

FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH
714 N GRAND AVE
PIERRE, SD 57501

APRIL 2010 NEWSLETTER



Holy Week Calendar

PALM SUNDAY

Services at 8:20 & 11:00

Passover meal

Monday evening at 6:00 pm

Maundy
THURSDAY

Services at 11:00 and 7:30



The LYF will host
a Baked Potato supper
from 5:00-6:30 p.m.
Good Friday Evening, April 9



There will be a hymn sing at
6:45. Pick out your favorite
hymns and we'll sing a few
verses.

Good
FRIDAY

Service of Darkness
at 7:30 p.m.

Resurrection
SUNDAY

Easter Festival Services
At 8:20 and 11:00



Breakfast will be served
between our two
Easter services

**Can You
Spare
A Drop?**

Faith Lutheran Blood Drive

Monday, April 19 11:30 am-6 pm

In the Christian Family Life Center

Contact Char Russell at 224-1160 or go to
www.bloodhero.com, enter code: pierrefaithlutheran

Worship with the Pastors

You are invited to worship with the Pastors of the South Dakota District on Monday night, April 12 at 7:00 p.m.

Pierre is hosting our April 12-14 Spring Pastor's Conference and Faith Lutheran is the host site for the Monday night evening worship service.

Preaching will be Dr. James Lamb who preached here at Faith in January.

It will be a wonderful service. It is always nice when the people of the host church are there as well. The pastors notice and enjoy the congregation being present.



Great District News!

Pastor David Schwan, our District's Executive Secretary has shared some wonderful year-end Budget news.

For the first time in five years our District ended its Fiscal year in the black.

Total income \$1,254,238.00

Total Expenses \$1,250,068.00

78% of our District's 115 congregations met or exceeded their commitments.

71% of the congregations met or exceeded their T.I.M. (Together In Missions) commitment that supports the ministry of Amy & Marat Kashenov in Kazakhstan.

Faith exceeded their District commitment remitting to our District \$33,524.00 and to our District's T.I.M. project \$1,300.00.

Our commitment to our District/Synod for 2010 is \$33,420.00 and to our District's TIM project \$1,300.

Thank you for your faithful, generous giving that not only supports our beloved congregation but the broader work of our District and Synod as well.

"Thus Far Has The Lord Helped Us"



Displaced!

Greetings to you in the Risen Lord Jesus! It is Christianity's great battle cry:

"Christ is Risen."

"He is Risen, indeed! Alleluia!"

With that wondrous cry death is displaced with life and darkness is displaced with the fullness of Christ's light.

In mid-March one of our groups meeting at church needed to meet in a new place rather than their familiar spot. One of the great servant-hearted gals in this group said, "I feel displaced." Our whole staff sympathizes as we still find ourselves going in the wrong direction to new rooms or rooms that don't exist anymore. Yes indeed, "displaced."

The expression served my devotional time with them well. You see, we are all displaced. A hymn I truly like, but we don't sing a lot, states it well:

I'm but a stranger here, Heav'n is my home;

Earth is a desert drear, Heav'n is my home.

Danger and sorrow stand Round me on ev'ry hand;

Heav'n is my fatherland, Heav'n is my home.

LSB 748 Verse 1

We are displaced, earth is not our long-term home, heaven is. Here we are aliens, strangers, visitors. Heaven, Eden restored, paradise, that is our eternal dwelling place. St. Paul states it well:

"Therefore we are always confident and know that as long as we are at home in the body we are away from the Lord. We live by faith, not by sight. We are confident, I say, and would prefer to be away from the body and at home with the Lord. So we make it our goal to please him, Whether we are at home in the body or away from it." 2 Corinthians 5:6-9

So we, God's wondrously created children, are displaced. Yet we sing and serve, love and obey, share and give.

Our lives are His to be used for His wondrous purposes, for His divine glory, for the loving service of compassionate care for others, for the extending of God's Kingdom on earth so that displaced sons and daughters of creation might be Heaven born children of God.

As I look forward to spring's huge moments, Easter, Confirmation, the June 6 Dedication, I am overjoyed to see

what we can do together.

The expression "Building Together in Faith" now means much more than ever. So far 368 family units, plus some anonymous units have been giving. We hope as we now come to the last two months of our 3-year commitment cycle many more will help us finish our campaign strongly with a great flurry of giving to close our deficit margin and help us with our short-term interim financing.

Would it not be remarkable that when we get to the end of the campaign every family will have helped so that for years to come we will all know we had a part and we can tell our children and grandchildren, "I helped build that church."

Thank you, thank you, thank you! What a joy to travel the journey of life with such marvelous "displaced" saints, or as one preacher said before he preached, "Give them heaven!"

The Lord be with you.

"Displaced," but eternally bound,

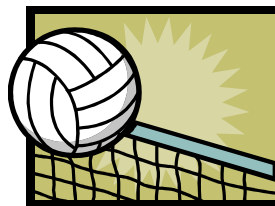
Pastor Brad Urbach

Family Fun Nights

Two are planned for April, both on Sunday nights, April 11 and 25 from 5:00-7:00. It's for whole families.

- * The Volleyball court will be set up.
- * A half court Basketball will be usable.
- * The other Basket will be at 8 foot for smaller kids.
- * The ping-pong table, the foosball table, and the 4 square court in the great room will be open as well.
- * Some tables will be set up if families bring snacks for their families where they can be seated.

That's Sunday nights the 11th and the 25th. You can bring a friend, even a whole family!



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Building Updates

- As of the end of February, including gifts, interest, and estate gifts we have received—

\$2,135,903.94

- **What's New—**

Our Second Floor Goals—Our goal is to finish the St. Matthew Room, rough out the St. Mark Room, and finish the complete hallway.

Why?

- We can use the larger St. Matthew Room and even in time St. Mark. We lose both the old Fellowship Hall and Library and need a couple of larger rooms.
- It will certainly look much nicer when you look upstairs from the gym.
- It will help us secure those upper areas since all the doors and frames are on site.
- It will keep us from trying to heat and cool those large areas with the heating and cooling units of the Gym.

- **A couple of large carpet decisions—**

The Building Committee has chosen carpet squares for the living room, Daycare, and the '96 Narthex. The squares are in stock and will have it done by Easter.

There has been a large expression to get the Narthex carpet replaced due to its wear and the raised areas. This is an expense we had not planned for but in order to match carpets, now is the time to do it. *Please remember the extra expense for the Narthex, which is \$10,000.00, in your Building Fund giving. Thanks!*

- **Lobby Wall Decision**—We had really hoped to save the 1978 addition wall in the lobby out of history consideration. There were just simply too many cracks, holes, and discoloration. Therefore it has been sheet rocked. The door frames in that wall were also replaced as they had badly rusted out. New doors will be in the new frames in the lobby.

Progress—as you receive this April Newsletter

- The “Living Room”, which is the passage between our Sanctuary/Narthex and our Christian Family Life Center (CFLC), will be done!
- The Lobby of the CFLC is done!
- The 1996 Narthex is re-carpeted. The '96 carpet was worn and we had extension glue failure. This carpet will

now match the “Living Room” carpet.

- The Commercial Dishwasher has been installed. The cost of the commercial dishwasher for the kitchen includes much more than just the large capacity fast washing dishwasher. (The wash cycles for the washer can be set for 1, 2, 4 or 6 minutes.) There are two large stainless steel tables that run along each side of the washer. The soiled table is where the dishes are returned through a pass through window. This table runs about 7 feet long and has a large one horse power disposal at the end of it. The dish racks pass over this and are rinsed with a pre rinse that has a wall mounted spray arm. The racks are then slid into the washer. After they are cleaned, they slide out onto a 6 foot clean table where they will be unloaded. Next to that is a deep stainless steel triple sink. A large hood vent will help keep the steam and heat out of the kitchen when the washer is running.

The cost of the commercial dishwasher unit is \$22,000. It is being funded by –

Special designated gifts from Pete & Ruth Hansen, Dave & Janice Johnson, Pauline Votteler, and Sandy Hobart.

The proceeds from the Auction of \$8333.75

The proceeds from the rummage sale, \$838.71

A \$6000 gift from our LWML,

and a part of our “Really Noisy” offering which totaled \$4622.74, of which \$2,109.74 was change.

The balance of the “Really Noisy” offering will go to help us close the margin in the funding of the Christian Family Life Center.

Interim Financing—We are borrowing up to \$100,000 from Bank West to handle our last two payments to Sioux Falls Construction.

We trust this will be re-paid quickly as:

- Commitments continue to be fulfilled,
- Givers consider exceeding their commitments.
- Those who are giving without commitments continue to give generously,
- Those who have not given feel a heartfelt desire to help with this challenging project as we near the end of our building.

Updates continue on page 4.

Updates continued

Thanks—thank yous continue

- We thank Mike Leidholt for his willingness to build stools for the restrooms and drinking fountains in the new building.
- We thank Jerry and Lois Erbe for the Reverse Osmosis water system for the new Kitchen.
- We thank Bob Smith who has provided all the fire extinguishers and cabinets for the new building and is now working at all the signage.
- We thank Vern & A.J. Lenz for moving the Berea Gift Cabinet to the “Living Room” and for putting the Oak Base molding in the ‘Living Room’. This base molding came from the old Fellowship Hall and was originally a gift from the Lenz Family. It is very neat that it has found a beautiful new home.
- All the volunteers who have helped with our work days. We are grateful for many hands and express our thanks to our Board of Trustees, Bob Shoup, Lee Axdahl, Dale Knapp, and Jay Fredrich for leading us in several aspects of our work days and nights.
- To our Fulfillment Committee for having goodies at these events bringing us all together for fellowship.

The New Rooms have names

In case you missed it in the February Newsletter, the new rooms all have names.

Our five upstairs rooms are : Matthew, Mark, Luke, John and Paul.

The Daycare activity room at the end of the Lobby, which will serve as the Daycare Nap room and Activity room is called the “Good Shepherd” room.

The piece of artwork of Jesus with the little children is a gift from Marlene Young that at one time was at the end of the Hallway downstairs by Room CD which once served as our Preschool until 1996.

Kitchen News

Neal O’Day has generously donated his entire ‘traveling catering service’ to the new kitchen at Faith. Included in this is a new roaster, new large crock pot, new electric griddle, new electric frying pan, hand mixers, measuring cups of all sizes, new metal bowls of various sizes, all types of bake ware and utensils. In fact there are still six boxes of things that we still need to explore and find a new home

Kitchen news continued—

for. Wow! It was just like Christmas the day that Neal brought these things to the kitchen. Thank you Neal!

The only things left to do in the kitchen is the large three sink counter, the Reverse Osmosis water system and the commercial dishwasher. These will be completed by Easter. Praise the Lord!

Christian Family Life Center

Dedication

Sunday, June 6, 2010

Different Gifts

Equal Sacrifice

**FOOD
DRIVE** 

Pantry!

An enormous thank you for your pantry generosity. As you receive this Newsletter the items have been taken to the Pantry. Look for the May Newsletter for a report on the amounts! God loves a cheerful giver!



“Organized religion is tax exempt, sir.
In this case, I’ll have to check.”

You Can't Have One, Without the Other!

Hello Christian Friends,

You can't have one, without the other! There are just some things in life that way. You can't have thunder, without lightning, or lightning that doesn't produce thunder. You can't have taxes if there is no government and you can't have a government without taxes, as much as we wish we did. It is probably easy, or maybe not, to come up with many examples. One is life and death. Sure for a moment, in the garden, there was a possibility of life without death, but in a sinful world, we know nothing of that, there is just life and death. You can't have life with out death and death without life.

Since not everyone is so fortunate to hear my Palm Sunday Sermon, okay you can stop laughing. This Newsletter will give you one of the points that always comes up. You can't have Easter without Good Friday. Sure you can go, you can sing, you can tell God you love him, but you didn't really have it. You can't have life without death, you can't know the life God gives, without struggling with the death, the punishment nailed to the cross, the payment for sin. It is equally true that you can't have Good Friday without Easter, then the payment was pointless, as Paul says if Christ is not Risen, we are stuck in our sins, death has not been conquered. Pastor Urbach had a recent sermon where he said a goal he would love to attain is 1000 people for Easter morning. What an awesome goal, I can't wait for that day, I have shared a goal with you as well, that one day we would have attendance on Good Friday equal to that of Easter Sunday, that all would get the full meal deal, because we can't really have one without the other. Don't get me wrong, you can miss a service on Good Friday or Easter for that matter and still grasp and worship God for both His death and Resurrection. But wouldn't it be great if we as a church body attested with our attendance the wondrous truth of the importance of observing Christ's death and His Resurrection. I think we will reach Pastor Urbach's goal, before mine, and that is okay, because I have part of my Palm Sunday sermon written for the next 1000 years.

But there is one other thing about all this that I think is important and why our observance of Good Friday and Easter are so sacred in reminding us of what is also true throughout

the year. Paul writes in Romans chapter 6, "Don't you know that all of us who were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? When we were baptized into his death, we were placed into the tomb with him. As Christ was brought back from death to life, by the glorious power of the Father, so we, too should live a new kind of life. If we've become united with him in a death like his, certainly we will also be united with him when we come back to life as he did." Every day our old self has been killed with Christ in his sacrifice and God has given us life. We receive life from the death of our sin in the crucifixion of Christ and His Resurrection, passed on to us in the gift of Baptism. You are alive and don't have to fear death, because only in Jesus do we experience that life is really not life on the way to death, but death on the way to everlasting life. We are dying to live. May you join me and our church this Holy Week, but also daily all year long, dying to sin, dying to the Old Adam, witnessing Christ's gift of life in death, and living the joy of the Resurrection to newness of life!

Pastor Willms

*Hosanna
in the
Highest!*



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Dedication Weekend

Faith Ev. Lutheran Church

714 N Grand Ave

Pierre, SD 57501

Friday afternoon, June 4, 2010

There will be a summer Preaching Workshop for the pastors of our SD District taught by Dr. Reed Lessing of Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, MO. The Workshop is based on Pastor Lessing's new Concordia Publishing Commentary on Amos.

The Workshop is 12:00-5:00, which includes lunch provided from 12:00-1:00.

Saturday, June 5, 2010

On Saturday morning a class will be offered to the whole congregation taught by Dr. Lessing in our New Christian Family Life Center.

10:00-11:30 "The First Family Life Center"

11:30-12:00 All boards will have a short meeting for June to elect officers and conduct short business matters.

5:00 p.m. Appreciation Barbeque Our Board of Elders will host an appreciation barbeque for our Building Committee, our Fulfillment Committee, our Emphasis Directors and our guest speakers for the weekend.

Sunday, June 6, 2010

8:20 Worship

Rev. David Schmidt—Preaching

Pastor at Faith 1966-1969

Reception between Services

11:00 Worship

Rev. Jonathan Offt—Preaching

Vicar 1995-1996

12:00

German Sausage Noon Meal

Hosted by the Action Ministry Team of Zion Lutheran, Sioux Falls

During the meal we will enjoy accordion music by Mal Hinckley and Veryl Hohn of Miller. That will bring to our noon German sausage event some sounds of Oktoberfest.

Mike & Angela Roman will be giving buggy rides around the campus also.

2:00 p.m.

Our Dedication Service

Rev. Dr. Reed Lessing—Preaching

Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, MO

Reception following Service

3:45

The Baumann Brothers in Concert

"Thus Far Has The Lord Helped Us"

1 Samuel 7:12

Youth News

Good Friday Potato Supper The LYF will be serving a supper on Good Friday April 2nd from 5:00-6:30. There will be a free-will offering with matching funds from Thrivent to support LYF activities and trips. LYF kids will meet on Friday morning at 10:00 to wash potatoes and decorate for the meal.



Easter Breakfast The LYF will also host a breakfast between services from 9:20-10:45 on Easter Morning April 4th. There will be a free-will offering with matching funds from Thrivent to support LYF activities and trips. If you would like to help with providing Egg Bakes or baked goods, there is a sign-up sheet in the Narthex.



Circuit Bible Camp Circuit Bible camp will be next summer, July 27-30 at Custer State Park. This is for kids currently in 3rd-8th grade, so please mark your calendars. If there are any adults that would like to go and help with Circuit Bible Camp, please speak with Pastor Willms.



Camp Minneboji information and registration forms are now available here at the church (or get this information online at www.minneboji.com)! Camp week is June 20-26 at Camp Okoboji in northwest Iowa. The camp, for kids in grades 4 – 9, features Bible study, mission presentations, music, crafts, sports, recreation, and the chance to meet new Christian friends. This year's camp theme is "OutSTANDing!" It concerns the life of Daniel. The camp registration fee is \$255 (\$285 for 9th grade "Honors" campers). The registration deadline is June 5. **You can pick up registration booklets in the office. Faith will cover \$50 of the registration and send the registrations in so please drop them off at the church office.**

LYF Meetings We will be having LYF at 8:00 on Wednesdays in April on the 7th, 14th, 21st and 28th. It is nice to be back to our 8:00 time and I hope you can come and have some fun and talk about God's Word.

LYF Haiti Bake Sale The LYF will be hosting a bake sale on the morning of April 11th. All proceeds will go to help the people in Haiti through donations to Lutheran World Relief.



LYF Perkins Fundraiser The LYF will be doing a Perkins Fundraiser on Thursday evening April 29th. 10% of your bill will go to support our LYF.

LYF Lock-in We will have a lock-in for LYF on April 30th starting at 9:00 pm and going till 8:00 in the morning. Please sign up in the Narthex.



JYM Activity We will have our next JYM activity on April 11th from 3:30-5:00. There will be a short bible study and we will play some gaga ball, volleyball, and basketball. Hope to see you there, I had a lot of fun with you at the JYM Olympics.

VBS Dates Vacation Bible School will be Sunday June 13th-17th from 6:00-8:30. There will be sign-up sheets and registration forms soon. I hope many of you can be a part of VBS this year. We again have Captive Free joining us and this year have a group that also spent some time overseas.

April 1st

7:30 PM: Rachel Hartmann and Carlee Sanders

ACOLYTES



April 2nd

7:30 PM: Garrett Weber, Joshua Larson, Trevor Larson, Dylan Schiltz

April 4th

Early: Reed Lindbloom, Mandy Olson, Nikaela Trujillo, Miranda Bren, and Linsey Peterson
Late: Logan Lenz, Caden Overturf, Katie Sanders, Courtney Ziebart, and Jessalinn Baker

April 11th

Early: Molly Tschetter and Miranda Bren
Late: Nicole Smith and Amanda Goglin

April 18th

Early: Vance Weber and Karrie James
Late: Brooklyn Voeltz and Trevor Larson

April 25th

Early: Amber Ziebart and Rayleen Rathbun
Late: Austin Wagner and Dylan Schiltz

Preschool News

Hi! Well, the sun finally came out today. It has been so long in coming that even the pre-schoolers are getting tired of waiting for spring. In the older class, we are keeping a weather chart and so far, we have had one nice day (lamb weather) and six lion days (bad weather)! Today (March 17) was a lion day too because when we looked out at 10:00 this morning, the sun was not shining yet. ☺ We have begun our registration for next fall now so a form is at the bottom of the page. I just got done with conferences and they went great. We have had a super year! Still to come are a trip to the Discovery Center, the farm and our picnic. The best story of the year is still to come too – Easter! What a privilege it is to share the Good News with these little ones and ultimately with their families. May God bless each of you this joyous season!

In Christ, Jan Larson



If you or anyone you know is interested in our 2010-2011 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, 2010, for our Tuesday-Thursday sessions and five by December 31, 2010, 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 2010-2011 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, 2010 (plus 2nd year students of Faith Lutheran Preschool)

** Must be three (3) by June 1, 2010

Your Name

Your Address

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

Monthly Tuition: 2 day—\$65.00

3 day—\$97.50

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