# Faith Lutheran Church NOVEMBER 2017 NEWSLETTER

#### 714 N GRAND AVENUE

PIERRE, SOUTH DAKOTA 57501

# All Saints' Sunday, Nov. 5

All Saints' Sunday will have special moments.

New Memorial Stones will be placed in the Memorial Garden. We will do this every All Saints' Sunday.

We will remember, by name, all those Saints of Christ who have entered the Church Triumphant since our last All Saints' Sunday.



# POBLO

# Thanksgiving Eve

#### Thanksgiving Service Schedule and Change from Previous Years...

This year's Thanksgiving service will be on Thanksgiving Eve, which is Wednesday, November 22<sup>nd</sup> with service time at 6:30 pm. There will be a Chili soup meal before the service beginning at 5:00pm, but come when you are able, lasting until 6:15. Meal will be served by the Pastors. The meal is followed by a hymn sing at 6:15. The hymn sing is followed by service at 6:30. THERE WILL BE NO THANKS-**GIVING DAY WORSHIP SERVICE, ONLY THE EVENING SERVICE THE** NIGHT BEFORE THANKSGIVING **DAY.** So again, Wed. Nov. 22<sup>nd</sup> – Meal @ 5; Hymn Sing @ 6:15; Service @ 6:30. Hope you and all your family



People of the Book Lutheran Outreach

Rev. Farrukh Khan will lead a cross-cultural witnessing workshop on

Saturday, November 18 From 9:00 am-3:00 pm (lunch will be provided)



Born in Pakistan, Pastor Khan himself comes from a family that converted from Islam to Christianity and has special insight on how to witness cross-culturally.

Pastor Khan will also preach and lead the

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REMEMBER TO SET YOUR CLOCKS BACK!

Bible study during our Education Hour on



"Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God." (Philippians 4:6)

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

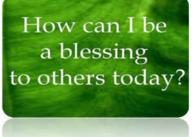
This verse from the fourth chapter of Philippians is good advice. Most of us have become so accustom to our basic needs of food, clothing and shelter that we do not even think about giving thanks for them. We have come to take them for granted, even to the point that we think we deserve these things. So I have a question—If we do not say "Thanks" to God, does God remove these blessings from us? Of course not!

Here at Faith there are many blessings for which to be thankful to God. He has blessed us with a dedicated staff who work tirelessly to ensure that things run smoothly. He has blessed us with people who share their many talents with the church: the choir members; our dedicated organists and praise team members; faithful elders, council and other boards; Pastor Baumann, Paul & Toni Kenefick-Aschoff, Michael Shoup who help with the youth; the Sunday School teachers; the ushers; acolytes; greeters; countless Bible Study leaders; worshipers; visitors; well as you can see the list can go on and on. We try to remember to show our appreciation to all these people, but sometimes a few slip through the cracks. So should these people stop serving if they do not receive thanks? Do we share our skills in order to receive thanks? Or - do we share our skills as a way of giving thanks to God for these very skills we share?

On Thursday, November 23<sup>rd</sup> families all across the country will gather around dinner tables for a national day of thanksgiving to God for all His blessings. To be sure I will have all of you on my mind, giving thanks to God for each and every one of you. I would encourage you all to do the same. But don't stop there. Think about other ways in which you can be a blessing to another person. And then don't just think about it, put those thoughts into action as a way of

thanking God for all that He has blessed you with this past year. (By the way, if you feel comfortable sharing some of your thoughts on how to be a blessing to another person, I'd love to hear them!)

So this Thanksgiving season; don't forget to give thanks to God for all His blessings and then go and be a blessing to another person. All thanks and praise be to God for His indescribable gifts given through the sacrifice of our Savior, Jesus Christ. Come, ye thankful people, come.



In Service to Christ and Neighbor,

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**November 18**<sup>th</sup> – People of the Book Lutheran Outreach (POBLO) workshop at Faith from

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- **November 22<sup>nd</sup>** 9:00am—3:00pm. All are welcome! Thanksgiving Eve worship at 6:30pm.
- **December 6<sup>th</sup>** Midweek Advent worship at 7:30pm.
- **December 13**<sup>th</sup> Midweek Advent worship at 7:30pm.
- **December 20**<sup>th</sup> Midweek Advent worship at 7:30pm.
- **December 24th** Sunday worship at 8:20am ONLY!
- **December 24**<sup>th</sup> Christmas Eve worship at 5:00pm and 7:30pm.
- **December 25th** Christmas Day worship at 9:00am.



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## HAPPY "UN—THANKSGIVING!"

"Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: Rejoice!"

If there was ever anyone in the Scriptures that had reason to complain about his trials and tribulations, it was the Apostle Paul. I love the list he gives us in 2 Corinthians 11:16-33, specifically verses 23-33, because it makes my life and my struggles seem pale in comparison.

"... I have worked much harder, been in prison more frequently, been flogged more severely, and been exposed to death again and again.<sup>24</sup> Five times I received from the Jews the forty lashes minus one.<sup>25</sup> Three times I was beaten with rods, once I was pelted with stones, three times I was shipwrecked, I spent a night and a day in the open sea, <sup>26</sup> I have been constantly on the move. I have been in danger from rivers, in danger from bandits, in danger from my fellow Jews, in danger from Gentiles; in danger in the city, in danger in the country, in danger at sea; and in danger from false believers.<sup>27</sup> I have labored and toiled and have often gone without sleep; I have known hunger and thirst and have often gone without food; I have been cold and naked.<sup>28</sup> Besides everything else, I face daily the pressure of my concern for all the churches.<sup>29</sup> Who is weak, and I do not feel weak? Who is led into sin, and I do not inwardly burn?<sup>30</sup> If I must boast, I will boast of the things that show my weakness...<sup>32</sup> In Damascus the governor under King Aretas had the city of the Damascenes guarded in order to arrest me.<sup>33</sup> But I was lowered in a basket from a window in the wall and slipped through his hands."

Let's not forget just to top it all off, Paul was also bitten by a viper in Acts 28. If we are all completely honest, we'd confess that the things Paul mentions that he gives thanks for, would <u>not</u> be the same reasons that would cause *us* to rejoice or be things that we would give thanks for. But not for St. Paul! Things that you or I might be UN-thankful for, are the very things that Paul boasts about, because they evidence Christ Jesus. Jesus, the One who suffered willingly and obediently teaches us to "... *Do all things for the glory of the Father.*" *Col. 3:17, 23 & 1 Cor. 10:31.* Paul's list of hardships gives new meaning to the verse: "*I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me!*" No matter what, St. Paul was confident the Lord would con-

"God has made you to be the person you are today, someone who seeks after tinue the good work begun in him and that he would continue to share Christ, and for Paul that meant *doing all things*, in any and every circumstance no matter how life threatening, all to the glory of God.

There is no question that today's world seeks to minimize pain and maximize pleasure. In other words, Suffering=Bad & Happiness=Good. In a technological world that takes the path of least resistance, we might do well to follow St. Paul's difficult lead as he follows Jesus. Not that we want to suffer, or that we invite it as Christians, but when we do face trial and adversity, hardship and dis-

comfort because of our devotion to our Christian faith and the God who made us all and redeemed us all, we know that at the end of the day, it's all about Christ and the Father's love as evidenced on the cross.

So, give thanks for the pumpkin pies, the family, the football, and the feast, but don't forget about those things that you're "un-thankful" for as well—those things that have molded you and those fiery trials and things that God has used to shape you to be the man or woman that you are today who stands unwavering in your confession that Jesus is Lord. God has made you to be the person you are today, someone who seeks after Christ like St. Paul did in *EVERY* and *ANY* circumstance. For when I am weak, then He is strong! Thanks be to God for all the things I'm unthankful for.

"In the cross of Christ I glory, Tow'ring over the wrecks of time. All the light of sacred story Gathers round its head sublime. When the woes of life o'er-take me, hopes deceive and fears annoy, never shall the cross forsake me; lo, it glows with peace and joy. Bane and blessing, pain and pleasure By the cross are sanctified; Peace is there that knows no measure, Joys that through all time abide." LSB 427 V 1, 2,4

### ETERNAL FATHER, STRONG TO SAVE

#### "He stilled the storm to a whisper; the waves of the sea were hushed." Psalm 107:29

A few weeks ago, Moriah Gross, Larry Johnson and I played "The Navy Hymn" at the beginning of the premiere public screening of "South Dakota Warrior." The film features Lt. Commander John Waldron, a Ft. Pierre native who flew into certain death, leading his squadron and flying his torpedo bomber as it was shot down at the onset of the Battle of Midway. While "The Navy Hymn" is very familiar to me, and known as "Eternal Father, Strong to Save" in our LSB 717, it was actually the first time I had ever played it at an event such as this. It did not go unnoticed that the music had an emotional impact on a number of people.

> Eternal Father, strong to save, whose arm hath bound the restless wave, Who bidd'st the mighty ocean deep its own appointed limits keep: O hear us when we cry to Thee for those in peril on the sea.

The hymn came from the pen of an Englishman, William Whiting (1825-1878), who was inspired by the references of the dangers of the sea in Psalm 107:23-30. It first appeared in "Hymns Ancient and Modern" in 1861. At the time, England had a reputation as a great naval power, and the hymn became associated with seafarers, especially in the maritime armed services. It became known as the Sailor's Hymn and was sung every Sunday on board ships of the Royal Navy, UK. Winston Churchill ordered it sung on HMS Prince of Wales during the Mid-Atlantic Meeting with President Franklin D. Roosevelt. It has since been sung at the end of services at the US Naval Academy in Annapolis, and also at President Roosevelt's funeral in Hyde Park, NY in 1945 (as well as the funerals of Richard Nixon, Gerald Ford and Ronald Regan). The iconic hymn was also played as President John F. Kennedy was carried to the Capitol to lie in State. President Roosevelt had, at one time, been Secretary of the Navy, and it is well-known that President Kennedy was a PT Boat Commander.

O Christ, whose voice the waters heard and hushed their raging at Thy word, Who walkedst on the foaming deep and calm amid its rage didst sleep; O hear us when we cry to Thee for those in peril on the sea.

The theme of the Psalm is a description of distress at sea, a prayer to the Lord, followed by details of delivery and expressions of thanks. The hymn portrays the ocean's terrifying vastness and power, yet begins with a singular reference to the Father's arm, powerful enough to command the waters to do his bidding. In Bible times, the sea represented a real threat to sailors and fishermen. Paul was shipwrecked, and Jonah and the disciples certainly experienced the difficulties of unpredictable waters. Jesus was associated with the Sea of Galilee, and the hymn recalls his walking on the water, and also as he slept through a storm that rose up during the evening crossing. It is a reminder that when we face troubling times and are caught up in the tumultuous

storms of life, we can call upon the redeeming hand of God in our desperation. Even the final phrase of music at the end of each verse suggests the swell and ebb of the waves.

> Most Holy Spirit, who didst brood upon the chaos dark and rude, And bid its angry tumult cease, and give, for wild confusion, peace; O hear us when we cry to Thee for those in peril on the sea.





Karen Lindbloom

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### STEWARDSHIP CORNER

### What Money Can't Buy

There's an old comedy routine where an armed robber walks up to Jack Benny, shoves a gun in his ribs and snarls, "Your money or your life!" There's a long pause. Jack Benny, who decades ago was a renowned comedian known for his thriftiness, does nothing. He says nothing. We can imagine Benny standing with his weight on one foot, holding his chin in one hand. The robber nudges him with the gun and impatiently asks: "Well?" Benny hesitates a moment longer, then says, "Don't rush me. I'm thinking! I'm thinking!"

That's how attached some of us are to money. Given a choice between our money or our lives, it's hard to decide. If a robber pointed a gun and asked for our wallets, we'd probably give him the money instead of losing our lives, but, in other ways, we have, in fact, chosen money over life. Dome choose what career to pursue and what job offer to accept based not on life's dreams, but on what pays the most money. Some move from one place to another, not because it will be a better life for our families but simply because it will mean a pay increase.

Through faith, we understand that our culture has it wrong when it tells us that a good life is dependent on having money and things. Life is God's gift, as is the enjoyment of life. *"Everyone also to whom God has given wealth and possessions and power to enjoy them, and to accept his lot and rejoice in his toil—this is the gift of God"* (Ecclesiastes 5:19). In order to accept God's gift of happiness in our work and life, we need to understand that there are some things money can't buy.

One thing money can't buy is <u>content-</u> <u>ment</u>. "*He who loves money will not be satisfied with money*..." (Ecclesiastes 5:10).

Something else money can't buy is <u>friendship</u>. Money can bring you lots of people who pretend to be your friends, but how many of them are more interested in your money than in you as a person?

A third thing that money can't buy is <u>peace of mind</u>. Money-lovers are beset with worry.

The most important thing that money can't buy is <u>life after death</u>. All the money in the world can't prevent death from coming, and when it comes, you can't keep one penny of what you've piled up. Money can't buy eternal life with God, and it can't buy God's life within us right now.

The truth is that, if you have piles of money but don't have God, you have nothing. If you don't have money but do have God, you have everything. If you believe that money is the key to satisfying your desires, then you will miss out on life, present and eternal. But if a joyful life with God is what you want, then don't be greedy for money. Be greedy for God. Pray that His life will live in you.

#### Giving Millions for the Lord's Work

Many years ago a young man of sixteen years left home to seek his fortune. All his worldly possessions were tied up in a bundle, which he carried in his hand. As he trudged along he met an old neighbor, the captain of a canal-boat, and the following conversation took place, which changed the boy's life.

"Well, William, where are you going?"

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"I don't know," he answered. "Father is too poor to keep me at home any longer and says I must now make a living for myself."

"There's no trouble about that," said the captain. "Be sure you start right, and you'll do well."

William told his friend that the only trade he knew anything about was soap and candle making, at which he had helped his father while at home.

"Well," said the old man, "let me pray with you once more and give you a little advice, and then I will let you go."

They both kneeled down, and the dear old man prayed earnestly for ?William and then gave this advice: "Someone will soon be the leading soap-maker in New York. It can be you as well as any one. I hope it may. Be a good man; give your heart to Christ; pay the Lord all that belongs to Him of every dollar you earn; make an honest soap; give a full pound, and I am certain you yet will be a prosperous and rich man."

When the boy arrived in the city, he found it hard to get work. Lonesome and far from home, he remembered his mother's words and the last words of the canal-boat captain. He was then led to "seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness" (Matthew 6:33) He remembered his promise to the old captain that the first dollar he earned brought up the question of the Lord's part. In the Bible, he found that God commanded His people to give one-tenth; so, he said, "If the Lord will rake onetenth, I will give that." And so he did; and ten cents of every dollar were sacred to the Lord.

He found regular employment and soon became a partner; after a few years his partners died, and William became the sole owner of the business.



Dear Members of Faith Lutheran Church,

The Board of Missions & Evangelism requests your help! We will be taking clothing and books to Rosebud Reservation. We will have boxes set up in November in the narthex to put items in if you wish to donate. We will take gently used books and clothing but request that the clothing be clean. If you have any questions please speak to a member of the Board of Missions & Evangelism: Justin Bell, Dodie Hardy, Dennis Ryckman, Lindsey Schilling, Norma Schilling, Bob Green, Melissa Neyhart, Debra Ramquist, or Carlene Barber. <u>Deadline to have items turned in is November 30<sup>th</sup>.</u> Thank you!

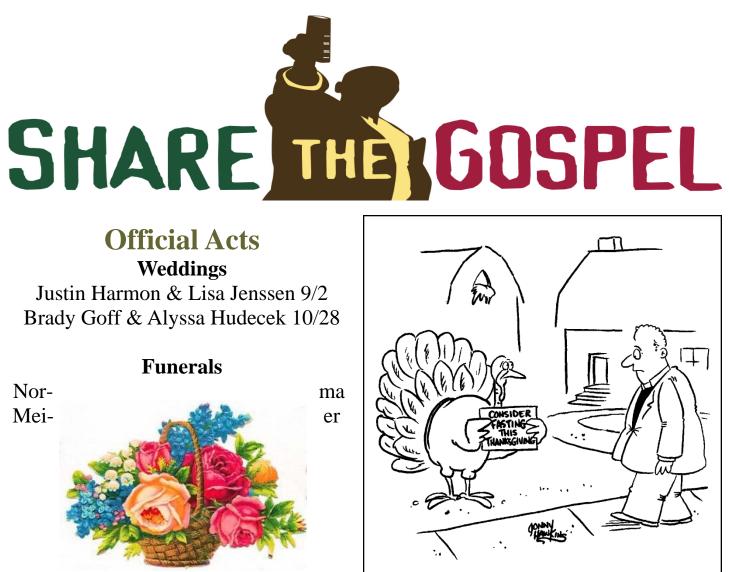


### POBLO International

What is Islam? Who is ISIS? How can I be a clear witness to people in Islam and other religions? If you've ever wondered about these things, then come and join us as People of the Book Lutheran Outreach (POBLO), led by Rev. Farrukh Khan, will share tips in a cross-cultural witnessing workshop on <u>Sat-</u>

<u>urday, November 18<sup>th</sup> from 9:00am to 3:00pm</u> (lunch will be provided). Born in Pakistan, Pastor Khan himself comes from a family that converted from Islam to Christianity and has special insight on how to witness cross-culturally. (Pastor Khan will also preach and lead the Bible study during our Education Hour on Sunday).

POBLO international is a Christian organization working to transform the way missions are approached in the United States by responding to the changing demographics that have brought the mission field to our own front yard. They serve immigrants and refugees and train and educate churches on how to engage in cross-cultural outreach. POBLO's missions work consists primarily of missionary training, church planting, and grassroots evangelism through Bible studies and one-on-one conversations with those interested in exploring the Christian faith or learning more about Jesus. The fields are ripe for harvest (John 4:35) right here in the U.S., and POBLO is responding by planting 84 churches in the U.S., Afghanistan, Bangladesh, India, and Pakistan and training 116 missionaries worldwide. More than 2,100 individuals have come to faith in Christ and been baptized through POBLO's ministry efforts, through the grace of God and the power of the Holy Spirit.



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### Giving Millions continued

He educated his family, settled all his plans for life, and gave all his income to the Lord's work. He prospered more than ever.

This is the story of Mr. William Colgate, who has given millions of dollars to the Lord's cause and left a name that will never die.



# Commitment Cards

Enclosed with your newsletter you will find a Commitment Card and envelope. Please prayerfully consider your financial commitment for next year, fill out your card and return it to the church in the envelope provided. *Please do not put money or checks into this envelope as they will not be opened*. This is a commitment just between you and God.

Please return the sealed envelopes to the church office or you may put them in the offering plate.

The Commitment cards will be dedicated on Sun-





You shall eat your fill and bless the LORD your God for the good land that he has given you. Deuteronomy 8:10



Basil Miller

Sunday School and Midweek Children's Christ-



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Greetings, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, from Faith Lutheran Daycare! We love our families!!! In October we have been blessed to be talking about our families! Some are little, some are big, but we love our families no matter what! We talked about many families from the Bible and also about how we should treat our family members. As we continue on our Bible journeys in November we will be discussing: Moses' birth and crossing of the Red Sea, the Israelites going to the Promised Land, and the battle of Jericho. November is our month of "Thanks be to God" as we celebrate Thanksgiving as well!

The children are excited

about the change in seasons and getting to play outside in the nice breezy autumn days. We have a lot of fun crafts and activities planned for the children, along with some special guests.

The Halloween party is scheduled for Monday, October 31 from 3pm-5:30pm. The children, staff, and visitors are encouraged to dress up and bring spooky fun snacks for the party. Please let Jen or Deb know if you would be interested in being involved in the activities.

November will bring learning about Moses' life and many more crafts and projects for the season. 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!

Please continue to keep the daycare in your prayers as we strive to provide the best childcare possible. If you have any craft items (specifically old color crayons that we can melt into new crayons), pictures to color, toys, or your time, let Jen know. We will make use of every resource offered. As always, Dakota-mart receipts and box tops are always greatly appreciated and offer service to Faith Lutheran Church, our Preschool and our Daycare programs. Have a great November!



### Faith Lutheran Preschool News

During the month of October, Faith Lutheran Preschool had several community helpers visit us and tell us about their work. Paula Tronvold and John Boeugher visited with us about fire safety. Pastor Baumann told us about Jesus and what our pastor does. Mandy Steen talked to us about being a massage therapist and Tyler Steen told us what to do when weather is bad. We learned about dental health from Jessica Horsley. We also talked to Doctor Amy Lueking about staying healthy. We met Jay Fredrich, who keeps our rooms clean and Helen Kiepke who answers the telephone for us. To all these special people who

help us, we say "Thank You"!

We also carved a pumpkin in each class into a jack-o'-lantern, shared goodies and told about our costumes for Halloween. Our color for October was orange, the shape was circle, the number was 1 and the letters are DEF. We made elephant puppets and learned about what elephants eat. Each week that we had a visitor, we wrote our names on our thank you poster for them.

In November we will be going to the Cultural Heritage Museum, talking about Native American Culture, decorating a large tipi, and

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learning about prayer and Thanksgiving. Our shape is square, the color is brown, the unit is ABC's and the number is 4. Our letters that we will be emphasizing are GHI. It is really great to be able to tell the children the story of the first Thanksgiving and telling them the real reason for the holiday – thanking God for all that He gives us. Thank you for the privilege of sharing that with families as well as the students in preschool. God's richest blessings to each of you!



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### FAITH LUTHERAN YOUTH PAGE

\***Reminder**\*  $7^{\text{th}}$  and  $8^{\text{th}}$  grade midweek students should be completing sermon outlines – 12 are required for  $7^{\text{th}}$  graders, 15 are required for  $8^{\text{th}}$  graders if 12 were completed while in  $7^{\text{th}}$  grade, if  $7^{\text{th}}$  grade obligation was not met, then 20 are required for  $8^{\text{th}}$  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 6:00 to 7:15 p.m. on Monday, October 31<sup>st</sup>. Dress up as your favorite Biblical character or best Angry Bird costume and we hope to see you there in this safe, fun, and welcoming environment!

**The LYF High School Group** is raising funds for youth group activities for the upcoming year. We go skiing, bowling, make trips to Zesto, go tubing on the Niobrara, order pizza, buy supplies for car washes and other fundraisers, go to waterparks and much more! They will be selling 200 Kuchen on Sat. Dec. 10<sup>th</sup> and again on Sun. Dec. 11<sup>th</sup>. Some possible flavors that might be available include: peach, apricot, plum, or blueberry. Kuchen are \$10 each. The LYF high school youth group would like to thank

November Acolytes





#### November 5

Early: Zane Schuchard, Adam Forman Late: Ajaye Hicks, Britney Hicks

## November 12 (Sunday School Sings at 11 o'clock)

Early: Hannah Lingle, Megan Pease Late: Molly Neyhart, Shelby Roman

### November 19 (Sunday School Sings at 11 o'clock)

Early: Trevor Penrod, Sammie Axtell Late: Emily Haberling, Nathan Haberling

**November 22 Thanksgiving Eve** 6:30 pm Jordan Thompson, Austin Fawcett

#### November 26

Early: Kaylie Rathbun, Ethan Hill



#### Advent Services and Midweek

**Class:** This year, the Advent Worship services leading up to Christmas will occur from 7:30 to 8:00 pm on December 6<sup>th</sup>, December 13<sup>th</sup>, and Dec. 20<sup>th</sup>. The Midweek Class schedule will be class and Program Rehearsal from 6:30 to 7:30 and then the invitation is for youth to worship with families from 7:30 until 8. There is no Midweek class on Dec 20<sup>th</sup>. Christmas Programs are pm Dec. 10<sup>th</sup>. The Aquatic Center Fun Night will take place in January and regular class will resume on Dec 13<sup>th</sup> with worship.

**J.Y.M. Lock-in** We had an absolute blast at the *Junior Y outh Ministry Lock-In* held Oct. 13 and 14<sup>th</sup>. It was such a fun way to get youth involved and be excited about

being with one another and off of their phones. The group of 18<sup>th</sup> youth and 3 adults spent 10 hours together. Some of that time together was spent bowling at Lariat Lanes for Thunder Ally. We played lots of games in the gym, worked together, got to know one another through *ice breakers* and *community buildering* activities.

We ate lots of food and delicious snacks, watched a movie, as well as carved pumpkins. We had a devotion in the sanctuary and one by "Holy Cross Landing."

Thank you to all the parents that brought their kids and for the donation of canned goods and contribution of a snack. Thank you also to Pastor and Arlene Naasz for donating the pumpkins

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for the youth. We look forward to another fun opportunity next year.

Sunday School and Midweek Children's Christmas programs are going to be Sunday,