

# September 2019 Newsletter

Faith Lutheran Church

714 N Grand Avenue

Pierre, SD 57501

Rally Day

September 8, 2019

IT'S A FIESTA!



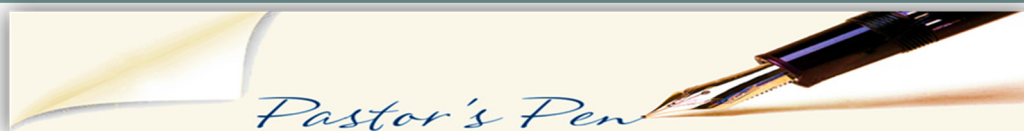
**Noon Fiesta Meal**  
with walk- **ing tacos**



- **Hosted by our Board of Parish Fellowship**
- **The congregation is asked to bring a dish to share**
  - A-K bring a salad to share
  - L-Z bring a dessert to share
- **2nd Graders receive their Bibles at the 8:20 or 11:00 Service**
- **Sunday School on the 8th is from 9:45 to 10:45**
- **Sunday School Award certificates will be given to students at our 8:20 or 11:00 Service**



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



I don't know about you, but I can hardly believe it. Summer is almost over (fall officially starts on the 23<sup>rd</sup>)! It seems that the older I get the faster time passes by. In fact, we've already begun seeing the signs of autumn: the kids have started school and days have gotten shorter. Soon the leaves will begin to change and the Canadian geese will congregate at Capitol Lake.

Likewise, many of us have begun to settle in to our fall routines. We've taken our vacations, seen our long-distance friends and extended family members. If you are going off to college, you've already moved. Students, teachers, administrators, and workers return to schools, colleges, and universities. Athletes have already begun reporting to the practice fields. Choir rehearsals have resumed.

It's no different here at Faith. Every fall, our congregation kicks off our yearly educational program with Rally Day. This year, Rally Day will be held on Sept. 8<sup>th</sup>. This will be a day of celebration as we'll have all kinds of festivities for our Sunday School youth and adults. Rally Day also marks the beginning of our various Adult Bible Studies on Sunday mornings and throughout the week. On Wednesdays, midweek classes will begin for all students grades 2 to 8 (and beyond).

As the days march on, we'll soon be into Thanksgiving, Advent, Lent, Easter, Pentecost and then our summer begins again. Time just never seems to stand still. This reminds me of the well-known hymn, "O God, Our Help in Ages Past." Several of the stanzas read like this...

*O God, our help in ages past, Our hope for years to come,  
Our shelter from the stormy blast, And our eternal home.*

*Under the shadow of Thy throne Thy saints have dwelt secure;  
Sufficient is Thine arm alone, And our defense is sure.*

*Time, like an ever-rolling stream, Soon bears us all away;  
We fly forgotten as a dream Dies at the op'ning day.*

*O God, our help in ages past, Our hope for years to come,  
Be Thou our guard while troubles last And our eternal home!*



Even though time passes on, there is one thing that is constant: "O God, our help in ages past, Our hope for years to come." God will never leave us nor will He forsake us. His is our help and our hope both now and forever.

God grant you His grace and peace! Amen.

In His Service,

*Pastor Coy T. Pji*

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

## A “Good Word”

The Divine service is almost complete. God has come to you, his people, in both Word and Sacrament. The people of God have heard God’s word and responded to him in prayer and song. God comes through this audible form, and then he also comes in a tangible, edible form. Christ comes down to earth, concealed in bread and wine. Now that God has served you, he has a final word to speak.

This last word has a few different names. It is more commonly referred to as the Benediction. It is a Latin term which means “good word.” God will speak this “good word” before sending you out to live your Christian life. The particular Benediction in the Lutheran Church is also known as the Aaronic Benediction. It is taken directly from God’s word, from Number 6:24-26.

In that passage, God is speaking to Moses. He is giving Moses many different commands. God lays out the duties of the priests. Aaron, who is Moses’ brother, is the leader of the priests. One of those commands is what Aaron should say to the people. “The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make his face to shine upon you and be gracious to you; the Lord lift up his countenance upon you and give you peace.” In the next verse, God states the reason for speaking these words: “So shall they [the priests] put my name on the people of Israel, and I [God] will bless them.”

The Divine service ends in a similar way to how it began. It began with the name of Father, Son, and Spirit that you received in baptism. Now it ends by putting God’s name upon you again. God attaches a promise to this Benediction: he will bless his people. The Benediction is not some good-sounding or merely traditional way of ending the Divine Service. These words accomplish something. Simply by speaking, the pastor gives you God’s blessing. This is the perfect way to end the Service, with a promise that God will continue to bless you.

The Divine Service is completely focused on God delivering his gifts in a variety of forms. Call-and-response, singing, praying, hearing, eating, seeing. God uses many different senses and types of information to transmit his gifts. With a more thorough understanding of the Service, we can now begin to investigate where that service takes place. Our next year-or-so of articles will explore the various elements in the sanctuary, like candles, altar, pulpit, etc. Until then, God’s blessings be upon you.



## DO YOU WANT TO BE HERE?

Sing praise to God who reigns above,  
The God of all creation.  
The God of pow'r, the God of love,  
The God of our salvation.  
With healing balm my soul He fills,  
And ev'ry faithless murmur stills;  
To God all praise and glory!

The sun-splashed days of summer vacation and trips to the river are on the downslide. Zesto runs will be less frequent, and soon the ball diamonds will be deserted. Summer activities are coming to an end and the fall harvest begins. While summer is full of action and fun, it can present some challenges. Communities might be recovering from storm damage, and crops may fail to yield. The church family can suffer as well. Members vacate, and so does the choir. People are on the move, or they decide to sleep late.... or go camping.... or load up the boat.... or take a vacation from church.... or something.

Regardless, the music continues – be it adjusted – as long as there is worship. Here at Faith, we make a concerted effort to keep our music program thriving and (maybe) growing throughout the summer. Small ensembles; vocal and instrumental soloists; invited guest musicians. But none of that works unless people want to be there.

Why do folks say “yes” to the call to serve? Why do they keep coming to choir? Why do the organists continue to show up on Sunday morning? It’s not necessarily out of a dried-up sense of duty or guilt. It certainly isn’t the paycheck. Part of it is pure dedication and commitment. Part of it is our enriching relationships with one another and the camaraderie with others. Part of it is that we long to drink God’s healing and comforting Spirit in the river of community. Part of it is the joy of offering to God the gift of music in various styles. Part of it – believe it or not – is fun.

There is always a reason we show up – we are taking the Gospel into peoples’ hearts and lives. We are helping others worship. In our present culture, especially, it is a tremendous responsibility. There will be tremendous rewards. There is always a need, always a hope. Our music program needs people. We need choristers; we need bell ringers; we need musicians. It’s an easy way to give thanks for God’s goodness; his abundant love and mercy; the beauty and blessings that he so graciously provides for us.

My dad always showed up. He is 93 years old. Unfortunately, the choir back home disbanded when he was 90 years old. Dad was a common laborer and was still working part-time in his 80’s. He worked long grueling hours in all kinds of weather. He spent time with us kids and helped my mother. He was on the Board of Trustees and on the ushering crew for many years. He faithfully attended adult Bible class. He had no formal music training and didn’t read music, but he had a good ear. No matter how exhausted he was, he went to weekly choir rehearsals; however, I don’t recall that he ever came home from choir practice exhausted. It was important to him.



To God all praise and glory!

Karen Lindbloom

Come September, prayerfully consider taking some time show up; to connect and create; to reflect and refresh.

Thus all my toilsome way along  
I sing aloud His praises,  
That men may hear the grateful song  
My voice unwearied raises.  
Be joyful in the Lord, my heart!  
Both soul and body bear your part:



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

# Memorial Garden Memorial Stones

Now is the time to be thinking about getting names submitted for the Memorial Stones.

There are request sheets in the Narthex on the Information table. The cost for the names is \$35 and if you would like a space saved on the same stone for your name it is an extra \$50.

**October 1** is the final date

each year for submitting names to be engraved in time for dedication on All Saints' Sunday, the first Sunday in November. This year it is November 3.

To date we have had 97 names engraved on the stones. It is a



# Men's Fellowship

very nice, lasting memorial to family members.



Our Men's Club begins again this Fall on Monday September 9th at 7:00 pm in the Christian Family Life Center.

Beverage will be provided, bring a snack



## FAITH CHOIR

Rehearsals will begin on TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, at 6:30 pm. The choir practices for one hour. On the average, the choir sings about once a month. During the month of December and the Lenten season, there can be additional services. Your voice is needed! You do not need to read music – the ability to match pitch and a willing spirit is all that is needed!



Please join us!

## Join Con Brio Bells Bell Choir

Bell choir rehearsals will resume sometime in the fall. Practices are "episodic," meaning that members rehearse three weeks prior to a committed Sunday or service. The bell choir rings for three or four services during the time from September until May. We are in great need of ringers this season. Bell ringers should have the ability to read



LWML Christian Life Workshop  
Friday, September 20  
presents:

## GOD AT WORK: TWO KINGDOMS, ONE MISSION

Dr. Gregory Seltz

"In a world that is increasingly hostile to Christians and God's Word, we will have the opportunity to learn more about how to exercise our temporal liberties for the sake of proclaiming the eternal salvation of Christ"

Rev. Dr. Gregory P Seltz, is the executive director of the Lutheran Center for Religious Liberty in Washington, DC

Please contact Jan Larson (224-6574) if you are interested in at-

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On Monday, August 26th, Faith Lutheran Preschool officially began with our “Get Acquainted Night”! It is an exciting time for parents and preschoolers as they register and get ‘acquainted’ with the facility and staff of our preschool here at Faith. It is always exciting to meet the face that goes with the name on the registration form! Classes start the week after Labor Day - September 9<sup>th</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup>.

I am very blessed to be able to teach another year at Faith Lutheran Preschool. With all the new changes I have made, I’m extremely excited to see what this program will become in the upcoming years. I have 3 dedicated and experienced staff members to help me share the

love of Jesus with all the little ones. Beth Hand, Dawn Koch and Dusti Palecek will all be returning to Faith Lutheran Preschool this fall. What a blessing it is to have this group of dedicated women to work with at preschool!

Thank you again for allowing me to work with God’s precious little ones! I love being able to tell them about the God who created them, loved them enough to die for them, and lives in their hearts today! We are anticipating a wonderful year and are so thankful for your support and prayers. God’s blessings to each of you.



## DAYCARE NEWS

Greetings,

My name is Angela Schwartz and I started as the new Director here at Faith Lutheran Daycare July 8<sup>th</sup>, 2019. I was originally born in Pierre SD. Growing up



I have lived in Moorhead, Minnesota and Eugene, Oregon. It was there I had started my own family and decided to move back to my home roots in November of 1998. Since then I have had my own Group Family daycare for 20 years, and have retained my Associates Degree in Early Childhood Education. I feel God has led me here to Faith Lutheran and am honored to be here.

As preschool season is here we are excited to start our faith based Mother Goose program.

Mother Goose strives on social and emotional, physical, language and literacy, mathematics and reasoning, social studies, and science development. Mother Goose is nationally recognized and has all early learning standards.

Just a reminder our Little Caesar Fundraiser kits will be here September 4<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 in the gym. Please mark your calendars. All products are frozen and we want to make sure we keep the quality of the products.

I feel very blessed to be working with such an amazing group of people and children.

God bless,



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## “That My Glory May Sing Your Praise and

### Hymn Workshop

**Saturday, October 5, 2019**  
**Faith Lutheran Church**  
**10:00 a.m.-3:30 p.m.**  
**Hymn Sing 4:00-5:00 p.m.**

God calls us to sing the faith over 50 times in the Scriptures. It is something our baptized hearts yearn to do, and yet is increasingly a challenge for us. Our collected voice is subdued for many reasons: the effects of technology, the shrinkage in common song, the overall decline in music education, to name a few. One can lament some of these causes, but they aren't going away. Fortunately, challenges provide opportunities.

There are proven ways to surmount these problems, which Phillip Magness, a seasoned liturgical musician and educator, will be sharing with us. Come disconnect for a day and learn how to help a congregation find its voice, move beyond the worship wars, and nurture the Lord's song in your congregation.

#### Phillip Magness

Phillip Magness serves as Director of Sanctuary Worship at Concordia Lutheran Church in Kirkwood, MO. He previously has served parishes in Texas, Illinois, and Oklahoma. Along the way, he has served as chairman of the Introduction Committee for the *Lutheran Service Book* (LSB), a member of the Board of Directors for the Northern

Illinois District, and a member of the LCMS Board for International Mission. His sacred music compositions are available from Concordia Publishing House, Northwest Publishing House, JW Pepper, and Sheet Music Plus. Cantor Magness has several tunes in *LSB*, including UNION CITY (“If Christ Had Not Been Raised from Death,” LSB 486) and the Old Testament Cantic from the Service of Prayer and Preaching.

Phillip is a frequent presenter at music and worship conferences and the chief musician for DOXOLOGY: The Lutheran Center for Spiritual Care and Counsel. He is skilled in French and makes regular trips to teach liturgy and hymnody in Franco-phone West Africa. His wife, Cheryl, is an editor and writer with LCMS Communications, and they have three children: Trevor, Caitlin, and Evan.



UNCLAIMED  
DISHES

If you have unclaimed dishes or containers in the church

kitchen from a funeral or other event PLEASE pick them up as soon as possible.

### BLOOD DRIVE

Thank you so much to all those who donated blood for our Blood Drive on August 19. We were hoping for 45 units and we exceeded that with a total of 59

## Official Acts

### Baptisms

Angel Diane Elizabeth Paul  
 Ava Shanice Hill  
 Lily Fisk

### Funerals

Michael Youngberg  
 Royce Loesch  
 Larry Mattheis

### New Members

Trapper & Megan Goltz  
 Don & Karen Mentele  
 Ron Ravellette & Lori Schocker



## Fish Fry

Sharon Peterson  
 Congregational  
 Fish Fry

A huge THANK YOU to Cordell Costar, Vern Dockter, Ken Shelbourn and Brian Gustafson for cooking the fish for the August Congregational Fish Feed.

It was a gourmet banquet of fish! We had a great turnout and we wish to thank those who provided the fish! Vern Dockter, Brad Schultz, Cordell Costar and one unknown donor. We also thank all those who brought side dishes and desserts to go along with our fish. It was a wonderful meal!

A huge THANK YOU to all who volunteered to help clean up!

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Hope LaForest

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## Give them a call! Our Bulletin and Newsletter Assemblers

**Walk of Hope** Coming Together for Suicide Prevention Saturday, September 14, 2019 Capitol Lake Visitors Center Check-in 8:15 a.m. Walk starts at 9:00 a.m. All proceeds support regional mental health awareness and suicide prevention. Remembrance Ceremony will take place immediately after the walk. Register at [AveraStMarysFoundation.org](http://AveraStMarysFoundation.org) or call 605-224-3451.

**Rides to Church**  
River Cities Public Transit will provide pre-scheduled (at least the day before) rides to church services or other church related activities, to and from the Faith Lutheran facility at no cost to you.

Who is it that folds our bulletins each week and puts those inserts in?

Who is it that puts the Newsletter together each month in the mailing envelopes?

Well—that would be:

- Mary Hiller
- Lila Houck
- Marcia Johnson
- Freda Peters
- JoAnn Sanders

Thanks for your continued commitment



everyone!

If YOU are willing to help let us know. Please have all articles you want in the October newsletter submitted by noon on Friday, September 13.

## Installation of Teachers

We invite all of our teachers, Sunday School, Midweek, and Adult Bible study, to an installation service on Sunday, Sept 8. This ceremony will take



Faith Lutheran LWML Annual Fall Bazaar



# Country Fair

## Saturday, Oct. 5 at Faith Lutheran

Questions? Talk to Kristy Deal (280-7004)

Helping in a booth is a great way to make new friends! Check the signup sheets in the Narthex.

## EARLY NEEDS

### Recipes in a Jar

Jane Braley - 222-0131 or email [jb62155@aol.com](mailto:jb62155@aol.com)

1. **Select a recipe** from the Country Fair table in the Narthex.
2. **Follow the instructions:** you'll layer ingredients in a pint or quart jar as indicated.
3. **Leave the jar** on the Country Fair table by Sun., Sept. 15. We'll do the rest. It's easy!



### Gift Baskets

Julie Linn - 280-0175 or email [Jrlinn@live.com](mailto:Jrlinn@live.com)

Some of the things we need to make gift baskets for all occasions:

- **baskets:** small and medium size, clean
- **cups** of all types (including golf and hunting cups)
- **soup mugs**
- small seasonal **serving plates** (about 6 inches across)
- **kitchen utensils**, particularly wooden spoons, ladles, measuring cups, measuring spoons, and spatulas
- **linens:** potholders, dish towels, cloth napkins, placemats
- **napkin rings**
- decorative **memo pads** & notepads
- **tissue paper** in all colors
- individual packets of **flavored coffees, teas, hot chocolate**

Note: Leave in the coat closet in the Narthex by Fri., Sept. 27. **Label items** "For Baskets".

## PLAN TO BRING

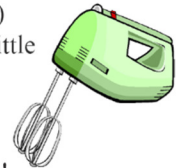
### Crafts

All kinds of arts and crafts are needed. Place in the coat closet in the Narthex and label "Crafts".

### Baked Goods - Candy

Make treats now, LABEL, and freeze, such as:

- **PIES!** (we need DOZENS for the lunch counter and the Baked Goods Booth)
- Cookies - LOTS!
- Breads
- Bars of all types
- Fudge - all flavors
- Caramel apples
- Peanut brittle
- Divinity
- Toffee
- Caramels
- And more!



### Jelly - Sauces - Produce

The Lutheran Market Booth sells homegrown produce of all types, plus canned goods such as:

- Jelly & jam
- Piccalilli
- Dilly beans
- Pickles / relish
- Salsa
- Fruit sauces
- Apple butter
- Honey
- Spaghetti sauce
- And more!



### Where the proceeds will go

**National level:** Food Co-op food pantry for seminary students and their families -and- Mission Central-Mapleton, Iowa (Pastor Brent Smith).

**State level:** Medical mission trip to Guatemala-Faith Lutheran Church, Sioux Falls -and- Higher Things Convention (Faith Lutheran is hosting the conference).

**Local:** St. Benedict's Guest House Countryside Support & Memory center -and- hotel vouchers for hardship needs.

**Church:** New gym equipment, preschool (including educational games and toys), Lutherans for Life, day care (including bookcases and cabinets), scholarships for LYF students for the Higher Things Convention, welcome banners and stands, and mission trips.

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## Upcoming Bible Studies

### *Walking in the Word...2019 Fall Bible Study & Fellowship Opportunities @ Faith Lutheran Church*

Please Check the Desired Study/ies & Return to the Church, **OR** Keep the Sheet & Just Let Us Know! 224-2216

#### Sunday

(Adults) – *Defending the Faith* – Attacks on your Christian faith are often subtle and implied. Ideas like evolution and gender identity are taken as standard and often undebated. Pastor Rajek will lead a study that examines these issues in light of God’s Word. He will reveal what God says about these attacking ideas and equip you to say what Christians do believe about these issues. Begins **Sept 8 at 9:45AM**.



(Adults) – *Prayer* – What is prayer, and how should you pray? Prayer is common to the Christian but it can also be intimidating. Marvin Schweigert leads a study centered on this pillar of the Christian life. It will begin on **Sept 15, at 6:30PM in the Living Room**.

(Adults) – *12 False Christs* – Who is Jesus? This may sound like a silly question, but many people have different, even conflicting, opinions. Based on the book *Will the Real Jesus Please Stand Up* by Rev. Matt Richard, Dennis Ryckman will show these differing opinions, comparing them to God’s own description of Jesus drawn from God’s Word. Classes begin at **6:30PM**. Date to be announced.

#### Monday

(Men) – *Men’s Fellowship* – The men of the congregation are invited to a time of fellowship and games on the first Monday of the month (will meet **Sept 9** due to Labor Day). They begin with a devotion and then enjoy food and conversation with an activity (usually dartball). For any questions please contact John Barber, 220-2660.

(Adults) – *Boundaries* – Your schedule is overfilled with activities and demands on your time. Vona Johnson will lead a group in discovering how God desires to free you from busyness and focus on fulfilling His design for your life. **Organizational meeting September 16 at 6:30PM**.

#### Tuesday

(Women) – *Perseverance: Praying through Life’s Challenges* – Led by Karen Lindbloom, this study focuses on Nehemiah. He may not be the first Biblical example that comes to mind when talking about perseverance, but his life sets a standard of helpful steps that you can apply on “the one thing journey” that’s keeping everyone from a fuller life. Study begins **Sept . 24 at 10AM**.

#### Wednesday

(Adults) – *Vocation* – How do we serve God? And how do we serve others? The two are not so different. David Zuercher will lead a study that reveals how God has equipped and positioned you to serve him and others in your daily life. This study will meet at 6:30PM and rotates locations to various participant’s houses. Contact David for starting home: 222-8424. **Study begins September 11 at the Zuercher home, 104 Lee Hill Road, Pierre.**

(High school students) – *Lutheran Youth Fellowship (LYF)* – All high school students (and courageous 8<sup>th</sup> graders) are invited to LYF **each Wednesday at 8PM**. We join together for an activity and devotion. This time is for developing and strengthening friendships with other Christian youth in town as well as deepening your love for Jesus and developing your identity in Him. You are encouraged to invite friends too. Please text Mike Shoup (295-2234) to be added onto the text group.

(Adults) The Board of Missions will be hosting a parent/marriage/evangelism study during Midweek hours 6:30-7:45. The study is *Will the Real Jesus Please Stand Up*. All adults are welcome. Bring your kids for Midweek and stay and be enriched yourself. Show your children that the study of God’s Word is important to you and for you as well as them.

## Acolyte Schedule September 2019

### September 1

Early: Nathan Shoup and Eric Spitzer  
Late: Caleb Davis and Andrew Axdahl

### September 8

Early: Katelynn Axtell and Emma Reitzel  
Late: Cassidy Miller and Rylan Derry

### September 15

Early: Kamden and Kaycee Carter  
Late: Ladd and Lane Kramme

### September 22

Early: Maria Noyes and Ellie Noyes  
Late: Ayvrie Kaiser and Alyssa Stahl

### September 29



Early: Collin Pope and Paige Brandt  
Late: Natalie Fawcett and Jazmine Yaeger

## MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

**RALLY DAY – Sunday, September 8<sup>th</sup>!** Join us at Faith Lutheran on this special Sunday as we celebrate the start of Sunday School, watch the special moment when 2<sup>nd</sup> graders receive their new Bibles, enjoy a taco fiesta meal at noon provided by our board of Parish Fellowship, and have opportunities for the kids including games and a bounce house in the Christian Family Life Center courtesy of the Board of Education. We look forward to seeing you there among us!

## Education year begins

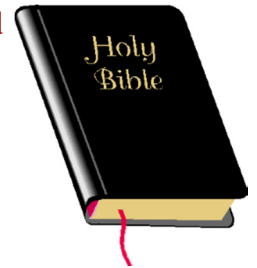
We are excited to begin the education year.



Students age 3 through 8<sup>th</sup> grade are invited to our Sunday School classes. These will begin Sept 8 from 9:45-10:45AM. This class time is focused on sharing God's story with the students. They will learn about the various people involved in this story, men and women from the Old and New Testament.

We also invite students in 2<sup>nd</sup> grade through 8<sup>th</sup> grade to Midweek classes. Parents of 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade students will meet on Sept 4 from 6:30-7:30PM in the sanctuary. This time will cover confirmation expectations and allow us to address any concerns. Classes will begin the next Wednesday, Sept 11, from 6:30-7:45PM. This time is focused on the teachings which God gives in his Word.

Both of these times, Sunday School and Midweek, are focused on different yet complementary aspects of God and his word. Students are encouraged to attend each class.



## Bibles and Catechisms

We are continuing our tradition of providing Bibles to 2<sup>nd</sup> grade students and catechisms to 4<sup>th</sup> grade students. We will have a special ceremony for students to receive these items during worship on Sunday, Sept 8. Both the 8:20 and 11:00AM services will each have this ceremony, so please attend whichever service you desire. These items are free, and we will also have additional Bibles and catechisms available if you would like to purchase them.

## Higher Things Retreat, Jan 3-4, 2020

We will be hosting an overnight retreat for high school and college age students. The retreat, "What is Truth?", will be focused on how we can know truth and where we find it. The discussion will not only help students to understand truth from a Christian perspective, it will also aid them in defending the truth against



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