

JUNE 2019 NEWSLETTER

FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH

714 N GRAND AVENUE

PIERRE, SD 57501

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL



“Miraculous Mission: Jesus Saves the World”
Volunteers needed!!

Monday, June 3, 2019 to Thursday, June 6, 2019 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM Faith Lutheran Church, 714 North Grand Avenue, Pierre, SD

Registration is available online at: <https://vbsmate.com/events/faithlutheranvbs/17701>.

We are also in need of donations for our VBS craft projects: large-mouth jars, scrap fabric pieces and scrapbooking paper pieces. Donation boxes are in the narthex for anyone who would like to donate. Thank you in advance for your

kind contributions!

VBS is in need of volunteers of all ages! We welcome middle and high school youths, adults, and senior citizens! Help as little or as much as you are interested. Assist with purchasing snacks, leading groups to activity locations, helping other leaders with group activities, or manning the registration table. Volunteers can sign-up in person in the narthex, by contacting Angela Roman at adr5701@gmail.com or by registering online at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e0b4fa8a72caafe3registration>

Be Thinking Ahead

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July 1-3, 2019

In Pierre





¹⁸And so Jesus approached and spoke to them, saying, “All authority that is in heaven and on earth was given to me. ¹⁹Therefore, go and make disciples of all nations, by baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, ²⁰by teaching them to guard all things which I commanded you. And behold, I am with you for all the days, until the end of the age.” (Matthew 28:18-20)

Most of us would identify this passage as the Great Commission. It is our Lord commissioning the eleven (and the Church) to “make disciples.” But have you ever wondered what that means? And, in a related question, how is this done? In other words, what is a disciple and how does one “make” one?

Of course, there has been a great deal of words written on the subject of making disciples. Most of what is written follows the same paradigm, one becomes a disciple of Jesus by following Jesus. Pretty simple. The other day I was reading an article on discipleship which basically made this claim. The author actually went a step further by declaring that disciples not only follow Jesus, but they teach others to follow Jesus. “Discipling is a ministry of *how*, but it should be even more so a ministry of *why*. Discipling others absolutely involves modeling faith and godliness with our lives (Philippians 3:17), but effective discipling also imparts the reasons for believing in and living for Jesus (2 Timothy 2:2).” (Segal 2016)

This article got me thinking: is that what being a disciple is all about? How much “following” of Jesus does it take to be declared a disciple? What if I mess up? What if I fail at the *why* by not teaching to my greatest ability? I hope you see the problem.

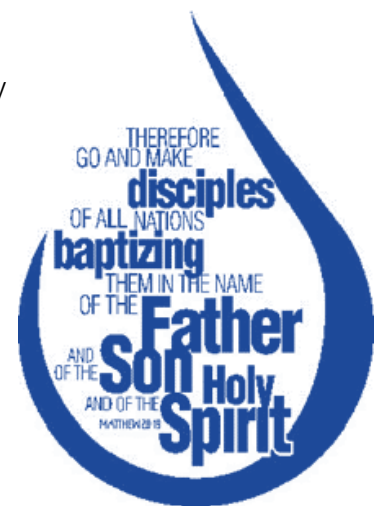
You see, many today have a wrong view of what it means to be a disciple of Jesus Christ (i.e., discipleship). Being a disciple of Jesus Christ (or making disciples of Jesus Christ, for that matter) is not something we do. Rather discipleship, at its core, is what God does in us. God makes us disciples. No amount of life-patterns, rules or teaching moments could ever make us, or anyone else, into a disciple of Jesus Christ. Only God makes disciples and He does it through the means He has established: baptism and the Word (i.e., instruction in/proclamation of the Word) as He states in Matthew 28. To say you must follow the pattern of Christ (or any other pattern for that matter), is to make God’s gift of discipleship into a human work.

Now, one might argue, “But Pastor, am I not doing something by teaching?” Indeed, you are teaching, but simple teaching doesn’t make someone a disciple. (Hardly would someone say they were converted by being taught how to solve a math problem!) Rather, what can make a person a disciple is the substance of your teaching, and that only the Word of God. So, it is not our teaching, but the Holy Spirit working through the Word that can and does make one a disciple.

Simply put, disciples are made through baptism and the teaching of God’s Word. This is the Great Commission. It is what God does in and through us in making disciples.

In Service to Christ and Neighbor,

Pastor Coy T. Pji



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“Christ for You”

The culmination of “Christ for you” is about to begin. In walking through the Divine Service, we have arrived at the words of institution. Communion was commanded by Christ as a festival to be celebrated throughout all generations. At the time when he first instituted it, Jesus was celebrating a different festival with his disciples. But Jesus reveals its true meaning in pointing the feast to himself.

Jesus was gathered in a room with his disciples. They were celebrating the Passover. In this historical act, God liberated his people from slavery in Egypt. The Jewish people remembered God’s great act of deliverance each year. But Jesus abruptly departed from the traditional Passover ceremony. Jesus took bread, gave thanks, broke it, and gave it to his disciples. But the words that he spoke imparted new and different meaning to the ritual. He said, “Take, eat; this is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.”

It is not my intent in this article to convince you of Jesus’ presence in the meal. If you do have questions about Jesus in Holy Communion, I encourage you to talk with me. My purpose is to demonstrate how Jesus comes to you throughout the Divine Service and especially in the act of communion. In the same way Jesus takes the cup of wine and declares that it is his blood.

Throughout the service, Jesus has come in a variety of ways. Through the announcement of forgiveness, through the Word of God (both readings and sermon), and now through communion. But his presence here is different. Jesus is literally present. Through the power of his words, the bread and wine are now also his body and blood. Look at the altar. Jesus is there. Not in some mystical and spiritual way. It’s Jesus, physically located on the earth. You see him.

But you do more than just perceive his presence. You eat his body; you drink his blood. Jesus joins with you in the most profound way. He enters your body. Jesus has come not just into your ears and eyes but now he joins himself to you. Christ for you. You are dismissed in the only possible way: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in body and soul to life everlasting. Amen. Back at your seat, you have a chance to respond to Christ. But we will cover that next time.

Pastor Sam



TWO SOURCES OF EDUCATION

"I thank my God every time I remember you." Philippians 1:3

Recently, the Panther Boosters in my hometown posted a photo on Facebook. It was of the main entrance to the old school auditorium/gymnasium – a WPA project completed about 1936. A couple of local electricians had rewired the original outside lighting to working order again. The photo was taken after dark, and the doorway was bathed in light. It was beautiful! A wave of nostalgia brought forth a whole flood of memories.

Onward Panthers, onward, marching on to victory;
For the honor of our school we'll march along with thee, Rah, Rah, Rah!
Win and wave your banners on high! We will sing your praise to the sky!
"Fight" is the battle cry for the glory of Parkers High!

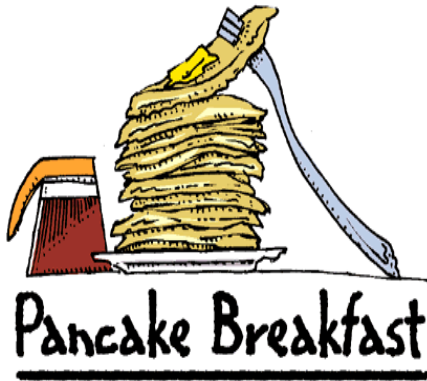
The old gymnasium had character. A hot, noisy and crowded atmosphere comes to mind. But there were serious and reflective times, too. The gym featured a non-digital scoreboard, wood floor and narrow bleachers with a balcony above. Directly across was a stage with heavy maroon curtains. That was from where the pep band belted out the fight song, class plays were presented, and the Homecoming Queen was crowned. The gym was the scene of countless basketball games and wrestling meets, PE classes, pep rallies on game day, student assemblies, FHA style shows and the occasional stern lecture from the principal. It also served as a concert hall. Graduates received their diplomas there. Swathed in crepe paper streamers, the gym was converted to a ballroom for prom. It became the scene of a 19 year-old boy's funeral – a fatality of the Vietnam War. Back in 1948, my mother even met my dad for the first time in that gym!

During my high school years, I spent a lot of time in the gym. I learned some life lessons there, gained confidence on many occasions, and formed friendships that are still strong today. A new, modern gymnasium has now taken its place, yet the memories linger in the old one. Less than three blocks to the south on Douglas Avenue stands Immanuel Lutheran Church. Like the school gymnasium, the original church still remains, the sanctuary remodeled. An educational wing and a beautiful new fellowship hall have been added. There are also many memories from that part of my life, too.

Onward, Christian soldiers, marching as to war, with the cross of Jesus going on before.
Christ, the royal master, leads against the foe; forward into battle see His banners go!
Onward, Christian soldiers, marching as to war,
With the cross of Jesus going on before.

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Thank you Faith congregation for your extreme generosity. You have come out for our soup suppers; rented our services for your yard, window, painting, and so many other jobs; searched for rummage in your garages and attics for the church wide rummage sale; purchased our homemade soup warmers; and supported us on Mother's Day by enjoying pancakes, German sausage, and eggs. We are all planters and waterers of His seeds. Whether here in Pierre and Ft. Pierre or many miles away in El Paso and Juarez, God's Word is distributed through us, His missionaries.

From the 2019 Mexico Mission Team

Immanuel celebrated its centennial in 2004. I was baptized and confirmed at Immanuel. My great-grandfather was a charter member, and relatives on both sides of my family worshipped there. I was literally surrounded by a cloud of witnesses. Like the school, there was a balcony, but here the organ pipes stood sentinel over the sanctuary, and the sexton rang the church bell on Sunday mornings. The congregation raised the roof with their singing. The stained glass windows above the chancel area sparkled in the morning sun. We didn't have a gymnasium, but we had the old church basement. That was where Sunday School classes, Bible studies and VBS met, as well as the Ladies Aid and Men's Club. I attended confirmation classes down there on Saturday mornings. Walther Leaguers held their meetings and played shuffleboard in that basement. Easter breakfasts, wedding receptions, and lots of church suppers, along with egg coffee, were served up from the kitchen.

Two buildings played a huge part of my growing up years. Both sent me equipped. One provided a formal education, college and life-ready. The other provided a religious education and nurtured my faith. It prepared me for eternal life.

Karen Lindbloom

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL



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

What: **Jesus Saves the World**

Lift off for an intergalactic adventure and learn about God's plan of salvation from creation to the cross! Just as the earth revolves around the sun, our faith revolves around God's Word. Keep Jesus and His Gospel at the center of your children's VBS experience with *Miraculous Mission*.

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This will alleviate much registration congestion on the first night of VBS.

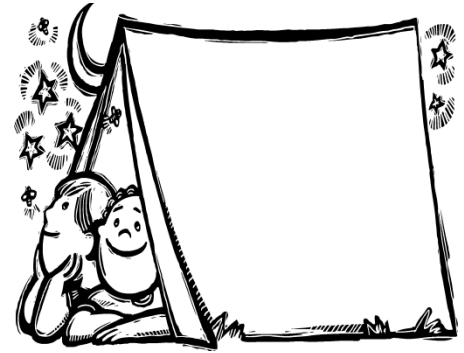
When: *MONDAY, June 3 – Thursday, June 6, 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. Mon.– Thurs. and on Thursday, June 6th with families invited to come at 7:45 for the closing and Root Beer floats following. Early check-in registration can be done Sunday, June 2 after the services. This will save time and congestion the night 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.

SUMMER CAMPS

Did you know? We actually have two camp options for this summer. Camp Minneboji is June 16-22, and Circuit Bible Camp will be July 1-3 in



Pierre for those heading into 5th grade through those heading into 9th grade .

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 Fa-



cebook page.

The deadline for articles going into the July/August newsletter need to be submitted to Helen by

All Boards Training

All officers from all Boards will meet
Saturday, June 15, 2019

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.

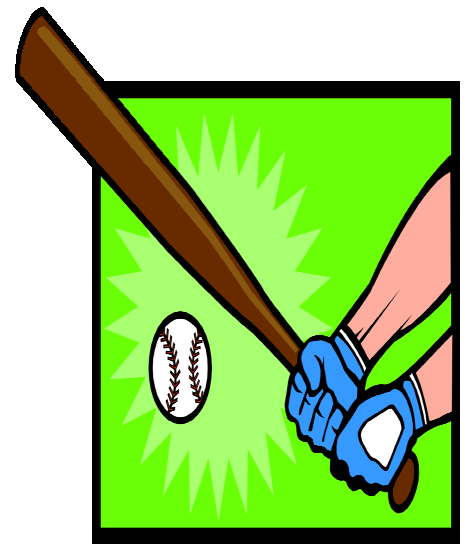


If you are able, we would like to invite you to please come out and watch our Faith Luth/Factor 360 men's team play. Our games are:

Friday, June 7
9:00 pm Field D
10:00 pm Field D

Friday, June 14
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 the games as you are able.



Forever Young

Will meet Thursday, June 20 at noon for our monthly potluck. Just bring food! Forever Young is a group of semi-retired and retired



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 for good food and great fellowship. Maybe some bingo.



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Con Brio Bells



Pictured are members of Faith's Con Brio Bells who rang for worship services over the past year. Front: Stacy Cwach and Allison Hill. Seated: Lori Billet, Pam Warriner, Karen Lindbloom and Gail Ferris. Standing: Carlene Barber, Kelly VanDeWiele, Noel Clocksin, Melody Crusier, Pamela Cronin, Andrew Wulf, Lisa Stanley, Carolyn Ryckman and Annette Hill. Ringers commit to a particular Sunday, preceded by three weeks of rehearsal about four times a year. Reading music and understanding rhythmic notation is a must. If you are interested in being a part of this ensemble, please contact Karen Lindbloom.

Diaper Derby

Eighth Annual Diaper Derby ends Father's Day, June 16, 2019

Donations for the Eighth 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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*Country
Fair
Updates*

Country Fair will be held on Saturday, October 5th this year. We will no longer have a Collectibles booth or a Used Treasures (Granny's Attic) booth. Thank you to all who have provided items to these booths over the years. Look for sign-ups come late summer!

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. All newly graduated 8th graders and all returning high school students – please join us this summer for LYF. 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. Pastor Handschke and Michael Shoup lead 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 in the gym and then move to the desired location whether 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 16-22, 2019
Minneboji Camp week begins with on-site registration on Sunday, June 16 and ends at 10:00am on Saturday, June 22.

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

Circuit Bible Camp

July 1-3

Please consider registering your student for Circuit Bible Camp. This is a three-day adventure where we study God's word and enjoy his creation. It is open to students who have completed 4th-8th grade. The Theme is "Tents," looking at how we are travelers and campers in our lives. We will meet at Faith and then head all the way over to the Oahe Downstream Recreation Area. The camp is free (cost is \$30 but Faith provides a \$30 scholarship, so free for your student). Signup sheets are located in the church office or in the narthex. Please contact Pastor Handschke with any questions.



YOUTH NEWS

Acolytes for June

June 2

Early: Drew Schuchard

Late: Jacob Larson & Ajaye Kicks

June 9

Early: Nathan Haberling & Katelynn Axtell

Late:

June 16

Early: Kamden Carter & Kaycee Carter

Late: Jayden Nickerson & Emma Reitzel

June 23

Early: Simon Hill & Ellie Noyes

Late: Lane Hedglin & Rylan Darry

June 30

Early: Emily Lingle & Eric Spitzer

Late: Ryan Otkin & Michael VanDeWiele

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 office. Thank you.



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.

