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FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH

October 2015 Newsletter

2015 LWML Country Fair

October 17, 2015

9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.

The annual Country Fair will be held at Faith Lutheran Church Saturday, October 17th from 9 am to 1:00 pm.

The annual bazaar will feature a variety of booths, including crafts, baked goods, produce, collectibles, candy, gift baskets, a "Grandma's Attic" booth featuring used household items, religious cards and gifts, and activities for kids.

In addition, caramel rolls and pie will be served in the morning, and soup, sandwiches and pie will be served for lunch. To-go containers will be

available.

Money raised from the Country Fair is used to help fund not only with programs and projects within the church, but also supports local, regional and national organizations. This year, funds raised at the bazaar will be given to:

International/National

Orphan Grain Train
Pastor Jastram—

Missionary to Japan

State/District

Delmont LWML—

Tornado relief

Rosebud/Parmalee—

Quilting machine

Local/Pierre

Country Side Hospice

Travel/housing for cancer patients

House of Hope

Missouri Shore Domestic Violence Center

In house projects

To be funded in order:

Faith Circle—

Goodie Boxes \$ 600.00

Day Care \$ 600.00

Preschool \$ 350.00

LYF National Youth

Gathering \$1000.00

Priscilla Circle Cradle

Roll packets/postage

\$ 500.00

Kitchen needs:

Coffee servers

pot & pans etc. \$ 500.00

Help us publicize Country Fair by putting up a poster at work - and be sure to invite your friends!



October 31, 2015

5:00-6:30 p.m.

Holding a Trunk 'N' Treat Halloween activity is a great way to keep Halloween safe.

It's when several families get together at

the church, park their cars in the parking lot, open up the trunks of their cars, and kids come around to each car to Trunk 'N' Treat instead of going house to house to Trick-or-Treat.

Treats, warm cider, hot chocolate and coffee provided by our LYF youth. A well lit area for our Trunk 'N' Treaters, and restrooms available!

We need 30 families to serve as Host Trunks.

We ask our host families to provide 400-500 pieces of candy, our Board of Missions and Evangelism will supply the rest.



Sent Forth by God's Blessing

“Empty”

John 3:30

“He must become greater, I must become less.”

You might be surprised to hear, but I’ve had what I would call, some good “empty” moments this past summer. Typically we think of emptiness as a bad thing, but it doesn’t always have to be that way. What a joyous feeling it was when in July we made it to our Circuit Bible Camp campsite, and the trailer was completely empty from the kids taking all their gear out of it for us. Indeed, it was nice to see the trailer *empty*! And how good it was to see that the roasters were *empty* after we served a good National Youth Gathering breakfast. An *empty* office is a good thing, because it means I’m out and about traveling with our youth, the congregation, or family to some destination, or maybe even embarking on one of those world famous South Dakota pheasant hunts we’re so well known for. So there’s certainly a number of good forms of “*empty*” I am refreshed to see and experience.

And yet in the Christian journey there are undoubtedly those moments when we feel *empty* and dried up. King David writes about this feeling in Psalm 22, which we also know to be Messianic in nature as it points us to Christ. King David writes; *“My strength is dried up like a potsherd, and my tongue sticks to the roof of my mouth; you lay me in the dust of death.”*

Talk about being *empty*!

Ultimately this Psalm points us to the One who was completely emptied for us. Jesus- His life was *emptied* on the cross and strength *emptied* as he marched the hill to get there. He was laid in the dust of death. His dignity emptied. His life was *emptied* all for us. For those days and moments when you feel completely hollowed out and *empty*, drained by sin, like you’ve got nothing left, emptier than ever—just remember that the Son of God, Jesus Christ, was poured out unto death for you, because of love, poured out to fill you up with God’s love for you. On those hollow days, pray especially to the Lord; read your Bible, go fill someone else up, encourage, love, and serve! In your baptism, you are filled with all the promises of Jesus Christ whose death and resurrection guarantees them to you. The cross of Christ would be a sad and tragic story had death fully won. We know that the body of the Son of God was placed in a tomb, and that tomb was filled with the corpse of a dead Jesus. But three days later, the tomb was _____!!!!



YOU GOT IT!!! *EMPTY!*

And Jesus was made alive and lives and reigns to this day.

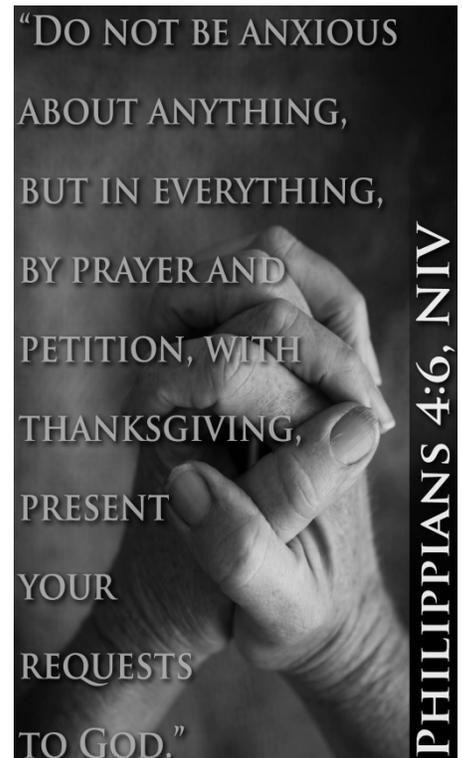
“So, pour us out, Oh

Lord. *Empty* us out of all those sinful desires that would pull us away from you. Fill us up with your love so that we may fill others with that same love you’d have for them.”

We are a people sent forth by the love of God. We are *emptied* of who we are, so that Christ may fill our lives and His name glorified. See you in worship, see you on a short term mission trip through Faith, see you in Bible Study, and I hope to see you raising and exalting God in your life wherever possible. He must increase, we must decrease!

Pastor Josh Baumann

God’s blessings as you live for The King!



SPEAK TO ONE ANOTHER!

“Speak to one another with psalms, hymns and spiritual songs. Sing and make music in your heart to the Lord, always giving thanks to God the Father for everything in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.” Ephesians 5: 19, 20

Back in the day, in high school chorus, we were working on Jean Berger’s fourth composition from his larger work, *Devotional Songs*, “Redet miteinander.” Translated, that means, “Speak to One Another.” Although the English text was also provided, our director was insistent that it be sung in German. He felt, and he was probably right, that the music lost something in translation. Not only that, the music seemed to embrace the beauty of the German language. As high school students, we really had no appreciation for that kind of thinking. Throughout the song, the phrase, “redet miteinander” was repeated over and over, and I was so busy focusing on the German diction, without tripping over my tongue, that the true meaning of the text completely escaped me. At that time in my life, I didn’t make the connection to the above passage from Ephesians.

St. Paul exhorts and urges us

to edify one another by songs of praise. It is an imperative sentence; a direct command, and a matter of obligation for Christians. Praise is an important part of worship, and designed to be so to the end of the world. Our hymns and songs should illustrate what the Spirit-filled life is: Fruitful, active, understanding, joyful, thankful and submissive, as well as bold in witnessing. Hymns and psalms and liturgy allow us to worship. I can think of many hymns learned and sung over my lifetime that I can make a connection to where I was, or what I was doing at the time – the first hymn I ever memorized, my confirmation hymn, a hymn from the funeral of a loved one. Wouldn’t it be interesting to create a playlist of hymns from our lives?

The Bible is full of beautiful words and poetry, full of mystery, and full of metaphor. Well-written hymns help us worship, because they, too, are full of mystery and metaphor, and provide the message and healing balm of God’s saving grace. The texts are just as relevant centuries after they were written, because every last one of us shares the reality of being troubled, and having brokenness, sin, and death in our

lives. I would venture a guess that most of us sometimes also try and free ourselves with an array of human-created concoctions. Hymns can help us find the freedom in God’s saving grace and the promise of resurrection.

Breathe, O breathe Thy loving Spirit

Into every troubled breast.

Let us all in Thee inherit;

Let us find Thy promised rest.

Take away the love of sinning,

Alpha and Omega be;

End of faith as its beginning.

Set our hearts at liberty.

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Karen Lindbloom



Preschool News

Wow! We are nearly done with a month of preschool – what a fun full year we have had so far! We have studied the number 3, the shape triangle, the letters ABC, and the color yellow. This year we are doing our science unit on animals and this fall we will learn about elephants.

Donna Gohl and Dusti Palecek will be helping on Monday, Wednesday and Friday mornings while Anita Marso and Beth Hand are helping on Tuesday and Thursday all day. They are all very gifted in their abilities with children and we are very fortunate to have them on the staff. Beth is new to our staff. She received her degree from Dakota Wesleyan

University. She and her husband Brad have four children – 3 boys and one girl. Three of their children attended our preschool and they have lived in Pierre for several years. We are blessed to have her as part of our staff!

It was fun to add some new fish to our supply on the day that we talked about God creating fish and birds. Jay Fredrich has also done some fix it jobs for the preschool and we appreciate all his efforts. We purchased some new doll highchairs, a new kitchen set, new games and kitchen utensils and pots and pans. It is so great! The Jares family gave us a donation in honor of their children and we used that to have a magnetic board

made by David Zuercher! Thank you!

During October, we will have several community helpers visit, take a fall walk, and carve some pumpkins for our Halloween ‘party’. Our color is orange, the shape is circle, the letters are DEF and the number is 2.

All our sessions are full except the Monday-Wednesday- Friday morning – those children need to be five by December 31 or have already attended Faith Lutheran Preschool. Please let people know that if they need a spot for their child who will turn five soon, that we have one spot available.

Have a wonderful, warm autumn! God bless!

Jan Larson, Director

FLC Daycare News

Greetings from Faith Lutheran Daycare.

In September we have started our New Testament lessons once again! In October our Bible lessons include: Moses’ Birth, Crossing the Red Sea, the New Land, and the Battle of Jericho. We are excited for our Preschoolers who will be starting classes with Faith Lutheran Preschool in September. We have a total of 20 kids from Daycare attending Preschool at Faith Lutheran!



It is already October and we love that the weather is finally cooling down! Or at least we hope it will stay cool. You never know what the weather is going to do here in South Dakota! I would like to thank everyone who had donated to Faith Lutheran Daycare it is greatly appreciated!

Your friend in Christ,

Katie Barrer
Director



Reformation Day

An Invitation

The Congregations of
St. Peter Lutheran, Midland and
St. John Lutheran, Norris

invite you to the
retirement service for

Rev. Glenn Denke on

October 4, 2015 at

St. Peter Lutheran Church

rural Midland, SD

The service will begin at 3 pm CT

With Pastor Don McKillop as the
guest speaker.

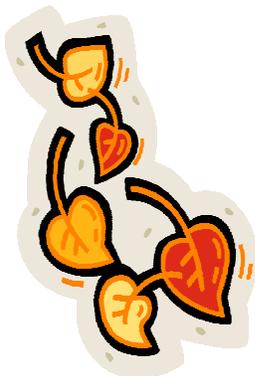
A time for fellowship and a meal
will follow the service.

Thanks, TMA

We extend a hearty thanks to
TMA, namely John Henderson,
for the gift of four brand new tires
for Van 21.

We appreciate John's generosity
and it's reassuring to know when
we put kids and adults on the road
and around town they are in a safe
van that is well maintained and
always road-worthy!

Thanks John! God bless you and
your family!



Forever Young

So, you're retired and want to
hang out with some terrific peo-
ple— then, "Forever Young," is
for you.

Join us every third Thursday of
the month at 12:00 noon!

October 15, we will have our reg-
ular potluck meal. Bring whatever
you would like.

Then, our November 19 get-
together will be our Thanksgiving
Dinner. Turkey, dressing, and
mashed potatoes & gravy will be
furnished. Please bring a side dish
to share. Hope to see you there!



**POTLUCK DINNER
FOR SENIORS**

Official Acts

Baptisms

Saul Michael Swanson

September 6

Weddings

Kelsey Wilson & Aaron Trimble

September 12

Jenna Everson & Jeff Hieb

September 19

Kendra Ott & Ron Beyer

October 3

Elizabeth Fredrich & Shawn Lyons

October 10

Men's Fellowship



Our Men's
Fellowship
will meet on
the first Mon-
day of Octo-
ber, the 5th, at
7:00 pm.

We will enjoy
an evening of

Dartball. Beverage will be provid-
ed, bring a snack to share!

We will see a short video at this
October 5th meeting entitled,
"Luther, the man."



Debt Retirement

Once again—your gifts to Debt Re-
tirement made it possible for us to
make an additional Debt Retirement
payment.

Thus Far—

- We have made 142 advance pay-
ments
- We have saved \$523,616.92 in
interest
- Our balance on our \$1,000,000
loan has been reduced to
\$522,590.26

Yes, it is the tipping
of the scales, we have
now saved more on
interest than what our
principal balance is.



Remarkable! Yes it is. We started
accelerated payments immediately
with our first payment on July 1,
2010.

Yes, you see correctly, we have
saved \$523,616.92. Thank you!

WITH A VOICE OF SINGING!

Declare ye this and let it be heard!
Alleluia!

Calling all singers!

Faith Choir has already begun rehearsals. Please consider joining an integral part of the worship experience. Faith Choir is one of our congregation's longest ongoing groups. Choir is a great outlet for using one's talent, connecting with friends, improving your physical and vocal health, plus reaping spiritual and musical rewards.

Feel free to come any Tuesday, 6:30 pm, in the sanctuary.

Add your voice to our song!



CON BRIO BELLS

Bell Choir will also be starting up shortly. This ensemble rings about four or five times throughout the church year, and rehearses about three weeks prior to the appointed worship service. In other words – we are episodic!



Our members ring a three-octave set of Schulmerich hand bells, and on occasion, a set of hand chimes, and sometimes utilize percussion.

WE ARE IN NEED OF NEW MEMBERS and desire to have a pool of 14 - 15 ringers. Reading and understanding music and rhythmic notation is a must.

Interested? Please contact Karen Lindbloom at 224-5292 or bolmd@pie.midco.net, or leave your name with the church office.

Country Fair Gift Basket Assembly Day

October 4, 2015

1:00 p.m.

Sts. Luke/John Room

Lutheran Teachers' Conference

October 8-9, 2015

Faith Lutheran Christian
Family Life Center



FLC YOUTH PAGE



MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

5th-8th Grade Lock-In!! Join us for a lock-in here at Faith Lutheran Friday night **October 2nd – Saturday morning October 3rd** from **8 pm-7 am**. Complete with fun activities possibly including but not limited to: gaga ball, dodgeball, bear/fish/mosquito,

sardines, sit n' spins, lightening, with the possibility of getting a bounce house. There will be great food throughout the night, lots of laughs, music, time for worship, and the company of great friends. Pastor Baumann would love for any 6-8th grade middle school students from the congregation, along with any friends to join us for a great evening of fun and fellowship. Come for all, or if there are other activities taking place that night, and you can come for only part of the evening, that is fine as long as we have your parent's permission. Sign up today at the back table located in the Narthex and be sure to complete a medical information and waiver form, blue one for boys, pink for girls. The cost is \$7, PLUS a snack to share (pretzels, plate of fruit, scotch-a-roo bars, fruit, chips etc...) **PLUS 2** nonperishable food items which we will donate. Any questions please see Pastor Baumann for further information.



October 4

Early: Wyatt Loesch, Mikayla Thomas

Late: Madison Siebrasse, Bailey Siebrasse

October 11

Early: Daniel Voita, Dillon Axtell

Late: Hannah Lingle, Megan Pease

October 18

Early: Cassandra Ryckman, Samuel Ryckman

Late: Caiden Jost, Adam Foreman

October 25

Early: Martee Larson, Madyson Titze

Late: Brevin Kaiser, Chloe Kaiser



Reminder 7th and 8th grade midweek students should be completing sermon outlines – 12 are required for 7th graders, 15 are required for 8th graders if 12 were completed while in 7th grade, if 7th grade obligation was not met, then 20 are required for 8th graders.

Trunk 'N' Treat! All youth of the community are invited to attend a family friendly *Trunk 'N' Treat* activity at Faith Lutheran Church parking lot from 5:00 to 6:30 p.m. on Saturday, October 31st. Dress up in your best costume. We hope you will join us. Our high school youth will be serving warm beverages. Any

families who might be able to donate their trunks for this time, and 500 pieces of candy, are encouraged to sign up on the back table in the Narthex. Thank you so very much in advance for providing a safe, friendly activity for our community on the church campus.

Sunday School and Midweek Children's Christmas programs are going to be Sunday, December 13th with the Nursery – 3rd grade program taking place at 9:45 and the 4-8th grade program at 11 o'clock. Christmas pro-



gram dress rehearsals will be Saturday, Dec. 12th from 9:30-11 a.m. for Nursery – 3rd grade, and from 11:00-12:30 p.m. for 4-8th grades.

Reminder* Our Nursery through 4th grade Sunday School youth will be singing at the 11 o'clock worship service on Sunday, October 18th. Thank you for allowing your child the opportunity to grace God's worship service with cheerful songs of praise from our youth.