

MARCH 2016 NEWSLETTER

FAITH EV. LUTHERAN CHURCH

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University of South Dakota Chamber Singers

Monday, March 7, 2016

7:00 PM

One of the great joys of the season of Lent is the music. It sets the tone for our time of reflection and repentance.

This year, we have the special privilege of welcoming the University of South Dakota Chamber Singers to be with us on Monday, March 7, and to sing for us. So join us on the 7th at 7PM for this wonderful opportunity.

We thank you for your support and encouragement of this opportunity for our congregation and for our young men and women.

March 13, 2016 Noon Meal Fundraiser for the National Youth Gathering in New Orleans



Corned Beef, Cabbage, and Potatoes
Mac & Cheese for kids (if they don't like the other)

There will be a free-will offering and there is a sign-up sheet in the Narthex so that Paul & Toni may know how many to plan for. Limited to 80 people.

Please join us for a great meal, wonderful fellowship, and let's send the Youth Group to the National Youth Gathering!

HOLY WEEK

Passover Meal

Monday March 21, 2016

6:00 p.m.

Come, begin Holy Week as we remember the Historic Passover meal. We will eat the historic foods, follow an historic service and sing songs that celebrate this historic meal that Christ had with His disciples the night He gave us the Lord's Supper. A sign-up is in the Narthex.

Maundy Thursday

These services of Holy Communion are at 11:00 and 7:00. At the evening service the Altar will be stripped as we begin preparations for Good Friday.

Good Friday Schedule

Preceding our Service of Darkness an LYF Baked Potato Meal from 5:00-6:15 p.m.

A Hymnfest

6:15-7:00 p.m.

Let's sing your favorite hymns.

Good Friday Worship

This service is at 7:00 p.m. only

This service of Darkness, called a Tenebrae Service will begin in light and end in total darkness.

Easter Worship

8:20 & 11:00

Easter Breakfast between services

A Message from our Interim Pastor

Interim. An in-between time. The Bible is full of interims. Jesus left his disciples to pray and they decided to have a rest interim. Meanwhile Judas was having a 'get ready to arrest' Jesus interim. Oftentimes the Bible doesn't tell us much about what happened during the interim times. What exactly did Jesus do between being buried and talking to the women on Easter morning? We have some glimpses, but no real for sures.

Of course to induce headaches, we might just say that all of life is in interim. We're between death and life, between meals, between thoughts, between yesterday and tomorrow. Well, let's just stop. You get the idea. God is a God who is always with us in between things.

Then there is being intentional. Sometimes things just happen, and we Christians may see the hand of grace behind it all and call it providence. I do kind of think the disciples likely put the whole Palm Sunday event down to providence. Lazarus had been raised and so a bunch of those sight-seers were out and swarming, while Jesus came into town and the noise built until the people in the city heard the noise and came out to see what was all up. Voila! Parade of scattered garments and palm branches. Nice, but not intentional from

their view.

Going to Jerusalem that year, however, THAT was intentional. They'd argued. They'd pointed out the danger. Jesus was determined. At last they decided that if he wanted to risk his hide, they would risk theirs too. That was intentional.

Lent is intentional for us. We decide to do it. We could just do Easter. But setting the time apart for Lent makes Easter better, and so we intend to keep Lent. Each year the same, each year different. Our expectations are not always met 100%. Some years they are barely met at all. Even with the best intentions. But knowing God and trusting his leading we learn new things each time we relive the suffering and the kindness of Christ.

This year at Faith Lutheran Church Lent has also been a time for beginning another intentional interim. This one in the life of the congregation. It is a time between, a time to rethink, keep going, and look at things in a different light. This might (or might not) involve seven areas:

--to work through transition emotions that usually follow a pastoral change.

--to discover issues facing the congregation and develop ways of dealing with them.

--to examine the history

of the congregation and previous pastor/member relationships.

--to discover the congregations special identity and what it dreams of being and doing.

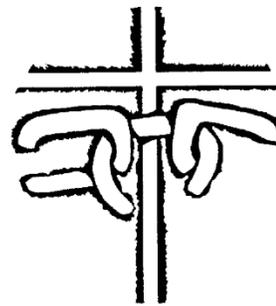
--to deal with shifts in professional and lay leadership that inevitably occur in times of transition.

--to strengthen the congregation's relationship with District and Synod, considering and using the available resources and the mutual responsibilities involved.

--to develop a commitment to the anticipated leadership of a new pastor with the possibilities the future will bring.

Of course, the Lord has this all planned out. But like most Biblical interim times, even as congregational leaders properly set out to be intentional, the Lord will work in ways wonderful, unexpected, and often unseen. He is the Lord of the Church.

Pastor Daniel Barbey



What's Next?

It doesn't take us long in our lives to come up with that one particular question we all want to know. Oh, you've certainly asked it I'm sure a time or two before. We all want to know: "*What's next?*"

It's the perfect question to ask when you're bored with life and life's circumstances. Kids ask it all the time! It's a question you would get from someone who has been through the wringer and has experienced one hardship after another. It's *Murphey's Law*—If something bad can happen, it will happen! "*What's next?*" It's the question you ask when your adrenaline is pumping and you feel you can take on the world! We've only filled 10,582 sandbags... "*What's next?!?*"

Joshua and the Israelites wondered: "*What's next?*" as they crossed over the Jordan without their leaders, Moses and Aaron, as they entered into the Promised Land of Canaan. The Disciples wondered: "*What's next?*" as Jesus' stone cold body was taken off the cross and laid into the stone cold tomb. So it's no surprise that we too might wonder: "*What's next?*" in our lives as well.

Our God reminds us in His Word that He will never leave us nor forsake us, (*Hebrews 13:5*) and that Jesus will not leave us, His Church, as orphans and widows (*John 14:18*). St. Paul says in *Philippians 1:6* "*I am confident, that He who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus.*" God knows what's next. God finishes what He started.

You may be wondering what's next for Faith Lutheran? President of the South Dakota District, Scott Sailer, came by and visited Faith on Super Bowl/Friendship Sunday and installed Faith's Intentional Interim Pastor, Pastor Dan Barbey. So part of what's next for us as a congregation is the yearlong service of an Intentional Interim Pastor who will lead, guide, and facilitate our transition from one period of faithful pastoral

service to the next. What's next for Faith Lutheran is a continued building on the structure and leadership already in place through each of the church boards. What's next is continued faithfulness to the teaching and preaching of the Word of God and administration of the Sacraments. We indeed continue to live as a *Christ caring people* who are forgiven and redeemed through the holy and precious blood of Christ.

In one sense, "*What's next?*" well, only God knows (*James 4:13-14*), and yet in another, we know what's next in that we continue to live as Jesus' disciples who are called by faith into trust and action. We look forward to not only learning more about ourselves as a congregation and what our needs, wants, and interests are in this next year, but more immediately, we look forward to celebrating the goodness of our God through Easter worship on March 27th and the glorious resurrection of our Lord! May God bless you and His Church in all that is next. "*For no eye has seen, no ear has heard, no mind has fully known what God has prepared for those who love Him.*"

1 Corinthians 1:9

We know what's next as the People of God who gather around Word and Sacrament. The Creeds tell us! "... **from thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.** I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Holy Christian Church, the communion of Saints, the forgiveness of sins, **the resurrection of the body, and the life + everlasting.**" As a Christian, I can't wait for what's next!

God's Peace Be With You!

Pastor Baumann



*We have
waited for him,
so that he might
Save Us.*

ISAIAH 25:9, NRSV



Forever Young



POTLUCK DINNER FOR SENIORS

Join us on the third Wednesday of Lent, March 16, for a Potluck noon meal. It will be a little like a celebration of St. Patrick's Day, so—

- Wear something green.
- How much green can you get in the dish or dessert you bring.
- We will play a few rounds of Bingo on our green Bingo cards.
- Perhaps we will sing a couple of Irish songs.



Our Men's Fellowship is Monday, March 7 at 7:00 PM.

Come enjoy a fun evening of darts and bring a snack to share. Beverage will be provided.



Men's State Dart-ball Tournament will be held Saturday, March 12, 2016 at Faith Lutheran of Sioux Falls in their Family Life Center. The address is 601 N Cliff Avenue. Teams will gather for instructions at 10:30 am. Tournament games start at 11am. Speak to John Barber who is getting a team together. Contact John at 220-2660 if interested. Practice every Monday night at 7:00 p.m. until the tournament.

Daylight Savings Begins



Set Your Clocks Ahead One Hour Saturday night March 12 or You Will Be Late for Church on Sunday, March 13.



Official Acts

Baptisms

Brinley Grace Moody 2/14
 Reya Dawn Rathbun 2/21
 Kendrick Jay Glodt 3/6
 Castiel Lee 3/13

Funerals

Merle Sorenson

Dakotamart

Receipts

Board Charges The receipts from all Board charges should be brought to the church office. **When signing at Dakotamart please use your best penmanship.**

Everyone Please bring your Dakotamart receipts to church and put them in the green boxes in the Narthex and Lobby.

Freda Peters adds them up, and Betty Leidholt takes them to Dakotamart and a few times a year we get a check from Dakotamart that is shared evenly between our two Early Childhood Education programs, namely our Preschool and Daycare Center.



Corned Beef & Cabbage Meal



Faith Family-

It is that time of year again for our time honored corn beef cabbage boiled lunch.

As many of you know, this has been a fundraiser for different things.

- Our first year, we were blessed enough to go to Hong Kong.
 - The second year, all monies went to the food pantry.
 - This year, we are asking the funds go to the National Youth Gathering. About 30 of our youth plus adults are going to New Orleans to spend the week with Lutherans from all over the country. What a great opportunity for our youth and leaders!
- once again, to support the cause and fill your belly with some good boiled lunch! We will also be serving mac and cheese!

Save the DATE!

March 13 @ noon

Paul and Toni K-A



We are asking you all

Upcoming Youth Dates to Keep in Mind:



- Mar. 1st** Pizza Ranch Fundraiser 5:00-8:00 pm
- Mar. 6th** N.Y.G. Breakfast 9:20-10:30 pm
- Mar. 13th** Corned Beef and Cabbage Fundraiser
- Mar. 25th** Good Friday Baked Potato Meal from 5:00-6:15 pm
- Mar. 27th** Easter Breakfast – Easter Sunday, March 27th between the services
- April 2nd** Bible Bowl at Faith
- April 2nd** Admissions Counselor Rev. Daniel Eggold visit from Concordia St. Louis 8 a.m.-Noon
- June 5-9th** V.B.S. "Barnyard Roundup"
- June 27-June 30th** Circuit Bible Camp
- June 26-July 2nd** Camp Minneboji

Daycare News

Greetings, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, from Faith Lutheran Daycare! Throughout March we are leading up to Jesus rising from the dead! Our lessons during circle time are; a poor widow, washing the Disciples feet, the last supper, Jesus is arrested, and Jesus has risen. Our crafts and projects will be based off Easter. Feel free to view some of the crafts on display in and around the

daycare all times of the year. The children are all so proud of their projects!

We have received some very generous donations to the center recently. We are so grateful for all the thoughtfulness that goes into donating to our center. Thank you for the thoughtful members of our church family, board members, parents, and friends in the community!

Please continue to keep the daycare in your prayers as we strive to provide the best childcare possible. Have a great March!

Katie Barrer/Director

Katie Barrer

Faith Lutheran Daycare
(605) 224-4748

Life Team News—March, 2016

CREATED-REDEEMED-CALLED

January 22, 2016 marked the 43rd anniversary of the landmark US Supreme Court decision known as Roe vs. Wade, which legalized abortion in the United States. In somber reflection of the over 56 million human lives lost to abortion since 1973, and in reverent gratitude for our Savior, Jesus Christ, Who has created, redeemed and called each one of us because He loves human life, Faith Lutheran congregation observed Life Sunday on January 24, 2016. Thank you to those who stopped by the Life Team information table that day to learn more about what it means to be a "For Life" Lutheran. Many of Faith's members enjoyed refreshments that day provided by the Faith Life Team, and joined in the Life Sunday Bible Study entitled "Created, Redeemed and Called." Thank you to Pastor Baumann for leading that life-affirming study. The Life Team also made presentations to the Sunday School classes on Sunday, January 17 and gave the students Scriptural reminders that the God who created and redeemed them wants them to respect human life at all stages.

RESPONDING TO THE PLANNED PARENTHOOD VIDEOS

2015 was a significant year in the pro-life movement as it saw the release of 11 disturbing videos that uncovered the heinous acts of Planned Parenthood in the procurement and illegal sale of human baby parts. In the aftermath of the videos, which were widely-circulated in major news outlets and on social media, many thousands of outraged individuals and pro-life groups, including our own LCMS synodical president, Rev. Matthew Harrison and the national director of Lutherans for Life, Rev. James Lamb, called on Congress to defund Planned Parenthood, our nation's leading abortion provider. And yet, many people, including some presidential candidates, have stood firm in their support of Planned Parenthood as a major provider of women's health services. When considering this situation, here are some important facts to keep in mind:

In 2014, Planned Parenthood received \$528 million in taxpayer funding. With that, this so-called non-profit organization operated fewer than 700 clinics that provided services to fewer than 3 million women, including 378,692 pap tests; zero mammograms; and 327,653 abortions. In contrast, there are over 9,000 Community Health Centers operating in the US that served over 21 million women, providing 1,787,256 pap tests; 424,376 mammograms; and zero abortions. Where would you rather see your tax dollars go: to Planned Parenthood, or to a Community Health Center? (Source: www.abbyjohnson.org) For more information on Planned Parenthood and the sale of human baby parts, go to: www.lutheransforlife.org/planned-parenthood-the-latest.

For anyone at Faith Lutheran who wishes to join our Life Team, or simply wants to find out how to promote a Gospel-centered sanctity of human life, please join us at our monthly meetings which are held the 3rd Thursday of each month at 5:30 pm in the Living Room at Faith. All are welcome!



Tables and boxes will be set up in the Narthex. You can place your items in the appropriate boxes -or- just leave them on a table, and we'll be happy to sort and box them.

March is Faith's month to collect items for the Food Pantry.

During the month of March, we'll have tables in the Narthex, with boxes for donations of items for the Pierre-Ft. Pierre Food Pantry. At the end of the month, a crew of Faithful volunteers will haul the items to the Food Pantry.

Our congregation is one of the largest supporters of the Food Pantry. There is a significant need at this time, so our generous support of this project is very important.

All types of nonperishable food, paper products, and personal hygiene items are needed by the agency, so be sure to keep an eye out for specials at the grocery store.

Financial Contributions

Financial donations are also welcome. Checks may be made payable to Pierre Area Referral Service / Food Pantry, and can be dropped off in the church office.

Items Needed At All Times

- Baked beans, and pork & beans
- Cereal and oatmeal
- Cream soups, chunky soups, and chili
- Fruit juices
- Pancake mix and syrup
- Peaches, pears, and fruit cocktail
- Potato mixes, rice mixes, and stuffing mixes
- Saltine crackers
- Spaghetti sauce and tomato sauce
- Sugar, flour, cooking oil, and evaporated milk
- Tomatoes (diced or whole)
- Tuna, Spam, Treet



FLC Preschool News

Dear Faith Lutheran family,

What a great year we are having! In February, we learned about Jesus' love for us, made and exchanged Valentines, had the First Lady read to us, and emphasized colors with our Color Days.

During March we will be learning about the Easter story, shapes, the color purple, the number 8 and the letters STUV. Our Lending Library starts in March and goes through April. The parent conferences for this year are March 21 & 22 and we are including a pre-registration form in the newsletter for next year. Please return this form with the registration fee by

March 1st if you are interested in enrolling your child for the fall of 2016.

We will be having our science unit in April and traveling to the Discovery Center the end of the month. We will also be studying ants and plants during April and watching the seeds and plants grow in our room.

Our picnic this year will be May 13 and hopefully we will be able to have it at the park, otherwise, it is great to know that the Christian Life Center is available too. Thank you for your prayers and support of our program. It is

greatly appreciated.

Thank you for generous donations to Faith Lutheran Preschool through the Thrivent Choice dollars program, the Dakotamart receipts, and the Campbell soup labels. Thank you for thinking of us when you designate your dollars and when you save those receipts and labels! Blessings to you as we prepare to celebrate the Lord's resurrection!

In Christ,

Jan Larson, Director
Faith Lutheran Preschool
jan@faithluth.com

Faith Lutheran Preschool Pre-Registration Form

_____ will attend Faith Lutheran Preschool in the 2016-2017 school year.

Child's Name

_____ Phone Number: (Home) _____ (Mom's Work) _____ (Mom's Cell) _____

Child's Birth Date

(Dad's Work) _____ (Dad's Cell) _____

Please check section preferred:

_____ Mon/Wed/Fri a.m. * (9:00-11:30)

_____ Tues/Thur a.m.** (9:00-11:30)

_____ Tues/Thur p.m.** (1:00-3:30)

* Must be three (3) by June 1, 2016

** Must be five (5) by December 31, 2016 or Previously attended Faith Lutheran Preschool

Parent's Names

Parent's Address

Your registration fee: \$25.00 (Non-Refundable)

Monthly Tuition: 2 day - \$75.00

3 day - \$112.50

Preschool e-mail is: jan@faithluth.com



The Theme for this year's Vacation Bible School will be: *Barnyard Roundup: Jesus Gathers Us Together!*
 Our VBS dates for this year are: June 5-9. Captive Free will be joining us as well! Sing-ups for adult volunteers, decorations, and helpers will

be made available in April.

L.Y.F. Breakfast Fundraiser Sunday, March 6th. Our free-will French Toast breakfast will be held Sunday, March 6th in between our two worship services at 9:20-10:30. The proceeds will go to benefit the youth group heading to the National Youth Gathering in New Orleans this next summer. Thank you for your support.

Did you know? J.Y.M. Circuit Bible Camp will take place again this summer! The dates for Circuit Bible Camp are: June 27th—30th. This event is open to any youth who will be heading into 5th grade and also to any youth who are going into 9th grade, so 5th through 9th graders please come. Mark June 27th through June 30th off on your calendars for CIRCUIT BIBLE CAMP. Registration costs, which includes: meals, campsite stay, and a day on the water with Steamboat Outfitters will be \$90 for the week to cover expenses. Faith is offering \$30 scholarships to any participant looking to attend camp to help offset costs. You don't want to this wonderful summer opportunity to grow in faith and in friendships! Invite your siblings, friends, and anyone you know. You don't want to miss this summer Bible Camp opportunity!



March Acolyte Schedule

+March 2 LENT

7:00 Melissa Hedglin, Jesse Jares

March 6

Early: Sammie Axtell, Cassie Axtell

Late: Emily Haberling, Brady Hofteizer

+March 9 LENT

7:00 Martee Larson, Madyson Titze

March 13

Early: Jordan Thompson, Zane Schuchard

Late: Austin Mammenga, Sam Overturf

+March 16 LENT

7:00 Brooke Kampfe, Emily Haberling

March 20 Palm Sunday

Early: Madison Siebrasse, Bailey Siebrasse

Late: Adam Schochenmaier, Trevor Hayes

March 24 Maundy Thursday

7:00: Brooke Kampfe and Jaden Filler

March 25 Good Friday

7:00 (Need 4) Pacen Banuat, Austin Fawcett, Hal-lie Dunn, Hanna Dunn

March 27 EASTER!

Early: (Need 5) Hannah Lingle, Megan Pease, Wyatt Loesch, Jaden Filler, Samantha Axtell

Late: (Need 5) Caiden Jost, Tucker Berens, Joseph King, Daniel Voita, Cassandra VanDeWiele

2016 LCMS National Youth Gathering

In Christ Alone



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 LCMS YOUTH GATHERING

Held every 3 years, the 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 Saint Louis, MO.