

FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH

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APRIL 2017 NEWSLETTER

A LIVING LAST SUPPER



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Palm Sunday, April 9th at 6:30 PM

The Last Supper will come alive at Faith Lutheran on Sunday, April 9 in a dramatic musical experience presented by members of the Faith Lutheran Congregation and the Faith Choir.

"The Living Last Supper" is a live re-enactment of the classic mural painting by Leonardo da Vinci. It portrays the night in which Jesus and His disciples gathered in the upper room on the eve of the crucifixion. It is where Jesus ate one final meal with His closest companions, and where He revealed that one of them will betray Him before the night is over. We will hear from each of the disciples, and listen to the story from their perspective. The choir will offer several inspirational anthems.

Following the presentation, there will be an opportunity for light refreshments and fellowship.

You will not want to miss this moving and poignant beginning to your Holy Week experience.



Our 2017 Confirmands

Ravin Dale Ayers

Trenton Lee William Gore

Nathan John Haberling

Lane Edward Hedglin

Ajaye Grace Hicks

Jacob Michael Larson

Elliot John Leif

Nicholas Steven Mammenga

Dayna Jane Martinmaas

Molly Elizabeth Neyhart

Jayden Nathaniel Nickerson

Kaylie Marie Rathbun

Shelby Dawn Roman

Hannah Louise Schochenmaier

Christopher Laurance Schultz



Sent Forth By God's Blessing



⁵ But the angel said to the women, "Do not be afraid, for I know that you seek Jesus who was crucified. ⁶ He is not here, for he has risen, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay. ⁷ Then go quickly and tell his disciples that he has risen from the dead, and behold, he is going before you to Galilee; there you will see him. See, I have told you." ⁸ So they departed quickly from the tomb with fear and great joy, and ran to tell his disciples. (Matt 28:5-8)

Who wouldn't tremble and be afraid! Think about it. You go to anoint a body to prepare it for a proper burial, but the body is missing. Then some ethereal creature tells you the body isn't there because it is no longer dead but alive! Who could take it in? "Do not be afraid" the man in white said. Yeah, right! Then again, perhaps the women remembered the thousands He had fed with only two fish and five loaves of bread (Matthew 14:15-21). Maybe they thought again about the raising

of Lazarus from the dead (John 11:38-44). After all, He was the one who had stilled the raging sea (Mark 4:35-41).

Somewhere, sometime, that trembling and bewilderment turned to joy and faith, for they did go tell His disciples and Peter (Matthew 28:8). And Jesus met them and greeted them, and they worshiped Him. "Then Jesus said to them, 'Do not be afraid. Go and tell my brothers...'" (Matthew 28:9-10).

Jesus' last command is the same as this one: Don't be afraid. Go and tell. We can un-

derstand the fear of the women at the empty tomb. What are we afraid of? Trouble? Or hardship? Persecution? Or Famine? Nakedness? Or danger? Or sword? There is no fear in these things! "No in all these things we are more than conquerors through Him Who loved us" (Romans 8:35, 37). We have the benefit of history. The women at the tomb couldn't fathom the outcome, but we have God's Word that assures us of our victory in Christ. We have His promise, "And behold I am with you always, to the very end of the age" (Matthew 28:20). So don't be afraid! Go and tell!



“JUST FOUR LITTLE WORDS”

“On the evening of that first day of the week, when the disciples were together, with the doors locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, ‘Peace be with you!’” John 20:19

From Jonah to Jesus, our Lenten Journey culminates in the glorious victory of Jesus’ resurrection! We know how the story ends, but for those disciples locked in that room together after Jesus’ crucifixion or traveling on the road to Emmaus, things seemed hopeless, desperate, and bleak. I can imagine that there was perhaps, one thought that kept going through their head. It’s only 4 words long, but it’s the same thought Adam and Eve had after they disobeyed God and ate from the fruit God had commanded them not to eat from. It’s the same thought that went through the Israelites minds as they were trapped between the Red Sea and Pharaoh’s army. It’s the same thought of Jonah after he is tossed overboard into the raging sea and swallowed into the belly of the great fish. It’s the same thought of the Emmaus travelers in Luke 24 upon discussing the events of Jesus’ death. It’s the same thought of the disciples in John 20, and it’s even the same thought you and I have had before as well! How many of them, and us, have ever thought

these four words: “*It’s too late now!*”?.....or these four words: “What hope is left? What are we going to do now? We’re toast! What could possibly fix the situation? For the disciples, their leader was dead, methodically executed like a criminal and silenced once and for all on the Roman cross. No more trouble should be coming from this rabble rouser! *It’s too late now*, they thought, our teacher is dead, our hope for a deliverer crushed.

Locked in a room, fearful of what might happen, the disciples experience: helplessness, uncertainty, fear, grief, guilt, shame, blame, and a host of other feelings. We’ve felt these things before too. And then, when all hope seems lost, Jesus appears and brings with Him four glorious words of hope: *Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you!”*

In our human despair, we sometimes cry out: “*It’s too late now!*” but our hopelessness is completely unraveled by a Jesus who comes to us and says, “*Peace be with you.*” The phrase: “*It’s too late now!*” is met head on with four words of triumphant hope, four words of life: “*Peace be with you!*” Isn’t that the great message of the Church? We as the church of God proclaim four words of

victory: “*He’s risen indeed, Alleluia!*” Four words of encouragement: “*We’ve only just begun.*” Four words of comfort: “*Peace be with you.*” In Christ is our hope, our victory, and our salvation. So, people of God, see you in worship, not just on Easter, but each and every Sunday. For it is that day which stands as a “little Easter.” Together as the people of God, we stand steadfastly on the victory of our Lord Jesus. We’re not toast, far from it! As far as our work and life as a people of God here at Faith Lutheran, we’ve got four words, “We’ve only just begun!”

Now may the Lord who has begun this good work in you bring it to completion on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

In the
of

Peace



I HAVE LOVED
YOU WITH AN
EVERLASTING
Love....

JEREMIAH 31:3

WHAT ABOUT A NAME?

*Jesus! Name of wondrous love,
name all other names above,
Unto which must ev'ry knee bow in
deep humility.*

Namedroppers. We all know them. They are those people who like to casually mention names of important or well-known people they know or claim to know, in order to impress others. Many times it's vanity, or perhaps it's insecurity about one's image that causes them to achieve a self-gratifying level of acceptance or an ego boost. I've found that it can be a common thread among music people.

Allow me to do a little namedropping. John Moriarty, affectionately known as "John B." to his students, was my high school band and choir director. A short, balding little man, he raised the quality, size and standards of bandmanship and choral music never attained in the history of the school. The band of 60+ members in grades 10-12, and the choir of 70+ voices consistently received superior ratings at the district and region-state level. Not too bad for a farming community of 1,000. Our music education, like the man himself, was characterized by strict discipline, sparkling humor, hard work and fun.

Art Nix was my mentor at Moorhead State University. He eschewed the title "Dr." Mr. Nix directed the Symphonic Wind Ensemble, taught

private woodwinds and instrumental conducting. He was tall and skinny, smoked a pipe; had a crew cut and a silly laugh. His favorite song was "Goober Peas," and his studio was a disaster. Once again, I learned what hard work was all about under the guidance of Mr. Nix. He paid strict attention to detail, detail and more detail. The man was ever gracious, always concluding a rehearsal with "Thank you very much." I hope I've acquired that habit.

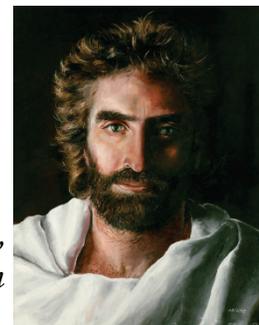
Jack Noble was my organ prof during grad school at USD. He was a kind and gentle man with a quiet manner who championed church and classical music. Jack had suffered a Bell's Palsy at one time, and his facial muscles drooped on one side of his face. He rode a bicycle around campus when the weather was nice and had the worst handwriting ever. Under his tutelage I learned to be passionate, yet sensitive in my playing, and, you guessed it, more hard work and attention to detail.

All of these gentlemen were brilliant teachers, yet did not crave attention for themselves. They turned the attention on their students. They were good Christian men who led by example and firmly planted a work ethic in their students. I doubt that any of these three were ever the subject of a namedropping.

*Jesus! Name of priceless worth
to the fallen of the earth
For the promise that it gave,
"Jesus shall His people save."*

So, what's happening when we speak Jesus' name in prayer? Namedropping? We don't imply a relationship. We who believe in Jesus are children of God – we pray as the Father's sons and daughters in Christ – those He has chosen before time, rescued, and will be with for eternity. Seek Him authentically, and live out the power and authority of His Holy Name. No names – not one – have as much significance as the name of Jesus. The name of Jesus carries authority (remember when the storm ceased), has power, and wins salvation. Jesus brings order to the world, rights wrong and seeks justice. He is supernaturally all-powerful – different than any human power of strength, money or government. Jesus slays the giants of sin and death for us. We can't achieve salvation on our own; it is a gift, which is at the very heart of the Gospel message.

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Preschool News

Finally! Spring weather! As if God would ever break His promise of Spring! Everyone seems to be in a better mood and looking forward to outside activities again!

We have had a busy month at preschool and our next one is no exception! April has us looking for the color purple, the oval shape, the number 6 and the letters WXYZ. The highlight of our month is telling the story of the first Easter and why Jesus came into the world – to save us from our sins so that we can live with Him in heaven one day! It is a joy and privilege to share

this wonderful news with the children and, ultimately, with their families.

April is also our month to visit the Discovery Center. We will be taking a spring walk later in the month too and looking for all the beauty in God’s creation.

Besides all that, we are in the middle of registration for next fall! We are nearly full in all our classes! This is not to say that we won’t have some cancellations, but **at this point we are full in both morning classes** and the afternoon class is also filling. **I am taking names for a waiting**

list, so if you are still interested, please contact me.

We are also in the process of finding a new teacher/director for next fall – please keep us in your prayers as we pursue this task.

Thank you to all of you for collecting the Dakotamart receipts. Every penny helps!

God’s blessings to each of you as you enjoy this beautiful spring weather and experience the joy of the Easter season.

Jan Larson, Director/teacher



Faith Lutheran Preschool Pre-Registration Form

_____ will attend Faith Lutheran Preschool in the 2017-2018 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:

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

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

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

* Must be three (3) by June 1, 2017

** Must be five (5) by December 31, 2017 or Previously attended Faith Lutheran Preschool

Parent’s Names _____

Parent’s Address _____

Your registration fee: \$30.00 (Non-Refundable)

Monthly Tuition: 2 day - \$75.00



Holy Week Calendar

PALM SUNDAY

8:20 & 11:00 AM

Worship

6:30 PM

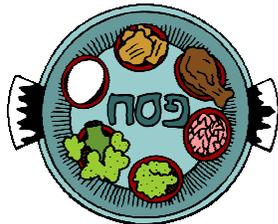


A Living Last Supper

MONDAY, APRIL 10

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GOOD FRIDAY, APRIL 14

5:00 PM-6:15 PM

Baked Potato Dinner



6:15-7:00 PM



Hymn Sing



EASTER

(Service of Darkness)



SUNDAY, APRIL 16

8:20 & 11:00 AM

Easter Worship

9:30 AM Between Services

Easter Breakfast

Thank you, Thank you, Thank you!
Your generosity has made it possible
for our LWML society here at Faith to
send \$556 to the nationwide conven-

More Thanks!

To the People of Faith: Thank you for your hospitality and kindness in hosting 41 students from the Concordia University St. Paul Concert Band.

With many moving parts to the visit, it is most impressive to watch God's people work together in service to others.

Thank you to the Mary/Martha Circle for providing the group's Saturday evening meal, to the Board of Parish Fellowship for the sack lunches as they hit the road Sunday morning, and to all the host families that took students in for the evening.

Faith has sent a donation to the school in support of the band program and to help offset some of the



costs that come in making a tour through the Midwest possible.

Thank you again!

Vacation Bible School

A Mighty Fortress!

June 5-9, 2017

Official Acts

Baptisms

Brynlee Anne Dokken 3/12/17

Jamison Wyatt Ehlers 3/19/17

Jameson Robert Goff 3/26/17

6:30 PM-8:30 PM

Ages 3yrs old-6th grade

Volunteers Needed!

Forever Young

Thursday, April 20, 2017

At noon

Regular Potluck

Men's Fellowship

Daycare News

Greetings, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, from Faith Lutheran Daycare! This last month we have been talking about Jesus' life and the children sure seem interested in what He had to say. We have been hearing some of the parables that our Savior taught to the people. They have heard about the Lost Lamb and the Prodigal Son, as well as talking about Jesus feeding the five thousand and His ride into Jerusalem.

In April we will be telling the Easter story. Sometimes this is hard for children to understand in their innocence. They don't quite understand about death and so this

can make this lesson a hard one. But I do hope that by the end of the month they will realize just how much Jesus loves each and every one of us and he gave His life so we could repent. If they take anything away from the lessons this month I hope that is it.

Faith Lutheran Daycare is currently hiring back up substitutes to be available when full time staff are sick or on vacation. If you would like to apply at the daycare, please pick up an application from Jen in the daycare office. As always, Daycare is thankful for the generosity that our congregation bestows on us. Toys and childcare items being donated to the daycare are always

Softball League

Faith Lutheran hopes to again play in the Men's Friday night softball league during the summer months starting in May. We have a great core group of guys but we need more players. If you are interested, please contact Dennis Ryckman soon at 222-7713 to be added to the roster.





J.Y.M. Circuit Bible Camp *5th - 9th Gr.

*(for the 2017 school year)

Mon, July 17, - Thurs, July 20th 2017

Valentine, NE

Cost: \$90 w/ \$30 Faith Scholarship

Information & sign-up on the back table in the Church Narthex

We would also work to coordinate transportation to and from the camp destination



Camp Minneboji Pastor Baumann has received the booklet information on Camp Minneboji and those are located on the back table in the Narthex for potential campers to grab. There are also two online ways you can get information for camp as well. The first is the Camp Minneboji website which is:

<http://www.angelfire.com/my/bojiblabber/>

The second is the Camp Minneboji Facebook page:

<https://www.facebook.com/campminneboji> If you can, check out the website and Facebook page. And again this year, Faith Lutheran will scholarship each participant \$90 to attend Camp Minneboji. We would also work to coordinate transportation to and from the camp destination. Please e-mail (faith@faithluth.com) or speak with Pastor Baumann concerning any questions.

TEACHERS of Faith Lutheran Church: (Midweek, Sunday School, Adult Bible Studies—Men's... Ladies... In-home etc. — along with our Daycare, & Pre-school Staff & Teachers)... Join us for a **NOON LUNCHEON** in the gym with your family Sunday, April 23rd after the 11 o'clock worship in your honor! Our way of saying thanks for all that you do! We will have lunch, door prizes, and a small program. We praise God for your all service!

Acolyte Training Sunday Evening May 3rd. This training is for all 8th graders, or anyone who wants a refresher, to prepare them for acolyting next.

All 8th graders are to be present from 4:00-5:00 pm on Sunday evening, May 3rd in the sanctuary at Faith followed by an elder sponsored pizza party.

Night of 8th Grade Questioning—All are invited to attend the evening of questioning for our 8th grade confirmation students. The rite of questioning is a major moment for our 8th grade Midweek students and they would be so appreciative of your support. Join us Wednesday, April 26th at 6:30 p.m. in the sanctuary followed by refreshments.

The Theme for this year's Vacation Bible School will be: *A Mighty Fortress: In Jesus the Victory is Won!* Our VBS dates

ACOLYTES FOR APRIL

April 2

Early: Damon Hoftiezer, Brady Hoftiezer
Late: Melissa Hedglin, Jesse Jares

+April 5 LENT 7:00-7:45 p.m.

7:00 Trevor Hayes, Lane Pope

April 9 Palm Sunday (Sunday School Sings at 11 o'clock)

Early: Hannah Lingle, Caiden Jost
Late: Tucker Berens, Trevor Penrod

Monday April 10 - PASSOVER MEAL @ 6 PM IN GYM. YOUTH AND PARENTS WELCOME TO SIGN UP & ATTEND!

April 13 Maundy Thursday

7:00: Maria Noyes, Deni Zeeb

April 14 Good Friday

7:00 (Need 4) Kaycee Carter, Kamden Carter, Nate Hill, Ethan Hill

April 16 EASTER!

Early: (Need 5) Ladd Kramme, Lane Kramme, Nathan Shoup, Jordan Thompson, Sammie Axtell

Late: (Need 5) Britney Hicks, Joseph King, Melissa Hedglin, Daniel Voita, Cassandra VanDeWiele

April 23

Early: Ethan Hill, Bailey Nelson
Late: Brady Hoftiezer, Damon Hoftiezer

Easter Sunday Egg Bakes

The signup sheet for contributing to the assortment of Easter Sunday Egg Bakes is available on the back table in the Narthex. **THANK YOU SO VERY MUCH** for your generous contributions to our youth! - **Easter Breakfast is Sunday, April**