



Building Together in Faith

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FRIDAY June 4

Afternoon

There will be a summer **Preaching Workshop** for the pastors of our South Dakota District, taught by Dr. Reed Lessing of Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, Missouri. The Workshop is based on Pastor Lessing's new Concordia Publishing Commentary on Amos. The workshop is entitled, "Restore the Roar."



SATURDAY June 5

10:00 - 11:30 a.m. **"The First Family Life Center":**

This class, which is offered for our entire congregation, will be taught by Dr. Lessing in our new Christian Family Life Center.

11:30 - Noon

Meeting: All boards will have a short meeting to elect officers and conduct brief business matters.

5:00 p.m.

Appreciation Barbecue: Our Board of Elders will host an appreciation barbecue for our Building Committee, Fulfillment Committee, Emphasis Directors, and our guest speakers for the weekend.

SUNDAY June 6

8:20 a.m.

Worship: Rev. David Schmidt, Guest Preacher (Pastor at Faith 1966-1969)

Between Services

Reception: in the new Christian Family Life Center

11:00 a.m.

Worship: Rev. Jonathan Offt, Guest Preacher (Vicar at Faith 1995-1996)

Noon

German Sausage Meal: hosted by the Action Ministry Team of Zion Lutheran, Sioux Falls. There will be a freewill offering to cover the expenses of our meal.

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

Buggy rides: Mike and Angela Roman of our congregation will be giving buggy rides around the campus.

2:00 p.m.

Dedication Service: Rev. Reed Lessing, Guest Preacher (Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, Missouri). The ribbon cutting for the new Christian Family Life Center will immediately follow the Dedication Service.

3:45 p.m.

Concert: The Baumann Brothers in concert.

Enclosed: a chartreuse BTIF envelope. We are hoping for a significant offering on June 6 to reduce our short term debt on the new addition.

Set in Stone!

Greetings to all of you in our Risen Lord Jesus Christ!

There are some things that are truly set in stone. Here's four we think of right off the top of our heads:

- The 10 Commandments given by God to Moses and the Kingdom of Humanity,
- The Lord's Prayer given by Jesus to His disciples and to the Holy Christian Church,
- God has an amazing love for His people,
- Our Christian Family Life Center has an enormous concrete foundation.

Yes, a "very set in stone" foundation that will serve this beloved congregation long after all of our present members are gone. Only God knows how many decades Faith Evangelical Lutheran Church will set on this square block in the Capitol of South Dakota, perhaps until the end of time.

Stone stories are a rich part of the Biblical narrative –

- Again the 10 commandments - *Exodus 20*
- The rock that followed the people of Israel that gave them water in the wilderness - *1 Corinthians 10:4*
- Moses setting up a stone altar and 12 stone pillars before the 12 tribes - *Exodus 24:4*
- Joshua who had 12 stones piled in the Jordan River as the people crossed the Jordan into the Promised Land "to serve as a sign among you." *Joshua 4:5ff*

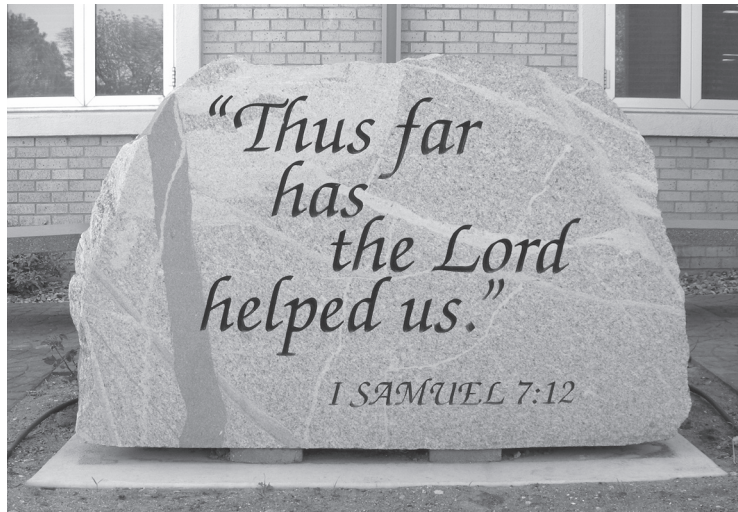
"As a sign." Our parish has signs, literally. There are church signs on Grand Avenue and Euclid Avenue. In our Sanctuary and on the East, West and South sides of the church there are crosses, the sign most usually associated with Christians. There are crosses throughout our campus. There are three cornerstones – signs of different years of building. Yet there is a stone, a rock that has been a constant logo in the past 3 years in our publications and a constant sign of our "Building Together in Faith" campaign. That stone - on a "set in stone" concrete footing - is our Ebenezer Rock.

"Then Samuel took a stone and set it up between Mizpah and Shen. He named it Ebenezer, saying, "Thus far has the Lord helped us."

1 Samuel 7:12

This three thousand pound rock is really unmovable and its origin lives in the remarkable story of 1 Samuel.

You can read the story yourself but here is the Cliff Note edition: "Israel is in deep trouble with the Philistines. The Lord routs them, Samuel takes a stone, sets it up for all to see, and names it "Ebenezer" saying, "Thus far has the Lord helped us."



That is a truth "set in stone", literally! "Thus far has God helped us." He helped our little flock in 1931 in its meager beginnings. He helped that group of men from our small flock who tore down the Canning Dance Hall to build our first church by hand in 1938. He helped that faithful, growing congregation when it purchased lots on North Grand Avenue where a

wonderful facility was designed and built that continues to serve God's people. He helped us in 1978 pay off a 1961 debt and build a new fellowship hall. He helped in the early 1990's when a Master Vision was developed that produced the 1996 Sancturay and now our 2010 Christian Family Life Center. During all those years we have watched and marveled as He helped our families often in the midst of joys and struggles. He helped and helped and helped.

That's why we are a forward looking, outreach caring people, because we know God has always helped and because of that we have enormous confidence about the future of our parish and the future of our very souls.

"Set this in stone!"

"Therefore, brothers, since we have confidence to enter the Most Holy Place by the blood of Jesus...Let us draw near to God with a sincere heart in full assurance of faith...Let us hold unwaveringly to the hope we profess for He who promised is faithful."

Hebrews 10:19, 22a, 23

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Where we've been in Faith:

In 1931, services were held in the Church of Christ rooms in the old Fitch Block on Euclid Avenue.



Breaking ground for the Christian Family Life Center on May 4, 2009.



In 1938, the men of Faith lovingly constructed our first church, using wood from an old dance hall at Canning.



Working on the foundation.



Laying the first block for the Christian Family Life Center.

History note:

2011 will be the 50th anniversary of our first 1961 building at 714 North Grand Avenue.

And where we are in Faith: The Christian Family Life Center



Entrance hall for the Christian Family Life Center



New Fellowship Hall



The Young Conference Room



New kitchen



The office



The "living room"



St. Matthew Room

Our 2nd floor

Through remarkable stewardship and a host of talented, willing volunteer hands, the following has been accomplished.

- The St. Matthew Room has been fully finished.
- The St. Mark Room has been dry walled, taped, textured and painted.
- The entire hallway has been built with steel studs, dry walled, taped, textured and painted. The ceiling and light fixtures have all been installed.
- A wall has been built between the Paul & John rooms. The John/Luke room will remain one large room. These rooms will not be finished until the elevator is in.

Our 2nd floor goals

As gifts permit we would –

- put a ceiling and carpet in the St. Mark room.
- carpet the hallway.
- install the elevator, which will be a cost of \$50,000.
- then as we can we will finish the Luke, John, and Paul rooms.



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Join us all day Sunday, June 6. Every service has different hymns, different special music, and different preachers. Yet every service, every moment will be filled with remarkable Ebenezer joy.

During the afternoon Dedication we will sing it again as we have sung it many times in the last three years.

"Here I raise my Ebenezer,
Hither by Thy help I've come;
And I hope, by Thy good pleasure,
Safely to arrive at home.
Jesus sought me when a stranger,
Wand'ring from the fold of God;
He, to rescue me from danger,
Interposed His precious blood."

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May His eternal grace be "set in stone" in our hearts!
The Lord be with you.

Ebenezer,

Pastor Brad Urbach

Pastor Levi Willms

Our thanks!

Work days

- Dozens of people helped during our recent work days and nights in the new Christian Family Night Center. We deeply thank them all. Four fellows need an extra thank you for their coordinating efforts: Bob Shoup, Lee Axdahl, Jay Fredrich and Dale Knapp.
- We thank our Fulfillment Committee for providing snacks, drinks and pizza for volunteers on the work days.
- To Laura Archambeau of Todd's Electric, who has with great generosity donated all the lights, switches, wiring and labor for the 2nd floor work thus far.
- To Red & Rusty Westall for painting all the door cases.

Electrical work

Additional thanks is shared with Todd's Electric for: New cross lights on both the new Cross and a new light for the cross on the southwest outside sanctuary wall, some Preschool wiring; and additional wiring in the Living Room, the kitchen, the Daycare kitchen, and the workroom.

Preschool improvements

We thank the Board of Trustees, Greg Brock, Matt King and Todd's Electric for work done in the Preschool. A thicker wall was added to separate the Preschool and Daycare Crib room, and a wonderful new permanent wall with electrical outlets was added in the middle of the room, replacing the dividers we had. It all looks great and has improved our Preschool.

Gifts to the building project

May, 2007: Our First Fruits Sunday

On Sunday, May 6, 2007, we held our wonderful Commitment Event at the Ramkota River Center that included both worship and brunch.

Three weeks later, we had our First Fruits Sunday, during which our congregation began fulfilling the financial commitments they made to our Christian Family Life Center building project. On that day, May 27, 2007, we had the largest offering in the history of our church: an offering of \$166, 593.65. It was a remarkable way to begin our "Building Together in Faith" Commitment Campaign.

June 6, 2010: The chartreuse envelope

We hope for a wonderful offering on Sunday, June 6 that will help us make our last payment to Sioux Falls Construction and Architecture Inc., and put a big dent in the short-term Bank-West loan for our building project, which may approach but not exceed \$100,000.

Why the short term, interim loan?

Two reasons –

1 We had a \$100,000 contingency of which we had hoped to spend very little, but among these expenditures were: replacing concrete by the sanctuary door entrance sidewalk, that was broken, with 5 inch reinforced concrete, fire alarm system in Daycare, footing adjustments for the existing building, abandoned water line leak, sanitary sewer extension, underground piping for existing roof drain, added retaining wall and drain in courtyard off 3rd Street, additional excavation and fill due to ground water, reinforced new parking lot concrete with rebar.

2 Secondly, the Building Committee - in a most responsible manner - approved expenditures to help us finish the project to date with upgrades that will save money later while having the contractors on site.

For example –

- All the materials, the steel studs, the drywall, the doors, the frames, the paint, etc. to finish the hallway on the second floor were purchased for very reasonable rates while we were receiving other materials. As our members finish the second floor hallway the following will be accomplished:
 - Utilities savings
 - provide a more secure and safe facility
 - it will provide an already finished and usable St. Matthew room and by the fall, with no carpet or ceiling, a useable St. Mark room

Gift summary

Range of gifts from commitments received and those giving without commitments:

1.....\$500,000 +	16..... \$10,000 to \$15,000
1.....\$200,000 +	11..... \$7,000 to \$10,000
1.....\$50,000 +	23..... \$5,000 to \$7,000
2.....\$35,000 to \$40,000	37..... \$3,000 to \$5,000
1.....\$30,000 to \$35,000	19..... \$2,000 to \$3,000
1.....\$25,000 to \$30,000	57..... \$1,000 to \$2,000
1.....\$20,000 to \$25,000	46..... \$500 to \$1,000
5.....\$15,000 to \$20,000	143..... \$0 to \$500

TOTAL: 375

NOTES:

- Although we have not quite completed our 3-year financial campaign, 103 families have already fulfilled and/or exceeded their commitments to the Building Together in Faith project.
- We have received \$34,547 in anonymous and "out of the blue" gifts.
- As of the end of April, 2010, a total of \$2,197,806 had been given to the Building Fund.

- and quite obviously, as we look up to the second floor from the Christian Family Life Center, it provides an attractive finished look.
- While we had F & M Acoustical on site, the ceilings above the two staircases were finished. Because of the height of the staircase, we didn't feel this was a "safe" thing for us to use volunteers for. Also, for a remarkable \$200.00, they finished the hallway grid. We had a family graciously pick up this cost.
- We also had families buy all the blinds in the new building.
- Additional Kitchen cabinets
- Irrigation sprinkler system
- Moved the utilities and phone line
- Wired and moved phones from older additions into newer additions
- The filing of the abstract
- Brosz Engineering expenses
- The fees for the Capital Funding Program
- We carpeted the Narthex while carpeting the "Living Room". This enabled us to replace the aging, bubbled, worn carpet with the same dye lot. We thank Country Carpet for donating the carpet on the landing of the Kitchen staircase and the Daycare office.

Summer worship

Gone on the weekend this Summer? Well here is an opportunity to still worship. Every week during the summer months we will have a shorter service on Wednesday nights at 6:30.

Communion will be every other Wednesday and the service is usually 30 minutes. Sometimes the Homily is somewhat like Sunday's, sometimes totally different.

Last summer our high was 49 people and our low 6 people. Some who were there on Sunday were there Wednesday too for just the wonderful opportunity to worship and sing with others.

Gone on a weekend, join us on Wednesday.

A Service of Thanksgiving to God for Ruth Schimming

Ruth Schimming - who once served Faith Lutheran as a musician - retired from all her musical responsibilities at Zion Lutheran Church in Mitchell on Tuesday, April 6, 2010. A reception will be held to give glory to God for Ruth's talents and 52 years of service to Zion.

Sunday, June 27, 2010 from 2:00-5:00 p.m. at
Zion Lutheran Church • 620 East 3rd (half mile north of Walgreens)
Mitchell, SD

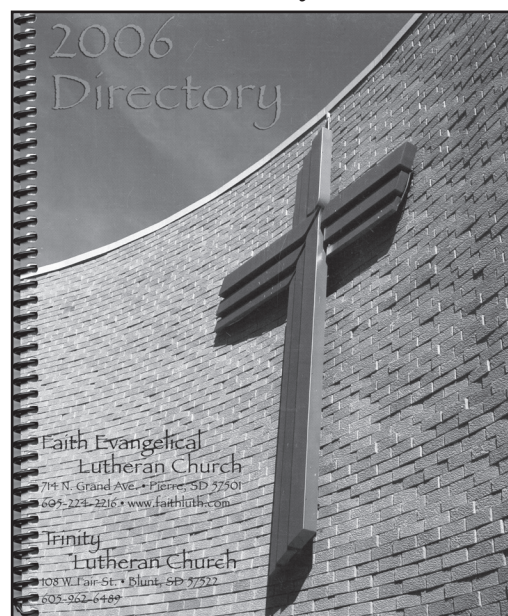
Please join them for a program from 2:00-3:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary and continue with the celebration from 3:00-5:00 p.m. in the church basement fellowship hall for a reception.

Food Pantry - 1,617 pounds of food!

Faith Lutheran collected 1,450 food and paper products for the Pierre-Ft. Pierre Food Pantry in March. On March 26, a crew of men from the congregation hauled 98 boxes from the church to the Pantry, which is located in the City Auditorium on Sioux Avenue. In addition, members of the congregation wrote checks totaling \$120 to the Pantry in conjunction with the Food Drive. Faith has one of the largest food drives each year for the Food Pantry - and it is greatly appreciated. We received the following note of thanks from the Food Pantry:

"Faith Lutheran collected a total of 1,617 lbs. of food. Please extend a "thank you" to the congregation for making this another successful food drive. We truly appreciate the support that we continue to receive from Faith Lutheran. Cathie Mercer"

Pictorial directory



The 2006 Directory

It happens about every 5 years in the life of our Faith family: the helpful Church Directory. It's great to see the new families in the Directory. And now we are gearing up to print a new Directory. The Directory photo sections will contain the story of our "Building Together in Faith" - from the Commitment Event at the Ramkota, to groundbreaking on May 3, 2009, to the Dedication Event on June 6, 2010 and several parish moments that have taken place in the midst of all these special moments.

The photo settings will take place:

Tuesday, August 17 - Saturday, August 21

Tuesday, August 24 - Wednesday August 25

Tuesday, September 21 - Saturday, September 25

Tuesday, September 28 - Thursday,
September 30

Friday, October 1-Saturday, October 2

Plan now to be a part of this Pictorial Directory in the midst of what has been a huge moment in our congregation's 79 year history.

And yes, you will have any photos you order well before Christmas!

Urbach Family Memorial Garden

Thanks to contributions from the congregation and friends of Faith, the Urbach Family Memorial Garden has been completed on the Grand Avenue side of the church. The beautiful little garden was a gift from the congregation to Pastor Urbach last year during a celebration held in recognition of his 35 years of service to Faith Lutheran, and his 65th birthday.

The garden was designed and installed by Faith member Steve Bontje, of East Pierre Garden Center.

While it is named in honor of the Urbach family, the Memorial Garden will provide an opportunity for all members of Faith to honor their loved ones. It has been designed to allow for the placement of engraved flat stones in a rocked area below the short retaining wall.



ten names, and all ten names will be engraved on a stone at one time.

How to honor a deceased loved one on a stone in the Urbach Family Memorial Garden:

- To have a name included on one of the stones in the Memorial Garden, simply pick up a form at the church office, fill it out and return it to the office. The cost is \$35 per name. This small fee covers the cost of the stone and the engraving, and also assists with ongoing maintenance of the stones and garden.



- When filling out the form, it is vital to make sure you print legibly, and that you have spelled the name correctly, as the form will be the basis for the spelling of the name on the stone.

- As space in the garden is limited, people listed on the memorial stones must either have been a member of Faith Lutheran, or be a family member of a Faith Lutheran member.

- Each stone will contain ten names, with one name per line.

- All names engraved on stones in the Memorial Garden will be acknowledged annually, most likely on All Saints Sunday.

Answers to questions:

1. Since each stone contains a list of ten names, do I have to include ten names on my request for a stone?

A: You don't have to "fill up a stone". You can request just one name.

2. When I request a memorial stone, how long will it take for the stone to actually be placed in the Memorial Garden?

A: The amount of time it takes for a stone to be engraved after you make your request will vary, as each stone will contain

3. Do I need to provide a rock if I would like a name listed in the Memorial Garden?

A: No, the Urbach Family Memorial Garden Committee will handle purchasing and engraving of the stones.

4. Does the garden need additional shrubs or other plantings?

A: Not at this time. The planting in the Garden has been completed, thanks to donations from the congregation and friends of Faith.

5. Is anything else needed for the garden, such as statuary or benches?

A: Not at this time. Benches have been donated and placed in the garden, and an angel fountain will be placed in the garden in memory of Andrea Urbach, who collected angels. That will complete the garden.



6. Can I include my pet's name on a stone?

A: Sorry, no names of pets. The names on the stones must either have been a member of Faith Lutheran, or be a family member of a Faith Lutheran member.

7. If a family member has been cremated, may I place their ashes in the Memorial Garden?

A: The garden is not set up to be used as a Repository for Cremains, but you may honor your loved one with a memorial stone in the garden.

Youth of Faith

VBS Dates

Vacation Bible School will be Sunday, June 13th through Thursday, June 17th from 6:00 to 8:30 p.m. There are sign up sheets for workers as well as registration forms in the Narthex. We hope many of you can be a part of VBS this year. We again have Captive Free joining us, and this year's group has also spent some time overseas.

VBS Volunteer Meeting

We will have a meeting for Vacation Bible School Volunteers on June 10th at 7:00 p.m. to go over the upcoming week and to answer questions. A reminder that there are meals prior to VBS on June 14th-17th from 5:15-5:45 for volunteers and their families.

Circuit Bible Camp

Circuit Bible camp will be July 27-30 at Custer State Park. This is for kids currently in 3rd-8th grade. Registration forms can be found in the Narthex. If there are any adults that would like to go and help with Circuit Bible Camp, please speak with Pastor Willms.

Acolytes for June

June 6th

Early: Whitney King, Cade Larson, Austin Wagner, Vance Weber, Megan Arneson

Late: Devin Kampfe, Justin Meier, Brooklyn Voeltz, Amber Ziebart, Jake Chambers

2:00: Brittney Munyon, Carly Niemann, Mallory Hull, Rebekah Miller, Jared Neilan

June 13th

Early: Janece Wetzel and Alex Neyhart

Late: Jordain Rathbun and Ryan Koch

June 20th

Early: Brandi Ziebart and Joshua Thompson

Late: Blake Widvey and Kyle Olson

June 27th

Early: Brandon Berheim and Hayley Adams

Late: Caitlin Bolte and Travis Adney

ACOLYTES



LYF News

Camp Minneboji

Camp Minneboji dates are June 20th-26th. We will leave on Sunday the 20th at 7:00 am. The kids will have some time to blow when we get down there so they might want to have a book or something. Also pack a sack lunch for the trip. We will return Saturday the 26th at around 4:30 in the afternoon.

LYF Meetings

We will have regular LYF meetings on June 2nd and June 9th from 7:30 to 8:30 p.m. for all our LYF who were in 8th-12th grade last year. There is no LYF on June 16th or 23rd due to VBS (please consider helping with VBS) and Camp Minneboji. Our meeting on June 30th at 7:30 p.m. will be a meeting concerning the National Youth Gathering.

Upcoming LYF Fundraisers

Wednesday, May 26th--

Car wash in the Church parking lot from 4:00 to 7:00 pm.

Saturday, May 29th--

Running's: We are going to grill hamburgers and hot dogs by the garden center from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Stop by and get a bite to eat and support the LYF.

Saturday, June 19th--

Car wash in the Church parking lot starting at 1:00 to 4:00 p.m.

Sunday, June 20th--

The LYF will be hosting a Pancake Feed on Father's Day between services, 9:20 to 10:45 a.m. Bring Dad by for some pancakes and help support our Youth and their activities, especially their trip to the National Youth Gathering in New Orleans.

June 22nd--

Pizza Ranch: 5:00 to 8:00 p.m. Part of the sales as well as tips go to support the LYF.