



FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH
714 N GRAND AVE
PIERRE, SD 57501

MAY 2010 NEWSLETTER

A MESSAGE FROM OUR PASTORS

“The Oasis”

Greetings in the Risen Lord! It was Pastor Willms in his Palm Sunday sermon in the HIStory series that told us about the North Platte Canteen. It is a truly remarkable story, feeding 6,000,000 soldiers over a 5 year period when there was rationing of food in our country. It's moving to know there were soldiers who, in the din of battle, longed for 5 minutes back in North Platte.

On Easter Sunday, Pastor Urbach stood at that very site on his way to Denver. As he gazed out over the tracks, and North Platte, the largest rail switch yard in the world with lots of tracks, he wondered about this miracle in North Platte.

North Platte was truly an “Oasis” in the middle of a war.

Faith Evangelical Lutheran is an Oasis in the middle of a spiritual war. The heavenly realms of the Creator, the Son sitting at the Right Hand and the Holy Spirit with all the angels, the Archangels and all the company of heaven strengthen us as we live on our earth assaulted by evil.

Here at the “Oasis” we worship a living God, study and teach His vibrant Word. Here at this Oasis we fellowship with each other, encourage each other, comfort each other, laugh with each other, sing with each other. Here at this Oasis we reach out doing good for this community with acts of kindness. Here in this Oasis in Sunday School, Midweek, Faith Lutheran Preschool and Faith Lutheran Daycare Center we provide a spiritual atmosphere for children. Here at this Oasis in our tithes and offerings we support missions in our District, across our nation and across the seas.

Now with our new Christian Family Life Center we can do even more than ever before, more fellowship,

more helpful activities. An Oasis that is soul healthy, mind healthy and yes, body healthy.

We are an “Oasis” that brings truth, hope, comfort, joy, light, encouragement and faith in the midst of an unsettled world.

We desire to continue to grow our “Oasis”. It is a canteen of encouragement for those who travel life's journey. No, we're not on I-80 or a passenger train route, but we are smack dab on two busy South Dakota highways. We too are right in the middle of people's spiritual journey from earth to heaven.

So continue to be faithful at the Oasis. Worship, remember the Sabbath Day and keep it holy, commune faithfully receiving the very body and blood of Christ, pray for each other, and invite others constantly to worship, Sunday school and Bible study.

A big date is coming to our “Oasis,” this canteen of refreshment, on June 6. What a remarkable year it has been; just a year ago we broke ground, then our beautiful Grand Avenue lawn was ripped open. Now through the efforts of so many people the lawns are green, landscaping is turning out campus into great beauty, the second floor has seen a remarkable transformation, the Urbach Memorial garden has seen the fall plantings shoot through the ground.

Our “Oasis,” what a special canteen for those of us traveling life's pilgrimage together!

The Lord be with you!

In the Risen Lord Jesus Christ,

Pastor Brad Urbach

Pastor Levi Willms

Thus Far Has The Lord Helped Us”

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 Mitchell. 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

Ribbon cutting and Reception immediately following the Service

3:45 p.m.

The Baumann Brothers

In Concert

Thus Far Has The Lord Helped Us"

1 Samuel 7:12

Tables and Chairs Thank You

Have you been among the legions of hands who have carried tables and chairs up and down stairs, inside and outside? Well, the Christian Family Life Center should make this a bit better.

We ordered an additional 7 round tables, which brings us to 30. We can now have up to 240 people at one sitting with our own round tables. Craig Bump donated the first two of these tables. The other 5 tables were donated by Bill & Tonya Dunn, Mal & Bernadine Hinckley, Harlan & Verna Fransen, Karen Lindbloom, and Scott & Jean Collison.

We ordered 112 more matching chairs for these tables. Craig Bump donated the first 16 chairs. The additional 96 have been donated by Dale & Donna Gohl, Scott & Jean Collison, Carol Harrmann, Jerry & Lois Erbe, Jeri Lynn Erbe, Lari & Linda Ott, Veryl & Pat Huisman, Dale & Mary Heidelberger, Ron & Sandy Peterson, Irene LaFurge Smith, Michael & Ann Shoup, Diane Hansen, Mal & Bernadine Hinckley, Harlan & Verna Fransen, Bill & Joyce Nielsen, David & Judy Bechard, Allen Bechard, John & Jodi Bechard, Carrie & Loren Shoop & family, and Pastor Urbach.

o For really large events like June 6 we will still need to move some tables and chairs and rent some as well, but not as many as before.

We thank Craig for his donation and the excellent pricing on the tables and chairs. We also thank all those who donated the rest of the tables and chairs. Thank you, thank you!

Official Acts

Baptisms

Katlyn Gustafson
Adalynn Gustafson

New Members

Matt Grohs
Char Hoyt
Nancy Hunsley
Larry & Marcia Johnson
Jake & Dani Kleindl
Eldon & Betty Lindquist
Jerry & Ruby Douglas
Kyle & Amanda Young

Funeral

Mae Erickson



WE WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

It is our great delight to welcome new members into our Faith family. We welcome:

Matt Grohs by *Adult Instruction*, Char Hoyt by *transfer*, Nancy Hunsley by *transfer*, Larry & Marcia Johnson by *transfer*, Jake Kleindl by *Adult Instruction*, Dani Kleindl by *transfer*, Eldon & Betty Lindquist by *transfer*, Ruby Douglas by *Profession of faith*, Jerry Douglas by *re-affirmation of the Lutheran faith*, and Kyle & Amanda Young by *Adult Instruction*. We also extend a welcome home to Keith & Joy Fisk and daughter Ella. We will receive Joy & Ella at a later time.

Brandon Scott Berheim *Romans 6:24*
Caitlin Nicole Bolte *Psalms 23:6*
Morgan Ann Deis *1 Corinthians 16:13*
Colton Lee Graves *St. Matthew 7:7*
Matthew Donald Green *Philippians 4:13*
LeAndra Elaine Heofener *Psalms 91:2*
Devin Lee Kampfe *Genesis 1:27*
Whitney Elizabeth King *Philippians 4:13*

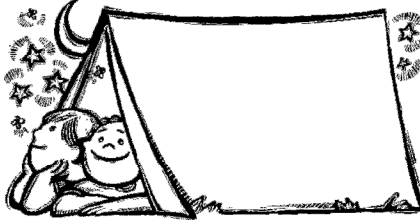
Cade Odell Larson *Psalms 122:1*
Justin Daniel Meier *1 Corinthians 4:1*
Brittney Jane Munyon *Ezra 10:4*
Carly Marie Niemann *St. Matthew 7:7*
Jordain Ann Rathbun *Psalms 23:4*
Janece Tarea Wetzel *Ephesians 4:32*
Blake Arthur Widvey *Exodus 14:14*
Brandi Lynn Ziebart *Deuteronomy 31:6*



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, 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.

CAMP MINNEBOJI

information and registration forms are now available here at the church (or



get this information on-line 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.**

VBS Dates Vacation Bible School will be Sunday June 13th-17th from 6:00-8:30. There are Registration forms, volunteer sign-ups, and donation opportunities in the Narthex. 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 and should be an interesting opportunity.

LYF Bake Sale The LYF will be hosting a bake sale on the morning of May 16th to raise money for the trip to the National Youth Gathering in New Orleans this July 15th-22nd.



BAKE SALE

LYF Meetings We will be having LYF meetings at 7:30 in May and through the Summer on Wednesday nights. Our upcoming meetings are May 12th, 19th and June 2nd. We will also have a special meeting on May 9th at 5:00 to welcome our new 9th graders to LYF, eat Pizza and play some games.

Acolyte Training

Our new confirmands will have acolyte training on Sunday May 9th at 4:00 in the Sanctuary. The Board of Elders will provide pizza at 5:00 for the kids and they will be welcomed into LYF and we will have a few games after pizza as well.

ACOLYTES



May 2nd

Early: Wylin Baker and Elizabeth Schultz
Late: Courtney Brandt and Garrett Weber

May 9th

Early: Kaci Deal and Rachel Hartmann
Late: Alyssa Bump and Andrew Leif

May 16th

Early: Brandon Berheim and Logan Lenz
Late: Caitlin Bolte and Reed Lindbloom

May 23rd

Early: Morgan Deis and Maranda Olson
Late: Colton Graves and Caden Overturf

May 30th

Early: Leandra Hoefener and Nicole Smith
Late: Matthew Green and Molly Tschetter

National Youth Gathering Meeting:

We will have a meeting after LYF on May 12th at 8:30 for youth and parents concerning the National Youth Gathering in Orlando and Fundraising. Please make every attempt to get there for this meeting.



"God gave Noah 100 years to build the ark.
Can't I have at least a month to clean my room?"