

September 2015 Newsletter

Faith Lutheran Church 714 N Grand Avenue Pierre, SD 57501

Rally Day September 13, 2015 IT'S A FIESTA!



Noon Fiesta Meal with walking tacos



- A-G bring cut up fruit
 - H-N bring cut up vegetables
 - O-Z bring a dessert to share



- Games for the kids 12:35 p.m. on the lawn on the 3rd Street side of our Building
- All school kids encouraged to bring their backpack for a beginning of the school year blessing and children's message, and you will also receive a backpack tag!
 - 2nd Graders receive their Bibles at the 11:00 Service
 - Sunday School on the 13th is from 9:45 to 10:45
- Sunday School Award certificates will be given to students at our 11:00 Service
- Installation of All Midweek, Sunday School and Adult teachers at both Services



"Sent Forth By God's Blessing!"

When was I "Sent forth by God's Blessing?" Was it

- The day of my birth August 3, 1944, yes, I was a "war baby."
- The day of my Holy Baptism at Kountz Memorial Lutheran Church in Omaha, by the way years later at my Ordination we would borrow the Processional Cross from the church of my Baptism.
- The day I was confirmed on Palm Sunday 1958, at Bethany Lutheran in Omaha. I still have that hymnal.
- The day I was installed in my first parish, I only served two parishes in my public ministry.
- The day of my first Confirmation class May 21, 1972, yes I still have that hymnal as well.
- The day of my first marriage, the birth of my children Jonathan and Jennifer.
- The day I was installed at Faith Evangelical Lutheran Church where I have served for 41 years.
- The day I formally retired August 31, 2014 or remarried when Susan and I were married October 11, 2014.

Well, the answers—they are all yes.

Sent forth in birth and Baptism in all these public moments. Sent as a son, brother, confirmand, Pastor, husband, father, friend, community vol-

unteer.

"*Sent Forth by God's Blessing*" will be our theme for this Fall into the summer of 2016. We will literally define every action of our parish as a "Sent Forth" moment.

It is based on the hymn, *Sent Forth By God's Blessing*. While the hymn was new for our church when it appeared in our, then new, hymnal "Lutheran Worship" (1982), it was certainly not a new hymn to God's Holy Church. It was written in the early 1900's and the words were penned to match a Welsh folk melody entitled "The Ash Grove."

It seems proper that it is the last communion hymn in the Communion section of Lutheran Service Book. It is a hymn designed to send us with joy and gladness back into our daily world that we might, "*Give honor to Christ and His name that we bear.*"

We shall sing this hymn often in this next year, not just after Holy Communion but as a sending hymn, "*To work for God's Kingdom and answer His call.*"

Personally, O hope we sing it enough that we might find ourselves singing it from memory.

"*Sent Forth...*" is not a pastor thing, it's a God thing—

Go make disciples of all nations baptizing them in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit and teaching them to obey all I have

commanded you. And surely I am with you always to the very end of the age. St. Matthew 28

So here we go—ready to be sent, not just every Sunday, but every day from the "rising of the sun to its setting the name of the Lord is to be praised." Psalm 113

"...Thus Far..." we are *Sent Forth with God's Blessing*.

In His Blessed Love,

Pastor Brad Urbach



Official Acts In August 2015

Baptisms

Paxton John Tostenson
Kalo James Steely
Addison Lee Rathbun
Jase Eric Tyler Hogeland
Micah Richard Bell
Jude Alexander Jordan

Weddings

Jessalynn Baker &
Alexander Shimek

Funerals

Ruth Lorea Kietzmann
Mark Traut

The Sound of the Big Rally

If there was one unmistakable sound we heard in Pierre, SD the summer of 2015, it was most certainly the rumble of motorcycles passing through. We all knew it was coming with the Sturgis Motorcycle Rally celebrating its 75th anniversary—an anticipated crowd of over 1 million people! In fact, as I type this article, I hear the unmistakable sound of motorcycles rumbling past the church campus. We pray their visit to our wonderful state was safe and most joyous!

There's another unmistakable sound in the Old Testament Scriptures that has rallied God's people together: that of the trumpet call. The people meet with God and Moses on Mt. Sinai in Exodus 19. The directive is given that only when the ram's horn sounds/*trumpets* (Ex. 19:13) may the people go up to the mountain where God is. It is an interesting thing that God would actually lower Himself and descend on the mountain to meet with the people (*sounds really parallel to what Christ would do!*) The people know this is taking place when, as the text says, "*the sound of the trumpet grew louder and louder*" (Ex. 19:19). There is a great linkage of this trumpet sound rallying God's people together in both the Old and New Testaments. St. Paul writes about the rally that will take place at the sound of the last trumpet. In 1 Corinthians 15:51-52 St. Paul says, "*Listen, I tell you a mystery: We will not all sleep, but we will all be changed—in a flash, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, the dead will be raised im-*

perishable, and we will be changed." The unmistakable trumpet sound rallies those who have fallen asleep in Christ to new and everlasting life. The trumpet is a cry of victory for God's people. On Easter Morning we hear the trumpets in worship proclaiming Christ's victory over death!

So God's people rally. Every Sunday is a rally around the triumphant cross of Christ. Even the patriarch Jacob in Genesis 48:2 rallied. "*When Jacob was told, 'Your son Joseph has come to you,' Israel rallied his strength and sat up in bed.*" On September 13th, 2015 we're going to really *RALLY!* At the sound of joyous music, the giving of faithful Sunday School attendance awards, 2nd graders getting their Bibles; a blessing of the youth and their backpacks, **for which we invite all the youth to bring their backpacks with them on September 13th to worship;** commissioning and installation of Bible Study, Sunday School, and Midweek Teachers; the start of Sunday School classes beginning at 9:45 to 10:45 with signs posted where each classroom is located; a noon taco fiesta meal; along with games and a bounce house provided for by our board of Education! We rally because God in Jesus Christ is with us! God is with you. He will never leave you nor forsake you. We have the joyful promise of eternal life. So, join us on September 13th as well soak up all the goodness of

our God and as we worship His name. We are *Sent Forth by God's Blessing.* May God bless you at this rally, and on the Last Day at *THE BIG RALLY* when we join with all the saints in heaven praising and glorifying His holy Name. What a day it will be!

In Christ's Love,

Pastor Joshua Baumann

Pastor Baumann

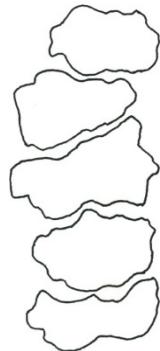
Memorial Garden Memorial Stones

Now is the time to be thinking about getting names submitted for Memorial Stones.

There are request sheets in the Narthex on the Information table. The cost for the names is \$35 and if you would like a space saved on the same stone for your name it is an extra \$50.

October 1 is the final date each year for submitting names to be engraved in time for dedication on All Saints' Sunday, the first Sunday in November. This year it is November 1.

To date we have had 72 names engraved on the stones. It is a very nice, lasting memorial to family members.



Synodical Circuit Delegate

Our Synod will meet in Convention July 9-14, 2016 in Milwaukee.

A Pastoral delegate and a lay delegate to represent our Pierre Circuit will be elected at the Pierre Circuit Forum which will be September 22 at 7:00 pm at Faith.

We will also elect an alternate delegate.

Pastor Baumann's name will automatically be on the Pastoral Delegate ballot unless a new Senior Pastor is in place prior to September 22.

We wish to nominate from our parish a layperson whose name would be placed on the ballot to be the Circuit delegate.

Therefore, this business will be held in conjunction with our Voters' Assembly to issue a Pastoral Call.



Our Playground

More news on this later but for now we want you to know the old wooden beams that bordered the playground were taken out and replaced with a tough industrial grade plastic similar to the border of the City playground at 3rd and Poplar. Harlan Fransen, Secretary of Trustees spearheaded this project.

Letters of Thanks



Dear Pastor Urbach, Pastor Baumann and Congregation,

It was a great blessing to be part of your worship service on June 28, 2015. The warm and gracious reception on the part of Faith Evangelical Lutheran Church was genuinely felt and appreciated.

Your congregation's love for the Word is obvious. The offering that was given in the amount of \$1,312.00 is evidence of what we consider to be a partnership between the church and The Gideons International in providing God's Word to a lost world. Please know that these funds will be used in their entirety to provide Scriptures in the traffic lanes of life. Certainly, we can pray for searching hearts to be touched and for souls to be saved by way of these Scriptures.

The forty plus Gideons in the Pierre Camp will continue to pray for the pastors and the church members at Faith Evangelical Lutheran Church the 11th of every month.

Thank you especially for your gracious hospitality and your prayerful support of the Gideon work. We pray that you continue to enjoy God's abundant blessings for yourself, your family, and your ministry in the days ahead.

Sincerely Yours in Christ,
Lee Heibel, Gideon Presenter

A Note of Thanks

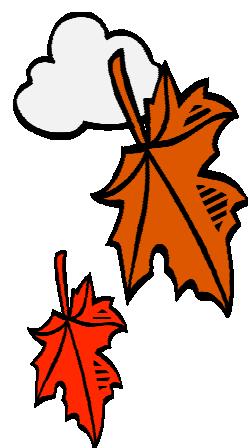
Faith Lutheran Church,
Thank you for your donation of 500 diapers and 500 wipes, it is because of the generosity of people like you, we are able to continue our mission. Blessings,
Missouri Shores Staff, Board and Clients

Another Note of Thanks

Faith Lutheran Parish Family,

We want to thank you for your kind and generous donation of 2,000 wipes and 2,000 diapers. We are overwhelmed by your spirit for life! May the Lord richly bless each of you. These items help assist families here in Pierre, Fort Pierre and surrounding care for their precious babies. Thank you again!

Cori Weinheimer, Birthright of Pierre



Feeding South Dakota Update

Yes, more gifts to assist in the funding of the new Central South Dakota Feeding South Dakota Distribution Center. In addition to the generosity of our parish of \$1,515.00, an additional gift of \$2,000 was given as a memorial in memory of Adam Schultz by

- Brad & Laurie Schultz,
- The Classic Corner in Madison, SD, and
- The class of '75 from Grant-Deuel High School

A portion of the note for Feeding SD by Brad & Laurie Schultz:

Our son Adam loved to cook and to feed people. It brought him a

lot of joy and satisfaction. Adam took his life in November, leaving a large void in many people's lives.

He worked at Classic Corner in Madison, SD. The great people he worked with dedicated \$1.00 of every pizza they sold in June in memory of Adam and sent the money to us. They raised \$1,050. We thought Feeding South Dakota would be the perfect place to send it.

This month was my 40th Class Reunion. The great kids(!) I graduated with did a silent auction and raised \$160.00 in

Men's Fellowship

memory of Adam. Thanks, to the Class of '75 at Grant-Deuel!

We wanted to round this up to \$2,000 total. We know you will use the funds wisely.

Brad & Laurie Schultz

There is still time for anyone to give a gift. What will we all feel when we drive by the new distribution center on highway 14 just east of Titan Machinery and know that we had a part in helping to feed those in our South Dakota who need a little help to make ends meet.



Choir will begin again on Tuesday, September 15 at 6:30 p.m.

We are always in need of more voices, so if you read music or can match pitch please consider making the commitment to join our choir. Our choir has a great core group who will be happy to welcome you. We work hard to do our part to uplift the congregation in praises to our awesome God.

Tuesday, Sept. 15 at 6:30.

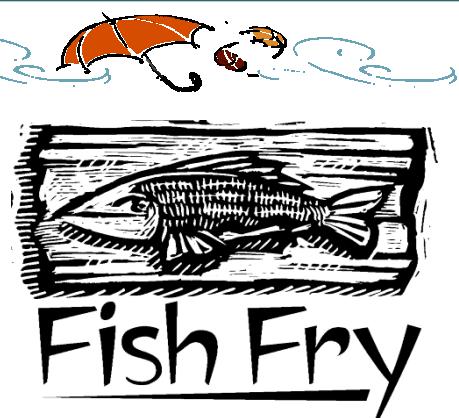
Be there!



Join Con Brio Bells Bell Choir

Con Brio Bells will begin rehearsals shortly. Our bell choir rings several times during the course of the church year. Typically, we rehearse for about three weeks prior to ringing for worship, so we are "episodic" in nature. Currently, we have a pool of about 12-13 ringers, but would welcome more. It is important that one can read music notation and count rhythm. If you can commit to small amounts of time, periodically, this may be the group for you!

For more information, please contact Karen Lindblom at 224-5292, or leave a message with the church office.



Forever Young

A huge thank you to Cordell Costar, Brian Gustafson, Vern Dockter, and Ken Shelbourn for cooking the fish for the August Forever Young Fish Fry.

It was a gourmet banquet of fish! We had a great turnout and we wish to thank all those who provided the fish!

Our next Forever Young is the third Thursday of September, that is September 17, at high noon. It will be potluck—come and join us!

O Now Be Extended The Fruits Of This Service In All Who Believe.

Preschool News

On Tuesday, September 1, Faith Lutheran Preschool officially begins with our Get Acquainted Nite! It is an exciting time for parents and preschoolers as they register and get 'acquainted' with the facility and staff of our preschool here at Faith. There are three sessions, one for each of the classes starting at 6:30 PM. It is always exciting to finally meet the face that goes with the name on the preregistration form! Classes start the week after Labor Day - September 14th & 15th.

Once again we are blessed to have four dedicated and experienced staff members to help me share the love of Jesus with little ones. Donna Gohl, Anita Marso and Dusti Palecek will be returning to Faith Lutheran Preschool this fall. Our new staff person is Beth Hand. She and her husband Brad have four children – three who have attended our program. Beth is a graduate of DWU and has been working with children in various ways for many years. She and Brad are both originally from Midland, but have been in Pierre for the past 11 years. We are

excited to have her join our staff!

Thank you for your faithful designating of Thrivent Choice Dollars to our preschool! With these dollars, we are finally purchasing our new kitchen set – a new refrigerator, stove and sink just the right size for little ones. Our old set was purchased two years before I started, so is over 30 years old!! It has served us well! Also, keep saving those Dakotamart Receipts – they add up to nearly \$500.00 each year for us! Thank you for your support in these ways.

Thank you again for the privilege of working with God's precious little ones! I love being able to tell them about the God who created them, loved them enough to die for them, and lives in their hearts today! We are anticipating a wonderful year and are so thankful for your support and prayers. God's blessings to each of you in the family of Faith.

In Christ,

Jan Larson, Director/
teacher
jan@faithluth.com



Daycare News

Greetings from Faith Lutheran Daycare.

In August we have closed out our Old Testament studies and are starting our New Testament again! We are excited to be learning these last few stories at the end of the Bible and we're even more excited to start again to reaffirm the things that we have already learned from the beginning of the Bible too!

In September we will be discussing the following stories: The Tower of Babel, Abraham's New Home, Isaac's Birth, and Joseph's Family.

As the final weeks of summer ap-



proach we look forward to spending them outside enjoying the warm weather! If any-

one would like to donate bug spray we would be grateful as we do go through it quickly.



A Request

If possible, we would like your help. Daycare is in need of gifts for a new time clock (\$543.29), paint, and posters. The time clock would result in greater efficiency and would better utilize the director's time. The paint and posters would make our Faith Lutheran Daycare more inviting. We would appreciate any donations, speak to me or to Pastor Urbach.

Your friend in Christ,

Katie Barrer

Faith Lutheran Daycare, Director

Hong Kong Thank You

Many thanks go out to our host families who provided a bed and breakfast for the 22 visitors from Hong Kong.

Kim & Linda Weischedel hosted Tsz Wai Lui (Vivian) and Mei Sze Dorothy Soo (Dorothy).

Paul & Lurene Denke hosted Yuen Ling Ng (Ling) and Yee Ki Tang (Kathy).

David & Brenda Jallo hosted Hiu Nam Lin (Helen), Chan Hoi Yi Umar (Iris), and Twoi Yu Yau (Sunny).

Jessica Lammle, Jeremy Paul hosted Long Yin Tsui (Marcus) and Wing Hei Winston Chow (Winston)

Dennis & Carolyn Ryckman, Joshua, Samuel & Cassandra hosted Dik Fung Chan (Matthew) and Yui Chit Liu (Jonathan).

Pastor Brad & Susan Urbach hosted Ching Hoi Lam (Jason) and Chun Lok So (Kenneth).

Corinne & Jerry Wulf hosted Amos Hang Shun Lee (Amos) and Chung Hang Tang (Timothy).

Nick & Annette Hill, Nate, Ethan, Simon, & Allison hosted Taichen Chen (Alex), Tsz To Tam (Sam), and Ngai Chi Wong (Chris).

Eddie & Rachel Aamold, Branden & Lauren hosted Chun Wah Ko (Jeffy) and Tsz Chun Tse (Sam).

Darin & April Hodes, Luke, Seth & Zachary hosted Hung Fai Charles Fok (Charles) and Ming Fai Lee (Ming Fai).

We also thank our Pastors Urbach and Baumann for their willingness to take the church vans to Sioux Falls and pick our visitors up to transport them to Pierre, give them a tour of our fair City and then to transport them on to Wall to catch their connection on to Rapid City and the Black Hills area.

Our Bulletin and Newsletter Assemblers

Who is it that folds our bulletins each week and puts those inserts in?

Who is it that puts the Newsletter together each month in the mailing envelopes?

Well—that would be:

- Arlene Barker
- Linda Denke
- Marcia Johnson
- Ruth Leidholt
- Freda Peters
- Mary Hiller

When available we get help from:

- Dale & Donna Gohl
- Lila Houck
- JoAnn Sanders
- Neal O' Day

Thanks gals and guys!

Debt Retirement

Due to your generosity and God's great kindness we have been able to –

- Make two advance payments in August.
- We therefore – *saved \$3,678.72 in interest.
- Thus Far – *we have made 141 advance payments since we started repaying our loan in 2010. *we have saved \$521,808.19 in interest.
- The Principal on our \$1,000,000.00 loan is now \$529,750.51.

Blood Drive Thank You

The Faith Lutheran Blood Drive on Thursday, August 13th went very well.

We had 46 donors, twelve of whom gave doubles. This made the total units of blood given 58.

Thanks to everyone who donated blood and to all who helped with snacks and in any other way. It takes all of us to make a successful drive. Thanks again!

Jodi Hartmann



TELLING THE STORY

"But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." Acts 1:8

Stories – who doesn't like a good story? There are all kinds of stories, like fables. They teach us a simple life lesson – remember “The Tortoise and the Hare?” Hard work wins the race. There are countless stories from mythology, ballads about “Robin Hood,” and the fairy tales penned by Hans Christian Anderson. Jesus used stories to teach the people. They were called parables... a little story with a big meaning. They can cut to the core because they are always true. We see ourselves in the wayward prodigal son, and also in the jealous brother. How many of us see ourselves in the Good Samaritan who came to the aid of his neighbor, but also identify with those who passed by? Have you been one of the guests who had no time for dinner? Or one of those fortunate people in the street who got a last minute invitation?

I love to tell the story of unseen things above,
Of Jesus and His glory,
of Jesus and His love;
I love to tell the story
because I know 'tis true,
It satisfies my longings
as nothing else can do.

Kate Hankey was the daughter of a British banker and grew up in a stylish London suburb. She started

Bible classes for girls in her neighborhood and at age eighteen, taught Bible classes for “factory girls.” During a serious illness, she was ordered to rest and not teach Bible classes for a year. During that recovery, she wrote two hymns, “Tell Me the Old, Old Story,” and “I Love to Tell the Story.” Regaining her health, she went back to teaching Bible classes regularly and when she became too old to teach, she founded a prison ministry as a way to continue to tell the story of Jesus.

I love to tell the story –
'tis pleasant to repeat
What seems, each time I tell it,
more wonderfully sweet;
I love to tell the story,
for some have never heard
The message of salvation
from God's own holy Word.

Phillips Brooks was a mighty preacher who served Episcopal congregations in Philadelphia and Massachusetts. Five months following President Lincoln's assassination, the Reverend, seeking peace and healing during our traumatized nation's fear and uncertainty, penned “O Little Town of Bethlehem, how still we see thee lie.” Even today, when headlines cause unrest and angst, the story of Bethlehem calms, reassures, and changes lives.

Stories connect us to each other and to the collective consciousness. We share them in our devotions. We tell them in our music. It reminds us of the blessings we continually receive from God. And

that's the real story. God the Creator. God who saved us and gave us eternal life. God the Spirit, who fills us with peace, strength, hope and love, that no one and nothing can take away. God wants us to sing, to share the story – in times of sickness, despair and mourning, and in times of great joy. It brings us closer together, it brings healing, it reminds us of the gifts we've been given and reminds us of how to show love to each other. And that brings us closer to God. Send us forth, Lord, as willing and joyful storytellers!

I love to tell the story,
'twill be my theme in glory –
To tell the old, old story
of Jesus and His love.

Karen Lindbloom



A Little Humor

Bernadette: The act of torching a mortgage.

Rubberneck: What you do to relax your wife.

Selfish: What the owner of a seafood store does.

Pharmacist: A helper on a farm.

Avoidable: What a bullfighter tried to do.

Relief: What trees do in the spring.

Sudafed: Brought litigation against a government official.

Country Fair Article

His Grace Did Invite Us,

Youth News

SUNDAY SCHOOL BEGINS SEPTEMBER 13th. – Please register TODAY!

MIDWEEK BEGINS SEPTEMBER 16th.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

Midweek Parent's Meeting for Wednesday, September 9th!!! There will be a parent's meeting

Wednesday, September 9th for parents of Mid-

week students in grades 2-8. At least one parent or guardian is expected to attend. The parent's meeting is 6:30 p.m. at Faith in the church sanctuary. Youth are not required to attend, just one of their parents or legal guardians. This is an opportunity to ask questions, meet teachers, see rooms, pay for materials, and cover expectations for the year.



September 6

Early: Daniel Voita, Jessica Weber
Late: Chase Bolte, Joseph King

September 13 RALLY DAY

Early: Brooke Kampfe, Chelsey Meier
Late: Nate Hill, Brooke Miller

September 20

Early: Cassandra and Samuel Ryckman
Late: Hallie and Hanna Dunn

September 27

Early: Brevin Kaiser, Martee Larson
Late: Jaden Filler, Kimberlee Geuther



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, lightning, with the possibility of getting a bounce house.. There will be great food throughout the night, lots of laughs, music, time for praising Jesus, and the company of great friends.



Pastor Baumann would love for any 6-8th grade middle school students from the congregation, along with your friends, to be here for a great evening of fun and fellowship. Come for all, or if there are other activities taking place that night you can come for only

part of the evening. 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**β**pastor's favorite, granola or nutra grain bars, fruit Snacks, chips etc...) **PLUS** 2 nonperishable food items which we will donate. Any questions please see Pastor Baumann for further information.

LCMS National Youth Gathering?

Upcoming Dates:

Youth and Parent's meeting September 23rd at 8:00 p.m. in the gym.

Oct. 16th, 2015 Registration Deadline (Our Faith Lutheran group is set and registered with Oct. being our cut off so we can order plane tickets and get registered.)

July 16-20, 2016 the actual gathering dates.

Payment Due Dates per Child *(May 16th amount Tentative)

Oct. 16th, 2015-\$200

Feb. 16th, 2016 - \$275

May 16th, 2016 - \$200

For More Info Check Out:

www.lcmsgathering.com

Next Parent's Meeting: SEPEMBER 23RD 2015 @ 8:00PM in the gym.



In Christ Alone
LCMS YOUTH GATHERING

Upcoming Bible Studies

Walking in the Word...2015 Fall Bible Study & Fellowship Opportunities @ Faith Lutheran Church



SUNDAY- (Entire Faith Congregation) "Sent Forth By God's Blessing" Come and receive a full picture of the Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod's history as a people *Sent Forth By God's Blessing*. What does it mean to be Missouri Synod Lutherans? How did our Church Body get its start? We will see different elements and people that helped shape history and the formation of 6,200 congregations with 2.6 million members. Our Sunday morning Adult Bible Class, led by Pastor, begins on Rally Day, Sept. 13th and is hosted in the Christian Family Life Center. _____

(High School) "Sunday Morning High School Bible Study" Is led by Annette Hill and is entitled *The Truth Project* put out by "Focus on the Family." Our High School Youth will learn how to look at life from a Biblical Perspective. Our High School study begins on **Rally Day, September, 13th at 9:45 a.m.** up in the Game Room (Luke/John) located in *All Saints Hallway*. Meets each Sunday morning from 9:45 to 10:45. Who wants donuts and juice?!? _____

(Any Adults) "LifeLight 1 & 2 Kings" Led by Marv Schweigert, this class will meet Sunday evenings at 6:30 p.m. at Faith in the Christian Family Life Center. This LifeLight study begins September 20th and is an exploration of kings who ruled after the breakup of David's and Solomon's Kingdom. *1 & 2 Kings* focuses on the Southern Kingdom of Judah and Benjamin, and the Northern Kingdom of the 10 tribes. _____

MONDAY- (Men) "Men's Fellowship" Every first Monday of the month at 7:00 p.m., the men of the congregation join together for a time of fellowship and short Scripture meditation. Activities vary from month to month including, but not limited to: dartball, bean bags, *Court Whist* card tournaments, work projects, etc. Typically, those who are able to, bring some sort of chips, crackers, or snacks to share. The gathered group has a great time of laughs, grazing on goodies, and getting to know the other guys. Begins October 5th at 7:00 p.m. Open to all men—dad, sons, singles, please come and see for yourself! _____

TUESDAY- (Women) *Tuesday Morning Women's Study* is open to women of all ages including daughters, wives, widows, sisters, mothers etc. Karen Lindblom will be leading our lady's study beginning Tuesday, September 22nd at 10:30 a.m. in the *Living Room*. The study is entitled "*Mirror, Mirror.*" *We don't see ourselves as God sees us. Most of us see all our flaws. God sees us through the filter of the cross, in the reflection of His Son, with eyes of love.*" _____

(Women) "Beth Moore Women's Study – Jesus the One and Only" In Jesus, the One and Only, Beth Moore introduces you to an intimate God in an up-close and personal portrait of the life of Jesus the Messiah. Velda Bartel and Vona Johnson will be leading our lady's study beginning Tuesday, September 15th at 6:30 p.m. in the "Young Conference Room" at church. _____

WEDNESDAY- (High School) "Lutheran Youth Fellowship - L.Y.F." Lutheran Youth Fellowship (L.Y.F.) is our high school youth group at Faith Ev. Lutheran and is composed of high school age kids from grades 9-12. This group generally meets on Wednesday evenings from 8:00-9:15 p.m. year-round to discuss life topics, share a devotion and the Scriptures, attend worship services in the evening when possible, and to participate in a variety of high-energy activities. Our main goal for LYF is to provide a safe, Christian environment in which teens can gather and grow in Christian habits and in their faith with other Christians. Open to all high school students and their friends. _____

(Any Adults) "Job LifeLight"- Begins September 16th. This study on the book of Job is part of the *LifeLight* Bible study series of in-depth studies. The goal of *LifeLight* is that through a regular program of in-depth personal and group study of Scripture, more and more Christian adults may grow in their personal faith in Jesus Christ. This study will be led by Bill Markley Wednesdays at 6:30 in the Pre-School Room across from the sanctuary. Continues through the fall until approx. mid Dec. Contact Bill Markley with any questions (605) 280-8580. _____

(Any Adults) "In-Home Bible Study" This Lutheran Hour Ministry study meets at Rev. Terry and Arlene's home located at: 20178 Mid Dakota Drive out in Grey Goose area. Meets Wednesday nights at 6:30 and starts September 9th. The study will be: *The Mormons: Who They Are, What They Believe.* Contact Lila Houck if interested 223-2550. _____

THURSDAY- (Men) "Men's Morning Bible Study"- Begins September 17 and lasts until early May. Join Pastor Baumann and all men of the congregation for fellowship and study of the Word of God with one another throughout the year. Meets each Thursday at 7:00 a.m. and usually concludes by 7:45 a.m. Come and go as available. Our September/October topic will focus on the *LifeLight Study: Bible Feasts.*" _____

(Any Adults) "Adult Inquirers Class" Taught by Pastor Urbach and will begin October 15th from 7:00 p.m. until 8:30 on Thursday. Please contact the church office to sign up or for any questions 224-2216. _____

SATURDAY- (5th-8th Graders) *Early Communion Class* led by Pastor Urbach will be a one day class on Saturday, Oct. 17th from 9-1:30 p.m. with lunch included. One parent or guardian is requested to be in attendance with their child. Please contact the church office with any questions 224-2216. _____

MISC.

FINANCIAL PEACE UNIVERSITY to potentially be offered again late winter/early spring. Times TBD. Please contact Pastor Baumann or the Church if interested. (605) 224-2216 faith@faithluth.com

"TWAS THE NIGHT BEFORE HUNTING"- If you have an interest in hunting and the outdoors this one night fellowship opportunity with other Christians and hunters from the congregation is for you. What is it? It is a one night fellowship opportunity at Nick and Annette Hill's house on Thursday, Nov. 12th with a wild game meal, a short study devotion from John Eldridge's book: *Wild at Heart*, a prayer for a safe and successful harvest during deer and pheasant season, a chance to submit your favorite hunting photo to share with the group and why it's one of your favorites, and a chance to give any practical wisdom and insight for those who share the same passion for the outdoors and God's creation through hunting. Time for the evening will be 6:00-7:30 p.m. Please submit photo(s) to baumannj@cs1.edu or speak with Pastor for a convenient way to share those. We will project them during our time together. Hope you can join us for this unique fellowship opportunity.

RALLY DAY – SEPT. 13TH with a noon meal, games, and a bounce house!

MISSION FESTIVAL – NOV. 22ND Guest preacher, Rev. Aaron Asmus of Sioux Falls, will preach and lead Bible Study for us that morning. Noon meal to follow.

NAME: _____

PHONE: _____

To Work For God's Kingdom

Garage Party Thank Yous

It was a mighty, mighty fine Garage Party! Some thank yous are in order:

- Thank you to our Board of Parish Fellowship for the BBQs, beans, chips and drinks! Mighty good!
- To all those who provided bars and cookies. We had a great assortment and the sugar high was Mighty good.
- To the Baumanns for bringing toys and chalk for the younger kids. They had a Mighty good time.
- To Justin & Katie Tostenson for the D.J. set up and having all the tunes. It added to the Mighty fun, festive time. We find out Justin also does balloon art and while all the kids had something special, our Pastors enjoyed their balloon Viking and Packer hats. Mighty good music and balloons.
- To our Board of Missions for the free books for the kids.
- To all the adults and youth that shared invitations house to house in our church's surrounding neighborhood. Mighty kind of you.

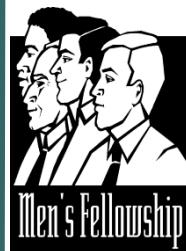
So, you get the picture, the Garage Party was a big success and yes, a Mighty good time!

Additional Garage news—

- The electrical is now all roughed in as a gift of Todd's Electric.
- Steve Johnson, Vice Chairman of our Board of Trustees, rounded up a crew to insulate the garage.
- Then Bob Shoup volunteered his crew to finish out the garage with OSB board.
- The gutters on the garage are a gift from Steve & Susan Stoneback. Steve is Chairman of our Board of Trustees.
- Then the electrical will be finished and we will have power, lights, and overhead garage doors that will work nicely.
- Again, we thank everyone for contributions to this project—not one cent of General Fund monies was used.



Men's Fellowship



Our Men's Fellowship will meet on the first Monday of October, the 5th, at 7:00 pm.

We will enjoy an evening of Dartball.

Beverage will be provided, bring a snack to share!

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



In Christ Alone

LCMS YOUTH GATHERING

July 16-20, 2016

Held every 3 years since 1980, LCMS Youth Gathering provides thousands of youth and adults the opportunity to come together as a community of God's people to learn more about Jesus Christ, the Christian faith, and their Lutheran identity.

During the five days of the Gathering, youth spend time together in God's word, worship, service and fellowship with others from across the synod. This event is organized by LCMS Youth Ministry in St. Louis, MO.

For additional ways to connect to LCMS Youth Ministry, please visit www.lcms.org/youth.

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