



Faith Evangelical Lutheran Church
Pierre, SD

“Out Of The Boat”

Greetings in the Lord Jesus! 2008 was a new year for us and now we come to the fall of '08. Fall brings not only a change in the weather, the World Series, and of course football, it brings opportunity! Opportunity, challenge to try new things, strive for new disciplines, improve our lives, strengthen our relationship with Christ and his Holy Church.

Some would call this an “Out of the Boat” moment. It is not a new term or new preaching theme but nevertheless an expression we will use a lot in the months ahead to challenge, perhaps even crowd us a bit to spiritual growth.



Adult Study—Our Sunday morning study starting September seventh will be based on John Ortberg’s book “Get out of the Boat”. This video based study will be greatly enjoyed by all. We both are hoping for many new adults to join us for our Sunday morning study.

Preaching Services—Every first Sunday of the month our Pastors will preach an “Out of the Boat” sermon to help us think and live beyond our current moment. We have been discussing different themes, obviously September 7th’s sermon will encourage us to explore God’s Word.

Art Work—The piece of art work that will be a focus for us for the next nine months was first seen in a presentation by Pastor David Schwan to our officers on June 7th. He did it to help our parish leaders to see opportunity for not only the growing of our church but for each of us to also see how we can grow personally in our faith walk.

“Out of the Boat” - There are many areas of our life where

we might truly desire to grow, some of them include—

- Would you like a more faithful prayer life?
- Could I take a big step and be a part of a Bible study?
- Would you like to just read that “Portals of Prayer” devotion more faithfully?
- Would you like your speech and deeds to be a better witness?
- In our corporate life our giving to “BTIF” is a large “out of the boat” commitment.
- Desiring to really work at percentage giving, perhaps, even choosing to tithe.

“I believe in the Holy Christian Church”, this line from the Apostles Creed, a historic confession of Christ’s Church reminds us of the church universal of which Faith Evangelical Lutheran Church is a part. We are a body of believers who gather in our boat, or “Ark”, if you would. That is why we call the area of the sanctuary in which the congregation sits the “Nave”. Yes, Naval, a boat, an ark where we find security in the midst of the rolling waves of life.

Conclusion—Yes, pastoral letters like sermons come to an end. Our hope for the fall of 2008 is that all would be safe in the boat and yet will find new ways to step out of the boat into new ventures, new hopes, new disciplines, new opportunities.

Let’s go walking on the water!

The Lord be with you,

Pastor Brad Urbach

Pastor Levi Willms

Rally Day September 14, 2008



IT'S A FIESTA!

Noon Meal with a Full taco bar

- Hosted by our Board of Parish Fellowship
 - Bring a salad to share
- Dessert provided by the "BTIF" Fulfillment Committee
 - Games for the kids 12:30 p.m. in Pastor Urbach's back yard
- 2nd Graders receive their Bibles at the 11:00 Service
- Sunday School Award certificates will be given to students at our 11:00 Service
- Installation of All Midweek, Sunday School and Adult teachers at both Services



Hey Kids!



First Sunday of Sunday School
September 7, 2008

"Building Together in Faith
Hoop Shoot"
In the Narthex

Make a basket and get a free ball!



It's a 9 hole Express Scramble! On Tuesday night September 23rd at the Dunes our Board of Parish Fellowship is having a scramble golf tournament teeing off at 6:00. There will be pizza afterwards and some prizes. We need at least 15 golfers to do this. Please sign up in the Narthex. We would ask you to list your phone number, handicap and average score and if you're a genuine golfer or just out for fun. Our Board will balance out the teams.

So join us for a bit of golf, lots of fun and good pizza.



DOING A NEW THING!

“I am about to do a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it?” Isaiah 43:19

Have you ever been asked to take a leap of faith? When I was growing up in Minnesota, the youngsters in my hometown were bussed to Carlos State Park for swimming lessons. After we had passed certain requirements, we were taken “out to the dock” – an area well past the roped off section where we had learned our basic strokes. There was a floating dock in about 16 feet of water, and we were required to jump off to where our instructor was treading water. I remember standing there, looking down into the dark lake, not being able to see bottom and wondering if the instructor would catch me or let me sink. For a 10 year-old, it took a bit of courage to make that leap.

*This is a day of new beginnings,
Time to remember and move on,
Time to believe what love is bringing,
Laying to rest the pain that's gone.*

Christ calls us as believers to new life, to a new beginning. “Old things are passed away, behold all things are become new.” But this gift of grace, this new beginning, has its roots in something centuries old; something traditional and well founded. Faith Lutheran’s roots run deep, as do her traditions. When the first members gathered for worship, it required some fortitude. Over the years, as pastors were called, land was acquired, programs implemented and structures were built, the congregation gathered its mettle and took a leap of faith.

*Then let us, with the Spirit's daring,
Step from the past and leave behind
Our disappointment, guilt and grieving,
Seeking new paths, and sure to find.*

Beginning this fall, we all have the opportunity to build on our traditions here at Faith, especially in our music ministry. We are called to something fresh and new. Not only is the face of our Lutheran Church becoming something of a melting pot; it is seeing a number of changes in its music. Our newest hymnal encompasses more world literature and musical genres than ever before. It is important, that while we embrace the new, we embrace change with an eye on tradition and remember our roots; to hold on to the foundations of our faith – be it in liturgy, in worship and in song.

*For by the life and death of Jesus,
God's mighty Spirit, now as then,
Can make for us a world of difference,
As faith and hope are born again.*

I challenge you to take a leap of faith, to step out of your boat, to move from your comfort zone and try something new. Join the choir or ring bells. Play music from other cultures. Sing with a small ensemble. Learn global music. Enliven our worship with a sense of adventure and a willingness to explore. We are in need of voices to fill out our choir. We need people to ring bells and play instruments. It is a perfect way to build community and promote group activity. We are called to new songs and new words and new ways, but also to cherish the hymns, the prayers and the groundwork that gave us our beginning.

*Christ is alive, and goes before us
To show and share what love can do.
This is a day of new beginnings
Our God is making all things new.*

Karen Lindbloom



Daycare Update

Hello. For any of you who do not know me, I would like to take a minute to introduce myself. My name is Nick Wulf and I have become the director of Faith Lutheran Daycare Center. I have worked at this center on and off for over a decade. I began working here as an after school caregiver in 1995, and my very first overwhelming day here was almost my last. But the kids stole my heart and have kept it all these years. Because of this, leaving at the end of each summer kept getting harder; and at the end of last summer, I thought that I would never be coming back.

But God gives what we need. Once my degree was completed, I came back to work while looking for a teaching position. Then when Joyce announced her resignation I knew that I had to apply for the position of director. Now I am trying to fill some very big shoes. Both Joyce and Sandy have set very high standards for this center that I will do everything in my power to live up to.

In addition to my new role, there are a few new staff members that have been moved by God to come work with us. Diane Middleton has agreed to help us as a substitute. Lois Erbe has served the Daycare in this capacity for a number of years and the generosity and care that they show us is greatly appreciated.

Crystal Baye has also agreed to come to work with us. She has several years of experience in a daycare setting and is looking forward to sharing her faith with our children. Amanda Tinker will be assisting us as part of her school to work class for the upcoming school year and into the following summer. Dodie Hardy is also returning to help out the center during the mornings.

In addition to new staff, two very special gifts have been given to the Daycare Center this August. Darin and April Hodges have generously donated a flannel graph set that is expansive enough to be used with every story from the Bible. Lurene Denke also donated a small library of educational books perfectly suited to Daycare age kids and centers. A sincere thanks goes out to these loving people.

With all of the blessings that God has given us, and the support of the congregation and the Daycare families, I am confident that the Faith Lutheran Daycare Center will have a bright future.

Yours in Christ,
Nick Wulf, Director

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We walk because they walk!

A crop walk supports Church World Service whose work in 80 countries seeks to:

- Provide emergency food aid
- Promote educational opportunities
- Support infant health and nutrition services
- Secure durable solutions for Refugees
- Develop sustainable safe sources of drinking water

We will walk Saturday, September 13, leaving the Capitol steps at 9:00 a.m., walking to the Legion Cabin and back. We can register at 8:30 a.m.

Twenty-five percent of the money raised stays in Pierre for Pierre Area Referral Service which is of enormous help to a very vital community agency.

We invite you to walk and make a gift with us. If you cannot walk, please still make a gift.

Sign up in the Narthex whether walking or not walking and make a gift. Please bring your check to the office make check payable to CWS/CROP.

By the way, did you know almost 50%, 2.8 billion people in the world are living on less than two dollars a day?



- Thank you to the early Childhood Board for the lovely gift certificates upon my retirement.
- Thank you to the Early Childhood Education Board and Pastor Urbach for the recognition given me as Daycare Director at the brat feed.
- Thank you to the Early Childhood Education Board for providing me the job opportunity as Daycare Director at a time when I really needed a way back to Pierre for family reasons.
- Thank you to the Pastors and church staff for their support during my time as Daycare Director.
- Thank you to the daycare staff for your hard work at this important church ministry.
- Thank you to Jay for always going the extra mile in helping with the daycare needs.
- Thank you to the daycare parents for sharing your children with us. I will particularly miss the children! Thank you to the church congregation, circles, preschool staff, and boards for your support of the daycare.

God's blessings to each and every one of you!

Joyce Solem



Preschool News

September is just around the corner, and when it starts, preschool does too. Our "Get Acquainted Night" was held on Tuesday, August 26th. This year, each group came separately to avoid over-crowding and so that families of other class members could meet each other. We also had nametags for everyone to help with getting acquainted.

Classes will start on September 8th for the Monday, Wednesday, Friday class and on September 9th for the Tuesday-Thursday classes. So far we have children enrolled for this fall. Our numbers are down this year. So we can still enroll children in any of our sessions. Please let people know that there is still time to enroll for our 2008-2009 school year. Thank you.

Our staff will remain the same – Cathy Califf, Anita Marso, Donna Gohl and myself. Anita and Donna "share" an aide position and Cathy is here each day. It is great to work with women who are professional and have many years of experience.

During September, we not only introduce the children to each other and ourselves, but also to the routine of preschool; the color yellow, the square, ABC, the number 4 and creation. Each month, Pastor Willms has chapel with us and the Day Care, which is an exciting time for the children. We sing fun songs with the guitar and learn something special about God, too.

We will still be collecting soup labels, Dakotamart receipts and the 5 cent milk jug caps. Thank you for your support in this way. Most of all, thank you for your support and prayers for our preschool. It is a privilege to be employed here. God bless your month!

In Christ,

Jan Larson, Director
Faith Lutheran Preschool

Youth Page

JYM Meeting Sept. 21st 4:00-6:00

Kickoff with Kickball—we will get our JYM off to a great start by playing some kickball. We will have snacks at the church to follow.

LYF Meeting Dates

Sept. 3rd 8:00 “Officer’s Meeting”

Sept. 7th 3:00-4:30

Sept. 21st 2:00-3:30

Mexico Mission Trip Presentation

The kids who went on the Mission Trip to Mexico will be giving a presentation of their trip in worship on Sept. 7th and then a longer presentation in between services at 9:45. Coffee, juice, doughnuts, and muffins will be provided as a thank you for all of your generous support of the kids.

Can Collection

Many of you might have noticed that the church has a new shed next to the staff garage. The LYF are again collecting cans. This fundraiser brings in about \$400 a year for the kids. We invite you to again bring your cans in to support our youth activities. If you think of it, give the cans a squeeze as you put them in the bag, it helps us take fewer trips with the cans.



Acolytes Schedule

Acolyte Scheduling—All High School Youth!

Pastor Willms had a misunderstanding and had been scheduling only the 9th grade kids. This was not the correct procedure. All youth 9th-12th grade are asked to be acolytes, so check the schedule to see if you are up to serve. If you cannot serve, please switch with someone or find a replacement and then let the church office know. We thank you so much for this wonderful service, and thank you to all the youth for being so willing to fill in. If you have a service preference or a strong reason why you cannot serve please call the church office or email me at levi@faithluth.com. Please remind me even if you have already given me a service preference, I am working to get this more organized.

September 7th

Early: Alex Neyhart and Roberta Forman

Late: Jared Neilan and Travis Adney

September 14th

Early: Joshua Thompson and Dylan Norris

Late: Kyle Olson and Emily Fredrich

September 21st

Early: Alyssa Williams and Brandon Olson

Late: Megan Arneson and Justin Harmon

September 28th

Early: Mallory Hull and Jacob Miller

Late: Jake Chambers and Rebekah Hartmann



Goodsearch The kids have received \$135 just by you searching the internet. It could be a lot more, if we can get more of you to search using www.goodsearch.com. You can also add Goodsearch to your toolbar to make it even easier. The kids get a penny for every search. If you do a lot of online shopping, go to go to Goodsearch first and click on the online retailer link and we receive a percentage of the sale. Please go to Goodsearch and select Faith Lutheran Church-LYF Pierre and do some good with your searches.



Sunday School Registration There are enrollment forms in the Narthex. Please sign your kids up for Sunday School and drop off in the office. We look forward to having your kids in Sunday School next year.

Midweek Parents Meeting Our midweek parents meeting is set for Wed. September 10th at 6:30. Your child's materials will be available for pick-up. We will have time for you to go to your classroom and to meet your teacher for the coming year. Please mark your calendar for this important meeting. Midweek starts on September 17th and goes from 6:30-7:45.

Teacher's Needed There are sign up sheets in the Narthex for Sunday School teachers and Midweek teachers. Please sign up soon if you are willing to help. If you are interested in team teaching with someone, either sign up together or let us know that you are willing and what age is your preference and we will help find a spot for you. Please sign up as well if you would be willing to be on our Substitute list. Also if you are willing to lead an adult class in the Fall or Spring please speak with Pastor Willms.

LWML Country Fair



Coming Soon
October 18, 2008

Please start thinking about volunteering to help with this fun event. We need people to man the booths, help in the kitchen, make and bring crafts, etc.

Please start saving baskets, etc. for the basket projects.

More information will be added as the date gets closer or call Anita Marso at 224-2769.



Official Acts

Baptisms:

Raegan Joy Taylor
Paige Alexis Jonas
Lydia Adeline Choate

Weddings:

Kristin Berg & Matt Grohs 6/7
Debra Gannaway & Corey Bowman 6/14
Brant Douglas & Nichole Poirier 6/14
Tanner Kost & Brittany Alexander 7/19
Chad Johnson & Sonja Kinas 8/8

Transfers Out:

Jesse & Stacy Greve, Hallie and Hannah
Judeth Peterson

Adult Bible Study Opportunities

Thursday Morning Men's Bible Study 7:00 am. Start Sept. 18th

This is a great opportunity as men to not only study God's word, but to encourage and reflect on how God can use us to interact with wives, children, co-workers, and the world around us. Get up a little early one day of the week and spend some time with your brothers in Christ and with Christ himself as He comes to us in His word.

Sundays, evening 6:30 (in-home) bible Study-Starting Sept. 14th

This group will be studying James and Jude in a Lifelight series. Lifelight series are in-depth studies that help you to see what the scriptures really mean, and give you great background knowledge around each text. Please contact Marv Schweigert if Sunday evenings work well for you. (224-5133)

Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m. (meets in homes) Starting Sept. 17th

This bible study meets on Wednesday nights in the homes of members. Meeting in homes provides a relaxed atmosphere and the group often has food in connection with studying the Word. Contact Bob Miller if you are interested in joining this study, 224-9955.

Wednesday 6:30 Parenting Bible Study—Meets at Nick and Annette Hill's house (224-0884) This group will start Sept. 17th and will run for 10 weeks. This is a great opportunity to encourage one another as parents and to gain insight from one another as to how we can help our kids to grow up strong in Christ. They will be using a resource entitled *Parenting in the Pew*. (Kids welcome).

Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m. (at church) Starting Sept. 17th

Bill Markley leads this class and it is a great opportunity for those who have kids in midweek and others as well. Bill's class will be looking at the popular Christian book *The Purpose Driven Life*. If you have a copy of the book, go ahead and bring it, the church also has copies for you as well.

Sunday Morning Class 9:45-10:45 in Fellowship Hall Starting Sept. 14th

If You Want to Walk on Water, You've Got to Get Out of the Boat. Do you want to know Jesus like never before? Then step over the gunwales—the Master of the sea is waiting for you! In this six-session-journey on learning to trust God, we are taught “water-walking” skills: finding your call, transcending fear, risking faith, managing failure, and waiting on Christ. We hope you can join us for this study on Sunday Mornings.

Wednesday morning Ladies Bible Study: 6:30 am (At Church) Starting Sept. 17th

This group studies the lessons of the Church year and helps to go into depth on the lessons we hear on Sunday morning. If you are interested in this study, please contact Ruth Leidholt or show up any time (945-1211).

Monday Afternoon Ladies Bible Study: 1:30 pm (At church) Starting Sept. 15th

A New Song: Planted by Streams of Water will encourage and uplift you as you reflect on the life-giving stream that never floods, never dries up, a stream that always sings songs of God's wisdom, songs of our Savior's love. This Study looks at uplifting Psalms and provides personal reflection on them to enhance your discussion and absorption of God's word. You are welcome any time, if you have questions, contact Karen Lindbloom 224-5292.

20/30 Bible Study—meets on Thursday nights at 7:00 at Pastor Willms Home starting Sept. 18th. One struggle many Christians have is how to reflect our faith and beliefs to a culture that might not understand. It is not easy to “be a witness” and often we are completely confused as to what God would have us do or say. This study, *Becoming a Contagious Christian*, will offer us great discussion as to what it means to reflect Christ in our world in our own unique way. (Kids are Welcome)

Adult Inquirers Class—This begins on Thursday, October 9th at 7:30. It is for those who desire to know what the Lutheran Church teaches and it is a great review for our present members.

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Phone _____