

Faith Evangelical Lutheran Church  
Pierre, SD

# “Out Of The Boat”



*5th Annual*

## *“Festival of the Crèche”*

*(Crèche: a three dimensional representation of the Nativity)*

*Sunday, November 30*

*1:30 p.m.- 4:00 p.m.*

*Faith Ev. Lutheran Church*

*1:30-4:00 – View the Crèches in the church Fellowship Hall during a come-and-go reception. Holiday cookies and breads along with tea and coffee will be served.*

*3:00- Live Crèche and reading of the Christmas Story.*

*After the reading, come in the Fellowship Hall for some homemade cookies and breads.*

## ***Christmas Worship Schedule***

*The Incarnation  
God’s Stirring Among Us*

### ***Midweek***

*December 3, 10, and 17*

*Dec. 3 The Stirring of Covenant*

*Dec. 10 The Stirring of Grace*

*Dec. 17 The Stirring of Empower*

### ***Sundays***

*Nov. 30 The Humility of the Incarnation*

*Dec. 7 Incarnation, Out of the Boat*

*Dec. 14 The Personal of the Incarnation*

*Dec. 21 The Joy of the Incarnation*



### ***December 14***

*11:00 N-2 Grade*

*4:00 3-8 grade*

### ***Christmas Eve***

*Incarnation, The Stirring of Intimacy  
Candlelight Services at 5:00 p.m. and 7:30 p.m.*

### ***Christmas Day***

*10:30 a.m. with Holy Communion*

***New Year’s Eve Worship***

*7:00 p.m. with Holy Communion*



## *The Incarnation God's Stirring Among Us*

*“Come Thou Incarnate Word Gird on Thy mighty sword;  
Our prayer attend. Come and Thy people bless,  
And give Thy Word success,  
And let Thy righteousness On us descend.”*

In our Lutheran Service Book, “Come, Thou Almighty King” is in the “Beginning of Service” section. So this hymn is a beginning Hymn. Advent is a beginning, it’s the beginning of a new Church year. The paraments for Advent are blue, a color of hope. We are always a hopeful people. Even in a down-turned economy, even in the midst of the fragileness of life we have daily and eternal hope. Why? God is with us. In the Holy Scriptures we call this thought by one word “Immanuel”, God is with us.

Thus begins a new church year with God stirring a new beginning in our midst. The theological word is Incarnation. Incarnation is defined in Webster’s II as:  
*“The Embodiment of God in the human form of Jesus”*

Advent and Christmas are the earth’s great celebration of the Incarnation. The Almighty Word, Christ, is born in our midst as one of us. Yes, you’ve got it, Incarnation.

Incarnation is good. How many of us have held a crying baby seemingly uncomforted by our gentleness? How many times have you thought “I wish I knew what the problem is, I wish they could just talk, I wish

I knew what they were thinking”? Jesus Christ, true God and true man, in human flesh knows our problems, speaks to us in His Word and knows what we are thinking. He stirs among us, this Word become flesh, He stirs among—

- Stirring a new covenant - December 3,
- Stirring His grace in our midst - December 10,
- Stirring an empowerment for us to live for Him - December 17

As surely as the Wednesdays of Advent remind us God’s stirring among us, so the Sundays of Advent will explore Incarnation.

As you receive this, our Christmas Committee has been busy planning for our beautiful Sanctuary to reflect this glorious truth—

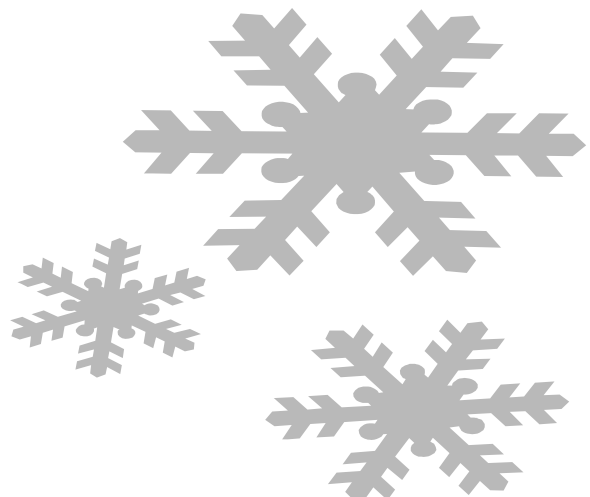
*“The Incarnation”  
God’s Stirring among us*

A blessed Advent and Christmas to you all!

Immanuel!

Pastor Brad Urbach

Pastor Levi Willms



## Youth Page



### **Sunday School Christmas Program**

The Sunday School Christmas program is for our Nursery-2nd grade and will be on Dec. 14th in the 11:00 service. Program practices will be during part of the Sunday School hour. There will be one Saturday practice on Dec. 13th at 10:30 in the morning.

### **Midweek Christmas Program**

The Midweek Christmas program will be for 3rd-8th grades and will be on Sunday Dec. 14th at 4:00 PM. We will begin practices on Wed. November 12th, however they still get done at 7:45. There is one Saturday Dress Rehearsal at 1:00 PM on Dec. 13th.



### **JYM Christmas Party**

Our next JYM event will be on Sunday Dec. 7th from 3:30-5:30. We will make and decorate Christmas cookies and other fun Christmas activities. I hope all of our 6th-8th graders could attend.

### **LYF Christmas Party**

Our LYF will have a Christmas Party on Dec. 14th from 6:30-8:00. There will be some fun Christmas time celebration and food and fellowship. I hope to see you there.



### **Midweek Christmas Party**

In lieu of Midweek on Dec. 17th, we will have a Christmas party at the Aquatic Center from 6:45-7:45. The Board of Education will provide you with snacks and a chance to go swimming.



### **Faith Lutheran Preschool**

A blessed Thanksgiving and Wonder-filled Advent and Christmas to you from our preschool!

This is a busy, exciting time of the year for everyone, but especially preschoolers. They love the story of Jesus' birth and the wonder in their eyes is something to behold. We'll be viewing the Christmas trees, feeding the geese and preparing for our program during December. Our shape is triangle, our color is green, JKL are our letters and our number is three. We made decorations for our tree at the Pierre Mall by Corral West—be sure to stop and see it when you are out shopping.

Our programs are December 18 and 19 and our classes resume January 5 and 6. Have a blessed holiday season!

Jan Larson



### **Lutheranpalooza for Young Adults**

The South Dakota District is having a Lutheranpalooza (don't know what that is, it's not in the dictionary). What I do know, it is a fun day for young adults (18-30) and will be at Faith Lutheran Church in Sioux Falls on January 24 starting 9:00 AM and goes to 8:00 PM. There will be a Pancake feed served up by pastors, a volleyball tournament, faith discussions, trivia tournament, taste of cultures supper, and lots of opportunities to interact with and meet other Young Adults from around the district. Contact Pastor Willms [levi@faithluth.com](mailto:levi@faithluth.com) if you would like to go.

## Official Acts

### Baptisms

Kate Breann Schmidt 11/2  
Jonas Ryan Olson 11/16  
Brandon Thomas Aamold 11/16  
Noah Riley Neyhart 11/30

### Weddings

Leah Kropuenske & Brian Lappe 11/29

### Funerals

Agnes Sturm 11/5  
James Monson 11/14



**Circle your calendars now!**

**Sunday, January**

**Family Aquatic Night**

**Pierre Aquatic Center**

**5-7 p.m.**

**Pizza and Drinks provided**

**Bring the whole family, but yet,**

**Bring the whole neighborhood!**



**Men's Fellowship**

Our Men's Fellowship will have a Christmas Men's Fellowship in the Great Room Monday, December 15 at 7:00 p.m. Please bring a snack to share. We will enjoy

a fun round of Court Whist.

In January we will begin to meet on the first Monday of the month at 7:00 for Dartball.

During the winter John Barber has invited the men of our Men's Fellowship to John and Carlene's home for an evening of Dartball and Pool. Thanks John.



### **LWML Christmas Party**

Sunday, December 7

At 7:00 p.m.

Join us for a night wrapped up in fun, food, and fellowship!

Bring an inexpensive or homemade gift for exchange.

There will be an offering taken for Pierre Area Referral Service. In addition, please bring a non-perishable food item for the Pierre food pantry. See you there!

Dave Ramsey's  
**Financial**  
*Peace*  
**University**



A local pastor calls this class "Revolutionary." In January 2009 we will be offering Financial Peace University. You can come to an introductory meeting on Dec. 4th during Sunday School hour from 9:45-10:45 or you can come Thursday Dec. 8th at 7:00. This will help you get a feel for what the class is and make a decision on whether or not you would want to enroll. The class will begin Thursday Dec. 22nd and run from 6:30-8:30 for 13 weeks. We will work towards providing childcare depending upon enrollment and the need. I hope that many of our families can partake in this wonderful class to gain more of a control of their households. If you have questions you can go to [www.daveramsey.com](http://www.daveramsey.com) or contact Pastor Willms.

