

September 2017 Newsletter

Faith Lutheran Church

714 N Grand Avenue

Pierre, SD 57501

Rally Day

September 10, 2017

IT'S A FIESTA!



Noon Fiesta Meal
with walking **tacos**



- **Hosted by our Board of Parish Fellowship**

- **A-L bring a vegetable dish to share**
- **M-Z bring a dessert to share**



- **2nd Graders receive their Bibles at the 11:00 Service**



- **Sunday School on the 10th 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**



"Thus Far Has the Lord Helped Us." 1 Samuel 7:12



*"Before the mountains were born or you brought forth the earth and the world,
from everlasting to everlasting you are God." (Psalm 90:2)*

I don't know about you, but I can hardly believe it. Summer is almost over! The older I get the faster time seems to pass by. The signs of autumn are all around us: the weather is getting cooler, the days are getting shorter, and the children heading off to school (it's hard to believe both of my daughters are in middle school). I remember growing up in northern Wisconsin, you could always tell that autumn was here when the Canadian geese would form their famous "v" shaped flying pattern and migrate to their winter home.

Speaking of migration, many of us have or will be making our way back to where we need to be this time of year. Most of us have taken our vacations. If you are going off to college, you've already moved. Students, teachers, administrators, and workers return to schools, colleges and universities. Athletes report to the practice fields. Choir rehearsals have resumed.

It's no different here at Faith. Rally day will be held on Sept. 10th along with the beginning of our Adult Bible Study on Sunday mornings. Midweek classes will begin on Wednesday evenings. Pretty soon we'll be into Thanksgiving, Advent, Lent, Easter, Pentecost and then our summer begins again. Time just never seems to stand still. This realization reminds me of the well-known hymn, "O God, Our Help in Ages Past." Several of the stanzas read like this...

*O God, our help in ages past, Our hope for years to come,
Our shelter from the stormy blast, And our eternal home.*

*Under the shadow of Thy throne Thy saints have dwelt secure;
Sufficient is Thine arm alone, And our defense is sure.*

*Time, like an ever-rolling stream, Soon bears us all away;
We fly forgotten as a dream Dies at the op'ning day.*

*O God, our help in ages past, Our hope for years to come,
Be Thou our guard while troubles last And our eternal home!*

Even though time passes on, there is one thing that is constant: "O God, our help in ages past, Our hope for years to come." As you make your way back, take comfort in knowing that God will never leave us

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**our help in ages past
our hope for years to come**

“Empty”

nor will He forsake us. His is our help and our hope both now and forever. Amen.

In His Service,

Pastor Cory

John 3:30 *“He must increase, but I must decrease.”*

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

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

death.”

Talk about being empty! Ultimately this Psalm points us to the One who was completely emptied for us. Jesus- His strength was emptied on the cross and through everything it took to march the hill known as *The Place of the Skull* to get there for us. He was laid in the dust of death for us. His dignity emptied for us. His life poured out and emptied all for us. For those days and moments when you feel completely hollowed out and empty, like you’ve got nothing left and emptier than ever—rest in the strength and promises of Christ that God will never leave you nor forsake you. Know that it was for you that the Son of God, Jesus Christ, was poured out unto death, poured out to fill you with God’s incredible love that will carry you through even the darkest of days.

Christ transforms your emptiness into a vessel which brings God glory. On those hollow days, may your prayer to the Lord be especially meaningful and honest—may you fill someone else up—encourage, love, serve! In your baptism, you are filled with all the promises of Jesus Christ. Jesus’ death and resurrection declares all God’s promises to you. The cross of Christ would be a sad and tragic story had death fully won. We know that the body of the Son of God was placed in a tomb, and that tomb was filled with the corpse of a dead Jesus. But three

days later, the tomb was

!!!! YOU GOT IT!!! EMPTY! So too the cross, it too was empty. And Jesus was made alive and lives and reigns to this day as He is seated at the right hand of God the Father.

Pastor Joshua Baumann

“So, pour us out, Oh Lord. Empty us of all those sinful and worldly desires that would pull us away from you. Fill us up with your love so that we may fill others with the love Jesus has for them.”

We are a people sent forth by the love of God. We are emptied of who we are, so that Christ may fill our lives, and His name be glorified. He must increase, we must decrease! For I no longer live, but Christ lives in me.

God’s blessings as you live for the King!

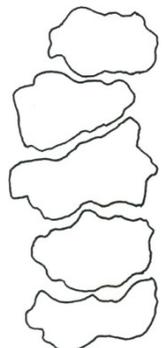
Pastor Baumann

Memorial Garden

Memorial Stones

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

There are request



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I AM THE BREAD OF LIFE

Jesus said to them, "I am the bread of life; whoever comes to Me shall not hunger, and whoever believes in Me shall never thirst." John 6: 35

Several days ago, I happened to hear one of my favorite songs from the '70's on the radio. "Make It With You" was a hit recorded by the "soft rock" band, Bread. Listening to the music took me right back to my college years. (Supposedly, the name "Bread" was chosen by the group after being stuck in traffic behind a Wonder Bread truck.) The song writer was obviously looking for love; someone who would be by his side through all the ups and downs that life would throw his way.

Life can be short or long,
Love can be right or wrong,
And if I chose the one I'd like to help me through,
I'd like to make it with you.

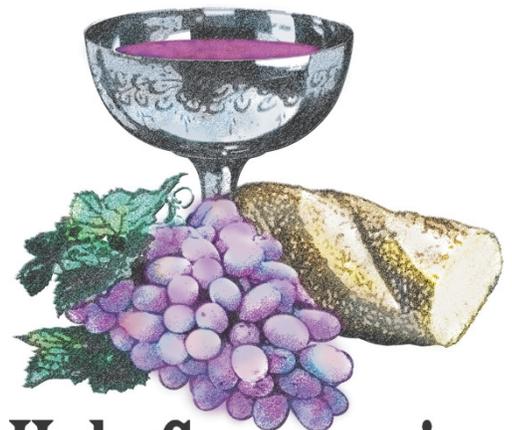
Interestingly enough, Sunday's Gospel lesson was about Jesus feeding the five thousand. We also discussed this at staff devotions the previous Thursday. The miracle meal included bread. In almost every culture, bread is a staple. Italians have their focaccia; tortillas come from Mexico; pita bread represents the Middle East, along with lavash, a flatbread from Iran and Turkey; matzo is unleavened bread from Jewish culture; Native Americans are known for their wonderful fry bread. Bread is an article of food of the first necessity – a complete life sustainer in which the ingredients combine the sustaining powers of the animal and vegetable kingdom in one product. Grain is exceptionally nutritious and can be consumed on its own.

Bread is also significant in Christianity. Jesus said, "I am the Bread of Life." When we pray, "Give us this day our daily bread," it covers far more than bread itself. Bread includes all the necessities of life – not just a short-term physical need. We put our trust in God to provide for us in every way. Bread is God's Word, a staple of our spiritual life. Real Life comes from feeding on God's Word. Bread also represents the part of God's family that lasts forever – the Church. Bread represents and is Jesus' sacrifice in the Lord's Supper, reminding us of how much He loved us so we would inherit eternal life.

In the above hit by Bread, our Lord would be the perfect One to be by our side for life. He is our Staple, Sustainer and Strength. In my home church, down in the old basement fellowship hall, there was a song board attached to the wall above the serving window. Before every meeting or event where food was served, this verse was always sung:

"Feed Thy children, God most holy; comfort sinners poor and lowly.
O Thou Bread of Life from heaven, bless the food Thou here hast given!
As these gifts the body nourish; may our souls in graces flourish
Till with saints in heav'nly splendor at Thy feast due thanks we render."

The old kitchen is hardly used anymore and the fellowship hall was made into classrooms. The serving window is still there, as is the original song board. It's a good reminder of God's blessings, past and present.



Holy Communion

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Member/Family Information Sheet

In this month's newsletter you will find enclosed a goldenrod colored member/family information sheet. Please fill it out and return it to the office.

We now have a new membership program. To truly utilize this program we need this information. We don't have this information for most of our members. Long-time members information was not put into the previous system so we do not have

your information either. This information is important for our yearly reports to Synod and for our own reports. Please help us get this new system up and running as efficiently as possible.

If you do not currently have children in your household you don't need to fill in that information unless you want their contact numbers on file in case of an emergency.

Men's Fellowship

Your help is greatly appreciated! Thanks!

Our Men's Club begins again this Fall on Monday September 11th at 7:00 pm in the Christian Family Life Center.



Beverage will be provided, bring a snack to share!



Choir will begin again on Tuesday, September 11 at 6:30 p.m.

We are always in need of more voices, so if you read music and 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. 11 at 6:30.

Please



join us!

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 Lindbloom at 224-5292, or



HANDBELL CHOIR



Congregational Fish Fry

A huge THANK YOU to Cordell Costar, Brad Schultz, Vern Dockter, and Ken Shelbourn for cooking the fish for the August Congregational 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! Some were: Al Weller, Chuck Atkins, Gary Maronne, Brad Schultz, Vern Dockter and Cordell Costar.

A huge THANK YOU to all who volunteered to help clean up!

Our next Forever Young is the third Thursday of September, that

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cited to finally meet the face that goes with the name on the preregistration form! Classes start the week after Labor Day - September 11th & 12th.

Hello, I am Carissa Naasz and I am excited to start my new position as the Preschool Director and Teacher here at Faith Lutheran Preschool. I have been a member of Faith for the last 8 years, and I am excited to share God's love with the children. I have a bachelors' degree in Elementary Education with a minor in Early Childhood Education and a Kindergarten endorsement. I taught 8 years in the classroom from Kindergarten to Grade 2. I was also a director of an after-school program here in Pierre.

On Tuesday, August 29th, 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. We are very ex-

I am very blessed to have four dedicated and experienced staff members to help me share the love of Jesus with the little ones. Donna Gohl, Anita Marso, Dusti Palecek and Beth Hand will all be returning to Faith Lutheran Preschool this fall. What a blessing it is to have the same group of dedicated women to work with at preschool!

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.



Daycare News

Greetings, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, from Faith Lutheran Daycare!! We have had such a fun and eventful summer here at the daycare, we are sad to see it come to an end. We were lucky enough to have all of our school aged children (plus some more!)



with us this summer for full days. The days have been full of playing outside in the water, going to the pool, library, YMCA, Discovery Center and various parks.

As September quickly approaches and we prepare to get back on track with our normal schedules we will begin with discussing "One in Christ" curriculum which will run all the way through the year! The first few weeks of September we will be talking about the Creation; all about ourselves, animals, and everything that God has created for us. We are constantly amazed by how much our little ones take away from these lessons. And we hope that their thirst for the

knowledge found in the Bible never ends.

The current enrollment at the daycare is 84 total children. We have 9 babies, 20 toddlers, 27 three to five year olds, and 28 schoolers. Our staff consists of 14 teachers, 3 teacher's aides, and 5 subs. We were blessed with Jayd Mullen, Brooke Wiest and Jolee Smith this summer, but we must bid them farewell and wish them the best in their college endeavors! We'll also see our high school staff Kaylee Eckert, Teyha Weyer and Kassie Tronvold a bit less, but we're glad that they are planning on staying with us after school!

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 appreciated! We hope that everyone's summer was as fulfilling as ours was!

Jen Hovelson



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Coming in September

LWML Fall Christian Life Workshop entitled “**Marriage and Family: God’s Plan**” will be held here at Faith on **Saturday, September 16** from 9:30-3:00. Pastor Dan Domke will be conducting the study with the opening and closing devotion being led by Pastor Corey Rajek. There is no fee, however a free will offering will be gathered to cover the cost of the event, the lunch and mites. Please plan to come and enjoy the day with other women of



Put these words of mine in
your heart and soul
Teach them to your children
Deuteronomy 11:18-19, NRSV

faith!

Faith Lutheran’s Life Team

Faith Lutheran’s Life Team invites you to serve short-term on a committee that is planning a Community Walk for Pregnancy and Infant Loss Awareness Month this October!

Our goal is to provide comfort to the grieving and awareness to the community as a whole.

Please join us at 9:45 am on Sunday, August 27th in the St. Paul room for our first meeting.

Faith’s Praises

Do you enjoy singing or playing guitar, bass, or drums? Then consider participating in worship with Faith’s Praises! The group usually meets to practice on Wednesday nights from 6:30-7:30 (during Midweek - especially convenient for those of you with kids in that age group!) and leads singing for worship about once a month. All ages and abilities are welcome. And, feel free to come and go through the year as your schedule dictates. If you have interest or questions, please contact April Hodges (222-7087; darinandapril@midco.net) or Annette Hill (224-0884; [## Our Bulletin and Newsletter Assemblers](mailto:nane-</p>
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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:

- Linda Denke
- Marcia Johnson
- Freda Peters
- Mary Hiller
- Lila Houck
- JoAnn Sanders

When available we get help from:

- Dale & Donna Gohl

Thanks for your continued commitment everyone!

Official Acts

Baptisms

Greyson Joshua Boxley
Dylan Tyler Brooks

Weddings

Justin Harmon & Lisa Jensen

Funerals

Neal O’Day
Janice Engelhart
Eugene Schlichenmayer



Ann Schimkat

Blood Drive Thank You

The Faith Lutheran Blood Drive on Thursday, August 16th went very well.

We had 48 donors, with 60 pints that were donated.

Thanks to everyone who donated blood. Thanks to Char Russell for do-





JOIN US FOR...

Mariachi San Pablo IN CONCERT & IN WORSHIP

FREE ADMISSION! FREE ADMISSION!

DATE: SAT., OCT. 28TH & SUN., OCT. 29TH

TIME: 6:00PM SATURDAY CONCERT

OR

3:00PM SUNDAY REFORMATION WORSHIP

FAITH EV. LUTHERAN CHURCH

714 N. GRAND AVE. PIERRE, SD 57501

Please join us for Mariachi San Pablo whose songs include: traditional hymns and contemporary Christian songs in both English and Spanish. They also play a variety of music from the popular mariachi tradition. While at home on the US/Mexico Border in El Paso, TX, Mariachi San Pablo works to reach their community through music that both inspires and touches the lives of those who hear it. Since its beginning in 2001, the group has also traveled to 17 different U.S. States as well as into Mexico (103 cities in all), performing for a variety of Lutheran conventions, conferences, and church events, celebrating with, and assisting others in reaching the Hispanic populations in their communities.

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT: FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH @ 605-224-2216

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The Place Across the Street...

“Jesus replied, ‘Foxes have holes and birds of the air have nests, but the Son of Man has no place to lay his head.’” Luke 9:58

“The church has a *staff apartment*?” I am surprised to occasionally find out that some individuals have no idea that the church owns a two-family apartment house just across the street. Well, we do! It is a nice blessing to have. The next question typically is: “How much does it get used?” That depends of course. *The Staff Apartments* as they are so called, are used as needed, which can be and has been anything from: Hong Kong students coming to visit, guest preachers, musical groups and their team, Captive Free when they were a thing, Pastor Rajek and family when we called him and family until they could purchase their own home, Main Street Living taping group stays there once to twice a year, other Pastors have called and have had members traveling across the state during inclement weather and asked if they could stay there to keep their family safe. Other guests and visitors of the church have used it as needed as well. Perhaps a yearly average of once every month, or once every two months might seem approximate. While we can’t permanently house guests and families there outside of church business for long term because of the tax status of the property, we can utilize it for those who come into our midst as a way to love and care for them. We have a member who graciously donates their time to clean, change sheets, and help upkeep the inside of that building. For that we are thankful!

The new two-stall garage added in '15 has been a great addition to that property. Another great addition, as of this past July, has been the donation of two end tables, two lamps, and a wonderful pull-out sleeper sofa that is less than 2 years old. We thank the individual who gifted in-kind these items. And a special thanks to Matt King, Brain Zeeb, Brian’s two sons, and one other person who helped to move the items in. If there is something you’d like to donate and it is new, in good condition, or gently used that might possibly be a good addition to the Staff Apartment, please let the Pastors know who in turn will bring it to the Trustees and Facility Administrator. Not everything will fit the need, but it’s certainly worth asking! We thank God for



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Ways you can help us
prepare for

Country Fair

October 21, 2017
9:00 AM to 1:00 PM

Theme:
"Leaves Are Falling, Autumn is Calling"

PLAN TO BRING

- Baked Goods (bars, cookies, breads, etc.)
- Fudge & All Kinds of Candy (LOTS of it)
- Crafts/Pottery/Homemade Jewelry/
Knitted & Crocheted Items/Items Made of
Wood/Weavings
- Jellies & Jams (they are popular, and we need
a LOT of them)
- Canned Goods, Salsa, Sauces (salsa sells out
quickly!)
- Homegrown Produce & Honey
- Collectibles & Small Antiques
- Gently Used Household Items
- PIES PIES PIES!!!



SIGN UP TO HELP

We need a LOT of help in the booths. Sign up to help for just a couple of hours, or for the entire event. Why not ask a friend to join you working in a booth? Sign up sheets are on the Country Fair table in the Narthex.

EARLY NEEDS

Recipes in a Jar

Jane Braley: 945-0456

1. **Select a recipe** from the Country Fair Table in the Narthex.
2. **Follow the Instructions:** the sheet will tell you what ingredients are needed, and how to layer or mix them in a pint or quart jar.
3. **Label the jar.** Leave it on the Country Fair Table by Sun. Sept 17.



Items for Gift Baskets

Julie Linn 280-0175

Here's some of the items we need for the all-occasion gift baskets we'll be putting together:

- Cups and soup mugs, all colors
- Kitchen utensils such as wooden spoons
- Cloth linens: potholders, dish towels, napkins
- Napkin rings
- Decorative memo pads and notepads
- Individual packets of flavored beverages
- Miniature candy bars & wrapped hard candy
- Soaps and Lotions

Note: Leave in the coat closet in the Narthex by Sun. Sept. 24th.



Stop at the Country Fair table in the Narthex:

- For info on Recipes in a Jar
- For ideas on what to make
- To sign up to bring pies
- To volunteer to help at this fun event

Questions? Talk to Kristy Deal (280-7004)

Upcoming Bible Studies



Walking in the Word...2017 Fall Bible Study & Fellowship Opportunities @ Faith Lutheran Church

Please Check the Desired Study/ies & Return to the Church, **OR** Keep the Sheet & Just Let Us Know! 224-2216

SUNDAY- (Entire Faith Congregation) *"A Man Named Martin; Part 3: The Movement."* Sunday mornings from Sept. 17-Oct. 22nd. Together, we'll see how the Reformation transformed European society and eventually, left a profound impression around the globe. This study will end in the culmination of a grand Reformation service on Oct. 29th at 3:00 pm in the Faith sanctuary. The music group, Mariachi San Pablo, from El Paso, TX will join us. District President, Scott Sailor, will preach at the Reformation service in the afternoon and Pastor Stephen Heimer will preach in the morning. The second of our fall studies will be: *"The Challenge of Islam"* Nov. 5, 12, 26, & Dec. 3, & 17. Feel free to please come and join us as in examining the challenges of Islam and the issues presented to Christians. This study culminates in the visit from Pastor Farrukh Khan, *People of the Book Lutheran Outreach*, on Nov. 19th. Studies are led by both Pastors. Begins on Sept. 17th in the Christian Family Life Center. _____ *No Cost*

(High School) *"Sunday Morning High School Bible Study"* Led by Annette Hill. Our High School Youth will learn how to look at life from a Biblical Perspective and with a Biblical Worldview. Our High School study begins on **Rally Day, September, 10th at 9:45 a.m.** in *Jon's Place*. Meets each Sunday morning from 9:45 to 10:45. _____ *No Cost*

(Any Adults) *"Heaven and Hell Lifelight"* Led by Marv Schweigert, this class will meet Sunday evenings at 6:30 p.m. at Faith in the *"Living Room"* which is right next to the church office just to the left. This *Lifelight* study begins September 17th and is a study of God's mercy, and the fate of the wicked. _____ *Cost is \$11 for the Workbook*

MONDAY- (Men) *"Men's Fellowship"* Every first Monday evening of the month at 7:00 p.m. beginning Sept. 11th. The men of the congregation join together for a time of devotion on God's Word, fellowship, and short Scripture meditation each month. Activities vary including: dartball, bean bags, *Court Whist* card tournaments, work projects, Wild Game feed, Chili Cook off etc. Typically, those who are able, bring some sort of chips, crackers, or snacks to share for the group. Come for a great time of laughing, grazing on goodies, and getting to know the other men in Christ's Church here at Faith. Open to all men—dad, sons, singles, please come and see for yourself! _____ *No Cost*

(Women) *"What Happens When Women Say 'Yes' to God?"* by Lisa Terkeurst. In this study, women of all ages will be inspired to delight in the great path God has for them regardless of where they are in their journey. Velda Bartel and Vona Johnson will be leading our lady's study beginning Monday, September 18th from 5:30-6:45 p.m. in the *"Jon's Place"* at church. The same study meets Thursday evening also in case you can't make the Monday session. Thursday study times are 6:30-7:45 and begins Sept. 21st. _____ *Cost is \$15 for the Workbook*

TUESDAY- (Women) *"Forgiveness: Received from God, Extended to Others"* by Donna Pyle. This Tuesday Morning Women's Study is open to women of all ages: daughters, wives, widows, sisters, mothers, friends of the congregation, etc. Karen Lindbloom will be leading our lady's study beginning Tuesday, September 26th at 10:15 a.m. in the *Young Conference Room*. "Forgiveness is always personal. It's incredibly difficult to do. But it's never optional. When someone has offended us, the temptation to not forgive is great. But the roots of unforgiveness and bitterness can grow deep in the human soul. Left alone, unforgiveness produces bitter fruit that shows itself in angry thoughts, words, and deeds. Eventually, it will destroy us from the inside out. Through this study, you will learn of the life-altering, rich teachings God's Word offers about forgiveness. Your heart will soften as you learn of Jesus' forgiveness for you, and you'll be encouraged to extend that same forgiveness to others." _____ *Cost is \$14 for the Workbook*

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 youth group meets on Wednesdays from 8:00-9:15 p.m. to have fun, be connected in Christ, and serve the Church. Our main goal for LYF is to provide a safe, Christian environment in which teens can gather, be themselves, and grow in their faith with other Christians their age. Open to all high school students both members and nonmembers of Faith, and their friends. _____ *No Cost*

(Any Adults) *"Revelation Lifelight"* - Begins September 13th and continues throughout the school year. This study on the book of Revelation 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 on Wednesdays at 6:30 in the *Young Conference Room* by the office. Continues until approximately early spring. Contact Bill Markley with any questions (605) 280-8580. _____ *Cost of the Workbook is \$11*

(Any Adults) *"In-Home Bible Study"* This adult Bible study meets Wednesday nights at 6:30 in the home of Bob & Doreen Miller and begins Sept. 13th. The study will be: *Psalms Lifelight* and is open to adult members and friends of the congregation. Contact Bob Miller if interested 224-9955. _____ *Cost of the Workbook is \$11*

(Any Adults Esp. Board Members) *"Evangelism Study for Christians—Fanning Flame, Catching Fire."* This adult Bible study meets Wednesday nights at 6:30 in the pre-school room beginning Wed. Sept. 13th lasting into early spring. The study will be book, discussion, and video-clip based, led by Dennis Ryckman and is open to adult members and friends of the congregation. Perfect for those who desire to not only study the Scriptures and meet with fellow Christians, but also to be encouraged in a time of growth and learning on how we as the body of Christ might respond to society, provide loving service and outreach, engage our neighbors, and focus on some evangelism approaches. This is the step you've been needing as you put faith into action to live Jesus' words to "Go, make disciples of all nations" and to bring Jesus to a world lost and hopeless without Him. Contact Dennis Ryckman if interested: dennis@factor360.com _____ *No Cost*

THURSDAY- (Men) *"Men's Morning Bible Study"* - Begins September 21st and lasts until early spring typically. We will be walking through the New Testament book: *Acts*, or *The Acts of the Apostles*. Join Pastor Baumann and guys of the congregation for fellowship and study of the Word of God throughout the year. Meets each Thursday at 7:00 a.m. and usually concludes by 7:45 a.m. Come and go as needed. _____ *No Cost*

(Women) *Thurs. Option* *"What Happens When Women Say 'Yes' to God?"* by Lisa Terkeurst. In this study, women of all ages will be inspired to delight in the great path God has for them regardless of where they are in their journey. Velda Bartel and Vona Johnson will be leading our lady's study up in *'Jon's Place.'* Thursday times are 6:30-7:45 and class begins Sept. 21st. _____ *Cost is \$15 for the Workbook*

(Any Adults) *Adult Inquirers Class* is required for new members of the church and for those interested in joining, but is also a good refresher for anyone who would like to reacquaint themselves with the teachings of the faith. Join Pastor Baumann and Pastor Rajek as they lead us through this 9-week class. Begins September 21st from 6:45 p.m. until 8:00 on Thursday evenings with class concluding on Nov. 16th. Please contact the church office to sign up or for any questions 224-2216. _____ *No Cost* Bring Bibles, materials will be provided.

SATURDAY- (5th-9th Graders) *Early Communion Class*, led by Pastors Rajek and Baumann, will be a one day class on Saturday, Oct. 7th from 9:00-noon. One parent or guardian is requested to be in attendance with their child. Please contact the church office with any questions 224-2216. _____ *No Cost*

State Dart Ball Tournament- Please set aside Saturday, March 10th for attending the state dart ball tournament. Practices take place during Men's Club Meeting the first Monday of each month at 7:00 pm

RALLY DAY – SEPT. 10th Start of Sunday School with a noon meal, games, and a bounce house!

CIRCUIT WIDE REFORMATION CELEBRATION – OCT. 29th 3:00 pm Mariachi San Pablo will join us as special musical guests from YSLETA Lutheran Mission in El Paso, Texas.

MISSION FESTIVAL – NOV. 19th Guest preacher, Pastor Farrukh Khan will preach and lead Bible Study for us that morning. Noon meal to follow.

Thus Far Has the Lord Helped Us." 1 Samuel 7:12

Acolyte Schedule September 2017**September 3**

Early: Adam Forman, Trenton Gore
Late: Brady Hoftiezer, Jayden Nickerson

September 10 RALLY DAY

Early: Lane Hedglin, Melissa Hedglin
Late: Adam Schochenmaier,
Hannah Schochenmaier

September 17

Early: Elliot Leif, Zane Schuchard
Late: Caiden Jost, Tucker Berens

September 24 (Sunday School Sings at 11 o'clock)

Early: Michael VanDeWiele, Dayna Martinmaas
Late: Jacob Larson, Jordan Thompson

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS!**

RALLY DAY – Sunday, September 10th! Join us at Faith Lutheran on this special Sunday as we celebrate the start of Sunday School, watch the special moment when 2nd graders receive their new Bibles, enjoy a taco fiesta meal at noon provided by our board of Parish Fellowship, and have opportunities for the kids including games and a bounce house in the Christian Family Life Center courtesy of the Board of Education. We look forward to seeing you there among us!

TEACHER ORIENTATION for: **MIDWEEK AND SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS** – *WEDNESDAY, AUG. 30th beginning at 5:30 and finished no later than 7:30 (and most likely sooner...)* Meal for everyone who attends will be provided. Childcare can be provided upon request to Pastor Baumann. This teacher orientation evening will be held in the gym and is beneficial for all who plan on teaching this year. It allows us to get to know one another better and to ask questions and provide feedback in a way that is helpful for all.

Sunday School Children Singing for 2017/2018:

Do you like kids? Do you have familiarity with easy to sing, easy to teach children's songs like: *Father Abraham, Jesus Loves Me, or He's Got the Whole World...* or can you sing along to music on CD and lead the children in those songs too? If so, then the

Board of Ed. would graciously ask you to pray and consider how you might help partner with Pastor Baumann and the N-4th grade Sunday School to do a 15-minute time of music on Sunday mornings from 10:30-10:45 and if possible, but not necessary, lead the group in singing once a month at the late service in worship. Your schedule is flexible and SO IS OURS! We would make sure to accommodate times away and conflict dates. A piano player is already in place for this year, and music time is such a blessing for the kids. Without a volunteer, there will most likely be no music.

What a perfect opportunity for lay membership to become involved and active. Unsure of how things work? It's okay, we'll teach you. Thank you for your intentional consideration in the matter.

-Pastor Baumann

Sunday School and Midweek Teacher's Meeting is August 30th.

Midweek Parents' Meeting September 6th.

Rally Day is September 10th with a noon meal, games, and a bounce house!

Sunday School Begins September 10th.

Midweek Begins September 13th.

Midweek Parent's Meeting for Wednesday, September 6th!!! There will be a parent's meeting **Wednesday, September 6th** for parents of Midweek 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.

Upcoming Youth Dates to Keep in Mind:

August 30th Teacher Training for Midweek & S.S.
5:30-7:30 p.m. in gym

September 6th Midweek Parent's Meeting

September 10th Rally Day

September 10th Adult Bible Class Begins

September 13th Midweek Begins