

# MARCH 2020 NEWSLETTER

**FAITH EV. LUTHERAN CHURCH  
714 NORTH GRAND AVENUE**

## LWML HYGIENE KITS PROJECT

Sandy Hobart and Lurene M. Denke would like to thank the congregation of Faith Lutheran Church for helping make 98 health kits for the disaster relief teams to take in times of need.

We will be taking them to the State LWML Convention in Yankton, SD May 29-30, 2020. Where they will be added to many others around the state to Mission Central in Iowa.

Part of this project was funded by the Thrivent Action team of \$250 start up funds to purchase towels, washcloths, soap, toothbrushes, combs which make up to 40 kits at the rough cost of \$6.34 per kit.

So many blessings and lives touched in times of need.

A heart felt thank you to generous givers.

Sandy and Lurene



Kathy Monfore, Lurene M. Denke, Sandra Hobart, Loretta Jochim, Donna Gohl, Pat Huisman, Anita Marso, back Jan Larson, Dawn Koch, Luann Zuercher, Janice Deal, Kristy Deal took picture, Julie Linn missing. Thanks to all who donated.

## Lenten Schedule

### Eyes on Jesus

**Ash Wednesday, Feb. 26, 2020**

11:00 am & 7:00 pm

*"Misjudging Eyes"*

**March 4, 2020**

11:00 am & 7:00 pm

*"Betraying Eyes"*

**March 11, 2020**

11:00 am & 7:00 pm

*"Sleepy Eyes"*

**March 18, 2020**

11:00 am & 7:00 pm

*"Denying Eyes"*

**March 25, 2020**

11:00 am & 7:00 pm

*"Murderous Eyes"*

**April 1, 2019**

11:00 am & 7:00 pm

*"Worldly Eyes"*

**April 9, 2020**

**Maunder Thursday**

11:00 am & 7:00 pm

*"More Than Meets the Eye"*

**April 10, 2020**

**Good Friday**

7:00 pm only

*"God's Eyes"*

**April 12, 2020**

**Easter**

8:20 am & 11:00 am

*"Angel Eyes"*

*Sent Forth By God's Blessing*



### ***“Show proper respect to everyone...” (1 Peter 2:17)***

Parents demand it. God commands it. Aretha Franklin sang about it. And Rodney Dangerfield never had it. Of course, what I am talking about is a little R-E-S-P-E-C-T! Respect, it’s a very interesting word when you think about it. American Poet and essayist Ralph Waldo Emerson once wrote, “Men are respectable only as they respect.”

Unfortunately, these days there seems to be an incredible lack of respect. I suppose we shouldn’t be too surprised by this, many in society have spent the last forty plus years dismantling the meaning of the word. It seems like almost every area of life suffers from a lack of respect. In fact, the word has become so absent today that you might be hard pressed to find anyone who even knows what this word means. That reminds me of a story I once read...

*An archbishop at a church conference was looking thoughtfully at a coffee machine when a young theology student passed him. "Excuse me, young man," said the archbishop, "Would you have change for five dollars?"*

*"Well, well!" said the young man in a slightly disrespectful tone. "If it isn't the archbishop himself! How you doing today, Arch?" Then digging into his pocket, he said, "SURE, man, I think I've got some change here!"*

*The archbishop was indignant. "My son," he said, "I would caution you to show the proper respect to your elders in the faith. Now, let's do that over again: Would you have change for five dollars?"*

*The young man quickly took his hand out of his pocket. "Ah, your Holiness," he said, "I regret to say, your Holiness, I don't HAVE any."* ~Anonymous

Although many today do not practice it; respect remains a powerful force and essential to make life livable.

Simply put, the word respect means “giving attention to.” It also carries with it the idea of holding others in “high esteem” or deeming others as “distinguished and worthy.”

Part of being a leader is respecting others. That is, treating them as important people, regardless of their race, background, economic situation, abilities or disabilities.

Take a few moments to think about it—

Who do you hold in high esteem?

To whom do you give your attention?

Who are the distinguished people in your life whom you consider worthy of honor?

Respect is a quality that lives on the inside of a person; it’s not just how a person acts on the outside. Respect deals with one’s motives, not just one’s actions. Respect is something that can be given to all people...the young as well as the old.

Therefore, show proper respect to everyone today, after all God showed respect for all people by sending His Son, Jesus Christ to redeem all people of their sins. He held us and all people in “high esteem” by His willingness to suffer death, even death on a cross. If Christ had such an attitude about human life, shouldn’t we His followers do the same?

In Service to Christ and Neighbor,

*Pastor Coy T. Pji*



## “In the Water”

Over these last few months, we have been examining different parts of the sanctuary. The altar, the lectern and pulpit, and the cross all deliver Jesus in different ways. This month, we leave the chancel (the “stage-y” part up front) to look at the next item: the baptismal font. This is the smallest of the items we have seen, but its impact upon you is enormous.



*I baptize you in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit*

Everything about the font seems small. Its size is tiny, especially when you look inside the font. The bowl can probably hold about a coffee cup’s worth of liquid. The

water comes right out of the tap. A small group assembles in front of it to receive God’s baptism. But all of this small-ness hides a monumental change in a person’s life. Christ is claiming this person. Whoever is being baptized is getting adopted, chosen, claimed as Christ’s own. They are freed from slavery to satan and brought into the kingdom of God.

This day occurs only once in a Christian’s life. Yet the font is a continual memorial about that day. Every time you enter the sanctuary, whenever you see the font, you re-

member your baptism. Christ has made you a part of his family. The few small drops of water that touched your head covered and redeemed your entire body, your whole being.

Christ continues to come to you through the font. The rite of baptism isn’t repeated; once is enough for Christ’s work. But the memory of that event, and its meaning for your life, must be recalled weekly, even daily. Your sins are washed away in that small flood. You are cleansed and restored; you are made right with God. This tiny piece of the sanctuary may be easily overlooked. But its impact for you as a baptized child of God cannot be understated. You remember who you are and whose you are.

This idea of memory will be important as we turn to the next few months. Other items in the sanctuary are placed in order to cause you to remember. You might recall something about who God is or something that he has done for you. You might remember the work that he has done in someone’s life. These items are all designed to connect you to God and to his community on earth: the Church.

*Pastor Sam*



## Take A Deep Breath

*"The Lord God formed the man from the dust of the ground and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life, and the man became a living being." Genesis 2:7*

Breathing is the most natural thing we do every day. We inhale to bring fresh, oxygenated air into our lungs to replace the carbon dioxide, which we then exhale. From the moment we take our first breath, we are alive. It is an amazing gift! One we take for granted, until for whatever reason, we struggle with lung disease and shortness of breath.

Breathe on me, Breath of God,  
Fill me with life anew,  
That I may love what Thou dost love,  
And do what Thou wouldst do.

Singing well (and playing a wind instrument, too) requires good breath control. The breath is the foundation of singing. The lungs are the generator of the voice. Support for singing comes from correct use of the breathing mechanism – even if you don't sing in choir! Posture is very important. (Have you ever noticed that it is easier to sing when standing up rather than sitting down?) The body must be aligned, the ribcage suspended and chest up, while the jaw and neck muscles remain completely relaxed during inhalation. Deep, controlled breathing is needed to sustain long phrases, as well as support higher, articulated passages. (I think I've convinced most of the choir that if they relax and drop the jaw, stay open and don't tighten up, the higher pitches will come much easier.)

Breathe on me, Breath of God,  
Until my heart is pure,  
Until with Thee I will one will  
To do and to endure.

Faith Choir members consciously have to make a great effort to breath properly when they are vocalizing – until it becomes a habit. I don't think a rehearsal goes by where they aren't reminded to, "Breathe!" A deep abdominal breath will produce a full, resonant tone, whereas a shallow chest breath will result in a thin, unnatural sound. The deep breath will make it much easier to sing through the phrase. The desired product is a rich, warm blending of voices with clear, open vowel sounds. Sound supported by air creates energy and brings the music to life.

Breathe on me, Breath of God,  
Till I am wholly Thine,  
Till all this earthly part of me  
Glows with Thy fire divine.

God breathed life into us, and each one of us became a living creature; part of the human family! Life! What an amazing gift! When the Holy Spirit sweeps over us and breathes new life into us, we become living members of God's family. We are filled with His Presence. His Power. His Peace.

Breathe on me, Breath of God,  
So shall I never die,  
But live with Thee the perfect life  
Of Thine eternity.

Edwin Hatch (1835-1889)

Karen Lindbloom



## Forever Young



Join us February 26, 2020 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.

## March 9 LWML Meeting: Prayer Partners

The Faith Lutheran LWML will hold their next regular meeting on Monday, March 9 at 7 p.m. at the church.

Members will be paired up with a Prayer Partner for the coming year. A Prayer Partner is a spiritual friend who commits to praying for you regularly as part of their daily devotionals.

The Prayer Partners will have an "angel exchange" at the meeting.



Each person will give their partner something with an angel to serve as a special ongoing reminder that prayers are being offered regularly on their behalf. The gift can be an ornament, decoration, book, pin, or other item with an angel on it. If you're not able to make it to the meeting but would like to have a Prayer Partner, contact Jan Larson (larson920@hotmail.com) or Anita Marso (marsoFN@pie.midco.net).



## Men's State

### Dart-ball Tournament

The Men's State Dartball Tournament will be held Saturday, March 14, 2020 in Sioux Falls. 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 Monday, March 2 at 7:00 PM.

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



## Official Acts

### Baptisms

Carissa Victoria Zeigler  
1/19/20

Julianna Maire Staples  
3/7/20

Lilith Ann Rageth 3/7/20

## Daylight Savings Time Begins

**Set Your Clocks Ahead One Hour Saturday night, March 7 or You Will Be Late for Church on Sunday, March 8.**





# 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
- Toilet paper
- Toothpaste

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

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 green, the number 8 and the letters J, X, U and V. Our Lending Library starts in March and goes through April.

Registration for next year is now open and I am including a pre-registration form in the newsletter for next year.

Please return this form with the registration fee (\$30) if you are interested in enrolling your child for the fall of 2020.

Our picnic this year will be May 8 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. Also, thank you for the generous donations to Faith Lutheran Preschool from our Giving Tree.

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

In Christ,

Hope LaForest, Director  
Faith Lutheran Preschool  
[preschool@faithluth.com](mailto:preschool@faithluth.com)



**2020-2021 Pre-Registration Form Faith Lutheran Preschool**

**Registration Fee: \$30 non-refundable fee for each child.**

\*The number of participants is limited, so enrollment is based on a first-come, first served basis. Children will only be pre-registered when this form and fee are received at the church office or to Hope LaForest. **Registration for 2nd year preschool children, Faith Lutheran Church members and Faith Lutheran Daycare, begins January 27, 2020. Open registration begins February 10, 2020.**

Please check section preferred:

\_\_\_ Mon/Tues/Wed AM (8:30-11:30) \*Child must be 4 years old by September 1.

\_\_\_ Mon/Tues/Wed PM (12:30-3:30) \*\*Child must be 4 years old by September 1.

\_\_\_ Thurs/Fri (8:30-11:30) \*\*\*Child must be 3 years old by June 1, 2020.

\*All children must be potty trained to attend preschool.

Child's Full Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_ Sex: M F (Circle) Previously enrolled: Yes No (Circle)

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Mother's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Father's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Mom's Cell \_\_\_\_\_ Dad's Cell \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Does your child currently attend Faith Lutheran Preschool? Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_

Does your child currently attend Faith Lutheran Daycare? Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_

Are you a registered member of Faith Lutheran Church? Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_

If you are interested in our 2020-2021 Program, please fill out this form and return it, along with \$30 registration fee, to the church office. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Hope LaForest at 605-224-2216.

Monthly Tuition: 2 day (Thurs/Fri) - \$100.00 3 day (Mon/Tues/Wed) - \$150.00

**Night of 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Questioning—**

All are invited to attend the evening of questioning for our 8<sup>th</sup> grade confirmation students. The rite of questioning is a major moment for our 8<sup>th</sup> grade Midweek students and they would be so appreciative of your support. Join us **Wednesday, April 22 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 8<sup>th</sup> 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. Please contact Pastor Handschke for more information.

**\*March Acolyte Schedule\*****March 1**

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

**March 8**

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

**March 15**

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

**March 22**

Early: Kennady Hanig and Simon Hill  
Late: Trenton Gore and Nathan Haberling

**March 29**

Early: Lane Hedglin and Ajaye Hicks  
Late: Addison Cumbow and Emily Lingle

**THINKING AHEAD****Camp Minneboji**

**June 21-27, 2020**

**Camp Okoboji**

**Milford, Iowa**

**Registration Fees**

**Minneboji (4th-8th): \$390**

\$410 after May 1

**Honors Camp(9th): \$420**

\$440 after May 1

**Deposit (all grades): \$150**