

JUNE 2018 NEWSLETTER

FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH

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PIERRE, SD 57501

ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION



Samuel (Sam) and Catherine (Cathy) were married on August 13, 2011. Sam was born in Brookfield, Wisconsin and raised in Slinger, WI. Cathy was born in Oshkosh, WI and raised in Davenport, IA, Fairchance, PA, and finally Austin, MN. Cathy attended Concordia University Mequon, majoring in Biology. Sam attended Michigan Technological University, majoring in Mechanical Engineering. They met in Milwaukee while swing dancing with a group of mutual friends. Before coming to seminary, their daughter Annalise (Anna) was born on May 14, 2014. A few years later, Paul was born on January 5, 2016. Cathy and Sam enjoy being outdoors, especially hiking, camping, and playing in the snow. They also brew their own beer. Cathy plays music (piano and trumpet) and also enjoys photography. Sam likes carpentry projects and the smell of his freshly-cut grass.

June 17, 2018

Service at 3:00 pm

Fellowship Meal at 4:30

Burgers, Brats, Hotdogs & Beverage provided

Congregation is asked to Bring:

Salads or Side Dishes

Desserts



Now we know that if the earthly tent we live in is destroyed, we have a building from God, an eternal house in heaven, not built by human hands. Meanwhile we groan, longing to be clothed with our heavenly dwelling, because when we are clothed, we will not be found naked. For while we are in this tent, we groan and are burdened, because we do not wish to be unclothed but to be clothed with our heavenly dwelling, so that what is mortal may be swallowed up by life. Now it is God who has made us for this very purpose and has given us the Spirit as a deposit, guaranteeing what is to come. Therefore we are always confident and know that as long as we are at home in the body we are away from the Lord. We live by faith, not by sight. (2 Corinthians 5:1-7)

Now that the warmer weather is finally here, many people are spending more time outdoors. For some, the warm weather brings the excitement of camping. I've been on several camping trips and, genuinely speaking, they were always fun. The fresh air, the smell of the wood fire and the bacon in the morning. After a few days of that, however, the novelty begins to wear off. When it rains, campers are usually limited to tents or RV's. And, after a few days, it didn't take too long to realize that all of us could use a good shower. Camping can be fun, but coming home can be even more fun. Tents and RV's are good for travelers and temporary campers. But houses are where we really live.



The Apostle Paul was going through a rough spot as he wrote these inspired words. He used words like "hard pressed" and "wasting away" to describe his life in his earthly "tent" (his body). What Paul was expressing is the difficulty of life in a sinful world.

Perhaps you or a loved one has or is going through a surgery, an illness, or some tragedy. God has designed each of us with a time stamp. You can see it in the gray hair, scars and wrinkles our bodies bear. We're not going to live here forever. All signs point to that. We would be foolish to think and act as if this is all there is.

As believers we know that God has made us

for the purpose of living with him in heaven for the rest of eternity after our "tenting" is done. He's promised us a body—the real "house" that will be like Christ's glorified body. He made all that possible for us by giving us his Son, Jesus, as the Savior of the world. He also "tented" for a while here, living perfectly and then giving that perfect life as a ransom for us all. We've also been given faith in Jesus by the Holy Spirit, who lives in us and is a kind of down payment, keeping us on layaway for heaven and all the glorious things that means for us! These eyes of faith see the reality in God's word and promises.

Knowing you have a home means you can enjoy your camping weekend and live it fully because you're not trapped in a tent.

Knowing you're going home to heaven someday means that your life is fulfilled as you live each day for Jesus. See what wonderful things he can do with you before your tent wears out!

In Service to Christ and Neighbor,

WHO HAS THE MAP?

The Lord will guide you always; he will satisfy your needs in a sun-scorched land and will strengthen your frame.

You will be like a well-watered garden; like a spring whose waters never fail." Isaiah 58:11

Summer! It is synonymous with the word vacation; taking a trip. The destination might be nearby or far away. Whether it's Mount Rushmore, Disney World, Europe, a road trip or a cruise, it will involve preparation. Setting off on a trip requires planning for weeks, maybe even months. Even a day trip calls for a little planning. Making reservations, stopping the mail, packing the bags, loading and fueling the vehicle. How about a map? Can we reach our destination without a map – or in this age of technology, a GPS?

Guide me, O Thou great Redeemer, pilgrim through this barren land;
I am weak, but Thou are mighty; hold me with Thy powerful hand;
Bread of heaven, feed me till I want no more.

No one would undertake a long car trip without a map; and without a driver, one wouldn't get very far. A pilot wouldn't take off for a remote destination without a flight chart. In fact, the plane wouldn't get off the ground without a pilot. In the same way, a conductor wouldn't attempt to lead a rehearsal without a musical score. Actually, a rehearsal without a director would be rather trying and laborious – even chaotic.

Open now the crystal fountain, whence the healing stream doth flow;
Let the fire and cloudy pillar lead me all my journey through;
Strong deliverer, be Thou still my strength and shield .

The hymn writer speaks of traveling through life – an uncharted tangle of tomorrows, twists and turns. We are like the pilgrims in the hymn verse, fumbling through life, carrying more baggage than we'll ever need, trying to decide what path to take and struggling to make decisions. Life didn't come with a map.

When I tread the verge of Jordan, bid my anxious fears subside;
Death of death and hell's destruction, land me safe on Canaan's side;
Songs of praises, I will ever give to Thee.

I enjoy traveling home to Minnesota and attending the parish I grew up in. One of Immanuel's charter members was my great grandfather. He was a German immigrant, who arrived in this country as a young boy. His family had very little and spoke no English, but they had mettle and their faith in God. They – and many like them – were basically pilgrims; moving through new territory, experiencing hardships, surprises waiting at every turn. They relied on the Lord to guide them.

Pilgrims – that's what we are – moving along on the road we call life. We may be ill equipped for the trip, but – praise God! He has the map!

Karen Lindbloom

Sent Forth By God's Blessing

Little Dresses for Africa

Little Dresses for Africa is a mission outreach of Faith Lutheran LWML. Many people support this project which begins in February. Gently used pillowcases, laces, trims, buttons, and money are donated by church members, friends and relatives from across the United States. Volunteers cut the pillowcases to size and assemble kits on Monday evenings and Thursday afternoons. The do-at-home kits are sewn by Faith members, coworkers and friends.

This year a total of 385 dresses were displayed on the narthex wall from February to May. The LWML voted in April to send T-shirts and little dresses to Mexico to be distributed by Faith's Mexican Mission in May. A total of 146 t-shirts for boys were donated or purchased and then matched by 146 little dresses for the girls.

The remaining 239 dresses were sent to Little Dresses for Africa. Little Dresses for Africa is a Christian organization reaching over 83 countries including Africa, disaster areas, the Appalachians and South Dakota. Mission teams from the United States personally deliver the dresses to churches, orphanages and schools giving hope in the name of Jesus. The dresses serve as ambassadors that offer a way into homes or villages where LDFA volunteers teach simple lessons about clean water, primary education, basic health and community skills that make a difference in the lives of thousands of children.

Since 2009 Faith's LWML has contributed 1,752 dresses. Faith Lutheran has touched the lives of many little girls and given them hope one little dress at a time.

2017 Little Dresses Coordinator—Doreen Miller



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VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL



Who: 5 year olds through those entering the 6th grade this fall.

What: Wouldn't it be amazing to travel back in time and witness epic events in history? Imagine the thrill of meeting great heroes of the faith like Abraham, Moses, or Gideon. Or the fun of experiencing life in ancient cultures like Rome. Or the fascination of watching famous inventors make discoveries that change the world.

Now imagine traveling through time and meeting *the* most important man ever—a man who was not just a man but who was also God. One who turned the world upside-down. One who existed outside of time.

We'll do just that as we embark on *Time Lab* from Answers VBS. We'll use words beginning with "C" to help us re-

member that Jesus, our forever faithful, loving, caring, promise-keeping Lord, has been with us always!

Please visit vbsmate.com/FaithLutheranPierre to pre-register. This will alleviate much registration congestion on the first night of VBS.

When: *MONDAY, June 11 - Thursday, June 14, 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. Mon.- Thurs. and on Thursday, June 14th with families invited to come at 7:45 for the closing Root Beer floats following. Early check-in registration can be done Sunday, June 10th after the services. This will save time and congestion the night VBS starts.*

Where: Faith Lutheran Church
714 N. Grand Ave.

How Much? FREE with daily offerings to support our Mission Project. Pre-registration forms are available in the church office. Please call the church office for further information or questions (605) 224-2216.



Minneboji is June 17-23, and Circuit Bible Camp will be July 9-12 in the Black Hills for those heading into 5th grade through those heading into 9th grade and includes touring Wind Cave and hiking Black Elk Peak.

Camp Minneboji website which is: <http://www.angelfire.com/my/bojiblabber/>
Camp Minneboji Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/campminneboji> If you can,



check out the website and Facebook page.

The deadline for articles going into the July/August



SUMMER CAMPS

Did you know?
We actually have two camp options for this summer. Camp



All Boards Training

All officers from all Boards will meet
Saturday, June 16, 2018

9:00-11:00 Officer Training
11:00-12:00 All Board Meetings: Election of Officers & June Business

Out-going officers please return your manuals so new officers may have them.



Men's Softball

Faith Lutheran has teamed up with Factor 360 to play in this year's men's softball league during the summer months. We have a great group of guys led by our skipper, Dennis Ryckman.

We thank Dennis Ryckman for paying the registration fees.



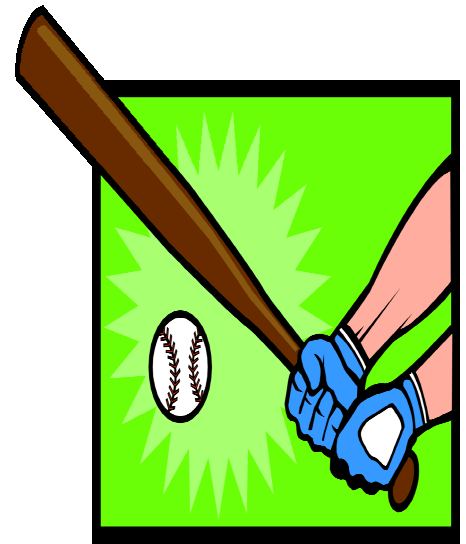
If you are able, we would like to invite you to please come out and watch our Faith Luth/Factor 360 men's team play. Our games are:

Friday, June 1
7:00 pm Field D
8:00 pm Field C

Friday, June 8
9:00 pm Field D

Friday, June 15
7:00 pm Field B
8:00 pm Field A

at the softball complex. It promises to be a fun season and we hope you feel welcome to come and watch some of games as you are able.



Forever Young

Will meet Thursday, June 21 at noon for our monthly potluck. Just bring food!



Forever Young is a group of semi-retired and retired



Father's Day

members who get together the third Thursday of each month for food and fellowship. We encourage anyone 55 years and older to join our group.

This is another chance to meet our new Associate Pastor and his family.

Parable of the Rice Field

There is a parable told in India about a selfish man who inherited a rice field. The first year the man irrigated the field and it was fruitful. The water, in fact, flowed onto his neighbor's field and this too produced a bountiful harvest.

But the next year the selfish man decided: "Why should I let this water flow through my field into his? Water is precious and I must keep it." So he built a dam. This prevented the water from flowing into his neighbor's field but it proved disastrous to his own crop as well. Irrigation water nourished the field only

if it flowed. When it did not move because of the dam, the water became stagnant and the field a swamp.

We own no rice fields. Still the parable is clear. Think of what we have inherited from God; think of all He has given us. If we are selfish and keep it all for ourselves, our lives become stagnant, a dismal swamp of mere existence. But if we give back to God by giving to others, both the giver and the receiver share in the fruits of God's love.

Martin Luther wrote, "A god is that to which we look for all good and in which we find refuge in every time of need." According to this definition, we live in a world that is anything but godless because people manufacture their own gods. We live in a very materialistic society so we find many people looking to material things which become "that to which we look for all good." Rev. Harold Senkbeil in his book *Dying to Live* suggests that the chief false god of our age is pleasure. He writes, "We demand happiness. We want it now, and we want it on our terms and according to our own definition: personal pleasure...No wonder, then, that increasing chunks of our time

Diaper Derby

Sixth Annual Diaper Derby ends Father's Day, June 18, 2017

Donations for the Sixth Annual Diaper Derby will continue through Father's day! Please bring your donations of new diapers (any size) and baby wipes and place them in *either the Lectern side crib or the Pulpit side crib in the Narthex.*



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LWML Convention

The LWML South Dakota District Convention will be held **June 1-2, 2018** at the Sioux Falls Convention & Visitors Bureau in Sioux Falls, South Dakota.

The Theme is: **Sharing God's Love From Generation to Generation**

For the Lord is good; his steadfast love endures forever, and his faithfulness to all generations. (Psalm 100:5)

FLC YOUTH NEWS

Lutheran Youth Fellowship (L.Y.F.)

Who: High school students

What: 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. We are a Christian gathering of High School youth who engage in fun and recreational activities on Wednesday evenings. L.Y.F. is open to Faith youth and their friends and seeks to be a safe place where high schoolers can gather and be encouraged in their faith in God and witness for Jesus. L.Y.F. is very hands on and engaging. Each evening includes a devotion, prayer and most nights some sort of food or snack. Michael Shoup leads the group.

When: Wednesday evenings 8 p.m. until we get done (typically no later than 9:30 during the school year, sometimes until 10 p.m. in the summer.

Where: We generally meet at Faith Lutheran up in our youth room called "Jon's Place" and then move to the desired location whether



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

that's the park, the bowling alley, Zesto etc.

How Much? Generally free, but we do sometimes do service projects and find ways to give back to the church.

Camp Minneboji

Who: Minneboji Lutheran Camp is for students, primarily from Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod congregations in South Dakota and southwestern Minnesota, who have completed grades 4 through 9.

What: Camp Minneboji has consecrated Christian counselors interested in Christian ministry and Christ-centered relationships with boys & girls, who devote their time and talents for the camp week. Pastors & other professional church workers from Minnesota & South Dakota lead the camp activities as members of the camp staff.

When: June 17-23, 2018
Minneboji Camp week begins with on-site registration on Sunday, June 17 and ends at 10:00am on Saturday, June 23.

Where: The mailing address during camp week is:

**(PERSON'S NAME)-
MINNEBOJI
C/O; CAMP OKOBOJI
1531 EDGEWOOD DR.
MILFORD, IA 51351
CAMP PHONE #
(712)337-3325**

**PASTOR DAVID OTTEN
(605) 928-3859**

Email for campers can be sent to mail@minneboji.com

How Much? The camp cost is \$375.00 for 7 days. Faith Ev. Lutheran Church is going to scholarship \$90 of that amount for anyone from Faith who desires to attend. Honors camp is for 9th graders and is \$405. Faith Ev. Lutheran Church is going to scholarship \$90 of that amount. This fee includes room & board, operation expenses, crafts, sports, and the outing to Arnold's Park.

Make your summer fun and memorable with Camp Minneboji! The theme for this year is: "iLife".

Need a ride? The bus route starts at Miller, SD, heads north to Redfield, follows highway 37 south to Mitchell, then takes I-90 to Okoboji. Cost is \$15 one way or \$25 round trip. Contact Pastor Brown at Zion Lutheran in Mitchell with any questions.

Please speak with Pastor Rajek for any questions. Thanks!

Upcoming Youth Dates to Keep in Mind:

June 11-14th Vacation Bible School
6:00-8:30 pm - Time Lab

June 17-23 Camp Minneboji

July 9-12th Circuit Bible Camp

Circuit Bible Camp

Who: 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.

What: Circuit Bible Camp is a multi-day camping opportunity that includes faith based and recreational opportunities.

When: The dates for Circuit Bible Camp are: July 9-12.

Where: Black Hills.

How Much? Registration costs will be \$70 for the week to cover expenses. Faith is offering \$30 scholarships to any Faith participant looking to attend camp to help offset costs. This week we are camping at the KOA in Hot Springs. We will tour Wind Cave and hike Black Elk Peak. Please pre-register for this event. Registration sheets can be found in the church office along with a medical release form to be completed and returned to the church office.



Acolytes for June

June 3

Early: Zane Schuchard, Drew Schuchard
Late: Michael VanDeWiele, Jackson Overweg

June 10

Early: Ethan Hill, Simon Hill
Late: Emily Haberling, Nathan Haberling

June 17 *Father's Day*

Early: Hannah Lingle, Emily Lingle
Late: Cassandra and Joshua Ryckman

June 24

Early: Lane Hedglin, Ryan Otkin
Late: Deni Zeeb, Gracie Zeeb

*** If acolytes are not able to be present for their assigned day, it is their responsibility to call someone else to find a replacement and then notify the church**

YOUTH NEWS

High School Seniors —

Thank you for your faithful service these past 4 years with acolyting! As you have discovered, there are a lot of opportunities to serve. You are hereby released from your acolyting duties! Thanks for being a blessing to our congregation and we hope you would consider serving the church in the future in other capacities. God's Blessings.

Junior Youth Ministry (J.Y.M.)

Who: All youth 6th – 8th grade

What: A time of fellowship and fun activity for 6th to 8th graders.

When: Once a month. Times are generally listed in the church bulleting or on the youth bulletin board in the Narthex.

Where: Lariat Lanes Bowling Alley, PAYSA Skating Rink, Faith Lutheran Gym, the Black Hills, outdoors, indoors, and anywhere where we can gather for a time of fun connection and time in God's word.

