

## INDEPENDENCE DAY WEEKEND

July 3, 2011 A.D.

Faith Ev. Lutheran Church – Pierre, SD

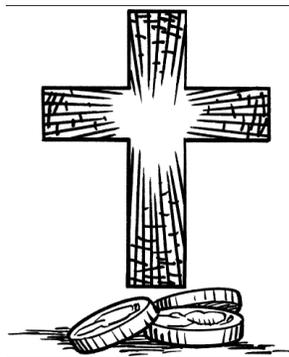
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**As We Gather**– There are few things that are certain in life. It is frequently said that death and taxes are two of them. For those who believe in Christ, death and its grief only precedes eternal life with Christ Jesus. As we celebrate Independence Day, we thank God for those who willingly laid down their lives so we could live in freedom and establish a government vested with the authority to manage, propagate, and sustain our freedom. In order to do this, government institutions impose necessary taxes. These funds in turn support the governing authorities placed over us. No matter where political alliances fall, it is clear in Holy Scriptures, that God has placed these authorities over us. The Apostle Peter wrote: "Submit yourselves for the Lord's sake to every authority. . . . Show proper respect to everyone; love the brotherhood of believers; fear God, honor the King" (1 Peter 3:13, 17). So in the midst of political prosperity, despair, strife, or accord, we rely on God's mercy and grace for eternal life and know that in the incarnate presence of Christ, God remains forever 'with us.'

### THE WELCOME AND OPENING PRAYER

If there are prayer concerns for you, your family, your friends, or your neighbors, please put them on the blue information card. Our Board of Elders are prayerful with our pastors about these joys and struggles of our earthly journey.

*"The prayer of a righteous man is powerful and effective." James 5:16b*

### THE RINGING BELL CALLS US INTO THE PRESENCE OF THE GOD OF OUR FATHERS

**THE OPENING HYMN**      *"God of Our Fathers" LW 501 (We cheerfully rise and sing)*

*God of our fathers, whose almighty hand  
Leads forth in beauty all the starry band  
Of shining worlds in splendor through the skies:  
Our grateful songs before your throne arise.*

*Your love divine has led us in the past;  
In this free land by you our lot is cast;  
Oh, be our ruler, guardian, guide, and stay;  
Your Word our law, your paths our chosen way.*

*From war's alarms, from deadly pestilence  
Make your strong arm our ever sure defense.  
Your true religion in our hearts increase;  
Your bounteous goodness nourish us in peace.*

*Refresh your people on their toil-some way;  
Lead us from night to never ending day;  
Fill all our lives with heav'n-born love and grace  
Until at last we meet before your face.*

### THE INVOCATION

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In the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C**

**Amen.**

### THE CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

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Our help is in the name of the Lord,

**C**

**who made heaven and earth.**

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If You, O Lord, kept a record to sins, who could stand?

**C**

**But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.**

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Since we are gathered to hear God's Word, call upon Him in prayer and praise, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His Grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.

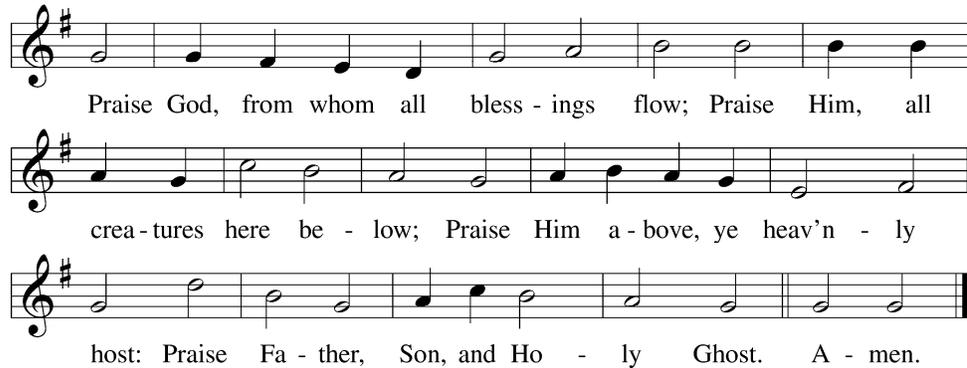
**C** Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.

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Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit. [John 20:19-23]

**C** Amen.

**THE DOXOLOGY** “Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow” LSB 805



Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow; Praise Him, all  
crea - tures here be - low; Praise Him a - bove, ye heav'n - ly  
host: Praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. A - men.

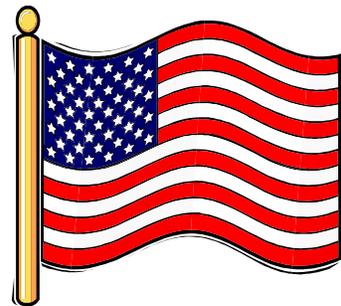
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**THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE UNITED STATES FLAG**

I pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America and to the Republic for which it stands, one Nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

**THE NATIONAL ANTHEM**

*O, say, can you see, by the dawn's early light,  
What so proudly we hailed at the twilight's last gleaming,  
Whose broad stripes and bright stars through the perilous fight,  
O'er the ramparts we watched were so gallantly streaming?  
And the rocket's red glare, the bombs bursting in air,  
Gave proof thro' the night that our flag was still there;  
O, say, does that Star spangled Banner yet wave  
O'er the land of the free and the home of the brave?*



## THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE CHRISTIAN FLAG

I pledge allegiance to the cross of the Lord Jesus Christ, and to the faith for which it stands, one Savior, eternal, with mercy and grace for all. So help me God.

## THE HYMN “Lift High the Cross” LSB 837 Verses 1, 2, 4, 5, and 6

Today is Ruth Leidholt’s 80<sup>th</sup> birthday. Ruth’s favorite hymn is “Lift High the Cross”. So Ruth a blessed 80<sup>th</sup>. We thank you for all you do at Faith Lutheran and we all enjoy singing your favorite hymn this morning.

**Refrain:** *Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim  
Till all the world adore His sacred name.*

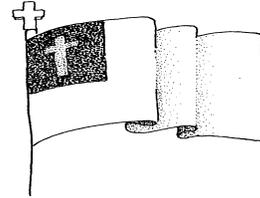
*Come, Christians, follow where our Captain trod,  
Our king victorious, Christ the Son of God. Refrain*

*Led on their way by this triumphant sign,  
The hosts of God in conqu’ring ranks combine. Refrain*

*O Lord, once lifted on the glorious tree,  
As Thou hast promised, draw us all to Thee. Refrain*

*Let ev’ry race and ev’ry language tell  
Of Him who saves our lives from death and hell. Refrain*

*So shall our song of triumph ever be:  
Praise to the Crucified for victory! Refrain*



## THE SALUTATION (Spoken)

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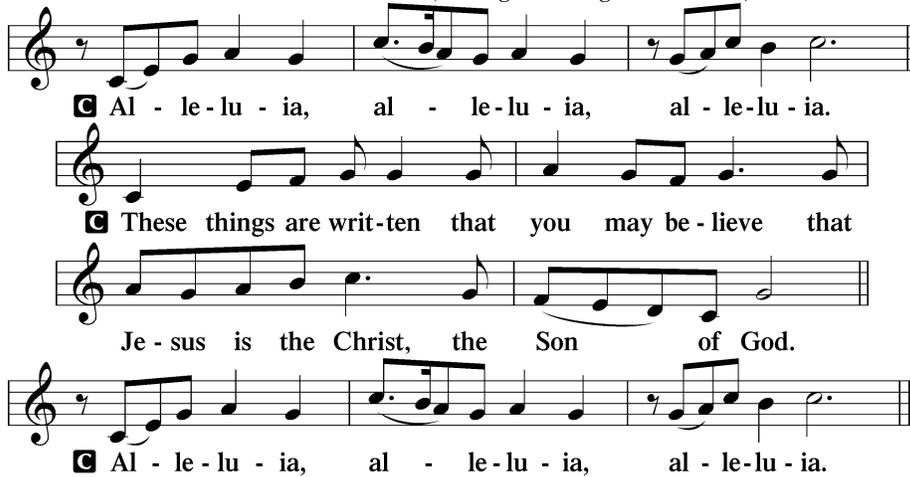
The Lord be with you.

**C** And also with you.

## THE COLLECT

God of the nations, guide Your people by Your Spirit that our nation, in harmony with all the nations of the earth, may set an example of justice and freedom. Give us whatever outward prosperity may be Your will. Above all things give us faith in You, that our nation may bring glory to Your Name and blessings to all peoples throughout the world; through Your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

**THE EPISTLE** *Romans 13:1-10 (God gives us government.)*



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

These things are writ - ten that you may be - lieve that

Je - sus is the Christ, the Son of God.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

**THE SPECIAL MUSIC** *“Great Is The Lord”...Michael W. & Deborah D. Smith,  
Helen Kiepke, vocalist arr. Ed Lojeski*

**THE HOLY GOSPEL** *St. Mark 12:13-17 (Give to government what belongs to government  
and to God what belongs to God.)*

**THE SERMON HYMN** *“Before You, Lord, We Bow” LSB 966*  
*Verse 1 All*  
*Verses 2 & 4 Women/Girls*  
*Verses 3 Men/Boys*  
*Verse 5 All*

**THE SERMON** *“It Wasn’t Me!”*  
*Romans 7:15-17*  
*Pastor Brad Urbach*

**THE CREED** *8:20 The Nicene Inside back cover of the Lutheran Service Book*  
*11:00 The Apostles’ Inside back cover of the Lutheran Service Book*

**THE ANNOUNCEMENTS AND GREETING OF ONE ANOTHER**

**THE OFFERING** *We gather our tithes, gifts of love, and our “Building Together in Faith” gifts*

**WE SING**

*“America, the Beautiful”*

*O beautiful for spacious skies, For amber waves of grain,  
For purple mountain majesties Above the fruited plain!  
America! America! God shed his grace on thee  
And crown thy good with brotherhood From sea to shining sea!*

*O beautiful for pilgrim feet Whose stern impassioned stress  
A thoroughfare of freedom beat Across the wilderness  
America! America! God mend thine every flaw,  
Confirm thy soul in self-control, Thy liberty in law!*

*O beautiful for heroes prov'd in liberating strife,  
Who more than self their country loved, And mercy more than life.  
America! America! May God thy gold refine,  
Till all success be nobleness, And every gain divine.*

**THE LORD'S PRAYER**

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name, Thy kingdom come,  
Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven; give us this day our daily bread;  
and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us;  
and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.  
For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

The 11:00 service concludes on page 8 with The Benedicamus.

**THE SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT**

**8:20**

**THE WORDS OF OUR LORD**

*Matthew 26:26-28; Mark 14:22-24; Luke 22:19-20; 1 Corinthians 11:23-25*

**THE PAX DOMINI**

*John 20:19*

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The Peace of the Lord be with you always.

**C** And also with you.

**AGNUS DEI**

1 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,  
 2 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,  
 You take the sin of the world a - way;  
 You take the sin of the world a - way;  
 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,  
 Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus Christ,  
 Have mer - cy on us, Lord, we pray.  
 And grant us peace, O Lord, we pray.

**THE COMMUNION HYMNS**

*"Your Table I Approach" LSB 628*

*"Lord Jesus Christ, Your Have Prepared" LSB 622*

*"Lamb of God" LSB 550*



*Luke 2:29-32*

**NUNC DIMITTIS ~ Song of Simeon**

1 O Lord, now let Your ser - vant De -  
 2 All glo - ry to the Fa - ther, All  
 part in heav'n - ly peace, For I have seen the  
 glo - ry to the Son, All glo - ry to the  
 glo - ry Of Your re - deem - ing grace:  
 Spir - it, For - ev - er Three - in - One;



A light to lead the Gen - tiles Un -  
For as in the be - gin - ning, Is  
to Your ho - ly hill, The glo - ry of Your  
now, shall ev - er be, God's tri - une name re -  
peo - ple, Your cho - sen Is - ra - el.  
sound - ing Through all e - ter - ni - ty.

### THE PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

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O God, You are faithful even when we are faithless. Your compassions never fail. They are new every morning; great is Your faithfulness. Guide us through the strains and stresses of life as our hope is anchored in You. Hear us good Lord.

**Q**<sup>3</sup>

**Almighty God, You are our strength and our shield; we pray that You would safeguard all those who defend our nation from war and strife.**

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Be the strength of all those who courageously defend us from our enemies. Hear us good Lord.

**C**<sup>3</sup>

**Gracious God and Father, we pray for all in need of help and healing.**

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Forgive the sins of those who repent and heal them from all their diseases according to Your good and gracious will. Hear us good Lord.

**C**<sup>3</sup>

**Lord Jesus, You alone are the source of truth for all peoples and nations; we pray that You would encourage and sustain all missionaries as they proclaim the Gospel.**

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Guide all those who vigorously make known Your holy name, to the ends of the earth. Hear us good Lord.

**C**<sup>3</sup>

**Lord of the Church, the Creator of all living things, Redeemer of the World hear our prayers that Your one Church may be sustained in this world of adversity and**

**fear.**

**3**

Guide us waking and guard us sleeping, that we may remain steadfast in the one true faith. Hear us good Lord.

**C**

**You are the helper of the helpless, the strength of the weak; hear our prayers for those who are defenseless.**

**3**

We pray for our Faith family and its friends in the midst of life's joys and struggles... Protect those who are frail, suffering in mind, body, or spirit, granting them peace and wholeness. Hear us good Lord.

**C**

**All these things we ask through Jesus Christ, our Lord who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

**THE BENEDICAMUS**

**3**

Let us bless the Lord.

**C**

**Thanks be to God.**

**THE BENEDICTION** (*With Sung Amens*)

**3**

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and † give you peace.



**A-men, a-men, a - men.**

**THE CLOSING HYMN** “*My Country, 'Tis of Thee*” (*Tune LSB 965*)

*My country, 'tis of thee, Sweet land of liberty, Of thee I sing:  
Land where my fathers died, Land of the pilgrim's pride,  
From ev'ry mountainside Let freedom ring.*

*My native country, thee, Land of the noble free, Thy name I love;  
I love thy rocks and rills, Thy woods and templed hills;  
My heart with rapture thrills Like that above.*

*Let music swell the breeze, And ring from all the trees Sweet freedom's song;  
Let mortal tongues awake; Let all that breathe partake;  
Let rocks their silence break, The sound prolong.*

*Our fathers' God, to Thee, Author of liberty, To Thee we sing:  
Long may our land be bright With freedom's holy light;  
Protect us by Thy might, Great God, our King!*

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**Welcome to Faith Evangelical Lutheran on this Independence Day weekend!**

We are delighted to have you in worship with us. If you are visiting from out of town, we bid you welcome and God-speed on your journey. Should you be from our community, and have no church home, we invite you to make Faith your church home. Greeting you this morning:

**Before Early Service**

Daleen Gore & Terry  
Vernon & Gloria Bump

**After Early Service**

Veryl & Pat Huisman  
Doug & Pam Peterson



**Before Late Service**

Al & Norma Meier  
Dennis & Margaret Kayser

**After Late Service**

Ryan & Kyley Cumbow  
Vern & Veronica Lenz

**Preaching** this morning is our Pastor, Reverend Brad Urbach.

**Holy Communion** is celebrated at our 8:20 service today. In this Sacrament, our Lord brings us strength and forgiveness to be about His vision and mission. Those confirmed Lutherans who come to the Sacrament of the Altar today are asked to read the communion side of our information card found in the pew rack and to sign the bottom of the reverse side so that our communion records might be complete.

**Our First Sunday of the Month Morning Fellowship** Join us for a cup of coffee and goodies in the Christian Family Life Center between services. We thank Faith Circle for the goodies this morning.



**Blood Pressure!** Stop by the Living Room today between 9:20 and 11:00 to get your blood pressure checked by one of Faith Lutheran's own health professionals. Helping you today are Bonita Overturf and Rebekah Lindbloom. You will even get a Scripture mint. Here's to your good health!

**Sunday School** There is NO Sunday School or Adult Study today. Sunday School resumes

September 11.

**Nursery** Nursery is available during the 11:00 service. This is located in the Preschool Room. It is for children ages infant through 5 year olds.

**Nursing Moms** can find a comfortable rocker in the Daycare. This is NOT a Nursery for young children, just a quiet, private place for nursing moms.

**God Be With You!**

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**Our Broadcasts** Our Sonrise Broadcast is sponsored by Susan Burroughs in celebration of the 4<sup>th</sup> birthday of grandson, Ashton Michael Unterbrunner on July 4. Thanks Susan, and we wish Ashton a blessed 4<sup>th</sup> birthday.

Our Cable Broadcast is made possible by Fred & Anita Marso and Hilary Lee.

The Marso's do so in honor of Ruth Leidholt's 80<sup>th</sup> birthday today. Thanks Fred & Anita, may God bless you on your birthday Ruth.

Hilary Lee also sponsors our Cable Broadcast in memory of Bud Ruttman on his July 2<sup>nd</sup> birthday. Thanks Hilary, may God bless your memories of Bud.

***Did you know that "Sonrise" is streamed on KCCR live? If you are away, log on to [www.TodaysKCCR.com](http://www.TodaysKCCR.com).***

***The Broadcast schedules are on the traveling Bulletin board, which is in the Narthex.*** Our Cable Broadcast is also on our Website which Dennis and Carolyn Ryckman keep very current for us. Take a look at [www.faithluth.com](http://www.faithluth.com). **COST:** You may sponsor the radio broadcast of Sonrise for \$30.00. This radio broadcast is on 1240 AM KCCR at 6:40 a.m. on Sunday morning. The cost of sponsoring the cable broadcast of our worship service is \$35.00. This cable access broadcast is televised on Wednesday evening at 7:00 p.m. on Channel 8. If you choose to sponsor both, the cost is \$60.00.

**June 26, Att. 358;** General Fund \$7,063.90; Building Fund \$1,425.00 (Building \$70.00, Elevator \$535.00, Debt Retirement \$820.00); Sunday School \$1.00; Love Fund \$50.00; Thrivent Automatic Withdrawal \$1,316.00 (General \$1,261.00; Building Fund \$55.00); Broadcasts \$95.00; Women's Bible Study \$13.00; Endowment Fund in memory of Ruth Titze \$40.00.

***This Week at Faith Lutheran***

**Today: July 3**

8:20 am Communion

11:00 am Worship

**Mon: July 4**

Office Closed

**Tues: July 5**

8:25 am Staff Devotions

12:00-1:30 Lunch with Hong Kong students

6:15 pm Trustees

7:30-9:00 pm Pickleball

**Wed: July 6**

6:30 am Women's Bible Study

8:00 pm LYF

8:20 am Worship

11:00 am Communion

**Thurs: July 7**

6:30 Bd. of Missions, Bd. of Education

8:25 am Staff Devotions

7:00 Bd. of Elders, Bd. of Parish Fellowship

3:00-4:30 pm Pickleball

7:00 Board of Stewardship

7:30 pm Faithful, Abundant, True Study

**Sun: July 10**

7:00 am LYF leave for Twin Cities Trip



# Building News

Thank you for your gifts of \$1,425.00 to our Building Fund. The gifts were designated to our three accounts:

The Building Account; \$70.00

The Elevator Account; \$535.00

The Debt Retirement Account; \$820.00

**Debt Retirement** With our regular July 1 Church Extension Fund payment of \$5,487.00, which comes from the General Fund, we will be able because of your gifts to the Debt Retirement, to make three advance Principal payments. We will now have made 34 advanced payments saving \$157,134.85 in interest.

**HVAC** At our Trustees June meeting they have approved the installation of the rectangular ductwork for the Sts. Luke, John, and Paul rooms. The proposal from Leidholt, McNeely, and Leidholt is for \$5,860.00. This will provide needed ventilation in these 3 rooms that are used on a regular basis and will make it possible to now bring in heating and cooling from the rooftop units. Your continued gifts have made this possible. Thank you!

**Elevator** In order to proceed further upstairs the installation of an elevator is essential. Our elevator committee is awaiting responses from Architecture Inc. and Sioux Falls Construction before making a decision on the two proposals they are reviewing.

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**Call** On Father's Day, June 19 our Voters Assembly voted unanimously to call Pastor Darren Olson of Zion – Canistota & St. John Lutheran – Montrose, SD to serve as our Associate Pastor.

Darren is a native of Gettysburg, SD. He and his wife, Susan, have three children. Please be prayerful for Pastor Olson as he considers this call.



Tim Koch will be Ordained today and installed as Pastor at Concordia

Lutheran in Cresbard and Immanuel Lutheran in Wecota.  
The service will take place at Immanuel in Wecota at 5:00 p.m.

## “Faithful, Abundant, True” A Women’s Bible Study

Begins Thursday, July 7 at 7:30 p.m. at the church.

3 women, 3 generations, 3 topics, 7 weeks (8 weeks with introductory week)—too good to miss!

Join us for a wonderful sampling of three endearing Bible teachers—the seasoned teacher, Kay Arthur; the beloved teacher, Beth Moore; and the sweet, endearing teacher, Priscilla Shirer.



During the first two weeks we will study the book of Hebrews with Kay teaching us a few principles of inductive Bible study, then dive into a two week study of God’s abundance and His faithful promises to believers, and conclude with our beloved Beth Moore teaching for two weeks on the surety and truth of God’s Word. The last week is a panel discussion among these three women of God spanning three generations. This Bible study concludes on August 25.

Format: Casual, come as you are. First hour we have devotions, prayer, sharing, and discussion followed by the video session, which is usually less than an hour. Unlike many of our previous, lengthier studies, this one has fewer weeks and takes less than half an hour a day of your time. Workbooks are now available in the church office. Cost is \$13.00 each. No preparations are necessary for the first week.



**Soup Suppers** Community Bible Church, located at 1516 North Harrison, will be serving a free soup supper every Tuesday evening through August 16, 2011 from 5:30 pm-6:30 pm. This meal is for people in the local community displaced by the flooding in hopes that it will ease their burden of eating out and assist many generous care-giving families.

**Building Fund Envelopes!** During July/August we are going to use up some of our older Building Fund envelopes. You will find these on the Oak Table.

So please during July and August use either the –



- Building Fund Envelope in your Envelope boxes, or
- Help us use up some of the older envelopes.

Please indicate on the envelope if it is for –

- The Building Fund Account
- The Debt Retirement Fund Account
- The Elevator Fund Account

Thanks for helping us use up some older envelopes and for your ongoing support of the Building Fund as we continue to –

- finish out the upstairs
- save remarkable amounts of interest by doing advanced payments
- and prepare, God willing, to put in an elevator this fall.

## LYF & JYM YOUTH NEWS

**LYF Meetings** We will meet all the Wednesdays of June at 8:00 p.m. All the newly confirmed youth are invited to join us.

**Twin Cities Trip** The LYF Twin Cities trip is Sunday, July 11 and returning home on Thursday, July 14. See details in the July/August Newsletter.



**Circuit Bible Camp** “The Power of Water” is the topic for the One-Day Pierre Circuit Bible Camp on Tuesday, July 19, 2011 9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. Come join us for a fun one-day Bible Camp! We will have Bible Study, we will learn to kayak, do some swimming, maybe even learn to spear fish. Then back to the church for another Bible study and ice cream sundaes! The cost is \$20.00. Ya’ll Come!

### Watch 'The Bible on Trial' July 18

The Bible. How could it possibly be accurate? How can you know? What about this book has compelled people to give their lives to defend its claims? The validity of the Bible has been questioned for ages and still remains an intriguing subject! *The Bible on Trial*, a television program from Lutheran Hour Ministries, takes a unique look at the subject and presents facts about the most widely printed book in history. Watch *The Bible on Trial* on Monday, July 18 at 9 p.m. Eastern through the National Religious Broadcasters Network (Channel 378 on DirecTV, Channel 126 on Sky Angel, as well as online at [www.nrbnetwork.tv](http://www.nrbnetwork.tv)). Visit



www.TheBibleTrial.com for more information and broadcast times.

**Main Street Living** may be seen each Sunday morning at 10 AM on KDLT-NBC Sioux Falls or at 9 AM on KEVN-FOX Rapid City. Mailing address is Main Street Living, 1400 S. Duluth Ave, Sioux Falls, SD 57105. The program may be viewed on the web at [www.mainstreetliving.com](http://www.mainstreetliving.com).

**Life Quote** “I do not believe human society ... ever has attained, or ever can attain, a high state of intelligence, virtue, security, liberty, or happiness without the Holy Scriptures; even the whole hope of human progress is suspended on the ever-growing influence of the Bible.” *William Seward, Secretary of State for the administration of Abraham Lincoln* – A **“Life Quote”** from **Lutherans For Life** – [www.lutheransforlife.org](http://www.lutheransforlife.org)

