

DECEMBER 2010 NEWSLETTER

FAITH EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH
714 N. GRAND AVENUE
PIERRE, SD 57501



7th Annual

“Festival of the Crèche”

*(Crèche: a three dimensional representation
of the Nativity)*

Sunday, November 28

1:30 p.m.- 4:00 p.m.

Faith Ev. Lutheran Church

1:30-4:00 – View the Crèches in the church

*Fellowship Hall during a come-and-go
reception. Holiday cookies and breads along
with tea and coffee will be served.*

*3:00- Live Crèche and reading of the Christmas
Story.*

Advent & Christmas Schedule

The Stars Tell the Story

Wednesday, December 1

The Perfect Star—Creation

7:55 p.m.

Wednesday, December 8

The Fallen Star—Lucifer

7:55 p.m.

Sunday, December 12

Sunday School & Youth

Programs

N-2 11:00 a.m.

3-8 4:00 p.m.

Wednesday, December 15

The Promised Stars—Christians

7:55 p.m.

Christmas Eve Worship

The Guiding Star—Bethlehem

5:00 and 7:30 p.m.

Christmas Day Worship

With Holy Communion

The Morning Star—Christ

10:30 a.m.

New Year’s Eve Worship

With Holy Communion

7:00 p.m.

A Letter From Our Pastors



“This shall be a sign...”

Greetings to you in the Lord of Advent. The Thursday, November 11th issue of the Capitol Journal had a nice article on our Euclid Avenue sign and Jay Fredrich, our Facilities

Administrator. We thank Jay for faithfully changing that sign each week.

Signs are important. We hear the words of Isaiah: *“Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign: The virgin will be with child and will give birth to a son, and will call him Immanuel.”*

Isaiah 7:14

or John’s statement in the Gospel of John after Jesus changed water to wine:

“This, the first of His miraculous signs Jesus performed in Cana of Galilee.” St. John 2:11

or Matthew’s words about Jesus speaking of the last Days:

“At that time the sign of the Son of Man will appear in the sky, and all the nations of the earth will mourn. They will see the Son of Man coming on the clouds of the sky, with power and great glory.”

St. Matthew 24:30

These three sign references reflect the Advent season: The Jesus who was promised; the Jesus who lived His life on earth; the Jesus who shall return.

Our first major sign was on Grand Avenue, it was a Whopper of a project. The parish, our Aid Association for Lutherans Branch, and Randy Hartmann, then the manager at Burger King, hosted a Whopper feed as a fund raiser—so the sign was a Whopper of a sign.

Then the second sign would follow on Euclid Ave.

That sign gave us a wonderful witness on one of the Capitol City’s busiest streets. The sign tells of our Worship and Sunday School times, tells of special events and shares thoughts that can bring smiles, laughter, and moments of thoughtful pondering.

Jesus the Christ is the ultimate sign from God of His eternal love. The Babe of Bethlehem reminds us of God’s wrath over sin and the remarkable length He would go to for the rescue of humanity.

The Sundays of Advent will be filled with the wondrous words of Isaiah, Gods mighty Prophet, our Midweek Services will focus on one of God’s mighty signs, the Stars.

So join us in the Sundays & Wednesdays of Advent. One of the signs of a healthy church is having its pews filled with those who loved the appearing of Christ into the world.

See you in the pews, a good sign of a healthy soul.

Pastor Brad Urbach

Pastor Levi Willms



A LETTER FROM YOUR MISSIONARIES

Nov 15, 2010

Psalm 136:1 (KJV)¹ O give thanks unto the LORD;
for *he is good*: for his mercy *endures* for ever.

Indeed we give thanks to the Lord for he is good. He has blessed us in many and various ways, but especially with the forgiveness of sins we have in our Lord Jesus, together with the hope of the resurrection of the body and the life everlasting. We also give him thanks that he has allowed us to live in this place to share that good news with the people in Rosebud.



There have been a couple of nice things happen recently. One is in Parmelee. We had our usual Tuesday after school Bible School classes. We were invited to the Boys and Girls Club

for some event they were having where the newspaper came and things like that. So we quit pretty early, and went over there. When we were there one of the girls about age 12 came and said to me, when are we going back to the church? I said pretty soon. So we went back to church, and a few other kids came along. As we were walking over there, she said, "Now when we get to church we have to do the whole thing, read the lesson, do the craft, watch the video and eat!". It was fun for me because it showed that she really liked doing the things we do, and she read the Bible story from the Bible herself. For that I am thankful.

I also received a call from a man the other day who is a Lutheran from Sioux Falls. He and his wife have been living in Rosebud for about a year and a half. I am pretty sure they are going to join the church. His wife is Catholic, but doesn't attend. They are a young couple and that is nice.

Also as you know John Arcoren continues to live with me, and he is a very spiritual and uplifting young man. He has started a Bible study that he

leads on Saturday afternoons at the church. He has some of his family attending as well as some of his friends. I also have him helping with the children's sermons at church. It has only been a few times so far, but it has been good both for him, as well as for the members of the church.

We also are having an alcohol recovery Bible study to help those who are just out of treatment. We are doing this together with some of the people from the treatment center, and it seems like it will be a good thing. We are doing this on a rotating basis in different locations one of which is our church in Parmelee. I usually have a worship service there on a Sunday once or twice a session.

We are looking forward to our Christmas season. We will be having our Christmas parties and Christmas caroling both in Rosebud and Parmelee. These are always fun community events.

We pray that your upcoming Holiday season is blessed by our Lord Jesus, and that during that season you have the opportunity to share Christ.

In Christ, Rev. Andrew Utecht

P.S. Proceeds from the Country Fair are providing Hymnals and Bibles for Pastor Andrew Utecht's ministry at Rosebud. Our ladies are providing 15 Hymnals and 20 Bibles.

Again, we would say thanks to all of you for all you did to help with the Country Fair.





Trunk 'N' Treat – A really Big THANK YOU!

To all the Families/cars/vans who were a part of Trunk 'N' Treat. They were: Daleen Gore, Paul & Toni Kenefick-Aschoff, Steve & Shellie Patterson, Dee & Larry Koch, John & Carlene Barber, Dave Keith, Jerry & Lois Erbe, David & Kim Larson, Bob & Deb Green, Dennis & Carolyn Ryckman, Dawn Koch, Jolynn Haberling & Leanne Loesch, Terry & Jodi Leibel, Kelsey Hughes & Mikayla Frick, Steven Halls & Hilary Lee, Dave & Rena Ortbahn, Bob & Nancy Shoup, Lennis, Lee & Andrew Axdahl, Alison & Jason Jares, and Robin Peterson.

- To all the families who donated candy to help with the Trunk 'N' Treat Project.
- To all the LYF Youth who served coffee, hot cider, and hot chocolate.
- To our Board of Missions and Evangelism who shared lighted crosses with 750 kids until we ran out.
- To all those who carved pumpkins, we had a lot of them. The prize winners were:

Scariest: Abby Keith
 Happiest: Jayden Nickerson
 Funniest: Emma Keith
 Traditional: Marty Larson
 Smallest: Berkelee Kenefick-Aschoff
 Biggest: Jesse Jares



Thrivent Choice Dollars

THRIVENT DOLLARS CAN BE DIRECTED TO FAITH LUTHERAN OR FAITH LUTHERAN PRESCHOOL.

Thrivent Financial recently sent a letter saying eligible members may direct Thrivent Choice dollars. We encourage you to follow the directions on the letter and direct those dollars.

Thrivent Choice is a new charitable grant program and a benefit of your membership in Thrivent Financial. You may direct your designated Choice dollars either to your local congregation or to other eligible Lutheran organizations. If you do not direct these dollars, then Thrivent Financial will make the choice for you. As stated in the letter, you may go to Thrivent.com/choicedollars; or call 1-800-847-4836 and say, "Thrivent Choice." Again, we encourage you to direct your designated choice dollars ASAP to benefit your congregation or other Lutheran organizations. Questions, contact Rena Ortbahn, Renee Knapp or our Pastors.

Preschool News

Faith Lutheran Preschool has had a busy and fun filled November. We made pine cone ornaments for a Christmas tree at the Mall – check it out! We had our final community helper come – Officer Broers- who told us about being a police officer. We are talking about the first Thanksgiving and learning several nursery rhymes. We even had a 'Bear Day' when we each brought our favorite bear and did lots of fun things with them. During December we make a gift for our parents, decorate our own tree at preschool, learning the story of Jesus birth and get ready for our Christmas program. It will be held in the new Christian Life Center at 10:30 AM on Monday, December 21 and at 10:30 AM and 2:30 PM on Tuesday, December 22. Please come if you would like and enjoy and old fashioned Christmas program! The best part of this time of year is teaching the children the real meaning of Christmas and how much Jesus loves each of us. Praying that your Advent and Christmas holidays are bright with the love of Jesus! Jan Larson

Daycare News

Greetings to everyone from Faith Lutheran Daycare. Things are going great in our new daycare facility, and we would like to thank everyone that made this possible and helped in anyway.

Currently FLDC has Five full-time employees, eight part time employees and three subs. Our current enrollment capacity is 60 children. We have 53 children enrolled at this time. This would include 10 babies, 31 2-5 year olds, and 12 schoolers. We currently have openings in the 3-5 year old age group. If you know of anyone needing childcare have them call Noell at the daycare center.

We have been doing weekly bible stories and songs and crafts that go along with the stories. We had a big Halloween party that included a costume parade. The children and teachers truly enjoyed the day.

We would like to thank Pastor Willms for providing monthly chapel times. The children enjoy the time spent with Pastor and enjoy his bible stories and songs.

Daycare is always in need of craft supplies. If anyone ever wants to donate to the daycare just give me a call and we can arrange a time for drop off.

God bless everyone, and we wish you a happy holiday season.

Sincerely,
Noell Uhler, Director



Men's Fellowship

Monday, December 6

7:00 pm

The Great Room

At our December meeting we will be playing Court Whist. Bring a friend.



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New Members

Britt Haxton—joins us from Washington D.C., but she is a native of Belle Fourche. Britt is an attorney in the US Attorney's office.

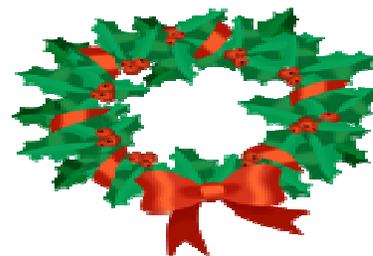
Sarah Linn—is a daughter of our congregation who returns home to teach at Riggs High School. Sarah is a science teacher and is the daughter of Bernie and Julie Linn.

Dorothy Rausch—joins us from St. John Lutheran in Agar. Dorothy has lived in Pierre for several years and still is at the family farm near Agar in the nice months.

Kay Nelson—joins us from Zion Lutheran in Chamberlain. Kay lives north of Pierre and has a granddaughter in our 8th Grade Midweek program.

Alan Dale—returns home to Pierre where he joins the Pierre Police Department. Alan is the youngest of Don & Judy Dale's crew.

We are also delighted to have Sarah Burger back in town. Sarah is the daughter of Pat & Jill Burger. Sarah is employed as a juvenile corrections officer on the juvenile side of the Hughes County jail .



December's Voters Meeting

Circle your calendars now for our Sunday, December 5 Voter's Meeting at 9:45 a.m. The items of business will be:

- A report from the Endowment Board.
- Approval of the Work Program.
- Calling Pastor Willms as Associate Pastor.
- Synodical Resolutions.
- and the Lutherans For Life House for Haiti Project.



Official Acts

Baptisms

Laela Aletha Kost

Lily Jane Reitzel

Bailey Grae Cuny

Wedding

Christina Gaalswyk &

Seth Norman

New Members

Britt Haxton

Sarah Linn

Dorothy Rausch

Kay Nelson

Alan Dale



You're Invited



Faith Lutheran

Women's

Christmas Party

Sunday

December 12th

7:00 PM

at the church.

Program

Lunch

Fellowship

There will be a gift exchange of something

Inexpensive or home made.

There will be a free will offering and

An ingathering for the Food Pantry.

Teacher's Meeting

We will have a teacher's meeting on Thursday, December 2nd at 7:00 PM. Some treats and a Christmas Gift will be provided from the Board of Education. Come for some time of encouragement and sharing.



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Building News



Thank you for your generous gifts so far in November of .

- Your gifts in these past weeks enable us to make our December 1st payment of \$5,836.00 to the South Dakota Church Extension Fund.
- Your gifts also helped us, as of our November 14 Board of Stewardship meeting to apply another \$10,000 to our Bank West short-term loan. Our debt started at \$56,000, it is now reduced in principal to \$14,515.25 and in interest to \$738.36 for a total of \$15,253.61. We are about there! Thank you.
- We will also be able to make 3 advanced payments. Two of our families gave gifts for 2 advanced principal payments and we received an Estate gift of \$1,000.00 from the Estate of Doris Weischedel. We will add to this \$136.05 from the Building/Debt Fund and made advanced principal payment # 18. Thus far, we have made 12 advance principal payments saving \$56,864.21 in interest.
- We thank Tony & Kandee Leif for a second Foosball table for our youth.
- We thank Helen Kiepeke for a microwave for the office workroom.
- A new Coke vending machine has been placed in the Lobby by the drinking fountains. It has some “healthy” drinks in it and it will be closer to much of our activities. The pop machine on the landing of the Great Room will remain.
- Two extra old light fixtures will be placed in the Luke/John Room. This room has become a game room for our youth. In addition to the two Foosball tables, the Ping-Pong table has been moved to that room as well.
- The floors in the Luke/John Room have been sealed and ½ of the floor in the St. Paul room has also been sealed. This was a result of a gift from the Gert Mueller Estate.
- The light fixture directly outside the St. Matthew room has been tied to the staircase lights. This gives us better light on that staircase when the St. Matthew room is used and we don’t need to turn on all the upstairs hallway lights.
- **Need** The T.V. in Jon’s Place is of poor quality

now and we would like to replace it. If you are updating to HD and need a place for your still really good T.V., we would sure appreciate having it for the Great Room.

Forever Young

If you are retired or semi-retired please join us at Forever Young.

Third Tuesday

December 21

12:00 noon

In December we will have a potluck and sing a few of our favorite Christmas Hymns and carols. Yes we will also play the “don’t empty your card” fastest four games of Bingo you have ever played.

We thank the Preschoolers for singing at our Thanksgiving November gathering.

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Acolyte Schedule

LYF Meetings in December

We will meet on two Wednesdays in December at 8:30 due to Advent worship services. Youth are encouraged to attend services at 7:55 and then we will meet in Jon's place upstairs at 8:30. We will meet Dec. 1st and 8th. On Dec. 8th we will decorate cookies and take them over to Betty's Place.

LYF Movie Night

The LYF will go to the early evening showing of Chronicles of Narnia on Saturday Dec. 11th. Cost is \$4 as the LYF will pay for half of your ticket. We will meet at the theater and be picked up at the movie theatre.



Midweek Christmas Party

We will have our Midweek Christmas Party at the YMCA Aquatic Center on Dec. 15th from 6:50-8:00. Meet at the YMCA and bring your swim suits. Admission for non-members will be paid for by church and members can check in like normal. Juice and cookies will be provided by Board of Education.

JYM Christmas Party

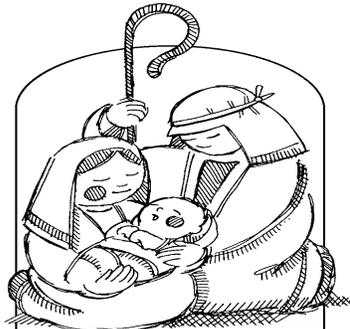
Our JYM kids will get together Dec. 5th from 4:00-5:30 to decorate cookies and play games. We will take some cookies over to

share with Betty's Place and to visit with them as well.

Midweek Christmas Program

The midweek Christmas program is on Dec. 12th at 4:00 PM for our 3rd-8th graders. We will be having practice during Midweek and one Saturday Practice on Dec. 11th from 1:00-2:30.

Please make every attempt to make both practice and the program.



Christmas Program

Sunday School

Christmas Program

The Sunday School Program will be during the late service on Dec. 12th at 11:00. The kids will be doing practice during Sunday School hour and will be having one Saturday practice on Dec. 11th at 10:00 am. **Please make every attempt to have your kids at practices and in the program.**

December 5th:

Early: Blake Widvey and Nikaela Trujillo
Late: Brandi Ziebart and Courtney Ziebart

December 12th:

Early: Brandon Berheim and Wylin Baker
Late: Caitlin Bolte and Kory Wilson

December 19th:

Early: Morgan Deis and Courtney Brandt
Late: Matthew Green and Megan Arneson

December 24th:

5:00: Colton Graves, Devin Kampfe, Alyssa Bump, Kaci Deal
7:30: Leandra Hoefener, Whitney King, Andrew Leif, Reed Lindbloom

December 25th:

10:30: Cade Larson and Caden Overturf

December 26th:

Late: Justin Meier and Molly Tschetter

