building.

Q. Why a pickle jar, a coffee can, or a shoe box?

A. Well, a shoe box because lots of tennis shoes will use the new facility of all ages, walkers, volleyball and basketball players and—well, dodge ball at LYF and JYM. A coffee can because lots of coffee will be prepared and drank in that new Fellowship Hall. And a pickle jar—Yes a growing game in our community and throughout this country is Pickle ball. Pastor Urbach is eager to share the new games with a lot of people in the parish and the community.

Q. Why not have a special Epiphany Celebration for the first day of our “very noisy offering” and sing the wisemen hymns, and have a big Epiphany star and read out the Matthew 2 account, why perhaps we could even have Wisemen.

A. Good idea! Let’s plan on a wonderful January 6 service at 6:30 p.m.



Parenting is Prevention

Milt Creagh's, "*Parenting is Prevention*", six-session curriculum is based on Milton Creagh's experiences not only as a father, but also as someone who has traveled extensively and seen the results of both good and bad parenting styles. The program is a powerful tool that has been designed with a common-sense approach to parenting. The intent is to build greater parental leadership and will also help parents understand how children in the new millennium are affected by their surroundings, not only at home but in school and community.

The first session is scheduled for September 21, 2009, 7:00 p.m. at Faith Lutheran Church. The sessions are free of charge but there will be a \$10.00 charge for the accompanying workbooks.

The session titles are:

1. What is a Parent?
2. What Are We Teaching?
3. Stages of Drug Use
4. Ending The Conspiracy Theory
5. High-Tech Meets Low-Tech
6. Behavior Begets Consequences

Preschool News

Another summer is drawing to a close – and another preschool year is just starting for our little students. For some it is a return to a familiar place and friendly faces. For others it is a totally new experience of firsts – first time away from mom and dad or daycare, first time for a structured activity, first time with other children and adults. Please pray for us as we begin our new year! It is the first time we have had these children, too!

Our big beginning for preschool was August 27, when we had our "Get Acquainted Night". The children come according to classes and meet the staff while parents complete the registration forms. The Board of Early Childhood Education helps host the fun evening and we are thankful for their support and help. Classes start on September 14 for our three day class, and on September 15 for our two day classes.

We are again blessed with dedicated staff this year. Donna Gohl, Cathy Califf, and Anita Marso are all returning as teacher aides. What a wonderful team of women! They all love Jesus, the children and the parents of these little ones. That is the key to a successful program.

Currently, the three day (Monday, Wednesday, Friday mornings) class is full at 24 students. The Tuesday-Thursday mornings class has 19 students and the afternoon class has 14 students. We continue to enroll children throughout the year, so please help spread the word. Thank you.

More and more we are seeing former preschoolers children in our program! What a privilege to be able to serve for many years in a place of love and growth – a place where Jesus is welcomed and proclaimed each day. Thank you for your prayers and support of our program! God bless you.

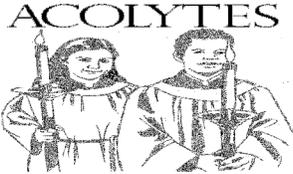
Jan Larson, Director/Teacher

P.S. Thank you for saving the Land 'O' Lakes 5 cent milk jug lids, the Dakotamart receipts and the Campbell's soup labels. They really help your preschool!

Faith Lutheran is hosting a six-session parenting class entitled "Parenting is Prevention". This is lead by Ruby Douglas from Capitol Area Counseling and features Milt Creagh. The sessions last about one hour and will be held once a month. The first session is September 21, 2009 at 7:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. There will be a sign up sheet in the Narthex.



Acolyte Schedule



September 6

Early: Austin Wagner and Haley Adams

Late: Brooklyn Voeltz and Travis Adney

September 13

Early: Vance Weber and Roberta Forman

Late: Amber Ziebart and Kelsey Dykstra

September 20

Early: Wylín Baker and Emily Fredrich

Late: Courtney Brandt and Justin Harmon

September 27

Early: Kaci Deal and Rebekah Hartmann

Late: Alyssa Bump and Taylor Larson

National Youth Gathering If you missed our meeting for the National Youth Gathering, but are still interested in going, please talk to Pastor Willms for information. This is a wonderful opportunity for our High School youth. The gathering is July 17-21 2010 in New Orleans.

LYF Meetings We will be having LYF meetings in September on Sept. 16th, 23rd, and 30th from 8:00-9:00 in Jon's Place. We will be talking about Training Camp, and how God uses specific exercises to help us withstand the rigors of life.

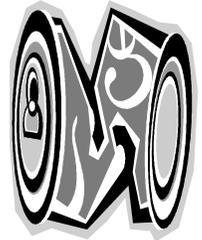
JYM Kickoff We will be having our JYM kickoff for the year on Sunday September 13th from 4:00-6:00. Come and play some kickball and have some Pizza as we talk about how God helps us to get started on our journey with Him. (JYM is for all of our 6th-8th graders)



Circuit Bible Camp
We will most likely be holding Circuit Bible Camp next summer July 27-30 at Custer State Park. This is for kids currently in 3rd-8th grade, so please mark you calendars.

Camp Minneboji dates for next year are June 20th-26th and is for kids currently in 4th-9th grade. Please mark your calendars for this opportunity as well.

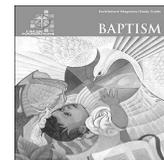
Cans for LYF A reminder that we continue to collect aluminum cans for LYF. Prices are a little lower, but we are still raising a lot of money for our activities. You can place them in the shed next to the staff garage, but you might have to navigate through some construction items.



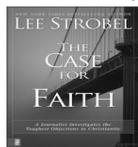
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BIBLE STUDIES



Baptism--Lifelight Class--Lifelight bible studies seek to give in-depth study of the scriptures. In this study you will gain a deeper understanding of the rich theology of Baptism that runs through scripture and also an understanding of why we believe what we do about baptism. The contact for this class is Marv Schweigert 224-5133 Meets Sundays at Church 6:30 PM begins Sept. 20th. _____



The Case For Faith--This class for meets on Wednesday nights at Nick and Annette Hills (224-0884) at 6:30. Come and enter into deep discussion on why some have objections to Christianity, and what answers there are to them that are faithful to God's word and also hold true as seen in the world we live. This will be a thought provoking class. Starts Sept. 30th. _____

Judges--Lifelight Class--Judges is a wonderful book of God's faithfulness to his people, even when they often turn away from Him. This class will meet on Wednesday evenings in people's homes at 6:30 PM and will start Jan. 14th. The contact for this class is Bob Miller 224-9955. _____

ACTS--This class is taught by Bill Markley (224-5322) and meets Wednesdays at 6:30 in the Preschool Room at Church. Bill is an excellent teacher and this class will look at the work of the Holy Spirit and the beginnings of the Early Church, of fascinating insight on how we live today. The class will begin September 16th. _____



The Heart of Jesus--This study is for women and meets on Monday afternoons at 1:30 PM at church. "The Heart of Jesus," looks at women in the Gospel of Luke and focuses in on how the gift of Jesus impacts their lives. If you would like to be in this class talk to Karen Lindbloom (224-5292). The class begins September 14th. _____

Lessons of the Church Year--This class on Wednesday mornings at church 6:30 AM. They study the appointed lessons for the week and helps to gain a fuller understanding of the text in preparation for what will be taught on Sunday. This class begins September 16th and goes throughout the year, contact Ruth Leidholt (945-1211). _____



Who Am I? What am I doing here?--These are the big questions that eventually confront every man. Usually the dual questions begin to nag in childhood. Aware of a wide universe and seeking to grasp his place within it, the child asks and wonders. The truth of course, is that the questions do not go away with time. Perhaps the nagging can be quelled or covered with distractions and with rationalizations. But, eventually everyone must return to the questions of one's own existence and the reason for being. These questions refuse to go away. God has the answers. Men we meet Thursday mornings at 7:00, and at 6:30 the first Thursday of the month for breakfast. We will begin September 17th, 6:30 with breakfast by Pastor Willms. _____

Financial Peace University—A revolutionary class taught by Dave Ramsey. This class can help your family to gain peace in its finances. It would be great to have most of our families in this class to learn God's teachings and other practical advice in the world from debt, to insurance, to investing. Class begins Sept. 3rd at 6:30. If you have questions contact Pastor Willms (224-2216 or levi@faithluth.com). _____



Faith Under Fire--Starting January 18th our Sunday Morning Class which meets between services at 9:45 will be using a resource put out by Lee Strobel that uses DVD segments to prompt discussion and a search of the scriptures relating to hot-button issues, and current events and how they relate to the Faith. It should be fun to have some lively debate on how God's word and Christ speaks to our current environment. _____

Adult Inquires Class-A wonderful class for all that covers the basic teachings of our church and helps you understand what makes us Christian and specifically Lutheran as well. This is an especially important class for those who are new with us and who would desire to become a part of our Faith Family. This class meets on Thursday evenings at 7:30 beginning October 8th. Contact Pastor Urbach for details (224-2216). _____

Early Communion Class--for youth and parents of our 2nd-8th graders. This will cover the basic teachings of the Lord's Supper and prepare youth to begin receiving the Lord's Supper. The class meets Saturday, October 3rd from 9:00-12:00 and then again Saturday, October 10th from 9:00-10:30. Contact the church office (224-2216) to sign up or for more information. _____

NAME _____

PHONE _____