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# September 2020 Newsletter

Faith Lutheran Church

714 N Grand Avenue

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## Rally Day      September 13, 2020

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**. 2nd Graders receive their  
Bibles at the 8:30 or 11:00 am  
Service**

**. Sunday School on the 13th is from  
9:45 to 10:45 am**

**. Sunday School Award certificates will  
be given to students at our 8:30 or  
11:00 am Service**

**. Installation of All Midweek, Sunday**



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



*The Lord is at hand; <sup>6</sup> do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. <sup>7</sup> And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. (Philippians 4:5b-7)*

How many times have you heard the above verse? Well, how many times have you heard verse 7 in particular? Practically every sermon ends with the words of that verse because the Lord wants you to have “peace.”

Peace is not something we often hear about in our world (especially during a presidential election year). Political barbs thrown around. Protests and riots in the streets of our bigger cities. Doesn't sound like peace does it? It sounds more like the antonym of peace which is conflict. Yet, God is the God of peace. Which probably says a lot about how far our world has strayed from God.

The Bible says that Jesus is Himself, the very definition of peace (Isaiah 9:6; Luke 2:14). And not just any peace, but Jesus is literally the peace between God and His creation (i.e., us)! You see, when Adam and Eve fell into sin, because of their disobedience, conflict arose. But this conflict wasn't only between God and a disobedient creation. This conflict was also between creation itself.

But Jesus is what He has come to do; He is peace. Is it any wonder then that He suffered so much? You see, Jesus is God the Father's answer to a rebellious creation. That's why there is a bit of irony in who Jesus is and how He was received. The God/man of peace, Jesus Christ, became a source of conflict especially between His own people. The Bible outlines how Jesus endured much violence and hatred not of His own accord, but on that of the religious leaders of the day. Of course, such rejection was not a surprise to our Lord. It was the consequence of sin. And the same can be said about our society today. The conflict (or lack of peace) in our world has more to do with sin than anything else. Yet, what our world doesn't realize, just like the religious leaders of Jesus day, is that God has provided the cure for sin in His Son. Only Jesus can bring real lasting peace to a world in conflict. And, as long as the world continues to reject God's peace, mark my words, there will be conflict.



As Christians, this makes our task that much more imperative and challenging. With so much conflict around us, we possess the cure. Yet, time and time again, the world rejects this cure. Alas, we are not called to be successful in the mission, only faithful (Revelation 2:10).

Christ has come to save us, and He remains near to us. Therefore, we can be at peace even during the worst conflicts this world can bring. For God's peace is not a peace that comes from a lack of conflict; it is a confidence that Jesus will res- cue us no matter how difficult the situa- tion.

*Pastor Coy T. Pji*



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## Praise Him

And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus, Amen!

In Service to Christ and Neighbor,

Psalm 150 paints a picture of how we worship God: “Praise him with trumpet sound; praise him with lute and harp! Praise him with tambourine and dance; praise him with string and pipe! Praise him with sounding cymbals; praise him with loud clashing cymbals!” All of these various instruments can be used to praise God. This month, we will take a look at the music of our worship service.

Music is, above all, a way to put God’s Word in the mouths of his people. The ancient church sang (in some form) the many psalms. The inscription before Psalm 4 states it should be played with stringed instruments; Psalm 5 is for the flute. Psalm 6 is played to a melody called the “Sheminith,” while Psalm 8 is played to a different one named the “Gittith.” Sadly, the meaning of these melodies has been lost to time. But these inscriptions show us, even today, the wide variety present in the worshipping life of God’s people throughout time.

Today our music takes the form of songs that we sing during worship. These songs serve two purposes. They repeat God’s word, either telling what God has done or directing our response of thanksgiving to God. They also provide commentary on God’s word. The songs express what it means that Christ became a person. They tell us why it was necessary for him to die. They delight us with the promise of unending life because of Jesus’ resurrection.

God’s people sing. To quote another Psalm, “Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth!” This noise might be loud or quiet. This noise might be on pitch or slightly off. This noise could be bold or timid. But this noise of God’s people, regardless of any other characteristic, ascends high above the earth to fill the throne room of heaven. God hears your praise; God enjoys your praise.

Music is inseparable from the worship of God. It is simply what God’s people do as they gather to remember his mighty deeds and give thanks for his mercy and grace. It is what we do here at Faith. In different forms, in many words and phrases, we praise God through music.



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## WAITING . . . . .

*“Wait on the Lord: be of good courage, and he shall strengthen thine heart: Wait, I say, on the Lord.” Psalm 27:14 KJV*

This summer has been a period of waiting....

Like everyone else, we are all waiting for the current pandemic to pass. Since mid-March, we’ve been waiting for life to return to normal – and we’re not even sure what normal is anymore. We’re waiting for a vaccine to be developed; waiting to hear what will happen once the schools open their doors; waiting to see what happens in the world of sports; waiting to see the results of the upcoming elections. I put my home on the market in May. Not a lot of action. So I’m waiting. I put my 94 year-old parents on a -waiting – list for assisted living. An apartment became available, and, presently, I’m waiting for the folks to make a decision.

*We walk by faith and not by sight, no gracious words we hear  
From Him who spoke as none e’er spoke, but we believe Him near.*

As kids, we could hardly wait for Christmas or for our birthdays. We couldn’t wait until summer vacation started. As young adults, we waited for Mr. Right or Miss Right to come along; mothers-to-be wait through their pregnancies for a child. We wait for good news – health or otherwise, in hopes that conditions change for the better. In our present society, everything is instant. Delays aren’t readily accepted or tolerated. It’s easy to become discouraged. Have you been in a waiting room where time literally stood still?

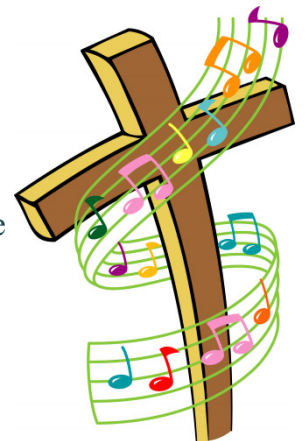
*Help then, O Lord, our unbelief; and may our faith abound  
To call on You when You are near, and seek where You are found.*

Faith is often tested during long and painful seasons of life. Patient endurance can be a challenge as we wait for the Lord to work in difficult circumstances. Waiting is a trying task. As Christians, we know the Lord will act on our behalf. God is never in a hurry, but He’s always on time. God is at work, even in His silence. When we are abiding in Christ, our inner heart is empowered and our courage is enlarged. When we rest in His love, our soul is strengthened by the Spirit of the Lord.

*For you, O resurrected Lord, are found in means divine;  
Beneath the water and the Word, beneath the bread and  
wine.*



When we take God at His Word and trust Him without questioning – even in the most distressing situations – we will be enabled from within to wait on the Lord. He is in perfect control of our lives. His timing is everything.



Karen Lind-

bloom

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# 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 1.

To date we have had 99 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 14th at 7:00 pm in the Christian Family Life Center.

Beverage will be provided, bring a snack



# Voices Needed

Watch e-mails and bulletins for details about choir.



# HANDBELL CHOIR

It will depend on the COVID-19 situation how this group will progress.

Details will be in the bulletins as they become available.



# Official Acts

## Baptisms

Layne Jo Arbach 7/19/20

## Funerals

Fred Johnson 7/20/20



# LWML

Come and enjoy a devotional by Pastor Rajek and a dilly bar at our next LWML meeting on September 14th! We meet at





# the It's Unfair and you're invited.....

## Where the Unfair money will go

**Local:** Pierre Area Referral Service, which serves people in need, including through the Food Pantry and the Backpack Program.

**State level:** Mites - which support numerous statewide mission efforts.

**National level:** Orphan Grain Train.

**Church:** Support for the Faith Lutheran Daycare, Preschool, and youth activities.

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**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.

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 Lutheran 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 between now and October 11.

**Checks payable to  
LWML; write Unfair  
on the memo line.**

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

**stay home!**

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On Tuesday, September 1<sup>st</sup>, 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. Classes start the week after Labor Day - September 15<sup>th</sup> & 17<sup>th</sup>. This year our classes have changed to different days: 3day is on Monday/Tuesday/Wednesday and 2day is on Thursday/Friday. Our school year will be different with all the social distancing rules but there is one thing for sure, all preschoolers will have fun and learn a ton!

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 2 dedicated and experienced staff members to help me share the love of Jesus with all the little ones. Dusti Palecek is returning to Faith Lutheran Preschool this fall. We are also welcoming Jill Splitt to our program this year. What a blessing it is to have these two 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

Article not submitted by deadline.



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## cility at no cost to you. Give them a call! Our Bulletin and Newsletter Assemblers



**Midweek Classes will begin September 16 at 6:00 pm. The earlier start is to accommodate a Wednesday evening worship service. The worship service will begin at 7:00.**

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
- Karen Lindbloom

## 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 fa-**

Thanks for your continued commitment everyone!

If YOU are willing to help let us know.

*THURSDAY, AUGUST 18*

- 58 Blood Donors**
- 79 Blood Products**
- 237 Opportunities to Save a Life**
- 10 First Time Donors**

Please have all articles you want in the October newsletter submitted by noon on Wednesday, September 16.

## PIERRE FAITH LUTHERAN BLOOD DRIVE RESULTS:

## Installation of Teachers

We invite all of our teachers, Sunday School, Midweek, and Adult Bible study, to an instal-



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## Discovering the Joy

She was an elderly woman who dressed in old clothes and lived in a rickety old house. The many years had whittled her down to a frail tiny frame with wilting muscles and furrowed pale skin. Still her mind was sharp, her eyes clear and observant, her smile warm and her spirit inviting.

Of course, she was pleased when her pastor came to call. She cheerfully welcomed him, showed him a comfortable chair, chatted a little, and then dashed to the kitchen to make tea.

As they sipped, the pastor noted how erect she sat, how kindly she was, and he felt his spirit being lifted as they talked. He was a young man, but he was beginning to learn something which would help him for life. It was this: Those who minister, those who seek to be a blessing to others, discover that they are the ones who are blessed instead. The pastor had come with a purpose. Someone had called his attention to the fact that the elderly woman had meager resources and it was thought that she had made a pledge to the church considerably beyond her means. That concerned him. He thought he should try to ease her financial burden if he could. As gently as possible, he broached the subject of her giving to the church. Perhaps, he suggested, she was being a bit too generous and that she might want to re-think what she intended to give in the coming year.

Her eyes began to well up with tears. She searched for a tissue to dab them dry. The pastor thought that they were tears of relief, that she was pleased because he understood her struggle with finances and her need to conserve more for her own well-being. He totally misunderstood. It began to come clear to him when she started telling him something of the joy she experienced in expressing her faith and commitment to her Lord and Savior's work. She assured her pastor of God's faithful provision for her life's needs.

He felt humbled and was visibly moved. It was clear that he was in the presence of a saint. He left pondering over and over the lesson on giving he had learned. He concluded that the heart that has discovered the joy of Jesus, must find a way to express that joy. Through prayer, through service, and ~~through one's resources one hears: "Well done, good and faithful servant...Enter into the joy of your Master"~~ (Matthew 25:2).

## On the Lighter Side

Two men were shipwrecked on an island. The minute they got to the island, one of them started screaming and yelling. "We're going to die! There's no food! No water! We're going to die!"

The second man was propped up against a palm tree and acting so calmly, it drove the first man crazy. "Don't you understand? We're going to die!!" The first man said.

"You don't understand. I make \$100,000 a week," said the second man.

The first man looked at him quite dumbfounded and asked, "What difference does it make? We're on an island with no food and no water! We're going to die!!"

## MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

**RALLY DAY – Sunday, September 13<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, and have opportunities for the kids including games in the Christian Family Life Center courtesy of the Board of Education. We look for-



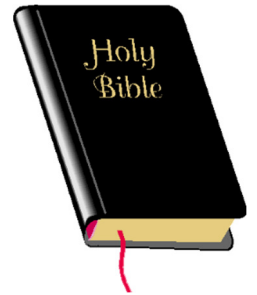
ward to seeing you there among us!

## 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. 13 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. All parents of Midweek students will meet on Sept. 9 from 6:00-7:00PM in the sanctuary. This time will cover classroom expectations and allow us to address any concerns. Classes will begin the next Wednesday, Sept 16, from 6:00-7:00PM. 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



## CHRISTIAN EDUCATION



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“Assemble the people before  
me to hear my words  
so that they may ...  
teach them to their children.”

Deuteronomy 4:10 NIV

