

NOVEMBER 2009 NEWSLETTER

FAITH EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH
714 N. GRAND AVENUE
PIERRE, SD 57501

2009 Fall Mission Festival

Join us as Pastor David Schwan, the Executive Secretary for our South Dakota District reminds us of the joy of missions.

Our LCMS serves in 88 countries with a global work force of 1,100 people. We also serve our state of South Dakota and our own community as we reach

out with the Gospel of Christ. Mission work is one way in which our tithes and gifts of love are used.



November 22

Noon Meal



Fried Chicken
Mashed Potatoes
And Beverage
Provided

Please Bring

To Share:

A-L Salads
M-Z Desserts

6th Annual

“Festival of the Crèche”

(Crèche: a three dimensional representation of the Nativity)

Sunday, November 29

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

A Letter From Pastor Urbach—Sub Cruce!

Greetings in the Lord!

Through the years we have gotten to know Pastors Robert and Andrew Utecht well. But did you know there is a third Pastor Utecht in our District? Namely, Reverend Peter Utecht of Redfield who is now also serving the Gettysburg vacancy with the moving of Pastor Moldenhauer to Wisconsin.

I have noticed that in my communication with Pastor Peter Utecht, who is by the way, a twin to Andrew, that he signs his letters “Sub Cruce”.

That is, “under the cross”. While I should have saved this observation for a Lenten Newsletter, with all the comments I have heard from the parish and the public about the powerful cross on the New Christian Life Center’s east wall, now seems like a good time.

“Under the Cross”! We all live under the cross! As one Gospel hymn puts it,

*“Beneath the cross of Jesus I fain would take my stand,
The shadow of a mighty rock Within a weary land;
A home within the wilderness, A rest upon the way,*

From the burning of the noon-tide heat, And the burden of the day.”

“Under the cross,” we live forgiven and loved by God. “Under the cross,” we live in comfort with the blessed hope of eternal life. “Under the cross,” we build Christ’s hope, the Church on earth and extend the Kingdom from “sea to shining sea.” “Under the cross,” we find the true purpose of our living.

During the season of Lent hopefully I will remember yet another “Sub Cruce” Pastoral letter as I share with you the joy of the three signature walls of Faith Lutheran, three powerful crosses that remind us of the heart of the proclamation of Faith Evangelical Lutheran Church, that we “preach Christ crucified” (1Corinthians 1:23) and might I quickly add “and Him Risen.”

So, in this letter I finally wish to extend two thoughts, that we do indeed live under the cross and in Christ we find our life and being, and secondly, to say thanks to all of you who do so much to “Lift high the cross” in our beloved congregation and in this community and throughout the world.

The Lord be with you!

Sub Cruce



Pastor Brad Urbach

HONG KONG MISSION TRIP

Pastor David Schwan, our district’s executive secretary, is assembling a team for a mission trip to Hong Kong. The team will be based in a Lutheran junior/senior high school where it will help teach some of the classes during the day, and make use of all available time for interacting and sharing with the students. Dates for the trip are January 28-February 7, 2010, and the approximate cost will be \$1800 per person (\$1200 airfare and \$600 in-country fee which covers lodging at the school and most other expenses including meals and transportation). No special training is needed – just a desire to share Jesus’ love. Don’t worry about what you would say – the kids are very open and ask lots of questions. Two people from our congregation have committed to going; if anyone else is interested, there is still room on the team, but you would need to let one of the pastors know as soon as possible (or email Pastor Schwan directly at sdexec@midco.net).

It should be emphasized that even though this is a Christian school, most of the students and even the majority of the teachers are *not* Christians. Many of the people in Hong Kong, young or old, do not have much of a hope for the future, or much of a sense of self-worth in a society that does place importance on the individual. So, this trip is a real opportunity to let these kids (and teachers) know how valuable they are to God – so much so that he sent his Son for them – and to let them know that through Jesus they can have *real* hope.



Pastor Willms and Jessica have a new baby boy, Carsten Levi, born October 20 at 2:15 p.m. 9 pounds 11 ounces.



**Give
thanks to
the LORD,
for he
is good;
his love
endures
forever.**

1 Chronicles 16:34, NIV



It’s all done and has a new family! We thank all who worked on Faith’s assigned work day, and several who helped on the general work times. Faith Lutheran Church gave \$5,000.00 toward this “Lutheran” build for Habitat along with Lutheran Memorial and Resurrection Lutheran.

“Thrivent for Lutherans” gave a large grant to this project to make it possible along with the support of the three Lutheran parishes who participated.

A very large “tip of the hat” to Lee Axdahl who was the “construction manager” and Matt Reitzel who serves on the Oahe Habitat Board.

Building News



Yet another cluster is ready for the wall.

Our gifts as of Sept.30, 2009—

\$1,841,982.64	Gifts
<u>80,210.63</u>	Interest
\$1,922,193.27	

And our payments to Sioux Falls Construction, Architecture Inc. and other related building costs—

\$1,657,639.63

Our latest (Sept.) payment to Sioux Falls Construction of—

\$389,565.00

Put us into the first need to borrow, we borrow from the SD District Church Extension Fund - \$115,000.00

Our congregation is authorized to borrow up to \$1,000,000.00.

Hence every gift, whatever it is—

- a new gift
- an accelerated gift
- an exceeded gift
- a gift meeting one's commitment—

are very vital. We will begin to pay the interest on the borrowed money immediately rather than turn it over into the loan at the end of the project.

Gifts

Our October newsletter listed a large number of special gifts, at a later time we will summarize all the gifts, but here are a couple of new over and above gifts.

- We thank Randy Davey of Fichter-Davey Masonry for graciously bricking the sign base as a gracious gift. Randy also personally did all the brick work of the cross on the Euclid wall.
- The “Two Court Volleyball System” has not only been ordered but it has arrived. We thank the families that have made this possible.

They are:

Bill & Jan Farnham
Ben & Patsy Handcock
Dick Huber
Jason & Alison Jares
Matt & Beth King
Shane & Dawn Kramme
Lari & Linda Ott
Mike & Ann Shoup
Pastor Urbach

- A needed gift! Jared Doud has graciously volunteered to build the new bookcases in Pastor Willms' office. Would there be a family willing to pay for the materials for the new bookshelves, we are working on the cost.

Progress

- As you receive this, the roof is probably all on. AMEN!
- A goodly number of the

windows are in.

- The walls are all bricked, just a couple of small projects, such as the garbage enclosure, may remain.
- There has been great progress on the plumbing and electrical
- The heating and cooling units will soon be on the building.
- If the weather dries things out, sidewalks and the parking on the East side of the Building (Euclid Ave) will be done soon. Please pray for a period of dry weather.
- Every day is a day of great progress for which we thank God.

Different Gifts—Equal Sacrifice

This thought brings us to the end of this October update. The constant hope of our entire “Building Together in Faith” Campaign is that every family that comprises our Faith family will be a part of this, so that when it is all done we will all share in the joy of knowing we were a part.

We will never know which of those blocks or bricks were the ones we paid for or if it was a massive footing deep in the ground, or copper pipe behind a wall or electrical conduit through the ceiling but we will touch the walls and know that we were a part. (Continued on pg. 5)

Building cont.

It, too, is our hope that all of our gifts, regardless of size, are generous and sacrificial. Throughout our history whether it was the 1938 first Church, the 1961 big move to North Grand Avenue, or the 1978 Education Addition, or the beautiful 1996 spacious Sanctuary, or now our 2010 Christian Family Life Center, people have had vision, have given generously and sacrificially to grow Christ's Kingdom in that moment and for generations yet unborn.

"Thus far has the Lord helped," Samuel's hope then, our hope now.



thanksgiving

Thanksgiving Day Service

November 26, 2009

10:30 a.m.



Seniors' Gathering

Forever Young Yes, it is the third Tuesday now!

So join us for our Forever Young Thanksgiving Feed. The Turkey will be provided along with the dressing and mashed potatoes. Bring a dish to share.

Forever Young is a group of fun loving Faith Lutheran members who are retired or semi-retired. We have a great noontime hour every third Tuesday. So join us on November 17, great food, a couple of hearty Thanksgiving hymns and good fellowship. Thanks to Cordell & Judy Co-star for the cookies following our October build your own sandwich and Casey Tibbs Center tour!

The LHM **Men's Network** is pleased to announce its newest addition to the Web site... "Stuff They Didn't Teach Me In Sunday School."

Log on to www.lhmmen.com and check out ... "Stuff They Didn't Teach Me In Sunday School" where you can discover that there is *just a bit more* to some of those lessons you learned in Sunday School!



Hey guys, join together with other men of our Parish on Monday night, November 2 at 7:00 for Men's Fellowship. We will look at our Men's Study "He Who Dies With the Most Toys Still Dies" and we will then play some fun Dart ball. Bring a snack to share, beverage will be provided. **Note: the time change, 7:00 p.m.**

Can You Spare A Drop?



Blood Drive on November 9th, 11AM – PM. To schedule an appointment contact Char Russell at 224-1160 or on line at www.bloodhero.com., enter code:

pierrefaithlutheran

Free cholesterol testing each time you donate! Results available within 7 days.

ADOPTION & ORPHAN FAIR

Zion Lutheran Church invites you to attend the Adoption & Orphan Fair.

Date: Saturday, November 7, 2009

Place: Zion Lutheran Church
4550 S. Highway 16
Rapid City, SD 57701

Time: 8:45 a.m.—1:00 p.m.

Topics: Domestic Adoption
Foster Care/CASA
International Adoption
Creating Lifebooks
Tax Credit & Show Hope
Attachment Process
Compassion International
Wendy's Wonderful Kids

Lunch will be provided at \$5 per person.

Please contact: Lisa at 787-5913 or
Dana at 393-4381

Pork Loin Supper Fund Raiser for Rev. L. Scott Spiehs, Pastor at St. John's Lutheran Church of Wolsey, Saturday, November 7, 2009 from 5:00-7:00 p.m. at the Elementary Lunch-room in Wolsey. Rev. Spiehs will be having a kidney transplant. The money raised will be used for un-insured expenses associated with surgery and the recovery process. Rev. Spiehs will need to remain in Sioux Falls for 4-6 weeks following surgery. Donations may be sent to:

Rev. L. Scott Spiehs Fund Raiser
c/o St. John's Lutheran Church
PO Box 445
Wolsey, SD 57384



Thank You To Pastors Urbach and Willms for all the prayers and visits through the years for Pauline and Vince's health issues. Thank you for Vince's memorial service, it was a beautiful service.

Thank you to the Faith congregation for all its prayers through the years and for the memorial flowers sent to St. Johns in Fenton, Iowa where Vince's funeral was held.

Thank you to Priscilla Circle for the lovely luncheon served after Vince's memorial service.

Pauline Votteler, Vicki Myers, and Jane Bradberry.

Official acts

Weddings

Loni Beckwith & Levi Stewart
Donald Kietzmann & Mary Racine
Megan Linn & Adam Bertsch

Baptism

Molly Marie Nix
Brianna Kay Roman

Funeral

Robert Lee Hirsch, Jr.

Fall Blessings - Country Fair



What a great Fair it was!

From the all the items donated for the baskets to the pans full of candy.

From many jars of soup, muffin, and cookie mix to the many, many pies.

The items donated to the lunch counter, from cool whip to roaster full of soup.

From collectable airplanes and lamps to a ton of squash and jelly.

Kids were entertained and folks got bargains in the Attic.

So many goodies and plates full of cookies one couldn't count.

For many, many, workers the night before, during and after the fair.

For a custodian that will help with any thing and some help from LYF.

For Pastor Urbach and Pastor Wilms for helping out with set up and clean up.

For Helen lending a hand with printing and what ever was needed.

Thank you all immensely for your generosity and help.

The Booth Chairmen were:

Basket	Ruth Hansen
Recipe in a Jar	Jane Braley
Kitchen	Jackie Otteson Lila Briggs
Cashier	Velda Bartel
Craft	Sandy Bales
Kiddie Corner	Lurene Denke
Grandma's Attic	Jackie Hoefener and Doris Weischedel
Collectables	Linda Nill
Baked	Janice Docktor
Cookies	Melissa Brock
Candy	Daleen Gore
Gifts and Cards	Berea Circle
Treasurer	Marie McIntire

All though the totals aren't complete the figure I can give you now is \$8,000.00

This includes the \$600 from the congregational money from Thrivent Financial for Lutherans.

The winner of the Gift Basket was Joyce Ernst. Congratulation Joyce!

The proceeds of the fair will be as follows.

The first \$300 will go in our delegate fund.

Then 1/3 of the total will go to out mission projects:

National: Orphan Grain Train and Alaska Mission for Christ

District: Rosebud Lutheran Church and St. John 's Lutheran Church, Yankton

Local: Pierre Food Pantry. Back Pack program, and Oahe Inc. special projects.

The remainder will be Day Care (needs for moving up stairs)

\$1000.00

Preschool

\$ 200.00

LYF

\$ 200.00

Any that remains will go to the New Kitchen Fund.

A special thank-you must go to my two co-chairs, Doreen Kayser and Kristy Deal. As the saying goes "I couldn't have done it with out them."

In His Service,

Anita Marso

Country Fair Co-chair



YOUTH PAGE



Acolyte Schedule

National Youth Gathering

If you missed our meeting for the National Youth Gathering, but are still interested in going, please talk to Pastor Willms for information. This is a wonderful opportunity for our High School youth. The gathering is July 17-21 2010 in New Orleans. Registration forms are available for pickup on Information booth. Some of you already have money on account, so check with Pastor Willms if this might include you.

Adult Leaders for National Youth Gathering

We need volunteers for Adults going with Youth to the National Youth Gathering. Pastor Urbach and Willms will select from those desiring to go. We do hope to have some parents interested in going, along with other adults that might be willing to chaperone.

Circuit Bible Camp

We will most likely be holding Circuit Bible Camp next summer July 27-30 at Custer State Park. This is for kids currently in 3rd-8th grade, so please mark you calendars.

Camp Minneboji dates for next year are June 20th-26th and is for kids currently in 4th-9th grade. Please mark your calendars for this opportunity as well.

Midweek Parents During the closing 15 minutes of Midweek we have a time of music. It is mostly contemporary music but its not uncommon to look at one of the Sunday LSB Hymns. We also help the Midweek Youth know more about the Church Year, Paraments, what's coming on Sunday, etc. We invite parents to join us for the closing 15 minutes of Midweek.

November 1st

Early: Molly Tschetter and Rayleen Rathbun
Late: Brooklyn Voeltz and Miranda Bren

November 8th

Early: Austin Wagner and Trevor Larson
Late: Vance Weber and Amanda Goglin

November 15th

Early: Amber Ziebart and Karrie James
Late: Wylin Baker and Joshua Larson

November 22nd

Early: Courtney Brandt and Elizabeth Schultz
Late: Alyssa Bump and Garrett Weber

November 26th—Thanksgiving

10:30: Kaci Deal and Megan Arneson

November 29th

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

LYF Meetings

We will be having LYF meetings in November on the 4th, 11th, and 18th, from 8:00-9:00 in Jon's Place. We are wrapping up our discussions on the Spiritual realm and will be talking in November about not just thanksgiving, but cultivating an attitude in tune with God's goodness and discussing ways that Satan can tear us down.

JYM

Our next JYM event will be a lock-in November 20th from 8 p.m. to 8 a.m. This is for all 6th-8th graders, I will let you know soon the exact times. Please mark your calendars.



Cans Thanks to all who brought your soda cans for the LYF. We received \$182.70 for them.