

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR JULY 26 – THE EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST



AS WE GATHER Treasures are hard to find and even harder to hold on to. Jesus describes the kingdom of God as a great treasure hidden in a field, a pearl of great price, and a net full of fish. But this treasure is one of God’s own making. He esteems us His treasured possession and delivers up His own Son that we might be His own and live under Him in His kingdom without end. On earth that treasure is hidden in the dirt, found side by side among cheap trinkets, and in nets that hold good and bad fish. But one day, it will all be clear. They will be set apart and the false treasures exposed. For now, it is enough to believe His Word and trust in His promise and hold steadfast to His Son.

Jesus said: “The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which a man found and covered up. Then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field.” Matthew 13:44

If there are prayer concerns for you, your family, your friends, or your neighbors, please put them on the yellow prayer request card. Our Board of Elders are prayerful with our pastors about these joys and struggles of our earthly journey.

“The prayer of a righteous man is powerful and effective.” James 5:16b

Welcome to Faith Evangelical Lutheran on this Eighth Sunday after Pentecost! We are delighted to have you in worship with us. If you are visiting from out of town, we bid you welcome and God-speed on your journey. Should you be from our community, and have no church home, we invite you to make Faith your church home.

Preaching today is Reverend Samuel Handschke, our Associate Pastor. Reverend Cory Rajek, our Senior Pastor, is our Liturgist.

Holy Communion is celebrated at our 11:00 service this Sunday. In this Sacrament, our Lord gives His true body and blood for our forgiveness. Those who confess the faith declared at this altar and who desire to receive communion today are asked to read our communion statement found in the bulletin. Thank you.



Individual Communion There will no longer be communion between services but anyone wishing to receive communion other than at the service may call the office to set up a time for you to commune.

STEWARDSHIP CORNER

Sun., July 19, Att. 201; General Fund \$12,829.19; Building Fund \$340.00; Love Fund \$100.00; Contingency Fund \$100.00; Mexico Mission \$200.00.

Endowment Fund When giving to the Endowment Fund **PLEASE** make it a **SEPARATE CHECK**. Must be a **CHECK** as the account doesn’t accept cash for the deposit. It is not always easy to find a check for the correct amount to substitute for cash or for a check made out for multiple purposes that includes an Endowment donation. The counters would greatly appreciate your help in this matter. Thank you.

Voter’s Assembly Our Voter’s Assembly that was postponed from the first of May will be held **this** Wednesday, July 29, at 6:00 pm. One important item on the agenda is the election of officers. Will share more updates as the date draws near.

Bulletin Board Check it out!!! The bulletin board now has pictures of Faith’s float that was in the 4th of July parade. Still room for more. Anyone who has announcements, newspaper clippings, pictures of activities happening at Faith or that include any of our members, please feel free to add them to the large bulletin board by the Grand Avenue entrance. This is a Faith community bulletin board. Cheryl Brull kindly puts up a decorative background for us to add other things. Congregational participation is encouraged.

We are seeking applicants for the Business Manager position. For the immediate future, this position is only open to church members, to allow any interested members the opportunity to apply. It will be open to the public after our members have had a chance to apply.

The full job description is available at the office. The basic duties are assisting the Treasurer with bookkeeping and controller functions as well as advising about human resource questions. Anyone interested should contact Pastor Rajek in the church office: 224-2216



Faith is once again sponsoring our annual summer Blood Drive on Tuesday, August 18th from 11:00-5:00. An added feature this time is that Covid antibody testing will be provided for each donor. Please consider donating. You can schedule a donation time by contacting Jodi Hartmann at 222-8675, or by going to Blood Hero.com. You have the power to save up

to 3 lives with one donation! There is always a need for blood and only volunteer donors can fulfill that need for patients in our community. Every 2 seconds someone needs blood and most of us will need blood in our lifetime.

60th ANNIVERSARY



The family of Myrna and Dale Hartmann is requesting a Card Shower from family and friends to help them celebrate their upcoming 60th Wedding Anniversary on August 7th. Cards and well-wishes may be sent to them at 217 S. Taylor Ave., Pierre, SD 57501. Many thanks to their church family and friends for being such a big part of their journey together.

Diaper Derby This year's Diaper Derby is not a competition since the Covid-19 scare put a damper on things. Instead there are two cribs in the Narthex for you to donate diapers and wipes to help those less fortunate. Working together we help God's people heal, bless local families with gifts of diapers and wipes, and honor God's gift of human life.



preschool registration



Preschool 2020-2021 pre-registration forms are in the basket on the information table in the Narthex. You may also find a form on our website. The Monday/Tuesday/Wednesday morning class is now full. There are still a few openings in the other sessions but if you prefer one session over another you may want to apply early.

Main Street Living Did you know the Main Street Living program is broadcast throughout South Dakota and into bordering states on two TV stations: KDLT in Sioux Falls at 10:00 AM central and KEVN at 8:00 AM mountain in Rapid City? Did you know you can see the Worship Service and Kid's Crossing on our website at anytime? All programs are streamed on www.mainstreetliving.com, and are available the day before they are broadcast.

July 26, 2020

10:00 AM – This Is the Life – “Spite” – Negative emotions and grudges are destructive but forgiveness allows people to move forward.

10:30 AM – Reverend Colin Ford, pastor at Concordia Lutheran in Cresbard and Immanuel Lutheran in Wecota, SD brings the message “Not Peace, But a Sword.” The sermon is based on Matthew 10:34-42.

Life Quotes “Our lives may be full of stress, but Jesus is with us as He has always been—walking with us, holding us in His hands, keeping us in His care. Nothing can take God's love away from us. Nothing, not even death—not even death on a cross!—can keep Jesus from the people He came to save.” *Dr. Kari Vo, Lutheran Hour Ministries – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • www.lutheransforlife.org*

This Week at Faith Lutheran

Today: July 26

8:30 am Worship

11:00 am Communion

Mon: July 27

7:00 pm Priscilla Circle

Tues: July 28

8:00 am Staff Devotions

5:30-7:00 pm Pickleball

6:30 pm Church Council

Wed: July 29

6:00 pm Voter's Assembly

7:00-9:00 pm VBS Family Scavenger Hunt

8:00 pm LYF

Thurs: July 30

8:00 am Staff Devotions

Sat: Aug. 1

3:00-4:00 pm Andrew Wulf Recitals (Sanctuary)

Sun: Aug. 2

8:30 am Communion

11:00 am Worship

7:00 pm Board of Elders

7:30 pm Board of Missions

Faith Lutheran Youth

Here's what's happening with the youth of Faith Lutheran...



Confirmation Date

The date for Confirmation has been set for **Sunday, August 30th** at our 11:00 am service.

Therefore, the date for Questioning and reading of essays would be Wednesday, August 26th at 6:30 pm.

2020 Vacation Bible School VBS Family Scavenger Hunt! **Wednesday, July 29th 7-9 PM** Start at Faith Lutheran Church to obtain the clues, then drive in your vehicle with your family to the sites to find treasure! Volunteers are needed to help with the event. Please contact April Hodges at darinandapril@midco.net or 222-7087 or sign up in the narthex if you are willing to help out!

The thank you posters displayed throughout the church were made by children and families as part of the Thank a Teacher project. We are grateful to all of the Teachers and Volunteers who helped make the 2019-2020 Sunday School and Midweek year a success!