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FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH

October 2018 Newsletter

2018 LWML Country Fair

October 20, 2018

9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.

The annual Country Fair will be held at Faith Lutheran Church Saturday, October 20th from 9 am to 1:00 pm.

The annual bazaar will feature a variety of booths, including crafts, baked goods, produce, collectibles, candy, gift baskets, a "Grandma's Attic" booth featuring used household items, religious cards and gifts, and activities for kids.

In addition, caramel rolls and pie will be served in the morning, and soup, sandwiches and pie will be served for lunch. To-go containers will be available.

Money raised from the Country Fair is used to help fund not only with programs and projects within the church, but also supports local, regional and national organizations. This year, funds raised at the bazaar will be given to:

National

Seminary Scholarships (financial help for students while in the Seminary)

TIM (Together in Missions) Rev. Eric and Johanna Stinnett, Carl Winkler's Great Nephew)

District

CWEDA (Church Workers Education Debit Assistance) Financial assistance for church workers to help cover expenses while getting established after college.

Rosebud Missions – Pastor Andrew Utecht

Local

Brown Bag Lunch Program (Provides sack lunches for children in need during the summer.)

St. Mary's Suicide Prevention Program

In House

In order as funding allows:

Ceiling mounted projectors and installation in Matthew or Mark classroom

Faith Lutheran Daycare

Delegate Fund

LYF Scholarships for conventions

Faith Lutheran Preschool

Board of Education – new Bibles and new version of the Luther's Small Catechism



Trunk or Treat

October 31, 2018

6:00-7:15 p.m.

Holding a Trunk 'N' Treat Halloween activity is a great way to keep Halloween safe.

It's when several families get together at the church, park their cars in the parking lot, open up the trunks of their cars, and kids come around to each car to Trunk 'N' Treat instead of going house to house to Trick-or-Treat.

Treats, warm cider, hot chocolate and coffee provided by our LYF youth. A well lit area for our Trunk 'N' Treaters, and restrooms available!

We need 30 families to serve as Host Trunks.

We ask our host families to provide 500 pieces of candy, our Board of Missions and Evangelism will supply the rest.



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



“And when it was day, he [i.e., Jesus] departed and went into a desolate place.” (Luke 4:42)

Recently in a devotion on “Caring for Oneself,” I recalled a story about the Ringling Brothers Barnum & Bailey Circus. The story went like this:

During a tour of the circus, a man noticed that the elephants were being held by only a small rope tied to their front leg. No chains, no cages. The elephants could, at any time, break away from their bonds but for some reason, they did not. The trainer explained “when they are very young and much smaller we use the same size rope to tie them and, at that age, it’s enough to hold them. As they grow up, they are conditioned to believe they cannot break away. They think the rope can still hold them, so they never try to break free.”

Have you ever felt that way? ...tied down by all the demands of job and family and life? These feelings often manifest themselves in words like: “There’s just not enough hours in a day” or “I just don’t have time to take care of myself?” or “There are just too many demands coming at me with work, and family, and kids...I just can’t fit it into my schedule.”

With everyone demanding His attention, I’m sure Jesus too must have thought that there weren’t enough hours in a day. Imagine the desperation of those carrying their family and friends in need to Him. There were so many people to cure, so little time, and everyone begging Him to end their suffering. Yet our text says that Jesus pulls himself away from the crowd. ***“And when it was day, he [i.e., Jesus] departed and went into a desolate place.” (Luke 4:42)*** Interesting. At a time when so many people needed Him, Jesus departs to a desolate place!

I think there is an important lesson to be learned here: even Jesus needed a moment of respite; a time to renew Himself in both body and spirit. Surely, He could have cured many more people had He forfeited His time alone. Yet, in withdrawing, Jesus recognized an important lesson in human stamina. No human can be available 24 hours a day / 7 days a week. Everyone needs their day of rest. Everyone needs a Sabbath. And that’s exactly what that word “Sabbath” means: rest. God graciously gives us a “Sabbath Day” in order that we might rest from our labor, that we might receive His gifts, and thereby are renewed in both body and soul. Jesus knew the importance of caring for oneself and so ***“He departed and went into a desolate place.” (Luke 4:42)***



Not taking time for you can lead to some real problems. For example, when you constantly serve others but not yourself, you a) become spiritually and emotionally drained, b) become resentful because your needs go unrecognized and unmet, and c) end up looking for rest in all the wrong places. Don’t let these things happen to you, take time for yourself!

Martin Luther acknowledged the importance of caring for yourself so that you might care for others:

The Christian should be guided by this one thing alone that he may serve and benefit others in all that he does, considering nothing except the need and the advantage of his neighbor....This is what makes caring for the body a Christian work, that through its health and comfort we may be able to work, to acquire and lay by funds with which to aid those who are in need, that in this way the stronger member may serve the weaker....This is a truly Christian life. Here faith is active in love.

Maybe your life is similar to the elephants in the story above. You remain chained by the thought that life is just too busy for me to take care of myself. If that is how you feel, then give yourself permission to invest in yourself today because, if you don’t serve yourself, you’ll be no good serving others. No one wins when we deplete our health, our energy, and our enthusiasm for life. So, go ahead and enjoy yet another day in which God has blessed you (Psalm 118:24). Amen.

In Service to Christ and Neighbor,

Pastor Coy T. Rizer



“Service of the Word”

In our last article, we looked at Confession and Absolution. The pastor declares God’s forgiveness for you on account of Christ. Now you are forgiven and holy. You are fit to hear God’s Word. The next major section of the service is focused on God delivering his words of life to you. Many different forms combine together to help ensure a fruitful hearing.

The first part is the responsive reading of a Psalm (also called the “Introit”). But the psalm is not random. Every element of the Divine Service has a precise purpose. The psalm used in the Introit introduces the theme of the day. The psalm, the readings from Scripture, the hymns, and the sermon all work together to portray God’s revelation about some issue. For instance, the theme for October 7 is God’s design for the family.

The responsive nature of this section continues in the “Kyrie.” Having heard God’s Word, the congregation prays to God for mercy. The name of this section comes from the original Greek. “Lord, have mercy upon us” in Greek is “Kyrie, eleison hemas.” Prayer and singing often go together. As the congregation finishes the Kyrie,

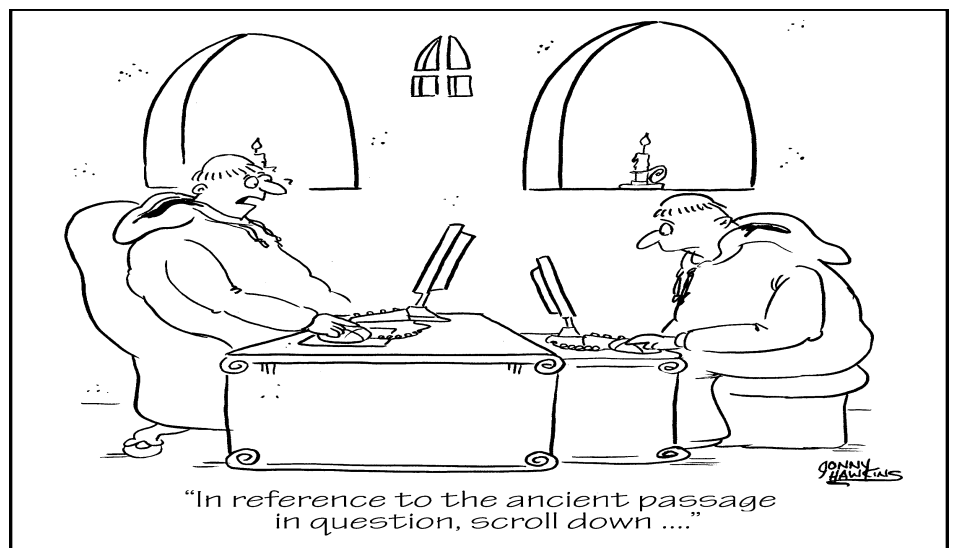
they proceed to the Hymn of Praise.

One of the Hymns of Praise is the “Gloria in Excelsis.” The opening line, chanted or spoken by the pastor, comes from Luke’s Christmas narrative. The congregation is taken back to Christ’s first coming at Christmas. The other Hymn of Praise, “This is the Feast,” focuses on the other major festival day: Easter. The hymn is based on Revelation 5. It simultaneously remembers Christ’s victory over death on Easter and anticipates the victory of every Christian over death when Christ comes again.

The last part of this section is the Salutation and Collect. The Salutation (“The Lord be with you”) is more than a polite exchange. The Lord is about to come to his people through his Word (which is read right after this

in the Divine Service). The Salutation serves as an announcement that God is coming. Next, the Collect is prayed. This prayer reinforces the theme of the day in concise wording.

What follows are the readings from Scripture. This will be our focus in the next article. But for now, the people are prepared to hear God’s word in anticipation. The theme of the day is already on their minds thanks to the Psalm and the Collect. The remembrance of Christmas/Easter sets the scene for further Gospel proclamation. But more on that next time.



SING THE STORY

“But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.” Acts 1:8

We all love a good story. Many cultures have oral traditions that pass on their stories and history for future generations. I remember my grandmother telling about parochial school in Cleveland – one teacher for 80 first graders. German was spoken in the morning, and English in the afternoon. My own parents used to tell stories of growing up on the farm during the Great Depression, and attending country school. My husband had many experiences during his medical internships in the heart of Detroit, and in the deep South -- Pineville, Louisiana, where segregation was still practiced.

Catherine Hankey, the author of the hymn, “I Love to Tell the Story,” was not at all reluctant to tell the story; to share the Good News. Her joy in life was to see the poor and the downhearted come to Christ. Early in life she started conducting Bible studies all over the city of London. Following a serious illness, she was forced to take time off from her studies and rest. During her recovery, she took up her pen

and wrote a long poem about Jesus Christ. From the poetry came a beloved hymn of the church:

I love to tell the story, 'Twill be my theme in glory,
To tell the old, old story of Jesus and His love.

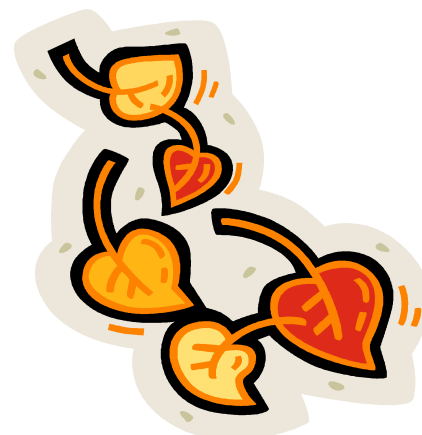
Jesus was the master storyteller. He used parables to teach the people...each one a little story with a big message. While the stories are old, they are also new, because they are always true. We remember the wayward son and the jealous brother who wouldn't come to the party. There were the guests who had no time for dinner, as well as the fortunate people on the street who got a last minute invite. There's the story of the Good Samaritan who helped his neighbor, and also the folks who passed by and made excuses. The stories that Jesus taught show us how to be and how not to be. Our lives have been touched and now it is our turn to tell the stories to others – by the lives we lead, by the words we speak, and by the songs we sing.

Yes, our hearts and voices can be tuned to sing out the Good News. Music is unique, and a powerful tool to convey the gospel message. Singing in the choir is a great way to enable others to experience the pres-

ence of Christ and to fulfill the Great Commission. God is our theme; we can never exhaust so vast a subject. Our choir library is filled with songs about the Lamb of God, the Light of the World, the Prince of Peace, the Shepherd, the Savior, the Bright and Morning Star, the Word of Life and God's only Son. The list is endless. Send us forth, Lord, as willing and singing storytellers!

Oh, let the harps break forth in sound!
Our joy be all with music crowned,
Our voices gaily blending!
For Christ goes with us all the way –
Today, tomorrow, every day!
His love is never ending!
Sing out! Ring out!
Jubilation! Exultation!
Tell the story!
Great is he, the King of glory!

Karen Lindbloom



WITH A VOICE OF SINGING!

Declare ye this and let it be heard!
Alleluia!

Calling all singers!

Faith Choir has already begun rehearsals. Please consider joining an integral part of the worship experience. Faith Choir is one of our congregation's longest ongoing groups. Choir is a great outlet for using one's talent, connecting with friends, improving your physical and vocal health, plus reaping spiritual and musical rewards.

Feel free to come any Tuesday,
6:30 pm, in the sanctuary.

Add your voice to our song!



Adult Inquirers Class

A wonderful class for all that covers the basic teachings of our church and helps you understand what makes us Christian and specifically Lutheran as well. This is an especially important class for those who are new with us and who would desire to become a part of our Faith Family. This class meets on Thursday evenings from 6:45 to 8:00 beginning October 4 in the St. Mark room of the Christian Family Life Center.

Contact Pastor Rajek or the office for details (224-2216)

LWML

PIERRE ZONE FALL RALLY

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 28

EMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH

GETTYSBURG, SD

2:00-4:00

REGISTRATION BEGINS AT 1:30

HEATHER MILLER WILL SHARE HER EXPERIENCE FROM A MIS- SION TRIP TO GUATAMALA

PRESIDENT LISA ASMUS WILL HAVE A GREETING

FUN SKIT PLUS BRIEF MEETING

FELLOWSHIP TO FOLLOW

PLEASE JOIN US FOR A FUN AFTERNOON!

Official Acts

Baptisms

Weddings

Danna Sanders/James Humig

Jessica Lammler/Jeremy Paul

Funerals

Loretta Goehring

Linda Pease

Deceased

Robert Auch 9/11/18



REFORMATION
† Sunday †

October 28, 2018

Preschool News

We are off to a great year at preschool. This year, all three classes in the program are full and the children are keeping us busy! During the month of October, we will have community helpers visit – most of these are parents of the preschoolers. We are also studying the color orange, the number 1, the letters DEF and the shape circle. Our Bible stories are about God’s helpers in the Old Testament era.

Throughout this year, we will be using a nutrition unit

called “Chef Combo” – who happens to be a puppet that is a chef. We will be borrowing a unit from the Cultural Heritage Center about cowboys. This kit is wonderful and the children really enjoy learning about different walks of life.

We do not have the children wear their costumes for Halloween at school, but we love hearing about how they are going to dress for Trick or Treating.

We are saving Dakotamart receipts. Thank you for

your support on this project.

Fall is in the air – it is a time to reflect back on our summer and to look forward to the



season of cooler days and colorful leaves. We have had a great month so far in Preschool and are looking forward to the whole year. Enjoy these times with your children! We are certainly enjoying them at preschool. God bless you!

FLC Daycare News

Fall is finally here and the children have been taking in the beautiful weather with scavenger hunts, nature walks to the park, and playing on our play equipment.

We are all looking forward to having Pastor Rajek and Pastor Handschke in our classroom again this month to help teach God’s word to our preschoolers. October brings us into the Bible story of Daniel in the Lion’s Den, with the overall theme of “God is Everywhere.” The focus of the story will be about big feelings with the lesson that God can change our sadness to happiness, fear to comfort, and anger to forgiveness through prayer.

We are blessed to have such terrific support from members of the congregation and community. This support is going to allow us to have some special guests come in throughout the month, to speak to the preschoolers about what they do to help the com-

munity thrive.

Our toddler room has been busy working through The Beginner’s Bible for Toddlers. They will also be learning about Daniel and his experience with emotions and prayer. Our toddler room recently received some new learning materials thanks to support of our parents and community members who participated in the daycare’s last fundraiser in March. The toddler room was able to pick out some exciting new toys that will help the children work on color identification, comparison and cause and effect. We are so grateful to everyone who took time out of their day to help raise money to improve our program, life is busy and time can be a generous contribution in itself.

The staff and children appreciate all the support the



God’s blessings,

Hope LaForest

Preschool Director/Teacher
preschool@faithluth.com

daycare receives on a daily basis; please continue to keep the daycare in your prayers as we strive to provide the highest quality of care possible. The kids love to see new faces, so if you would like to donate your time to read stories or volunteer during lunch time to sit at a table with the kiddos, please let Shelby know. Dakota-mart receipts, box tops and Campbell's labels are always greatly appreciated and offer service to Faith Lutheran Church, our Preschool and our Daycare programs.

Shelby Bergeson

Faith Lutheran Daycare Director

Forever Young



POTLUCK DINNER FOR SENIORS

So, you're retired and want to hang out with some terrific people— then, "Forever Young," is for you.

Join us every third Thursday of the month at 12:00 noon!

October 18, we will have our regular potluck meal. Bring whatever you would like.

Then, our November 15 get-together will be our Thanksgiving Dinner. Turkey, dressing, and mashed potatoes & gravy will be furnished. Please bring a side dish to share. Hope to see you there!



Men's Fellowship

Our Men's Fellowship will meet on the first Monday of October, the 1st, at 7:00 pm.

We will enjoy an evening of Dartball or Bean Bag Toss. Beverage will be provided, bring a snack to share!

Come for a time of devotion and sharing.



Our Broadcasts

We are once again broadcasting our church service on Cable access channel 8 at 7 PM on Wednesday evenings.

We also live-stream our services so anyone who is tech savvy can watch them live on Sunday mornings.

Our Cable Broadcast is also on our Website which Dennis and Carolyn Ryckman keep very current for us. Take a look at www.faithluth.com.

COST: You may sponsor the radio broadcast of Sunrise for \$30.00. This radio broadcast is on 1240 AM KCCR at 6:40 a.m. on Sunday morning. The cost of sponsoring the cable broadcast of our worship service is \$35.00. This cable access broadcast is televised on Wednesday evening at 7:00 p.m. on Channel 8. If you choose to sponsor both, the cost is \$60.00.

Debt Retirement

Your gifts to Debt Retirement make it possible for us to make additional Debt Retirement payments.

Thus Far— (8/31/18)

- We have made 217 advance payments
- We have saved \$601,859.07 in interest
- Our balance on our \$1,000,000 loan has been reduced to \$160,250.17

We have now saved more on interest than what our principal balance is.



Remarkable! We started accelerated payments immediately with our first payment on July 1, 2010.

Yes, you see correctly, we have saved \$601,859.07. Thank you!



October is Pregnancy and Infant Loss Month

October 15 is the official date each year that the nation recognizes a day of remembrance for Pregnancy and Infant Loss. In October of 1988, President Ronald Reagan Proclaimed October as National Pregnancy and Infant Loss Awareness Month.

“When a child loses his parent, they are called an orphan. When a spouse loses a partner, they are called a widow or widower. When parents lose



their child, there isn't a word to describe them. This month recognizes the loss so many parents experience, across the United States and around the world. It is also meant to inform and provide resources for parents who have lost children due to miscarriage, ectopic pregnancy, molar pregnancy, stillbirths, birth defects, SIDS, and other causes.” This is a quote from the official proclamation.

This issue hits close to home as well. Margaret and Pastor Baumann, along with many others in our parish, have lost babies. For many of those who have lost children prior to their birth, perhaps in the earliest gestation period, these losses receive little if any recognition by others. Yet, the parents and grandparents and siblings all still deeply grieve that loss.

It was actually Margaret who first broached the subject of observing this month to the Life Team. We'll be forever grateful that she did!

The Life Team decided that we wanted to observe the loss of any child for any reason each year. There are those of us who have lost children to cancer and suicide just to mention a few. We observe those losses as well.

Last year we observed this by having an awareness walk that started from the hospital and ended at the Church. We gathered in the gym and after Pastor Rajek said a few words and prayed, we all enjoyed a treat and a beverage along with fellowship.

This year's walk will be **Sunday, October 14 starting at 2 p.m.** from the hospital parking lot. There will be a ride provided back to your car. If you or anyone you know has lost a child this year, or anytime in the past, won't you join us! We would also appreciate help in spreading the word. Thank you!



Reformation Day



Ways you can help us
prepare for

Country Fair

Saturday, October 20th

9:00 AM to 1:00 PM

Theme:

"Gather with Grateful Hearts"

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.

Stop at the Country Fair table in the Narthex:

- 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)

FLC YOUTH PAGE

Sermon Outlines

7th and 8th Grade Midweek students are required to complete sermon outlines again this year. 20 outlines are needed during 7th grade. For 8th graders, 18 outlines are required. The forms are available in the Narthex (just outside the sanctuary) and on the website. Please hand them in to the church office.

LCMS Youth Gathering

We are excited for the youth gathering in July 2019, an opportunity for devotion in God's Word and growth in fellowship with high school believers from across the country. If you are interested in attending, please contact Michael Shoup or Pastor Handschke. More information will be provided as the year goes on.



October 7

Early: Ryan Otkin and Carissa Ott
Late: Joshua Ryckman and Shelby Roman

October 14

Early: Addison Cumbow and Maria Noyes
Late: Adam and Hannah Schochenmaier

October 21

Early: Kamden and Kaycee Carter
Late: Austin and Natalie Fawcett

October 28

Early: Daysen and Madyson Titze
Late: Andrew Axdahl and Kennady Hanig



Reminder 7th and 8th grade midweek students should be completing sermon outlines – 12 are required for 7th graders, 15 are required for 8th graders if 12 were completed while in 7th grade, if 7th grade obligation was not met, then 20 are required for 8th graders.

tober 31. Come and enjoy fellowship with other members.

If you would like to participate, please sign up on the sheet in the Living Room. We ask that you provide about 500 pieces of candy. This is a wonderful outreach to those who live near our church.

Sunday School and Midweek Children's Christmas programs

Students in Nursery through 3rd grade will be participating in a Christmas program on December 16 at 9:45AM. A dress rehearsal will occur on Dec 15 from 9:30-11:00AM. Students will have additional opportunities to practice during the normal Sunday School time. For students in 4th through 8th grade, you will assist during the Advent midweek services. Your Midweek teachers will have more information for you as the season of Christmas approaches.



*Trunk
or Treat*

Trunk 'N' Treat! All youth of the community are invited to attend a family friendly *Trunk 'n' Treat* activity at Faith Lutheran Church. Please come to the parking lot from 6:00 to 7:15PM on Wednesday, October 31st. Midweek classes are cancelled for Oc-

