

September 2021 Newsletter

Faith Lutheran Church

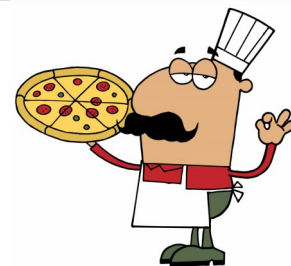
714 N Grand Avenue

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Rally Day September 12, 2021



Rally Day Noon Meal Featuring Pizza



- Hosted by our Board of Parish Fellowship

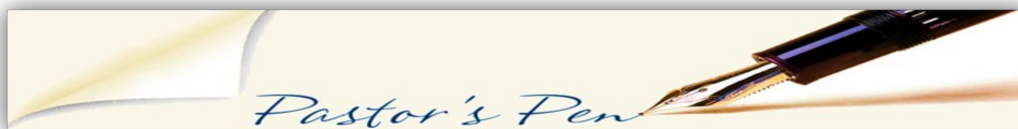
- The congregation is asked to bring a dish to share
 - A-K bring a dessert to share
 - L-Z bring a salad to share



- 2nd Graders receive their Bibles at the 8:20 or 11:00 Service
- Sunday School on the 8th is from 9:45 to 10:45
- Sunday School Award certificates will be given to students at our 8:20 or 11:00 Service
- Installation of All Midweek, Sunday School and Adult teachers at both Services



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



In This Time of Vacancy

I am taking a break from my usual stained glass window articles to focus on this time of vacancy. With Pastor Cory taking his new call to Latvia, we are together in a transition. God will continue to provide, including bringing another pastor when it suits him. As we wait for God's time to come, I want to give some encouragement and direction.

Imagine a hospital suddenly losing half of its doctors. That is a bit what our situation is like. We still have the capabilities to assist in your spiritual needs, but our capacity is reduced. This does not mean that anyone is less important. It does mean that some things will take longer to happen, and I will be relying on many of you to assist in numerous ways. Fortunately for me, God has blessed me with plenty of willing and capable people here at Faith.

This time is a great opportunity to reflect upon who we are and where God has given us gifts to use. Pastors provide some level of vision and direction-setting, and I will continue to point us forward. I am also encouraging you to bring ideas about where and how we can use our talents to show God's love both within our church family and without. Some of you have already done this. I greatly appreciate it.

I have a few requests to make of you, and I know that you will take them seriously:

- 1) Pray for me and my family as I balance the demands of being a husband and father and a pastor.
- 2) Pray for us here at Faith that God would bring his life-saving Gospel into our lives and the lives of those around us.
- 3) Listen for opportunities to help. It might not be a direct request, but God could be nudging you to use your gifts in a new way or for a different purpose.

I am greatly encouraged by the outpouring of love and support that I have seen from this church family. I am firmly convinced that God has wonderful blessings in store for us, and we only have to walk forward in faith, trusting him to provide. With his prior track record, this should be an easy task for us. But it seems like we usually have a hard time trusting God, especially when big changes occur in our lives. He already knows who and when and how another pastor will come to us. Our job is to sit tight and let him do the difficult work. Fortunately, God is very good at difficult and impossible jobs.

The transition of a vacancy might seem like a daunting time, but this is the way that God moves his pastors to different areas at various times. He uses our gifts to serve first one place and then another. This does not mean that he forgets one area or one group of people. Instead, God calls his pastors forward to where he needs them. He will provide for us when the time is right. We trust him and move forward together into the new way that he has prepared for us.

Pastor Sam



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

LOOK UP, CHILD!

“Let us run with endurance the race God has set before us.”

The writer of Hebrews compares our Christian journey to that of running a race. When we run a race, particularly a long one, we need perseverance to not quit when it gets hard. Life is like that. There are ups and downs, stumbling blocks and struggles. A race often starts out feeling quite manageable, but inevitably there can come a point when completing the race seems not only daunting, but perhaps impossible – even to a runner who has trained long and hard.

Where are You now
When darkness seems to win
Where are You now
When the world is crumbling
I can hear you say
Look up child!
Look up child!

When struggling in a race – muscles tightening up, lungs feeling like they’re on fire – it can sometimes seem like the runner’s eyes lower to the ground and rest on the monotony of watching one foot after the other slowly propel them forward. When watching the ground while running, the distance gained is almost imperceptible.

Where are You now
When all I feel is doubt
Where are You now
When I can’t figure it out
Look up child!
Look up child!

However, when the runner looks up toward his goal, he becomes reinvigorated to endure and persist. A Christian’s call as a runner is to fix his eyes on God. Our earthly struggles – whether it be illness, conflict, stress, depression – can leave us feeling hopeless. It’s easy to stare at discouraging circumstances. If we watch the ground or look behind us, we’ll grow weary. As I write this, my brother and I made the decision to put our mother in hospice care this morning. It’s also called comfort care. Mom’s battle with dementia in the last few months has ravaged her. We don’t know whether it will be a month or six months, but we know she’ll get extra loving care from the staff; she’ll be comfortable, and our Lord will be with her. With eyes stayed on Him, He will provide all the strength we need.



You’re not threatened by the war
You’re not shaken by the storm
I know You’re in control
Even in our suffering
Even when it can’t be seen
I know You’re in control
LOOK UP CHILD!
LOOK UP CHILD!

Karen Lindbloom



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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

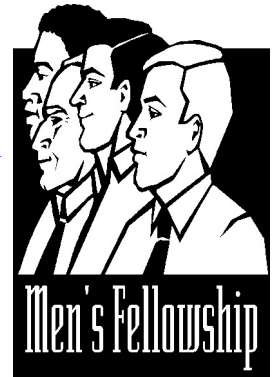
names to be engraved in time for dedication on All Saints' Sunday, the first Sunday in November. This year it is November 7.

To date we have had 102 names engraved on the stones. It is a very nice, lasting memorial to family members.



Men's Fellowship

Our Men's Club begins again this Fall on Monday September 13th at 7:00 pm in the Christian Family Life Center gym.



Beverage will be provided, bring a snack to share!

We will be playing some Dartball, so start honing your throwing skills and be ready for some friendly competition!



Watch e-mails and bulletins for details about choir.



Join Con Brio Bells Bell Choir

Con Brio Bells will begin rehearsals shortly. Our bell choir rings several times during the course of the church year. Typically, we rehearse for about three weeks prior to ringing for worship, so we are "episodic" in nature. Currently, we have a pool of about 12-13 ringers, but would welcome more. It is important that one can read music notation and count rhythm. If you can commit to small amounts of time, periodically, this may be the group for you! For more information, please contact Karen Lindbloom at 280-2490 or leave a message with the church office.



Official Acts

Baptisms

James L. Hammer
Meredith Joselyn Gaffer

Weddings

Rayleen Rathbun & Nick Rageth

Carly Marie Niemann & Tyler James Hughes

Funerals

Glenn Marrington 7/12/21
Veryl Huisman 7/20/21
Jim Russell 7/30/21



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Seniors' Gathering

Forever Young September 16 at noon

Forever Young is a group of semi-retired and retired members who get together the third Thursday of each month for food and fellowship. We encourage anyone 55 years and older to join our group. We would especially like to invite our newer members as this is a great way to meet other members.

This is a potluck meal at noon. Bring a dish to share and enjoy an hour of food, chatter, birthday greetings, and maybe a few rounds of Bingo!

PIERRE FAITH LUTHERAN BLOOD DRIVE RESULTS:

A great big THANK YOU to all those who participated in our August blood drive! We had 58 donors, collected 63 blood products, have the opportunity to affect 189 lives, and had 3 first-time donors. A special thanks to Pastor Sam, our new facilities manager Chris, Helen, and Jerry Wulf for stepping up when the air condition-

ing wasn't working in the fellowship hall the morning of the drive. They all chipped in and very quickly moved things around and added extra lighting so that we could transform our narthex and living room area into a blood drive center. What great teamwork to make it happen!

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 Lu-
theran facility at no cost
to you.

Give them a call!



Please have all articles you want in the October newsletter submitted by noon on Friday, September 17.



Country Fair

Sat., Oct. 2, 2021
9:00 am-1:00 pm

Items for gift baskets

Gift baskets are a popular item at Country Fair! Here are some of the items we need (leave in the coat closet by Fri., Sept. 24).

- Baskets: sturdy medium & large size wicker baskets
- Household utensils that fit in a basket
- Cups - matching sets of 2, if possible
- Dish towels, potholders & cloth napkins
- Candles that fit in a basket
- Individual packets of hot chocolate, coffee & tea
- Candy, microwave popcorn, jerky sticks & single-serving bags of trail mix
- Small decorative notepads
- Wired ribbon for making bows

Gift basket assembly

If you have a knack for decorating, sign up to help with putting the gift baskets together on Saturday, Sept. 25 starting at 9:00 am in the gym. Check the Country Fair table in the Narthex for a signup sheet.

Make baked goods, candy and PIES

We need DOZENS of pies for the lunch counter and Homemade Goodies Booth. We need TONS of cookies and homemade candy, plus bars, breads, and other homemade treats. Please label what it is. (Please bring candy by 3 pm the day before so we can package it. If candy is packaged at home, please place 6 pieces per plate.)

Bring produce and make garden treats

Have garden produce to share? We'd love to sell it in our Lutheran Market booth!



to have Serena Townsend join me in the classroom this school year. She does wonderful with all our little ones, and I know the kids will love having her!

Hello, my name is Kelsey Kampfe and I am excited to start as the new Preschool Teacher/Director here at Faith Lutheran. I have been a member of Faith Lutheran for the last 11 years, and I am excited to share God's love with the children. I have been working with children the last 13 years. I grew up in Pierre, SD and there is no other place I would rather call home. When I am not working you can find me with my husband and our two children Kaylee (8) and Kaden (4), we like to be outside and on the go.

On Tuesday, August 31st, Faith Lutheran Preschool officially begins with our "Get Acquainted Night"! It is an exciting time for our parents and preschoolers to get acquainted with the facility and staff here at the preschool. It is always exciting to meet all the faces that go along with the registration forms we have been receiving. Classes will start September 13th and 16th. I am blessed

Thank you again for the privilege of working with God's precious little ones! I love being able to tell them about the God who created them, love them enough to die for them, and lives in their hearts today! We are anticipating a wonderful year and are so thankful for all your support and prayers. God's blessing to each of you in the family of Faith.

In Christ,

Kelsey Kampfe, Director/
Teacher
preschool@faithluth.com



DAYCARE NEWS

This summer we had an absolute blast! Our school-age children enjoyed bi-weekly field trips. These field trips included Zesto, Lariat Lanes, and Bounce Around City among others. All of our daycare children loved our weekly water play days as well.



Thanks to our Assistant Director Kim, we have finally been able to provide and implement curriculum. The curriculum includes age-appropriate ideas and materials for two-week themes. For example, in August our themes were "Summer Fun/ Circus" and "All About Me." Kim prepares packets or folders for each of the teachers to go through for ideas, and provides any materials (toys, books, etc.) that we have on hand that would go with the two-week theme. It has made it so much easier for our teachers to make weekly lesson plans! Our kids are loving the fresh ideas and materials every other week as well.

In other news, we are working on improving employee benefits

throughout our program, so our tuition rates are being raised at the beginning of September. This tuition increase will allow us to raise our starting wage by almost a dollar. This means that we will be giving significant raises to our current employees who are not yet at this new starting wage. We believe that increasing our teachers' wages and improving their benefits to truly reflect the value of what they do and the depth of what they are responsible for will positively impact the care that we provide our communities children!

Also in September, we are hosting a Little Caesar's Fundraiser. This starts September 13th! If you're interested in supporting the daycare (or just want some delicious pizza and desserts), stop on by to order! I will have an order form readily available.

Thank you and God Bless,
Moriah Kiepke



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MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

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, 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!



Education year begins

We are excited to begin the education year. Students age 3 through 8th grade are invited to our Sunday School classes. These will begin Sept. 12 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 2nd grade through 8th grade to Midweek classes. All parents of Midweek students will meet on Sept. 8 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 15, from 6:00-7:00PM. This time is focused on the teachings which God gives in his Word.

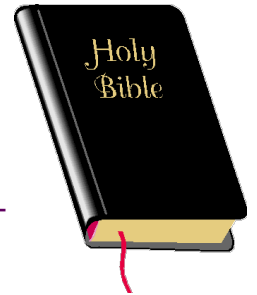
Both of these times, Sunday School and Midweek, are focused on different yet complementary aspects of God and His Word. Students are encouraged to attend each class.



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Bibles and Catechisms

We are continuing our tradition of providing Bibles to 2nd grade students and catechisms to 4th grade students. We will have a special ceremony for students to receive these items during worship on Sunday, Sept. 12. Both the 8:30 and 11:00AM services will each have this ceremony, so please attend whichever service you desire. These items are free, and we will also have additional Bibles and catechisms available if you would like to purchase them.



CHRISTIAN EDUCATION



Installation of Teachers

We invite all of our teachers, Sunday School, Midweek, and Adult Bible study, to an installation service on Sunday, Sept 13. This ceremony will take place at both the 8:30 and 11:00AM worship services. It is meant to ask God's blessings on these teachers as they undertake a year of sharing His Word with learners of all ages.

Midweek Classes will begin September 15 at 6:00 pm.

The earlier start is to accommodate a Wednesday evening worship service. The worship service will begin at 7:00 pm.