



November, 2008 Newsletter

Faith Evangelical Lutheran Church  
Pierre, SD

# “Out Of The Boat”

## Mission Festival - November 23

Our Speaker will be Pastor Duane Duley from Zion in Rapid City

### Mission Festival Noon Meal

The Main Dish, Ham, will be provided by the Board of Parish Fellowship  
With a lot of applesauce on the side!

Please Bring a Side Dish to share **A-L**  
Please Bring Desserts to share **M-Z**



## Thanksgiving Service

November 27, 2008

10:30 a.m.



*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.*

*“Thus Far Has The Lord Helped Us”  
1 Samuel 7:12*

## *Getting Around the Corner!*

Greetings in the Lord! Getting around the corner sounds a little bit like “getting out of the Boat.”

In the last several days as I write this letter the “almost” final floor plans for our new Christian Family Life Center have been in the Fellowship Hall with lots of viewers. Getting around many corners to this place in time has been a very long process. This process that brings us to this point actually started in 1990. Our “Almost” final plans have been 17 years in the making.

There is indeed an old adage that too many corners cost money. In part, I do believe it to be true. When a couple of our fellows said, “looks like a lot of corners”, I had to agree. Now while I can’t justify them all, as I look at the artist’s rendition, I saw why some of the corners were there. They were both practical and aesthetically pleasing for the appearance of the building.

As I thought about this, I thought what a parallel Building corners are to our Human Journey. We, in life, always have corners we need to get around. I hear three corner thoughts in life.

- I need to get around a corner
- I just can’t get around the corner
- I think I’m finally around a corner

Hurray for everyone who gets around a corner! Sometimes those corners are costly. They cost us money and heartaches. But if we get around a new corner of life we are always better for it.

Corners, like life, may have a cost attached to them but in the long run the hope is always there that we “look better”, if you will, because of it, because our life is more complete.

God too made a trip around the corner. He tried Creation, the Law, prophets, judges, and even kings. Fi-

nally God made a corner decision. That corner was called the “Incarnation” when He sent His son Christ Jesus into a womb, into a manger and into our world.

The cost was high, that’s the Lenten story yet before us. But because of His love for us, around the corner He came. In Advent/Christmas and Lent/Easter we celebrate God getting around the corner for us.

Cost—yes indeed, but we are eternally better off because of it.

Corners? Our new building and yes, our own personal lives, will have them. May the love of Christ carry us around each and every corner of our life. For indeed, Christ is our cornerstone.

Working on corners with you,

Pastor Brad Urbach



# God's Economy

All we hear right now is how bad the economy is. The economy is crashing. How will the poor economy effect this or that. Why is the economy behaving this way? Who is the cause? Where does the fault lie? There are going to be difficult days ahead. Many of you are already struggling to make ends meet. Some of you are having to change your plans for retirement, or are wishing you hadn't retired quite so early. I'm not here to give you expert advice on what is going on with the economy or exactly what you should do in response. I am here to talk about God's Economy.

Ephesians 1:9-10, "And he made known to us the mystery of his will according to his good pleasure, which he purposed in Christ, to be put in effect when the times will have reached their fulfillment--to bring all things in heaven and on earth together under one head, even Christ."

Now many of you probably didn't see economy in that text. But it is there. In the dictionary if you look up economy you will find the definition, careful management of available resources. Now we understand in relationship to God, there are no lack of resources. But look closer at the verse, do you see God's careful management. Actually in verse 10 the greek word for which you see, "to be put into effect," is oikonomia the root of our word economy. Economy has everything to do with careful management of resources. Here God uses his careful management in bringing Christ at just the right time. See in God's economy, his management, there are no surprises. All things work together. Everything is a part of God's big overarching plan, a plan we don't always understand, or appreciate, but an amazing plan that we see unfolding in the person of Jesus Christ. If you read verses prior in Ephesians you see that God's plan included choosing you as His child, before He even created the world. His plan also includes his care for you today

and your security for all of eternity. When we are in God's economy, truly nothing really goes wrong or is bad, even when the world economy is in shambles. In God's overarching economy of salvation we are secure.

That being said. God has some direction for you. He has careful management, an economy for your lives as you live in relationship with him. In this Newsletter you see we are offering a class entitled Financial Peace University. During Bible class now we are studying stewardship. God has things to say about how you live in the world and how you participate in the economy because you are in His economy. I hope you take advantage of these classes, or some other means of learning careful management of the resources God has given you. The world right now will tell you that everything is so bad, I tell you that they are good. We are in God's hands, under his careful management, in his economy of salvation, and he gives us principles and guidance in his word to meet the challenges of today.

In His Service,

Pastor Willms



## *New Carillon Dedication*

On All Saint's Sunday, November 2, a new Schlumerich Carillon System will be dedicated.

Our prior Bell System was Dedicated on September 6, 1981 on the occasion of our 50th Anniversary Celebration. It was given to the church by Marian Kopplin in memory of her husband, Louie. It was a part of a very special day that ended with a wonderful service of Thanksgiving with Dr. Oswald Hoffman preaching. Dr. Hoffman was at that time the speaker of the Lutheran Hour.

Our new carillon Bell System is in loving memory of Victor and Dorothy Young and was made possible for our congregation through the generosity of an estate gift left to Faith Lutheran by Vic Young.

Our prior system, which had tapes much like the old 8-track tapes, just finally wore out. There were no longer parts available. It was through the ingeniousness and labor of Don Sturm that the system was sustained.

The new system allows us to play the Westminster Chimes on the hour from 8:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. followed by a bell chime for each hour.

At 9:00 a.m., 12:00 noon, 6:00 p.m., and 9:00 p.m. two general hymns of the church are played. We have seasonal hymns that will be played as well during Thanksgiving, Advent,

Christmas, Lent, and the Easter season. The digitally automatic Carillon also has hymns for patriotic holidays.

We are most grateful for the remarkably generous gifts left for us by Vic and Dorothy. They were mainstays in our parish for 50 years and who can ever forget them walking hand-in-hand in the fall of the year with their Packer Green and Gold on.

Their modest lives in the same small home that raised 3 sons have richly provided not only for Faith but also for the St. Mary's Foundation and the Boys and Girls Ranch in North Dakota.

We are so very grateful to God for this act of Estate Planning that has graced our church.



## *New Members*

John & Carlene Barber  
Brittany Kost  
Greg Buntrock

Daniel & Jolynn Haberling, Emily & Nathan  
Dusty & Alicia Schoenhard,  
Rhyanna & Lincoln

## THE ENTIRE ENSEMBLE

“But God, who is rich in mercy, because of His great love with which He loved us, even when we were dead in trespasses, made us alive together with Christ... and raised us up together, and made us sit together in the heavenly places of Christ Jesus, that in the ages to come He might show the exceeding riches of His grace in His kindness toward us in Christ Jesus.” Ephesians 2:4-7

It is no secret that I am a fan of the Zesto. I love the food and enjoy treating others to Zesto gift certificates. My youngest son, Rodd, worked there for 10 summers, and I was even part of the original “Mom Squad,” also known as the “Malt Machine Mamas.” It was, and is, a happening place, and when the crowds lined up to the curb on hot summer nights -- “Getting slammed,” Rodd called it -- the entire shift had to work together like a well-oiled machine to serve everyone as quickly and efficiently as possible.

Zesto is well-known for their sherbet flavors, and one that is featured frequently is “Tutti Frutti.” It is icy pink in color, and several flavors mingle together to tempt the taste buds. While it’s difficult to identify each flavor separately – cherry, strawberry, lemon and pineapple -- the combination produces a delicious mix.

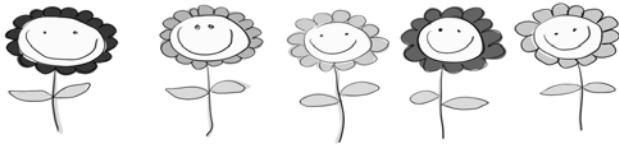
“Tutti” is also a musical term; one of those many Italian words that give directions to and

guide musicians when performing from a musical score. Tutti most often appears in orchestral and band scores, but can appear in choral music as well. Tutti simply means, “All together. The entire ensemble.” Sometimes, in band and choral literature, there are sections when a small group or soloist will carry the theme or the main melody. The remaining musicians will be at rest until the conductor brings them back into the action and everyone is playing or singing together as one. Vocalists and instrumentalists gain a certain confidence and strength when each musician functions together as a harmonic ensemble.

The body of Christ functions most completely as a total unit or ensemble when working together as believers, loving one another as instructed in God’s Word and fulfilling the law of God. During the present time, when society is rampant with violence, divisions, worldly priorities, moral decline and despair, it is important that Christians work together in an ensemble that is directed by Jesus Christ. He is harmony and melody, rhythm and balance. He is Music that will never end. When Christ’s ensemble comes together and praises Him in a way that strengthens all believers and extends salvation to the unsaved, the Master’s Score will have been executed with joy and accomplishment.

Karen Lindbloom





## *Preschool News*

Autumn Blessings from preschool! We are having a blessed year getting to know many new students and building on last year's relationships. This month we have had 3 new students enroll which is wonderful. Even so, our numbers are still down from last year. Thank you for your prayers and support!

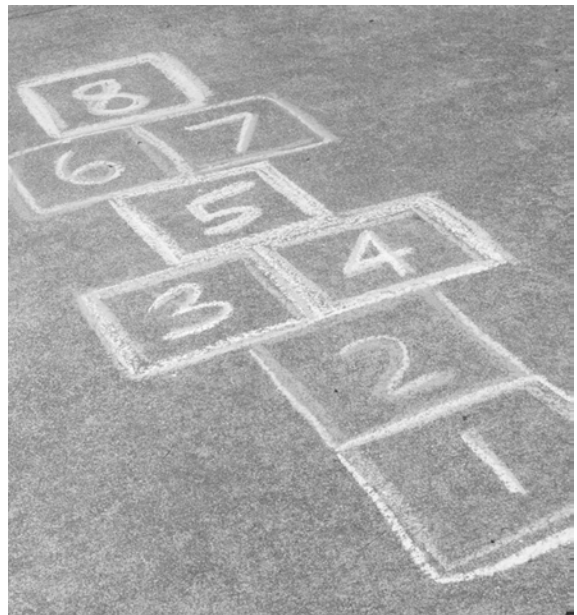
Besides the circle shape, the color orange, the number 1 and the letters DEF, we learned about community helpers during October. Pastors Urbach and Willms talked about pastors, Jay Fredrich showed us his cleaning cart, we visited Helen Kiepke in the church office and John Broers told us about law enforcement people. Lori Koenecke, Miranda Meyer and Angel Getz told us about nurses and Deb Bumann visited with us about dentists. John Beougher and his dog, Takota, helped us learn about fire safety. To all these people we say a big **THANK YOU!**

During November we will be learning about cowboys and Thanksgiving. We will be making decorations for a tree at the Pierre Mall, plus learning about brown, rectangles, the number 2 and GHI. Nursery rhymes will be part of our action songs.

We are thankful for the privilege of teaching these little ones about many things, but most of all teaching them about Jesus and how much He loves each of you.

In Christ,

Jan Larson, Director



# Blood DRIVE

Monday, November 10, 2008  
Faith Lutheran Fellowship Hall  
11-2 & 3-6  
Contact: Char Russell at 224-1160

OR  
go to [www.bloodhero.com](http://www.bloodhero.com),  
Enter code:  
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## *Official Acts*

### **Baptisms:**

Jaden Walter Ottenbacher  
Kiley Jean Pendergast  
Caleb John Pendergast  
Gage Ryan Cumbow  
Elizabeth Kelly Endres

### **Weddings:**

Chad Johnson & Sonja Kinas 8/8  
Phillip Michael Leidholt & Krista Lynn Epperson  
9/14

### **Transfers Out:**

Chad & Kathy Kussatz, Courtney & Patrick  
Rick & Mandy Huber, Adam, Taylor & Jordyn

### **Moved Without Transfer:**

Todd Archambeau  
Eric & Tammy Paul, Tyler & Tyra Flaaen  
Wayne & Kamie Feller, Lance, Chancey & Blake  
Kelly & Laura Hansen  
Mark & Chrystal Lund, Autumn & Maya

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



## **Financial Peace University**

A local pastor calls this class "Revolutionary." In January 2009 we will be offering Financial Peace University on Thursday evenings. This 13 week course will help you to transform your ability to manage your finances. With uncertain times ahead, now is a great time to gain knowledge and skills to get out of debt and into financial responsibility. Dave Ramsey helps teach us God's plan for our money, and how to change our family tree. You can find out more info at [www.daveramsey.com](http://www.daveramsey.com). This might be one of the best investments you could ever make.

## **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, 2009 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.

# Youth Page

## Mexico Mission Trip Meeting

We will have a meeting on Sunday Nov. 9th at 6:30 for those interested in going on the trip to Mexico next summer. The trip is July 24th to August 2nd 2009. You will be receiving more information in the mail prior to the meeting.

## National Youth Gathering 2010

We will be having a meeting for those hoping to go to the National Youth Gathering in New Orleans in 2010. This would include our current 8th-11th graders. We will meet on Nov. 9th at 7:15 and discuss what is needed from you as we prepare for this event. It is a very costly event for the LYF and for you as families, so it is important to be thinking ahead. The gathering dates are, July 17-21 2010 and the theme is "We Believe."

## LYF Lock-in

We will be having an LYF lock-in on Nov. 10-11. This is a Monday Night with no school on the 11th. The LYF officers thought it might be fun to do it on a Monday Night. We will start at 9:00 and wrap up at 7:30 in the morning. Bring comfortable clothes and if you want to sleep some a pillow and blanket/sleeping bag. Bring \$2 to help pay for some of the food costs.

## LYF Meeting

We will be having a LYF meeting on Sunday Nov. 23rd from 3:00-4:30 in Jon's place upstairs. There will be time for snacks, games, and study of God's Word.

## JYM Lock-in

We will be having a JYM lock-in for our 6th-8th graders on Friday . We will start at 8:00 and will end on Saturday morning at 7:30. Please bring comfortable clothes and a pillow and sleeping bag. We will have lots of food and games, and hopefully learn a few things as well.



## 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.

## 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.

## Acolytes Schedule

### November 2nd

Early: Alyssa Williams and Amanda Goglin  
Late: Joshua Thompson and Miranda Bren

### November 9th

Early: Megan Arneson and Natacha Arneson  
Late: Jake Chambers and Karrie James

### November 16th

Early: Mallory Hull and Trevor Larson  
Late: Ryan Koch and Crystal Ortbahn

### November 23rd

Early: Elizabeth Irwin and Linsey Peterson  
Late: Jacob Larson and Joshua Larson

### November 30th

Early: Joseph Knofczynski and Dylan Schiltz  
Late: Rebekah Miller and Rayleen Rathbun