



Faith Evangelical Lutheran Church

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July/August 2009 Newsletter



A WORD
FROM THE
PASTOR

Out of the Ground!

Greetings in the Lord! We always knew it to be true that getting a building out of the ground is always the unknown, expensive, full of surprises and the difficult part.

Ground water, old footings different than the blue-print, an unmarked phone line, an old water pipe seepage, the list goes on. That has certainly been true of our June progress—several surprises.

Yet, in the midst of the surprises, the work presses on with determination. The work of forms, rebar, and concrete is an art form in itself. Dave Johnson, the foreman on our job, with Midwest Construction, is amazed by all the rebar. It will be quite a foundation.

We too have a solid foundation. The Hymn writers say it well—

“The Church’s one foundation
is Jesus Christ her Lord.”

Again—

“My hope is built on nothing less
Than Jesus blood and righteousness...
On Christ, the solid rock I stand;
All other ground is sinking sand.”

It’s not rebar and concrete at our base, it is the Word and Sacraments of our Savior.

Christ, the Redeemer, knows something pretty significant about “out of the ground”. After the darkness of Good Friday, on which our Savior died and was buried in a borrowed tomb, an incredible thing took place. Yes indeed, “out of the ground” He arose.

St. John of Damascus (696-745) states it powerfully in

his ancient Easter hymn—

Alleluia! Now we cry
To our King immortal,
Who, triumphant, burst the bars
Of the tomb’s dark portal.
Come, you faithful, raise the strain
Of triumphant gladness!
God has brought His Israel
Into joy from sadness!

LSB 487 verse 5

Watching the foundation rise “out of the ground” too could remind us of the first Christians surviving and worshipping in the Catacombs of Rome. Unlike the “underground” churches of the past and yes, even present, our church with its stately appearance bears witness in our community of our faith in the Risen Christ, He who rose “out of the ground”. May our faith in the one who rose “out of the ground” stir us to rise each morning to the love and service of each other and of God’s Holy church.

The Lord be with you!

Pastor Brad Urbach

Pastor Levi Willms



Thank you for your gifts of \$787.37 in May to St. John’s Lutheran in Yankton. We are sending these gifts in addition to the \$500.00 sent immediately to St. John’s following the fire from the Love Fund.

Official Acts

Baptism

Jeffrey Logan 5-23
Vanessa Lynn Lyle 6-11

Funerals

Margaret 'Marge' New 5-30
Al Helgesen 6-3

Weddings

Caitlin Hepper & Jeff Logan 6-6
Roger Shoup & Trish Henry 6-13
Torri Ice & Jon Lechtenberg 6-13
Anne Eichstadt & Scott Saniuk 6-14

Transfers Out

Genevieve Nickerson 6-18

Pastor Paul Sohn was called to his eternal home in mid June. Pastor Sohn served Faith from 1949-1957. We were graced by his presence at several of our celebrations in recent years. Pastor Sohn had celebrated his 91st birthday June 5. The Sohn's had 7 children, after his wife died, Paul married Lucille who had 2 sons. Lucille's sons brought Paul and Lucille to our 75th Grand Finale. There is a nice photo of the Sohns with Jessica Willms on the Grand Finale photo board in the Narthex. The Sohns had retired to Jessica's home church.

Greetings may be sent to:

The Sohn Family
c/o St. Paul's Lutheran Church
PO Box 241
Ankeny, IA 50021

Christian burial took place on Thursday, June 25. We have sent a proper floral arrangement on behalf of the congregation.



United Blood Services will have a blood drive at Faith Lutheran Church July 8 from 7:30-2:30. You may contact Freda Peters at 224-7654 for more information or to set up a time to give blood.



Many, many thanks go out to all who made our Vacation Bible School possible. Without your help and those who brought their children, VBS wouldn't have been possible.

Adult Teachers and Helpers Ann Noyes, Kacey Hutchinson, Carolyn Kropuenske, Carolyn Ryckman, Melissa Neyhart, Dana Malfero, Janet Ott, Jessica Willms, Annette Hill, Melissa Brock, Heidi Kampfe, Char Arneson, Kathy Olson, Dawn Koch, Cindy Ellwein, Gloria Welk, Julie Miller, Stephanie Harmon, Sue Light, and Jan Johnson, Leslie Hicks, Melissa Cnoate, Paula Tronvold, LeRoy Kroppuenske, and Paul and Toni Kenefick-Aschoff.

Youth Helpers Caitlin Forman, Devin Kampfe, Chase Harmon, Whitney King, Haven Kenefick-Aschoff, Roberta Forman, Abby Lingle, Ethan Leif, Travis Jordan, Alex Voeltz, Jordain Rathbun, Joshua Thompson, Rayleen Rathbun, Julia Jares, Gerrit Tronvold, Karrie James, and Luke Schochenmaier.

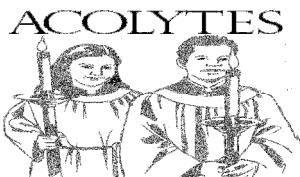
Meals for VBS workers Board of Education, Board of Parish Fellowship, Board of Elders.

Captive Free Meals Roy and Charlotte Hiller, Mary Hiller, Dennis and Carolyn Ryckman, Jerry and Lois Erbe, Faith Lutheran DayCare, Ken and Cheryl Brull, Buron and Karen Lindbloom, Levi and Jessica Willms, Bruce and Marie McIntire, and Paul and Toni Kenefick-Aschoff.

Craft and Snack Donations Joyce Solem, Rayleen Rathbun, Jeanne Mertz, Leslie Hicks, Gloria Welk, Jenny Kelly, Marie McIntire, Joyce Nielsen, Susan Burroughs, Dana Malfero, Jan Johnson, Jenny Johnson, Cally Hall, Peggy Urquhart, Rhonda Peterson, Clareen James, Sarah Lingle, Laurie Schultz and Brenda Zeltinger. Ruth Hansen for doing the T-shirts.



Acolyte Schedule



July 5th

Early: Brooklyn Voeltz and Alex Voeltz
Late: Austin Wagner and Miranda Bren

July 12th

Early: Vance Weber and Garret Weber
Late: Amber Ziebart and Courtney Ziebart

July 19th

Early: Wylin Baker and Jessalinn Baker
Late: Courtney Brandt and Amanda Goglin

July 26th

Early: Alyssa Bump and Elizabeth Schultz
Late: Kaci Deal and Megan Arneson

August 2nd

Early: Rachel Hartmann and Jake Chambers
Late: Kaiden Karst and Mallory Hull

August 9th

Early: Faith Kongslien and Elizabeth Irwin
Late: Andrew Leif and Ryan Koch

August 16th

Early: Logan Lenz and Jacob Larson
Late: Reed Lindblom and Rebekah Miller

August 23rd

Early: Maranda Olson and Jared Neilan
Late: Caden Overturf and Alex Neyhart

August 30th

Early: Nicole Smith and Alyssa Williams
Late: Molly Tschetter and Joshua Thompson



Circuit Bible Camp Dates July 13-16th by the Niobrara River near Valentine Nebraska. We will have a day of tubing along with other fun activities. This camp is for kids that just finished 3rd-8th grades. There is registration information on the information booth in the Narthex. Faith Lutheran will pay for \$25 of the \$75 registration.

Youth Servant Trip to Cedar Rapids: LYF kids are traveling to Cedar Rapids July 26th through August 2nd. They will be working on flood damage in Cedar Rapids and staying at Camp IoDisECa. Youth will also be visiting Concordia Nebraska and going to Adventureland in Des Moines. It will be a lot of fun and also be of great assistance to those affected by the flooding. This event also includes other congregations from the South Dakota District.

LYF Meeting August 5th We will meet at church from 6:00-7:30 and will follow with a meeting with parents for the National Youth Gathering in New Orleans 2010 from 7:30-8:00.

LYF Barbeque August 23rd We will have a Barbeque from 5:00-7:00 with some games and hanging out. We will also use this time to elect new officers for the coming year.

Cans for LYF A reminder that we continue to collect aluminum cans for LYF. Prices are a little lower, but we are still raising a lot of money for our activities. You can place them in the shed next to the staff garage, but you might have to navigate through some construction items.



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Goodsearch Another great way to support our LYF is by searching on www.goodsearch.com. You can also imbed into your browser. When you select our youth as your charity we get a penny for every search you make and it can really add up. Check it out, you can use us or any charity you choose. Might as well make some money for a good cause while you surf the net.

Forever Young



POTLUCK DINNER FOR SENIORS

All of our semi-retired and retired members are invited to our July "4th of July" picnic on July 16 at high noon. The hot dogs and Ice

Cream will be provided, bring your favorite picnic foods to share. We will join in singing a few of our favorite patriotic songs.



August's "Fish Fry" is on! Please bring , salads, side dishes and desserts. We will meet at 6:00 in the evening.

Cordell Costar and

Vern Dockter are ready to prepare South Dakota's finest, Walleye!

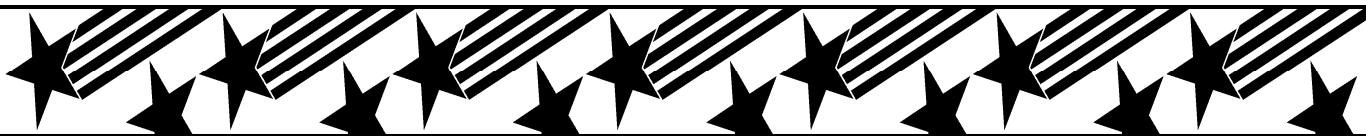
Faith Lutheran Daycare

Greetings in Christ,

This summer has been quite exciting for the Daycare. We have a full house of terrific children, and are looking forward to the addition of even more as many of our families are expanding. Despite our high numbers and the limited outdoor play space due to the construction, we have been spending a lot of time enjoying the nice weather. Pastor Urbach has opened his yard up to us, and we have been taking advantage of our close proximity to La Barge park. As the heat continues to rise outside we are looking forward to outdoor water play and going to the City Pool. As always we will wrap up our summer with a fantastic picnic help toward the end of August. I am hopeful that all of our families will take advantage of this time of fellowship.

Sincerely,

Nick Wulf, Director



Preschool News

Welcome summer! During these "free months" many things are going on in preparation for next year's program. Registrations continue for our sessions; supplies are inventoried and ordered; equipment is checked for replacement and the program is evaluated for improvements. Before you know it, it's time to ready the room, clean the carpets, wash the toys and print materials for our "Get Acquainted Night" in August.

It's nice to have a break in the summer, but that time is used in preparation for the next year's students. This year we will be hosting a parenting workshop once a month lead by Ruby Douglas. The details still need to be worked out, but it will be held at Faith and will be open to anyone interested. There will be no charge for the class.

God bless your summer! Enjoy the beautiful creation God has given to us and the people who share it with us.

Jan Larson, Preschool Director

Registration forms are in the brown basket on the oak table in the Narthex.

