

NOVEMBER 2010 NEWSLETTER

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

2010 Fall Mission Festival November 14

Don Wharton in Concert at 9:45 a.m.

For the Whole parish

Pastor Ken Greinke

Missionary to Nigeria 1965-1990 and
Secretary for our Synod's African & Middle
East Missions Will be our speaker.

Pastor Greinke also served in Menno & Utica
between his missionary time in Nigeria and his
work in St. Louis with Synod. Pastor and Betty
Greinke have two married daughters and two
grandchildren.

Noon Turkey Meal

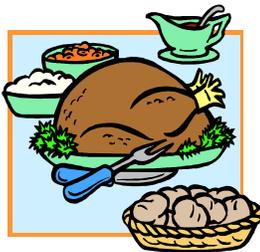
Our Board of Parish Fellowship will

Provide the Turkey

Please Bring To Share:

A-L Salads & Side Dishes

M-Z Desserts



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.



TRUNK 'N' TREAT

Sunday, October 31, 2010 6:00-7:30 p.m.

A Letter From Our Pastors

Synergism

Greetings in the Lord Jesus Christ! It is 8:00 Wednesday evening, October 13, in the year of the Lord 2010. The 33rd miner has just come to the surface. It is a remarkable moment. It is a swallow hard, say Amen, and clap your hands moment! Yet, this evening we trust the six rescuers will return to the surface as well.

The theological parallels are large. Thirty-three helpless miners with no way to save themselves. They were deep in the belly of the warm earth, hopelessly sealed off from the surface of that Chilean silver mine.

The rescue must come from above. We couldn't help but think of Martin Luther's Christmas hymn

"From heaven above to earth I come to bear good news to every home..." LSB 358

or a more contemporary song—

"You came from heaven to earth to show the way..." Lord I Lift Your Name on High

This miraculous event has a rich parallel to Christ. We helpless humans without an eternal hope have a Savior who came from above to the depths of the human dilemma and rescues, and will on the Day of Resurrection, bring us bodily to our eternal home.

Many of the miners wore shirts that said *"Gracias Senor,"* yes indeed, *"thanks, Lord."*

That brings us back to that first word, "synergism" The word means, *"the theological doctrine that regeneration is effected by a combination of human will and divine grace."* Websters II

As it is used in theological terms, it conveys the thought that mankind can save themselves or at least assist in their salvation. As Lutheran Christians we hold that the scriptures clearly teach, contrary to synergism, that we are saved by God's grace alone, *"Sola Gratia."* That is the heart of what we believe, teach, and confess.

Thanks be to the Lord!

November brings wonderful moments in which we celebrate our salvation; the thoughtful remembrance of All Saints' Sunday, the joyful celebration of a Mission Festival, the heartfelt worship of Thanksgiving Day, Advent I, and The Festival of the Crèche.

Yes, what remarkable moments to celebrate the joy of our salvation, God moments in which we often swallow hard, say Amen, and clap our hands! We are rescued. God be praised forever and ever! AMEN!

The Lord be with you ,

Pastor Brad Urbach

Pastor Levi Willms

P. S. It's 10:35 and the last rescuer is on the surface! AMEN.



ROMANS 7:25, NRSV

ESTATE GIFT

We received a gift of \$11,000 from the Estate of Gert Mueller. What a wonderful gift! The \$11,000 will be used in the following manner:

\$7,000 for a Video upgrade of our video equipment used for recording the services. This equipment will increase the quality of our recordings that are used for our Cable Broadcast on Wednesdays and the source of our service on the Web-site.

It will also give us the possibility of live streaming and perhaps a live cable capacity at some point.

\$1,000 to balance out our audio in our Sanctuary sound system.

\$2,000 for the Building Fund of which half will be used to seal the floor in the Luke/John room, which will provide for a cleaner Christian Family Life Center. Sealing that concrete floor will eliminate that fine dust that comes from an unsealed floor.

The other half will be used for an advanced Building Payment toward our Church Extension Fund loan. This will be for the principal payment # 13, which is actually \$1,109.22, which will save us \$4,726.78 on interest for that payment.

Hence, the gift adds nearly \$5,000.00 of value to the gift Gert left us.

\$1,000 to establish the Elevator Fund. We cannot finish the balance of the second floor until we install an elevator, which at this point in time is about \$50,000.00.

In our 2011 Budget, the Board of Trustees, and the Board of Stewardship will make provision for an elevator fund.

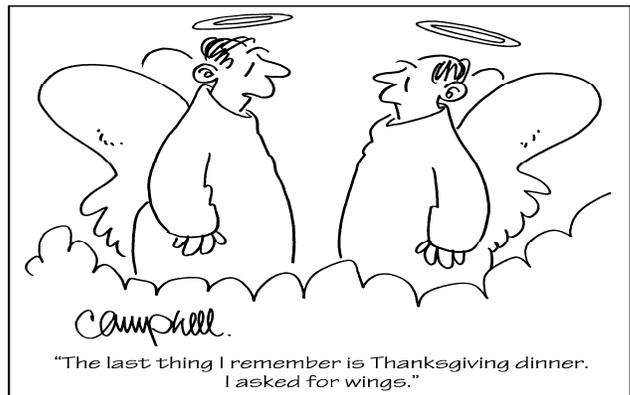


OUR PHOTO DIRECTORY COMMITTEE

We are grateful to several ladies who did a terrific job gathering many families for our new Church Directory. They are: Linda Adams

Sandy Bales
 Karen Humphrey
 Betty Leidholt
 Sandy Peterson
 Betty Lindquist
 Char Russell
 Elaine Wagner

Brenda Kleinjan is busy pulling the church activities pages together. They are looking terrific.



EGG TREE



On Advent I, which is November 28, a beautiful Christmas Tree will be in our Sanctuary.

Every third year we put Christmas eggs on the tree. It all started out of one of Pastor Urbach's "Feeding of the Little Lambs" on an Easter Sunday. Now every third year Christmas eggs are placed on the Christmas tree.

All ornaments have been given by families of the congregation. If you are new to Faith in the last three years, you are invited to donate a Christmas egg to the tree. Beginning on Advent I, please feel free to just drop by the church any day and place it on the tree.

Building News

Debt Retirement

Thank you—we are so grateful so many families, even new families are helping with our 6 month extension of our Building Fund.

It has served three purposes—

- finish up odds & ends.
- reduce the short term loan to Bank West significantly.
- meet our Church Extension Fund monthly obligation.

So how are we doing?

From all of us to all of you and from all of you to all of us—an enormous THANK YOU!

- The Bank West Short-term loan as of 10/10/10, the principal and interest is now at \$25,116.43. We have already cut this \$56,000 short-term debt in more than half.
- Our South Dakota Church Extension Fund loan. On November 1 we make our fifth regular monthly payment. Also as of November 1 we have made nine advanced payments saving \$42,748.13 in interest. These advanced payments have been made through gifts designated for Debt Retirement.

It bears repeating—if we would make no advanced payments during the course of the 30-year loan we would pay \$1,097,145.95 in interest. But, our District makes it possible for us to make advanced principal payments saving that month's interest.

In big round numbers our Debt Payment each month is \$6,000 (actually \$5,836.00) and right now a principal payment is \$1,000. So, for a \$1,000 gift to Building Debt Retirement we save close to \$5,000 in interest.

So, if you give \$1.00 you are really giving \$6.00 at this point in the loan. If you give \$100.00 it has a

value of \$600.00. If you give \$1,000.00 it has a value of \$6,000.00

After our 6 month extension and we eliminate our Bank West loan, we hope, with a well thought out plan, to drastically reduce the interest on our Church Extension Fund loan

“The Lord loves a cheerful giver.” We are grateful God has placed in our congregation scores of cheerful givers! Thank you!

Your Estate Planning

Just a thoughtful reminder as you do Estate Planning to remember your church and the Lord's work. Through the years, we have been richly blessed that people thought of the Work of the Kingdom of God in their planning.

Building News

Odds & Ends With the exception of the pending sealing of the Luke/John floor, we are all done with what we can do. The fine tuning and tweeking is all done.

Screen for St. Mark We thank Steve & Cindy Fiechtner for a 5' x 5' screen in the St. Mark room. This room is Pastor Willms' 7th Grade Confirmation room and our 5th grade Sunday School room. It is also a nice meeting room for other groups.

We would also like to thank the other four families who offered to purchase this screen. We are blessed to have so many generous families at Faith.



Thanksgiving Day Service

November 25, 2010
10:30 a.m.



Seniors' Gathering

Forever Young is a group of retired and semi-retired folks who enjoy good food and great fellowship. Are you 55 or over? Please join us.

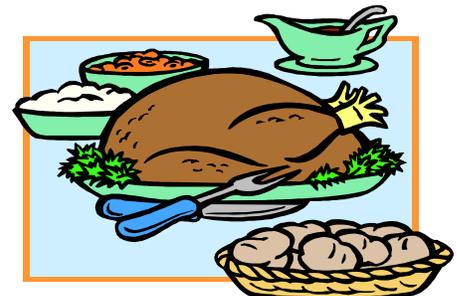
Tuesday, November 16 is our next noon meal.

This will be our Thanksgiving meal and the Turkey will be provided. Please bring salads, side dishes, and desserts to round out the meal.

See you November 16 at noon!



Hey guys, join together with other men of our Parish on Monday night, November 1 at 7:00 for Men's Fellowship. We will look at our Men's Study and we will then play some fun Dart ball. Bring a snack to share, beverage will be provided.



Hong Kong Mission Trip

Pastor David Schwan, who has accepted a call to be senior pastor of Zion Lutheran in Rapid City, is assembling a team for a mission trip to Hong Kong. The team will be based in a Lutheran junior/senior high school where it will help teach some of the classes during the day, and make use of all available time for interacting and sharing with the students. Dates for the trip are February 17-27, 2011, and the approximate cost will be \$1,800 per person (\$1,200 airfare and \$600 in-country fee which covers lodging at the school and most other expenses including meals and transportation). No special training is needed—just a desire to share Jesus' love. Don't worry about what you would say—the kids are very open and ask lots of questions. If anyone is interested in going, let one of the pastors or Nick Hill know as soon as possible (or e-mail Nick at nansahill@gmail.com).

It should be emphasized that even though this is a Christian School, most of the students and even the majority of the teachers are *not* Christians. Many of the people in Hong Kong, young or old, do not have much of a hope for the future, or much of a sense of self-worth in a society that does not place importance on the individual. So, this trip is a real opportunity to let these kids (and teachers) know how valuable they are to God—so much so that He Sent His Son for them—and to let them know that through Jesus they can have *real* hope.

November Gym Time

Family Night

On November Thursday nights from 6:00-9:00 its Family Fun Night. What can you do?

- Play Volleyball
- Walk & jog laps
- Play Foosball in Luke/John room
- Play Ping-Pong
- Play Four Square
- Shoot baskets
- Etcetera

There will still be some tables set up if you want to bring a fast-food dinner and have dinner in the Christian Family Life Center.

Pickleball Night

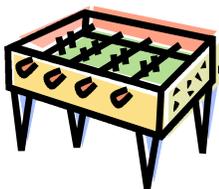
Every Tuesday night of November is scheduled for Pickleball at 7:30.

Pickleball is an extremely fun sport with great benefits. Among the benefits are:

- Good cardiac workout
- Great hand-eye skills
- Promotes dexterity and quickness
- Tons of laughter

Needed

We would really like to have a second foosball table. Anyone interested in donating one or purchasing one, can speak to either of our Pastors.



Shoes

Please bring gym shoes. It will help Jay greatly from removing the black marks. NO "heelys" in the gym. They leave tough marks to remove.



Take A Walk

With cooler weather back again and darkness in the early morning and mid evening, we suggest you join us again in the Christian Family Life Center.

We suggest mornings, but come anytime you want. You will find a "Take A Walk" sheet with suggested walking courses.

Blood DRIVE

Blood Drive on December 14. To schedule an appointment contact Char Russell at 224-1160 or on line at www.bloodhero.com., enter code:

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Official acts

Baptism

Laela Aletha Kost

Lily Jane Reitzel

Weddings

Christina Gaalswyk & Seth Norman

2010 Country Fair



We gathered in our Chartreuse shirts or nametags in the very spot we gathered at ground breaking.

This time it was to enjoy the wonderful Christian Family Life Center for our Fair. It was wonderful to all be in the same location with plenty of room for the booths and the lunch counter. Plus we had plenty of room for the workers in the new kitchen. We heard many great comments and compliments.

The committee wants to thank all who made this a big success. Those that donated, worked, helped set up, helped taking down, and helped by shopping. Some of the items that were left will remain in the Narthex for sale through October 31.

The booth chairman were:

- Baskets Jan Larson and Ruth Hansen
- Recipe in a Jar Jane Braley and Barb Joy
- Lunch Counter Jackie Otteson and Lila Briggs
- Craft Sandy Bales
- Kids Corner Lurene Denke

- Grandma's Attic Jan Johnson
- Collectibles Linda Nill
- Baked Janice Dockter
- Cookies Pat Huisman and Melissa Brock
- Candy Daleen Gore
- Lutheran Market Hilary Lee and Janice Deal

Luann Zuercher was Treasurer, Myrna Hartmann and Elaine Wagner cashiers, and Julie Linn furnished and arranged all the beautiful decorations. A group of good LYF youth were kitchen helpers. Berea Circle sold their Christian gifts and cards from the Living Room. The beautiful booth signs were donated by Pat Huisman.

Winner of the Gift Basket was Janice Dockter. Congratulations Jan.

Proceeds for the day of the fair and Sunday morning were nearly \$7,000.00.

And we will be receiving supplemental funds from Thrivent Financial for Lutherans in the amount of \$1000.00.

The proceeds will be spent in the following manner:

1/3 of the final amount will be divided among our Mission Projects

National: Orphan Grain Train, Solar Ovens for Haiti,

State: Rosebud Lutheran Church, Angel Flight,

Local: Pierre Food Pantry, and The Back Pack Program.

\$300 to the Fund for sending delegates to District and National conventions.

The other in house mission projects will be funded in this order as far as funds are available.

Preschool for shelves \$500.00, White boards for classrooms - 2 at \$220 each, Priscilla Circle for Christmas Shoe Box for kids project \$250.00, Chair Rack for folding chairs - 2 @ \$330.00, Large Print Portals of Prayer \$250.00, Day Care \$250.00, LYF \$250.00. Faith Circle - Postage for Goodie Boxes for College students \$500.00.

My Co-chairs were Kristy Deal and Donna Leslie. I can't begin to say how great they were. Both did so much to make the Country Fair the success it was. They are my Country Fair hero's from start to finish.

With gratitude to all,

Anita Marso



YOUTH PAGE

LYF Meetings:

Our LYF for High School meets on Wednesday evenings from 8:00-9:00 upstairs in Jon's Place. We usually have a short Bible study, snacks and some games. We meet in Nov. on the 3rd, 10th, and 17th. Still in October the LYF will also be serving Hot Chocolate and Hot Cider at Trunk n Treat on Oct. 31st. Please come and help out with this event.



JYM Lock-in

Our JYM kids (6th-8th grade) will have a lock-in on Friday Nov. 19th at the church. This will run from 9:00 PM till 8:00 AM. We will have Bible Study, Hide n seek, movies, turkey bowling, games and more. Please bring a pillow and sleeping bag (even if you don't sleep it is nice for watching movies). Also bring your Bible, a great attitude and comfortable clothes. Kids are encouraged but not required to bring a \$5 donation to help cover expenses for the evening. There will be a sign-up sheet in the narthex.

ACOLYTES



Acolyte Schedule

November 7

Early: Leandra Hoefener and Joshua Berheim
Late: Devin Kampfe and Travis Adney

November 14

Early: Cade Larson and Roberta Forman
Late: Whitney King and Kelsey Dykstra

November 21

Early: Justin Meier and Justin Harmon
Late: Brittney Munyon and Emily Fredrich

November 25 Thanksgiving

10:30: Jordain Rathbun and Rachel Hartmann

November 28

Early: Carly Niemann and Dylan Norris
Late: Janece Wetzel and Taylor Larson

Acolytes

Please email Pastor Willms your cell phone number and service preference of acolyting if you have one.

