

Faith Ev. Lutheran Church

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Circuit Bible Camp



Who: This event is open to any youth who will be heading into 5th grade through any youth who are

going into 9th grade.

What: Circuit Bible Camp

When: The dates for Circuit Bible Camp are: July 1-3 under the theme:

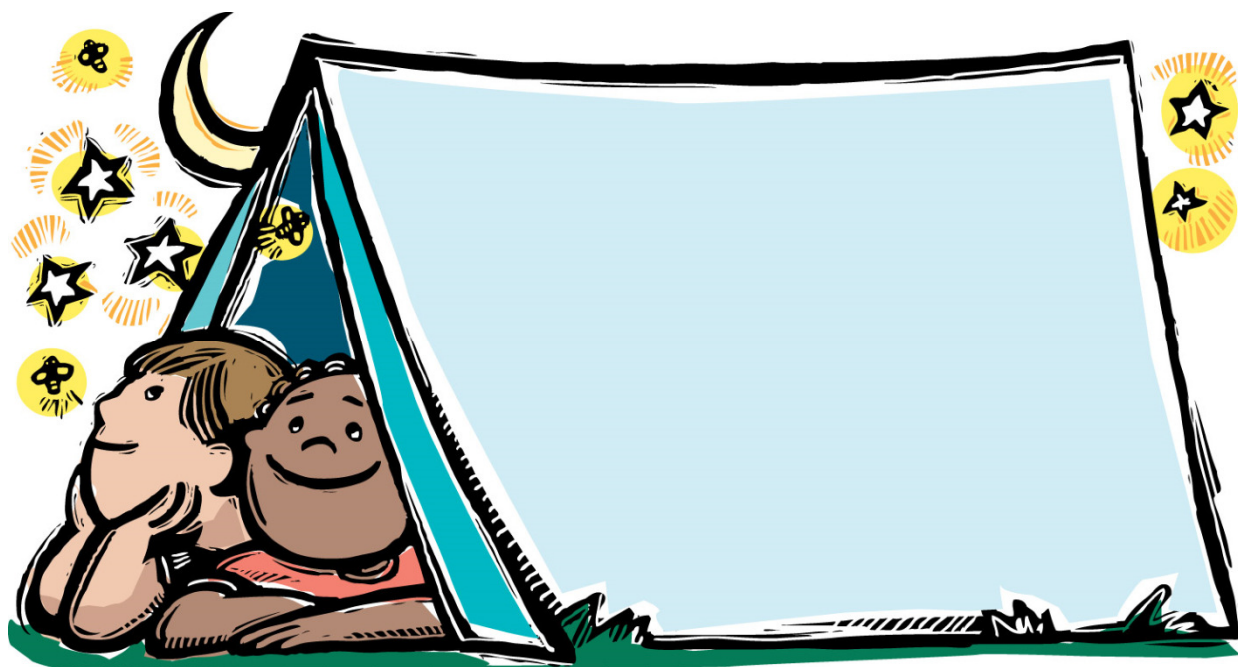
“Tents”

Where: Pierre—Oahe Downstream Recreation Area. Drop off at Faith at 2:00 pm on July 1 and pick-up at Faith at 11:00 am on July 3.

How Much? Registration costs of \$30.

Faith is offering \$30 scholarships to any member participant looking to attend camp to help offset costs.

Please pre-register for this event. Registration sheets can be found in the Narthex on the information table to be completed and returned to the church office by June 28.



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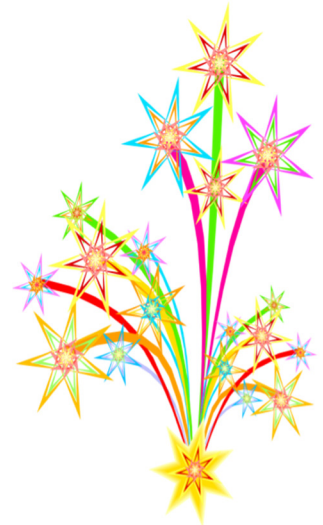
We are surrounded by expectations. If you want to keep your job, you are expected to do your work. If you want friends, you are expected to spend time with them otherwise you'll grow apart. In a marriage you are expected to love, forgive, and at times compromise. As a citizen you are expected to obey the law. There's no avoiding the expectations and demands placed upon us; it's simply a part of our world. And in many cases, you get out what you put in.

Yet, for the believer in Christ, it's somewhat different. St. Paul writes ***"It was for freedom that Christ set us free"*** (Gal. 5:1). The Bible clearly teaches that salvation is ours as an unmerited gift from God, bought and paid for with Christ's blood and given by the Holy Spirit. Our sins do not detract from it, nor do our good works add to it. In other words, we are forgiven totally for Jesus' sake. In grace, God does not punish sinners as they deserve. Instead, He freely gives full pardon and every joy of heaven. Yet, at the same time, we live in a world that awards hard work and punishes wrong-doing. How can we make sense of the two?

As sinners, our temptation is to ***"be subject again to a yoke of slavery"***, as Paul writes (Gal. 5:1). How many times do we desire to correct our sins before God by doing good things for other people, trying hard not to sin, or torturing ourselves emotionally and spiritually? But even this is of no use. We can't undo what has already been done. That is why we need God. You see, God has taken care of our problem of sin through His Son, Jesus. Through faith in what Christ has done on our behalf we are forgiven and we live each new day under His grace.

And that grace now moves us to reject the desire and temptations of sin and serve Christ by serving one another. St. Paul calls this the "fruit of the Spirit": ***"love... peace... patience... kindness... gentleness ... self-control"*** (Gal. 5:22-23). Rather than being our means to remove sins or earn heaven, we do these in response to God's love. We are able to live this way because God has made us His children. He has done what we were powerless to do, namely earn forgiveness. By the cross and empty tomb of Jesus, we are set free from the bonds of sin; forgiven and empowered to live lives of service.

In Service to Christ and Neighbor,



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“Now I Depart”

An elderly man shuffles through the door. He chooses a seat and falls into it more than sits. His eyes glance at the people gathered around him. He recognizes most of them. He waves to some of his close friends. A few of the people are new. He wonders if this might be the day. The man has been watching and waiting. He feels like his entire life has led up to this moment, whenever it may come. A family walks through the door: a father, mother, and baby boy. In that instance, he knows. He tenderly holds the child in his arm as he says, “Lord, now you are letting your servant go in peace, according to your word; for my eyes have seen your salvation that you have prepared in the presence of all peoples, a light for revelation to the Gentiles, and for glory to your people Israel.”

The man’s name is Simeon. His words are recorded in Luke 2:29-32. Simeon has been waiting for the Lord’s Christ. God had promised him that he would not die before he saw the Christ. That day had finally come. God’s promise to Simeon was fulfilled, and Simeon was ready to die, to “depart in

peace.” His words emphasize his contentment. It is enough to have seen Jesus; now he is ready to leave.

These words are also part of the communion liturgy. After the entire congregation has received communion, they rise together and sing these words. “Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant depart in peace according to Thy word, for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation...” Your words, your song, are no less true than Simeon’s. You are similar to him in that both you and he have seen the Christ. Simeon held him as a baby in his arms. You have held him upon your tongue.

The meager piece of bread that you have just eaten is Jesus Christ Himself. His form is more difficult to discern than holding a baby. But it is the same Jesus Christ. Your eyes have seen him, your lips have tasted him, he is united with you. Now, like Simeon, you can speak the same words. “Let your servant go in peace.” Its meaning here is twofold. The Divine Service is almost complete. You will rise and leave the church building soon.

You go out to perform the tasks that God has given you. God’s peace will watch over you as you live. And you also speak in an ultimate sense. Whenever the day of your death should be, you are ready to “depart in peace.” Your eyes have seen the Christ, your faith clings tightly to him. Death is an enemy that has already been defeated by the risen and victorious Christ. His peace will watch over you even there until the day when he raises you from the dead.

The Divine Service has one more element remaining. God bids you to leave this place, but not before he grants you one last blessing. We will discover this final piece next time.

Pastor Sam



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Hills Alive

Free summer music festival

July 20-21, 2019

Memorial Park

Rapid City, SD

LINEUP

Friday, July 19 @ 7PM

Main Street Square Artist Showcase

- Rapid City Worship Nights Band
 - Land of Color
 - Unspoken
 - I Am They

Saturday, July 20th-Noon

1st Class Realty of Gillette Main Stage

- ◆ Carrollton
- ◆ Land of Color
- ◆ I Am They
- ◆ Big Daddy Weave
- ◆ Kerrie Roberts
- ◆ Tim Timmons
- ◆ Unspoken

Sunday, July 21-Noon

1st Class Realty Of Gillette Main Stage

- * Community Worship with Tim Timmons
 - * Mass Anthem
 - * Aaron Cole
 - * Matt Maher
- * For King and Country
- * We are the Monks
- * JJ Weeks Band

It all began in 1985

When KSLT was a fairly new Christian radio station in the Black Hills we realized that many of our listeners had not been exposed to the ministry of the artists or the stories behind their music. In an effort to create that connection and impact lives for Christ, the decision was made to bring a Christian music festival to the Black Hills. Hills Alive '85 shared the love of Jesus Christ from a small wooden stage at Hart Ranch.

Since then, the festival has grown through the last 3 decades continuing the heritage of Hills Alive by not only ministering to the body of Christ, but also serving as an outreach to share the ministry with people who do not have a faith in Christ.

Today Hills alive has become the biggest and best FREE family event of the summer in the Black Hills.

Hills Alive is a 2-day festival in Memorial Park, Rapid City, SD with something for everyone. Each day up to 25,000 people will join us as we raise our hands together in praise and worship. Hills Alive is a community outreach made possible by the support and efforts of local churches, businesses, donors, and volunteers. We are blessed by all those that partner with the ministry of Hills Alive to share the love of Jesus Christ with all that attend.

Kids Zone—Vendors—Family Fun

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WOMEN'S FUN

Hosted by our LWML

August 12, 2019

7pm

Faith Lutheran Gym

Please join us to hear our guest speaker
Belinda Joe from Fort Thompson.

Belinda was born a Hunkpati Dakota. She is an educator, presenter, and visionary who promotes awareness and understanding of her culture in large and small circles.

She is the cofounder of the Dakota Hunkpati Kuncu-unci (Grandmother) society whose mission is to empower youth, families and elders.

Please join us on Monday, August 12th
at 7 pm.

Dessert and coffee will be served.



FOREVER YOUNG



Seniors' Gathering

FISH FEED

We are planning to continue the annual event again this summer. All that is needed are some donated fish and the participation of those who like really well prepared food. Please contact Vern, Brad, Ken or Cordell if you are willing to part with some of your fish. Then you can just sit back and wait for the magic day. August 15, 2019 at 6 p.m.



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Diaper Derby



Diaper Derby Results

Our 2019 Pulpit/Lectern Challenge has ended with amazing collection

totals, and once again, each team has won a category. On the diaper side, Team Ann (Pulpit) squeaked past Team Andy (Lectern) to win by 19 diapers. However, Team Andy swept the wipes category by over 2600 wipes. Each team surpassed their 2018 counts in both categories, and as a congregation, we set a new all-time record of diapers and wipes collected.

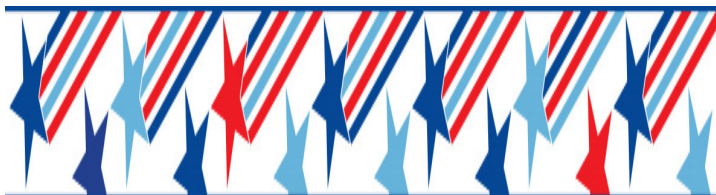
Here are the totals:

Team Ann: Diapers- 2,875 (2018-2,693) Wipes - 5,566 (2018- 4,216)

Team Andy: Diapers- 2,856 (2018-2,223) Wipes- 8,232 (2018- 6,124)

Faith Congregation- Diapers- 5,731 (2018-4,916) Wipes-13,798 (2018- 10,340)

Faith Life Team is humbled and honored by your generosity. You have blessed many, many families in the Pierre/Fort Pierre area with your amazing outpouring of gifts. Thank you for honoring our Lord and supporting His great gift of



human life!

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August 19, 2019

10:30 am-5:30 pm

To make an appointment
Go to:

bloodhero.com/pierrefaith



Official Acts

Baptisms

Raedynn Marie Juso

Funerals

Velda Rediger

Bernice Huber

When Do You Say, “I Have Enough”?

It has been said that today’s necessities are yesterday’s luxuries. For example, not long ago, it seemed that only a few people had cell phones; now almost everyone has one. Cell phones have become necessities rather than just luxuries. We could list dozens of “gadgets” that many of us now feel we cannot get along without.

When we purchase things, do we think in terms of what is a necessity and what is a luxury? An equally important question is, “How much of what we own or want to buy is based on what our neighbors or friends have?” Jesus said, “So do not worry, saying, ‘What shall we eat?’ or ‘What shall we drink?’ or ‘What shall we wear?’ For the pagans run after all these things, and your heavenly Father knows that you need them. But seek first His kingdom and His righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well” (Matthew 6:31-33). Jesus is telling us that we should first seek a relationship with Him, and He will provide for us because He knows what we need. God promises to “*meet all your needs*” (Philippians 4:19); however, there is no promise to provide for our wants or luxuries. As Jesus said, “Pagans run after all these things.” In contrast, our attention and energy as Christians need to be focused on Jesus.



Studies have shown that, as we move up the economic ladder of success, we may stop feeling grateful for our improved circumstances and focus on the luxuries we still don’t have. Rather than bringing us fulfillment, financial success can actually increase our desire for more luxuries. Then our three-bedroom home no longer gives us the happiness we seek because we long for a four-bedroom home with a bathroom in each one.

It seems the desire for more things is like drinking salt water; the more salt water we drink the thirstier we become. When do we stop wanting more and say “enough is enough”? Because we are by nature selfish and greedy people, only the strength that comes from Jesus separate us from our desire for more and more. As Paul wrote, “*I can do everything through Him Who gives me strength*” (Philippians 4:13).



Acolyte Schedule July/August 2019



Colossians 3:17 "And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through Him."

July 7

Early: Kennady Hanig and Simon Hill

Late: Trenton Gore and Nathan Haberling

July 14

Early: Lane Hedglin and Ajaye Hicks

Late: Addison Cumbow and Emily Lingle

July 21

Early: Jacob Larson and Elliot Leif

Late: Ryan Otkin and Carissa Ott

July 28

Early: Ain Peterson and Emiley Rajek



Late: Dayna Martinmaas and Molly Neyhart

August 4

Early: Jayden Nickerson and Kaylie Rathbun

Late: Joshua Ryckman and Daysen Titze

August 11

Early: Drew Schuchard and Brilie Schulz

Late: Shelby Roman and Michael VanDeWiele

August 18

Early: Hannah Schochenmaier and Chris Schultz

Late: Ellie Smith and

August 25

Early: Deni and Gracie Zeeb

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

Midweek Parent's Meeting for Wednesday, September 4th!!! There will be a parent's meeting **Wednesday, September 4th** 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, and cover expectations for the year.

Midweek will begin Wednesday, Sept. 11.

RALLY DAY – Sunday, September 8th! 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 meal at noon provided by our board of Parish Fellowship, with the congregation providing salads and desserts, and have opportunities for the kids including games in the Christian Family Life Center courtesy of the Board of Education. We look forward to



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