

MARCH 2019 NEWSLETTER

FAITH EV. LUTHERAN CHURCH

Mexico Mission Trip Fundraiser



Corned Beef 'N' Cabbage Meal



Sunday, March 17, 2019

Noon meal following the late service

Freewill Offering

It is back again this year! The K-A family along with the Mexico Mission Team is organizing the Corned Beef N Cabbage meal as we have done in the past.

Menu;

Corned Beef N Cabbage

Red Potatoes

Macaroni and Cheese

Dark Rye Bread

Bread Pudding with Caramel Sauce

This meal will be once again served family style. Please sign up in the Narthex

Lenten Schedule

Ash Wednesday, March 6, 2019

11:00 am & 7:00 pm

"A God Who Hungers"

March 13, 2019

11:00 am & 7:00 pm

"A God Who Prays"

March 20, 2019

11:00 am & 7:00 pm

"A God Beaten"

March 27, 2019

11:00 am & 7:00 pm

"A God Exposed"

April 3, 2019

11:00 am & 7:00 pm

7:00 pm only

"A God with a Mother"

April 10, 2019

11:00 am & 7:00 pm

"A God Who Thirsts"

April 18, 2019

Maundy Thursday

11:00 am & 7:00 pm

"A God Who Loves"

April 19, 2019

Good Friday

7:00 pm only

"A God Who Bleeds, a God Who Dies"

April 21, 2019

Easter

8:20 am & 11:00 am



Has anyone (i.e., a child or friend) ever asked you, “What is Lent?” Every year the Church observes this season called Lent. But have you ever wondered, what is it? In the next few paragraphs, I’ll attempt to provide you with an answer.

From its earliest beginnings, the Christian Church has observed the major events in Christ’s life. For example, there were days observing our Lord’s birth, baptism, death, resurrection, and ascension. As time went on, the Church thought it beneficial to set aside a period of preparation prior to the major events of Jesus’ life. It should be no surprise that the time leading up to our Lord’s crucifixion was set aside as a time to emphasize sorrow for one’s sins. Traditionally, the color purple was used to reflect this sorrow. (By the way, for many years the color purple was also used from Advent, however, to distinguish Advent from Lent, the Church has recently changed the color of Advent to royal blue). In order to capture the repentant theme of Lent, the parts of the Church’s order of worship that are more joyful (words such as “Alleluia”) were omitted during this time. By not using the alleluia—a joyful expression meaning “Praise the Lord”—until Easter, the Lenten season is clearly set apart as a distinct time from the rest of the year. Even the music gets into the act by adopting somber tones sung in minor keys. The omission of the more joyful items during the season of Lent forms a powerful contrast with the festive Easter celebration of Jesus’ resurrection when our alleluias ring loud and clear and our music takes on a joyous tone once again.

The word “lent” itself comes from the Anglo-Saxon word *lencten* meaning “spring” and begins with a solemn mid-week observance known as Ash Wednesday. In the Bible a way of showing distress and sorrow is to put ashes on one’s face. Adopting this practice and, as a way to visualize our penitential posture, Faith practices the “imposition of ashes” as part of our morning and evening service. This symbolic act of repentance (having a small amount of ashes put on one’s forehead) helps us to start Lent off with an emphasis on the sorrow we have over our sins.

Finally, many Christians practice a denial-of-self (i.e., “giving something up”) during Lent as a way of helping further focus on the suffering of Christ for us. In the Lutheran church, we view this practice as completely optional for the believer. Some may find such a practice to be very beneficial, others might not. Regardless of whether you decide to “give something up”

for Lent or not, the point is to reflect upon all that Jesus had to give up in order to win our salvation.

So there you have it, the season of Lent is a time for reflection, repentance, and restoration. It is my prayer that, for you, the next 40 days of Lent will include daily time spent with the Lord in preparation for the joy that Easter brings.

Please take a moment to observe our Lenten season worship schedule and plan on joining us this Lenten and Easter season!

In Service to Christ and Neighbor,

Pastor Coy T. Rji



“Preparation”

Last month we looked at the overall movement and focus of the Service of the Sacrament. Its primary goal is delivering Christ to your mouth. This month and the following ones, we will look at how each piece of the liturgy works towards that goal. The first part is called the Preface. This conversation between pastor and people is very short but calls our attention to what we are about to receive.

The Preface begins with the words “The Lord be with you.” This phrase should sound familiar. Just a little while earlier in the Divine Service, the pastor spoke these same words. Before the prayer (Collect) of the day and the readings, the pastor said, “The Lord be with you.” In essence, he is communicating a serious matter. “Listen up, pay attention, something incredible is about to happen.” Earlier, God was about to speak through his Word. Now, Christ will come into your presence in the bread and wine. But more than that, you will eat and drink Christ. This is truly incredible.

The Preface continues, “Lift up your hearts.” These words, along with the response, “We lift them up unto the Lord,” are some of the oldest in Christian liturgy. They most likely originated in the 2nd or 3rd century AD. Drawn from Lamentations 3:41 and Psalm 86:4, they are a reminder that we look upward to our God who reigns in heaven-

ly splendor. Yet in the mystery of Jesus Christ, he descended from his glorious throne to become man. This upward and downward action characterizes the relationship between Christ and Church. We look up to him and he comes down to us.

The last line of the Preface is both an invitation and a request. “Let us give thanks unto the Lord, our God.” Our proper response after contemplating the wondrous news of Christ coming among us is to give thanks. Who are we that Christ should give himself for us? Yet to exactly us, you and me, was Christ willing to give his life. We can only give thanks for such a selfless act of love. Yet the words are also a request. The pastor is about to consecrate the bread and wine in a process where Christ mysteriously binds his body and blood to them. The congregation gives their assent for him to continue. “It is meet (fitting) and right so to do.” The congregation is here to receive Christ in their ears and mouth. Let the service continue and let Christ come among his people.

This brief exchange communicates deeply about the relationship between pastor and people, and between Christ and his Church. They are so filled with meaning that our discussion



Lent: Your Favorite Time of Year?

to continue next month. At that time, we will look at the Proper Preface, God's blessings until then.

For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life." John 3:16

Pastor Sam
When I was growing up, I will have to admit that I had mixed feelings about Lent. Living in Minnesota, it was often still winter. It was dark when we arrived at church for the evening services. Worship usually didn't begin until 8:00 pm. A good share of my home parish was made up of dairy farmers, and they had to get the milking done first. Even though the lights were on, the church seemed a lot darker than in the daytime. (Unlike Christmas Eve, there were no Christmas trees twinkling with colored lights.) The congregation didn't seem to worship with the gusto and energy they did on Sunday mornings. A hushed and thoughtful environment prevailed.

When I survey the wondrous cross on which the Prince of Glory died,
My richest gain I count but loss and pour contempt on all my pride.

We followed the Order of Vespers in The Lutheran Hymnal (copyright 1941), and while I didn't mind the Versicles and the Canticles, the hymns were on the dreary side – many of them in minor key. (I was in my middle teens before I really began to love and appreciate those hymns.) The themes often revolved around penance and suffering, blood and death – not that I didn't care about Jesus' sacrifice. I knew it was an important part of my spiritual life, but I must confess, sometimes my mind wandered towards homework that still needed to be finished or the big game coming up on Friday night.

Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast save in the death of Christ, my God;
All the vain things that charm me most, I sacrifice them to His blood.

Eventually, the quiet of Lent allowed the silence to settle around me. When I looked beyond myself, and quit complaining, I caught a glimpse of what Lent is really all about. It is about hearing the story again, like the freshness of the first time; it's walking where Jesus walked; it is touching His robe and feeling His power surge through me; it is about feeling His pain on the cross and knowing it was for me that He died; it's about basking in His love and forgiveness and being filled with the costly and generous gift of His amazing grace.

See, from His head, His hands, His feet sorrow and love flow mingled down!
Did e'er such love and sorrow meet or thorns compose so rich a crown?

When we fully grasp the idea that the Lamb of God showed us what it meant to be servant of all, and what sacrificial love is all about – when we make the effort to see the bigger picture, Lent just might become our favorite time of year.

Were the whole realm of nature mine, that were a tribute far too small;
Love so amazing, so divine, demands my soul, my life my all.



Forever Young



Join us March 6, 2019 for our Forever Young Ash Wednesday Chicken Meal after our 11:00 am Ash Wednesday worship service.

Chicken will be provided. Please bring a side dish to share. We are now into Lent so let's "give up" desserts.

Everyone is welcome to join us.

LWML NEWS

The LWML will be having a Prayer Partner Exchange at their monthly meeting on Monday, March 11. Each person is asked to bring a hand soap container to exchange. If you cannot attend but want to participate, please contact Julie Linn(280-0175)

The district LWML will be holding a Spring Fling in Summerset near Black Hawk on April 26 & 27 starting Friday evening at 6:00 with registration. It will conclude on Saturday around 3:00 PM. Check out the details in the latest Lutheran Witness. Please contact Jan Larson (224-6574) if you are interested in attending this fun

time of fellowship with other mission minded women!



Men's State Dart-ball Tournament

The Men's State Dartball Tournament will be held Saturday, March 2, 2019 in Mitchell. Teams will gather for instructions at 10:30 am. Tournament games start at 11am. Speak to John Barber who is getting a team



together. Contact John at 220-2660 if interested. Practice every Monday night at 5:15 p.m. until the tournament.

Our Men's Fellowship is Mon-

Official Acts

day, March 4 at 7:00 PM.

Come enjoy a fun evening of darts and bring a snack to share. Beverage will be provided.

Baptisms

Charlotte Lucille Lyons
1/19/19

Wrangler Richard Stirling
2/17/19

Lincoln Eric Boxley 3/3/19

Funerals

Dan Shelbourn 2/18/19

Elaine Wagner 2/19/19

2nd Annual Mexico Mission Trip in May

We are planning our second mission trip to Ysleta Lutheran Mission in El Paso, TX. The focus of the trip will be to build a home for a family in Juarez and share the Gospel. The week-long trip will include various mission activities, including handing out Bibles and blessing the people with the Good News of Jesus in a region filled with poverty.

We are hoping for at least a dozen individuals. We ask that you keep this trip in your prayers regarding those who are on the team as well as those whom God appoints to place in our paths. Also be watching for fund raising opportunities for you to help with



to help financially. If you want to know more, please contact Dennis Ryckman or the Church office. The trip will be one week long starting May 25th.





**March is
Faith Lutheran's
month to collect
items for the
Pierre-Ft. Pierre
Food Pantry**

Faith Lutheran is one of the largest supporters of the Food Pantry, so this annual food drive is very important to our community.

Nonperishable food items, paper products, hygiene items, and cash donations are welcome

Food Items Needed

(No glass jars and no homemade food items, please):

- Beef stew
- Cans of fruit
- Cereal
- Chunky soups
- Cooking oil
- Elbow macaroni
- Flour
- Juice (in plastic bottles)
- Pancake mix
- Spaghetti sauce (canned)
- Sugar
- Syrup
- Paper towels
- Pasta meals

Tuna and canned chicken

Other Items Needed:

- Body wash
- Deodorant
- Feminine hygiene products
- Laundry detergent & fabric softener
- Lotion
- Shampoo & conditioner
- Soap

In conjunction with the Ardis Townsend Challenge to Fight Hunger, for every pound of food and every dollar donated to the Pierre/Ft. Pierre Food Pantry in March and April, local banks and credit unions will provide a percentage matching amount.

Checks may be made payable to PARS. Write Food Pantry on the memo line.



FLC Preschool News

Dear Faith Lutheran family,
What a great year we are having! In February, we learned about Jesus' love for us, made and exchanged Valentines, and emphasized colors with our Color Days.

During March we will be learning about how Jesus takes care of us, shapes, the color purple, the number 8 and the letters STUV.

Our Lending Library starts in March and goes through April.

The parent conferences for this year are March 18 & 19 and we are including a prereg-

istration form in the newsletter for next year. Please return this form with the registration fee (\$30) by March 1st if you are interested in enrolling your child for the fall of 2019. On March 1st registration opens to the public.

We will be traveling to the Discovery Center the end of March.

Our picnic this year will be May 10 and hopefully we will be able to have it at the park, otherwise, it is great to know that the Christian Life Center is available too. Thank you for your prayers and support of our program. It is greatly

appreciated.

Thank you for generous donations to Faith Lutheran Preschool from our Giving Tree.

Blessings to you as we prepare to celebrate the Lord's resurrection!

In Christ,



Faith Lutheran Preschool Pre-Registration Form

_____ will attend Faith Lutheran Preschool in the 2019-2020 school year.

Child's Name _____

_____ Phone Number: (Home) _____ (Mom's Work) _____ (Mom's Cell) _____

Child's Birth Date _____ (Dad's Work) _____ (Dad's Cell) _____

Please check section preferred:

_____ Mon/Wed/Fri a.m. * (8:30-11:30)

_____ Tues/Thur a.m.** (8:30-11:30)

_____ Tues/Thur p.m.*** (12:30-3:30)

* Must be four (4) or turning 4 by December 2019

** Must be three (3) by June 1, 2019

*** Must be four (4) by September 1, 2019 or Previously attended Faith Lutheran Preschool

Parent's Names _____

Parent's Address _____

Your registration fee: \$30.00 (Non-Refundable)

Monthly Tuition:

2 day - \$100.00

3 day - \$150.00

Preschool e-mail is: preschool@faithluth.com

Night of 8th Grade Questioning—All are invited to attend the evening of questioning for our 8th grade confirmation students. The rite of questioning is a major moment for our 8th grade Mid-week students and they would be so appreciative of your support. Join us **Wednesday, April 24th at 6:30 p.m.** in the sanctuary followed by refreshments.

Lutheran Youth Fellowship (LYF)
Our LYF is a time for high school students (and brave 8th graders) to come together for games, fellowship, and God's word. The game is always a surprise, from egg drops to capture the flag or Pictionary. We meet each Wednesday from 8:00-9:15PM. Please come and invite a friend. Talk with Pastor Handschke or Mike Shoup for questions.

Circuit Bible Camp Mark your calendars for the Circuit Bible Camp. Summer quickly becomes a busy time, and this camp offers an opportunity for middle and high school students to enjoy God's beautiful creation as well as learning more about Him and what He does for us in Christ. Camp will take place from July 1-3 in Pierre and is led by Pastors David Otten and Sam Handschke. Please contact Pastor Hand-

March Acolyte Schedule

March 3

Early: Adam Forman and Elliot Leif
Late: Molly Neyhart and Samantha Zeltinger



March 6 (7:00PM Ash Wednesday)

Trenton Gore and Nathan Shoup

March 10

Early: Tucker Berens and Ajaye Kicks
Late: Trevor Hayes and Jacob Larson

March 13 (7:00PM Lenten midweek service)

Drew Schuchard and Zane Schuchard

March 17

Early: Brady Hoftiezer and Joshua Ryckman
Late: Emily and Nathan Haberling

March 20 (7:00PM Lenten midweek service)

Caiden Jost and Jayden Nickerson

March 24

Early: Lane Hedglin and Jordan Thompson
Late: Kamden and Kaycee Carter

March 27 (7:00PM Lenten midweek service)

Ethan Hill and Simon Hill

March 31

Early: Ryan chael
Late: Emily Lingle



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