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FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH

# October 2020 Newsletter

Not all that interested in baking?  
Don't have any craft-making abilities?  
Never tried your hand at canning or pickling?  
Burn the fudge every time you try to make it?

**Have we got a deal for you. We're asking you NOT to do ANY of those things!**

For decades, Faith Lutheran's LWML has been hosting a fun annual fall bazaar called Country Fair. It raises funds for local, regional and national mission projects.

## The Unfair

To be on the safe side with COVID-19, we won't be hosting Country Fair this fall, so instead - it's **Unfair!** It's an uneventful, unconventional, and unbelievably uncomplicated fundraiser.

All you have to do is donate money you would have used for making or purchasing Country Fair items. No fuss, no muss - but important missions will continue to receive financial support that they rely on.

During these uncertain times, the Faith Luther-

an LWML remains unwavering in our mission of service and we hope you will join with us in this **Unfair** undertaking. Watch for our display in the Narthex during the October 4 and 7 worship services - **or- you can simply make a donation any time before October 11.**

**Checks and cash contributions may be dropped off at the church office -or- mail to:**



## Trunk or Treat

**October 31, 2020**

**6:00-7:15 p.m.**

Holding a Trunk 'N' Treat Halloween activity is a great way to keep Halloween safe.

It's when several families get together at the church, park their cars in the parking lot, open up the trunks of their cars, and kids come around to each car to Trunk 'N' Treat instead of going house to house to Trick-or-Treat.

Treats, warm cider, hot chocolate and coffee provided by our LYF youth. A well lit area for our Trunk 'N' Treaters, and restrooms available!

**We would like 30 families to serve as Host Trunks.**

Join us beforehand for the Fall Festival from 3:00 pm through 7:15pm.



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



While I was in high school and college, I spent my weekends and summer working for my dad with the logging business he owned. Late spring and early summer were spent peeling the bark off poplar trees. Apparently, the lumber yard and paper mills would pay more money for the wood if it was already “debarked”. Peeling season, as we called it, was short which made for long days because my dad wanted to get as much wood peeled as possible. I don’t know which was worse, the thorns which always seemed to lodge in my leg or the horseflies which were constantly buzzing around my head looking for an open patch of skin to bite.

I now know that my dad was teaching me a lesson. Every time I would come home for vacation, frustrated with school, my dad would haul me out of bed early in the morning to go and work with him out in the woods. I soon learned that I could use my brain, or I could use my back to make a living. (It was amazing, every time he did that, I received renewed energy to continue with school.) As I think back, as horrible as that job was, I can’t help but cherish the time I was able to spend with my dad. And not only that, but my dad at least later on, paid me quite well for my work.

In St. Paul’s epistle to the Romans, he talks about another paycheck that I’m not so glad to have earned. This paycheck comes in the form of guilt lodging itself into my conscience far deeper into my flesh than a thorn or bug bite could ever penetrate. Sometimes I see it when my temper flares hotter than the summer sun. I feel it when I know I should be more considerate, more caring, and more loving toward others around me. Oh, I could try and work harder to do what’s right and try harder to do better than before, but still it would never be enough. And it isn’t enough because the Bible tells me the wages of my sin is death. Unfortunately, that is the condition we all live in since the fall. Because of sin, death has become our paycheck.



But there is another way, and it doesn’t come by earning, but by receiving. It’s not a paycheck. It’s a gift that has been bought and paid for by the blood of Jesus, earned by his death on the cross and shared freely with you. The Bible says, *“The gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.”* In Jesus, we are given what we don’t deserve: eternal life. We have something that will last forever. It will never run out, be used up, or be taken away.

That takes all the pressure off and gives us reason to rejoice. Instead of the failures of our past, we can look to Jesus’ perfect life of love. Instead of the pressures of tomorrow, we can look to the promise of eternal life.

*Pastor Coy T. Pji*



# “The King on High”



that is already won for us by Jesus’ dying and rising from the dead. As a result, life is not a burden, but a gift to be enjoyed always.

In Service to Christ and Neighbor,

In the next series of articles, we are going to examine each stained glass window, starting with the ones in the sanctuary. Christian art has the ability to cause us to reflect upon our faith. It also offers the opportunity for new insights into what we already know.

When looking at this window, the colors, the objects, and their position are all important. Much more could be said, but I will try to highlight what I notice. Perhaps you will see additional things, and this is an indicator of good art: the more time reflecting, the greater treasures it yields. The predominant color in this window is blue, which is fitting given its theme. The focus is on Jesus Christ, although you can only see his feet and red clothing at the top of the window. The blue represents royalty, and in this picture Jesus is King.

The window likely depicts Jesus at his ascension and then turns to focus on the effect of his departure. His nail-scarred feet are the last thing his disciples may have seen when “a cloud took him out of their sight” (Acts 1:9). Having ascended into heaven, Jesus sits at the Father’s right hand where he rules and reigns all things until the day of his return. The crown, see at the top of the picture, helps us to remember that nothing escapes Jesus’ rule.

Yet the upward ascent of Jesus is contrasted by the downward descent of three brilliant shafts of light. Jesus, the Light of the World, has left the world, but the enlightenment that he provides to our minds and lives will never leave. He continues to reveal the Father to us, and he continues to light the path that we must walk. He does this most commonly through his Word, wherever his Word is taught and heard.

One final note are the earthy colors on the right side of the window. Each stained glass has a portion devoted to these colors. After noticing it on each window, I would say that these colors form something of a pillar. The items depicted on these win-

# LISTEN, GOD IS CALLING

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*“Therefore, my dear brothers, stand firm. Let nothing move you. Always give yourselves fully to the work of the Lord, because you know that your labor in the Lord is not in vain.” 1 Corinthians 15:58*

“Listen, God Is Calling,” #833 in the Lutheran Service Book, is a Kenyan tune written in a style that music people refer to as ‘call-and-response.’ It follows a succession of two distinct phrases where the second phrase is heard as a direct response, or commentary, to the first. The caller sings a line to one or more listeners who elicit a response.

Listen, listen: God is calling  
Through the Word inviting,  
Offering forgiveness,  
Comfort and joy.

Call-and-response follows a pattern of human communication. It’s similar to the more familiar verse-chorus form, but here the musicians build on each other’s offering, and work together to move the song along. In the African tradition, especially, the sound is unique, inventive and collective.

Jesus gave His mandate: Share the good news!  
That He came to save us: And set us free!

The word “listen” refers to actually making a conscious effort to hear, and to give heed; to understand and interact in some way. In music, hearing a phrase as opposed to listening to a phrase can be vastly different. Sounds can be heard without much of a thought process. Actual listening requires careful focus and effort – recognizing the difference in pitches and identifying rhythm and meter.

Let none be forgotten: Throughout the world.  
In the triune name of God: Go and baptize.

As Christians who experience the authentic, powerful revelation of God’s love, this leads us to want to share it with others. I have always felt our choir and vocalists set a wonderful example of witnessing through music. They take time to prepare; they’ve been instructed to study the text of the song; they believe the message of the words they are singing; they sing from the heart; they are sharing the focus of their ministry, which is Jesus. It’s a unique way to share the Gospel and God’s word.

Help us to be faithful: Standing steadfast.  
Walking in Your precepts: Led by Your Word.

When you are called, what will be your response?



## Adult Inquirers Class

A wonderful class for everyone that covers the basic teachings of our church and helps you understand what makes us Christian and specifically Lutheran as well. This is an especially important class for those who are new with us and who would desire to become a part of our Faith Family. **This class will meet Saturday, October 24 from 9:00 am-2:00 pm** in the gym of the Christian Family Life Center. Lunch will be provided.

Contact Pastor Rajek or the office for details (224-2216)

## Fall Festival

**Saturday, October 31**

**3:00pm – 7:15pm(sunset)**

**Activities may included:**

- Bobbing for apples
- Pumpkin pie eating contest
- Haystack maze
- Face painting
- Picture spot that has Fall festival decoration for families to take a photo
- Hay rides
- Pumpkin painting
- Fall craft booths.
- Three legged races
- Scavenger hunt
- Lots of Food!



## Official Acts

### Weddings

Kelsey Dykstra/Daniel Reiman  
Reid Widvey/Logan Geisinger  
Cody Mattheis/Bridgitt Mann

### Funerals

Terry Walter  
Dale Eide



REFORMATION  
‡ Sunday ‡

October 25, 2020

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# Preschool News

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We are off to a great year at preschool. We still have a few openings in our 3-day afternoon class and our 2-day morning class if anyone is still interested in Pre-school. This school year has been so much fun and the children are keeping us busy! We are studying the color orange, the number 1, the letters S,P, C and the shape circle. Our Bible stories are about God's helpers in the Old Testament era.

We will be borrowing a unit from the Cultural Heritage Center about Cowboys. This kit is wonderful and

the children really enjoy them.

Since we do not have the children wear their Halloween costumes at school, we are encouraging them to wear either a Halloween shirt or Halloween colors on the day we pass out treats between classmates. During October, we have a lot of different Halloween and Fall crafts planned.

We are saving Dakotamart receipts. Thank you for your support on this project.

Fall is in the air – it is a time to reflect back on our summer and to look forward

to the season of cooler days and colorful leaves. We have had a great month so far in Pre-school and are looking forward to the whole year. Enjoy these times with your children! We are certainly enjoying them at preschool. God bless you!



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# FLC Daycare News

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Hello!

I'm so excited to be able to introduce myself as the new director of the daycare! This will be my third year here at Faith Lutheran Daycare, and I feel so blessed being able to work and grow closer with these families and the community. My greatest motivation in accepting this position is putting together and maintaining a program that encourages the children to grow in their faith and worth in Jesus Christ. I don't know what I would do or where I would be without Jesus, and I want the children in our care to experience the same love and goodness of God as I

have. I just know that God is going to continue to move in big ways and that so many blessings are in store for us to receive!

This month, we will be working on filling our 11 empty daycare spots. We're excited to be able to welcome new families, as we know that care here in Pierre isn't always easy to find. In the following months we will be working on adding another preschool room. It's going to be interesting having a "full house" again! We will also be doing a Little Caesar's Fundraiser this October or November— date still to be determined.

I also want to add that we are continuously reminded of how blessed we are to be provided with this wonderful space within the church and for all the support we receive. Thank you!

God bless,

Moriah Kiepke



## Forever Young

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### POTLUCK DINNER FOR SENIORS

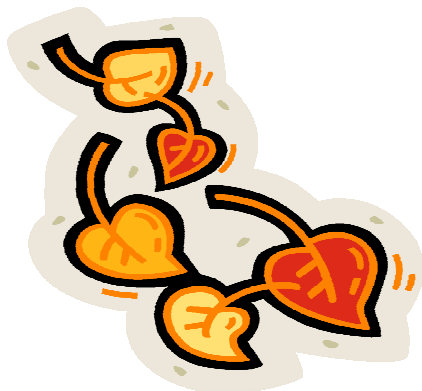
Anyone interested in getting this up and going again?

Let Helen know at 224-2216.

If enough are interested the day would be October 15 at noon.

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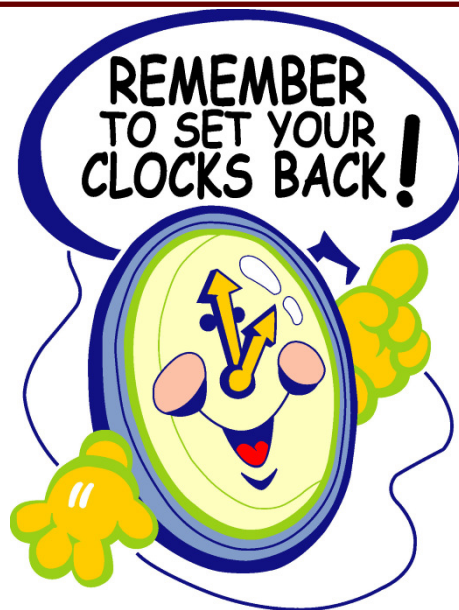
## Men's Fellowship

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Our Men's Fellowship will meet on the first Monday of October, the 5th, at 7:00 pm.

We will enjoy an evening of Dartball or Bean Bag Toss. Beverage will be provided, bring a snack to share!

Come for a time of devo-



*By One Hour*

*Saturday, October 31*

## Our Broadcasts

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tion and sharing.

We are broadcasting our church service on Cable access channel 8 at 7 PM on Wednesday evenings.

We also live-stream our 8:30 service so anyone who is tech savvy can watch them live on Sunday mornings. Go to: [www.faihluth.com](http://www.faihluth.com) and click on livestream.

You may also listen to the livestream service on your phone. Dial 1-888-502-3453 and follow the prompts.

Our Cable Broadcast is also on our Website which Dennis and Carolyn Ryckman keep very current for us. Take a look at [www.faihluth.com](http://www.faihluth.com).



# FLC YOUTH PAGE

## Sermon Outlines

7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Midweek students are required to complete sermon outlines again this year. 20 outlines are needed during 7<sup>th</sup> grade. For 8<sup>th</sup> graders, 18 outlines are required. The forms are available in the Narthex (just outside the sanctuary) and on the website. Please hand them in to the church office.



Reformation Day



Trunk  
or Treat

**Trunk 'N' Treat!** All youth of the community are invited to attend a family friendly *Trunk 'n' Treat* activity at Faith Lutheran Church. Please come to the parking lot from 6:00 to 7:15PM on Saturday, October 31<sup>st</sup>. Come enjoy fellowship

with other members.



**Sunday School Children's Christmas program** Students in Nursery through 3<sup>rd</sup> grade will be participating in a Christmas program on December 20 at 9:45 AM. A dress rehearsal will occur on December



19 from 9:30-11:00AM. Students will have additional

opportunities to practice during the normal Sunday School time. For students in 4<sup>th</sup> through 8<sup>th</sup> grade, you will assist during the Advent midweek services. Your Midweek teachers will have more infor-

