

Faith Ev. Lutheran Church

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Circuit Bible Camp



Who: This event is open to any youth who finished grades 4-9.

What: Circuit Bible Camp

When: The dates for Cir-

cuit Bible Camp are:

July 12-14

under the theme:

“Walking in the Valley”

Where: Spearfish area.

Drop off participants at Faith at 8:30 am on July 12 and pick-up at Faith at 4:30 pm on July 14.

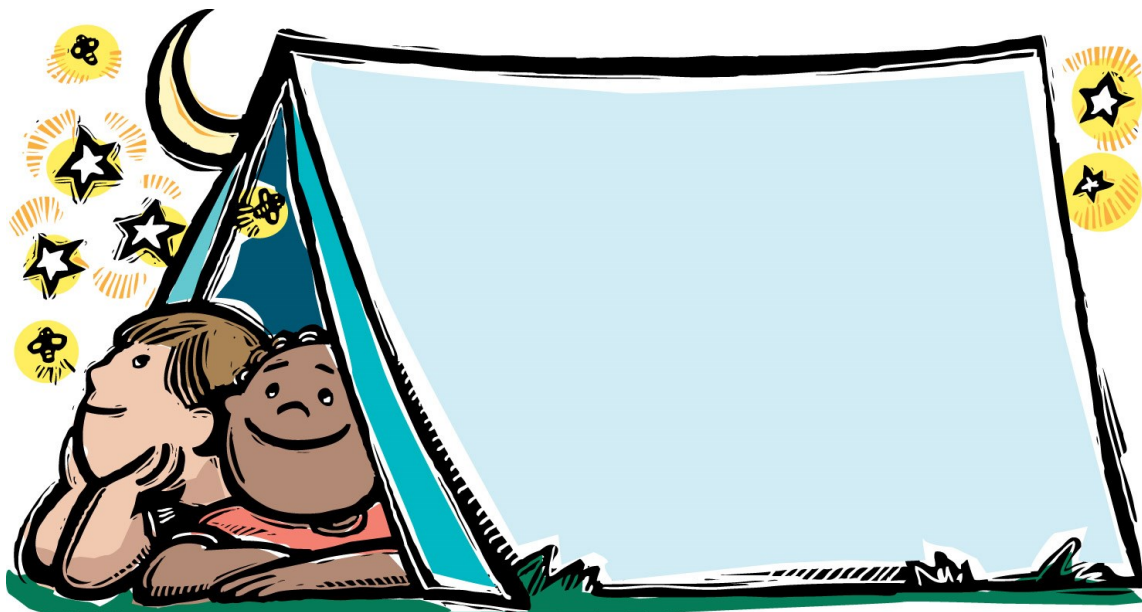
One day we will go to Devil’s Tower.

The circuit pastors will be leading Bible studies during

the three days.

How Much? Registration costs of \$30. Faith is offering \$30 scholarships to any member participant looking to attend camp to help offset costs.

Please pre-register for this event. Registration sheets can be found in the Narthex on the information table to be completed and returned to the church office by **July 7.**



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The Senior Pastor's Page

Grace and peace to you in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ!

On Sunday June 6th, I publicly announced that I received a Divine Call through the Office of International Mission (OIM) of the Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod. What that meant is simple, I now had two Calls from God to serve His people, one to all of you at Faith and another to the Eurasia region where my main responsibility will be to teach theology for Luther Academy of Latvia. Part of the responsibility of our Synod's pastors/theologians is to be open to God's will and ask for the discernment of His Holy Spirit to consider the Divine Calls of our congregations. This is a normal process for our pastors and congregations. And such situations provide everyone with an opportunity for reflection and prayer. As I considered these Calls, I think a few things need to be stated.

Firstly, I recognize that this can create a mixture of emotions for the members of our congregation. I know the Lord will grant us His peace during this time, but it's natural that some of us may feel strong emotions about it. Yet, I know that in Christian love we will be patient with one another.

Secondly, it is quite possible that by the time you read this, a decision would have already been made. (The Synod recommends that pastors not sit on Calls for an extended period of time ... usually about a month or so). For those of you who expressed your thought and offered your prayers, I want to give you a sincere and heartfelt thank you. It means a lot to me. Yet, whatever the decision, I want to reassure you that this is in no way a reflection on what God is doing in and through you ... positive or negative. Please be aware, I did not ask nor was I seeking a Call at any time during my years at Faith. Rather my name was given to the Executive Director of the OIM who then called me on the phone to inform me of the recommendation. I am grateful to God for every one of you and the ministry here at Faith. You have and continue to graciously care for me and my family. For that, and for everything else, I cannot thank God enough for the blessing of calling me to such a wonderful people. Regardless of what is decided, Pierre, SD and especially the members of Faith will always hold a special place in my heart. I learned so much, first as your vicar, and now as your pastor.

Thirdly, at the time of this writing, everything is preliminary. The announcement on June 6th does not mean I have or will accept the Call to the Eurasia region. Jenny and I continue to discuss this Call. I am confident God will continue to move me in the direction He would have me go. As noted above, a final decision will likely be reached by or before the beginning of July.

Finally, this is an opportunity for us to reflect together about our congregation and our ministry. We have so many gifts and talents here at Faith. I see all of these as opportunities to serve and love one another and our community. Regardless of the outcome, please pray for me and my family, God's people in Eurasia and the work going on there, as well as our own community of faith.

If you have any questions or wish to speak to me, please don't hesitate to drop by or give me a call. Again, I thank God for every one of you and I am praying for us as we begin this process.

²⁰Now may the God of peace who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, the great shepherd of the sheep, by the blood of the eternal covenant, ²¹equip you with everything good that you may do his will, working in us that which is pleasing in his sight, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory forever and ever. Amen. (Hebrews 13:20-21)

In Service to Christ and Neighbor,

Pastor Cory T. Rji



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“The Source of Light”



Our windows move from events in the earthly life of Christ to events in the earthly life of Christians. Although my first thoughts, and perhaps your as well, of our window are the Jewish menorah, the lampstand is not exclusively Jewish. It was part of the portable church-like Tabernacle detailed in Exodus 25:31-40 and 37:17-24. We'll cover some of the significance of this item as well as how it prophesies Christ.

The lampstand dwelt in the Holy Place. All items within the Holy Place were overlaid in gold. In contrast, the lampstand was the only item made out of pure gold. Its total weight was 75 pounds. Although no dimensions are given by God, it's reasonable to assume it was the size of a common desk or even floor lamp. Its purpose was to give light in the Holy Place. In an entirely practical sense, the Holy Place was a tent. The interior of the tent would have been dark. The priests could not roll up the tent door. For the light needed to do their work, they would light this lampstand. The design in Exodus called for lamps placed on top, in contrast to the candelabras that our church and many others use.

In addition to its practical purposes, the lampstand reminded the people of God. Its shape is not unlike a tree, and the details in Exodus call for features of an almond tree. The almond tree blooms in mid-winter (Jan-Feb), much earlier than other plants. It shows life in the midst of deathly winter, just as God is our life even and especially in the midst of deathly trials and suffering. It could even point back to the first tree of life in Genesis 2. The seven branches, or arms of the lampstand, also symbolize a divine number and help reinforce God's completeness and holiness.

This lampstand also pointed forward to Christ. While it gave light for the priests in the Tabernacle, this light was temporary and fragile. Christ, the true light, gives unending light to his people, as he says in John 8, "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life." Light and life find their union in Christ. The light which he gives to us is light. We walk now in that light, and we will walk forever in his perpetual light on the day of his return. In that day, all lampstands will be obsolete, as John says in Revelation 21, "The city has no need of sun or moon to shine on it, for the glory of God gives it light, and its lamp is the Lamb."

The lampstand is a rich Christian symbol. As we gaze upon the stained glass and see this illuminated window, let us remember He who gives light to us now. We'll continue next time with another symbol.

Pastor Sam

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TUNE MY HEART

*“A happy heart makes the face cheerful, but heartache crushes the spirit.
The discerning heart seeks knowledge, but the mouth of a fool feeds on folly.”
Proverbs 15:13 & 14*

Most of us are familiar with an orchestra performance. Have you watched closely when the personnel assemble to perform? The concert master/mistress appears (first chair violinist) and the oboe sounds an “A.” Each section of the orchestra – woodwinds, brass and strings – takes their turn tuning to that pitch. All members of the orchestra tune to that one pitch. This is important so that the entire ensemble is in tune.

**Come, Thou Fount of ev’ry blessing, tune my heart to sing Thy grace;
Streams of mercy, never ceasing, call for songs of loudest praise.
While the hope of endless glory fills my heart with joy and love,
Teach me ever to adore Thee, may I still Thy goodness prove.**

With any stringed instrument, tuning requires two actions. The strings can simply be tuned so that they make sounds spread the right distance apart. For example, the four strings on a violin are tuned a perfect fifth apart to the following pitches: G, D, A and E. The violin, in tune with itself, is then a functional instrument as a solo instrument. But it may not be in tune with the rest of the instruments in the orchestra. To truly tune the violin, a standard pitch from some outside source must be accessed. Then the rest of the strings can be tuned from there. Only when one tunes to that standard pitch, can the instrument be truly in tune.

It is also important for members of a choral ensemble to sing in tune with each other so the outcome will be pleasing. Vocalists should listen carefully to a given pitch on the piano or a pitch pipe, then make sure they sing on pitch by controlling their breathing, releasing tension in the body, supporting their sound with air, lifting the ribcage and shaping their vowels. Over-singing or pressing, lack of breath support and tightening of the facial and neck muscles will cause the pitch to go sharp or flat – which can be a rather unpleasant sound.

I’m reminded of a time when I was singing in the Varsity Chorus back at Moorhead State. It was a large, auditioned group that mostly sang large works, like masses, requiems, oratorios, and the like. The conductor was rather intimidating, and sometimes rehearsals got rather tedious. It was late in the afternoon, students were tired, and the conductor was getting picky, fine-tuning and rehearsing the same section over and over. Finally, he called for the entire choir to sing the passage. The kid behind me, a tenor, for whatever reason, decided to sing off-tune on purpose. It sounded like Donald Duck had joined the choir! The look on the conductor’s face was priceless, and oddly enough, the kid kept a straight face. (If you knew Roger Beck, it would come as no surprise.)

Tuning. The above hymn verse suggests that a heart can be tuned. So how does one tune a human heart? Grace is a tough thing for our hearts to sing. Because the human heart is not naturally tuned to sing of God’s grace, it is more likely to sing about crummy weather, being tired, dwelling on jealousy or having been wronged by someone. We often try tuning our hearts ourselves. It may work for awhile, but eventually we end up on the wrong notes of life and need a more precise approach. We must allow God, who has perfect pitch, to tune our hearts. Because of His great mercy, He is more than willing to do this. By spending time with Him in prayer, reading and meditating on His word, and receiving the sacraments, we will soon find our heartstrings resonating with His music.

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TUNE MY HEART continued

Oh to grace how great a debtor, daily I'm constrained to be;
 Let that grace now like a fetter bind my wand'ring heart to Thee;
 Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it; prone to leave the God I love,
 Here's my heart, O take and seal it, seal it for Thy courts above.

Karen Lindbloom



What Money Can Do

- Money can buy a house, but not a home.
- Money can buy a bed, but not sleep.
- Money can buy a wedding ring, but not love.
- Money can buy a clock, but not time.
- Money can buy an education, but not wisdom.
- Money can buy jewelry, but not beauty.
- Money can buy insurance, but not safety.
- Money can buy a crucifix, but not a Savior.



The deadline for any articles for the
 September newsletter need to be
 emailed to faith@faithluth.com
 by August 18.



God Bless America

In the history of our nation, people have turned to God during periods of crisis. And that's what God asks us to do: *"If My people, who are called by My name, will humble themselves and pray and seek My face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from Heaven and will forgive their sin and will heal their land"* (2 Chronicles 7:14). How gracious is our God to answer our pleas for help, but how foolish we are to go our own way when the crisis has passed!

Prayer: Good and gracious Heavenly Father, I give You praise and thanks because you are the Lord of lords. Thank You for blessing me with such a wonderful country where I am free to worship You. Grant the United States of America the ability to remain "one nation under God." Help this nation to be a blessing to other nations in the world. In Christ's name I pray. Amen



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Diaper Derby

Diaper Derby Results

Our Diaper Derby ran from Mother's Day through Father's Day. We are so thankful to everyone who contributed to this event. These are products that are needed by so many who cannot always afford them. Collected donations of diapers and baby wipes will be given to three area agencies: Birthright, PARS and Missouri Shores Shelter.

The Results:

Diapers: 2,855

Wipes: 7,964



Blood DRIVE

August 17, 2021

8:30 am-2:30 pm

To make an appointment
Call Jodi Hartmann 222-8675



Official Acts

Baptisms

Bohde Mark McCue 5/8/21

Wedding

Rathbun/Rageth Wedding 7/31/21

Funerals

Mathew Cwach 6/4/21

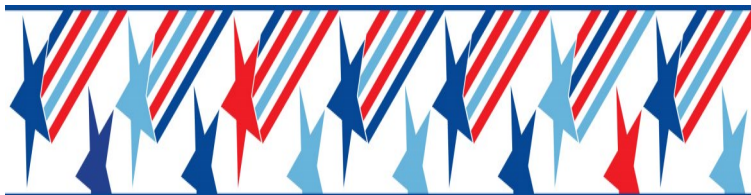
Glenn Marrington 7/12/21

Daycare News

Faith Lutheran Daycare is having loads of fun this summer! In June, Schoolers started having weekly field trips to parks, and the whole daycare (besides Infants) have been enjoying weekly Water Play Days right outside the church on the playground. We had planned for the Schoolers and Preschoolers to visit the pool a couple times a week; however, there aren't any outdoor pools available for use yet this summer, so this was the best we could do to bring the water play to the kids frequently—and it's proven to be a hit!

Schoolers also started visiting Lincoln Apartment residents every other week. This is exciting, as we know that the elderly love the children, and our kids

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WE ARE BACK!

Country Fair

Annual Fall Bazaar (except for 2020, of course!) hosted by Faith Lutheran LWML

Saturday, Oct. 2

9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

at Faith Ev. Lutheran Church

**Many of our popular
booths will be back!**

Baked Goods & Candy

Crafts

Gift Baskets

“Lutheran Market” with homegrown produce,

Plus tasty homemade

Jellies and sauces

It's hosted by
Lutherans— so you
know there will be
FOOD!

Caramel rolls and coffee
For breakfast

Homemade soup and pulled
pork sandwiches for lunch

Homemade pie!

WATCH FOR MORE DETAILS IN THE WEEKS AHEAD...
Including how you can help us get ready, and how to sign up to
Volunteer at Country Fair (a fun way to meet new friends!)

Daycare News continued

love them just as much! We're hoping that once school starts, we can keep this relationship with the residents going by becoming pen-pals.

We welcomed Kim Jensen onto our daycare team in May as Assistant Director. She has 20+ years of childcare experience—the majority of those she owned and operated her own in-home daycare. Over the past month she has been working one-on-one with some teachers, helping them grow in their knowledge and ability, as well as putting together curriculum for the whole daycare to utilize. She is doing and will continue to do amazing things, and we are blessed that she chose to share her abundant knowledge, experience, and love of children with us!

We currently have 82 children enrolled. This means that we just have three spots to be filled—two school-age and one infant. We also have an Infant Helper and Preschool Lead position that we are looking to hire for.

We are sad to announce that one of our most hard-working, reliable, and dedicated employees—Clareen James—is retiring after 20+ years of giving us her all. Clareen has donated an abundance of time on top of her full-time position here. She, her hard work, and her compassionate and ambitious personality are going to be missed by all of us. If you see her, please thank her for all that she has done and for all the kids she has cared for and loved completely.

Lastly, it seems we are constantly getting dinged by the Health and Safety inspectors because of our current dishwasher, so our amazing plumber guy has spent the last few months looking into possible options for us (Thank you Dan!). We have finally found something that will work in our kitchen, but we need to do some fundraising first; Our goal is to get as close to \$6,500 as possible! Please be on the lookout for ways you can support us in this goal. Thank you, thank you, thank you!

God bless you!

Moriah Kiepke

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

Midweek Parent's Meeting for Wednesday, September 8th!!!

There will be a parent's meeting **Wednesday, September 8th** for parents of Midweek students in grades 2-8. At least one parent or guardian is expected to attend. The parent's meeting is 6:00 p.m. at Faith in the church sanctuary. Youth are not required to attend, just one of their parents or legal guardians. This is an opportunity to ask questions, meet teachers, see rooms, and cover expectations for the year. **Midweek will begin Wednesday, Sept. 15.**

RALLY DAY – Sunday, September 12th! Join us at Faith Lutheran on this special Sunday as we celebrate the start of Sunday School, watch the special moment when 2nd graders receive their new Bibles, enjoy a meal at noon provided by our Board of Parish Fellowship, with the congregation providing salads and desserts, and have opportunities for the kids including games in the Christian Family Life Center courtesy of the Board of Education. We look forward to seeing you there among us!



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