

# OCTOBER 2009 NEWSLETTER

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

## **2009 Country Fair      October 17      9:00 a.m.-1:30 p.m.**

**Gift Baskets**—We'll be selling gift baskets again this year, so we need baskets, and items to place in them. Among the items needed: cups, kitchen utensils ( wooden spoons, ladles, measuring cups and spoons, potholders, dish towels, cloth napkins, spatulas), candles and other small gift items.

**Recipes in a jar**—you layer ingredients in the jars, we'll add the decorations and finish recipes. The recipes can be found on the Country Fair table in the Narthex.

**Crafts**—We need all kinds of crafts for the craft Booth, Needlework, woodwork, wreaths, centerpieces,

jewelry, seasonal decorative items and more. It is helpful if you place a price on the items.

**We need items for our booths to sell:** Pies, cookies, other baked goods, candy, homemade snacks, canned goods home grown produce, rummage sale items for Grandma's Attic (no clothing, please), and collectibles.

Check the Country Fair table in the Narthex for a list of items we need in preparation for the event, such as paper products, potato chips, etc.

Country Fair Posters can be picked up in the Narthex to distribute around town.



**Gift Basket Assembly** day is Saturday, October 3 at 9:00 a.m.

*Come join the Fun!*

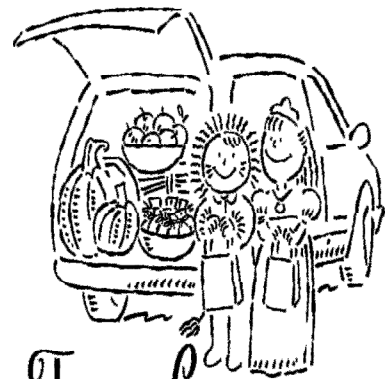
Anyone able to help set up Friday evening please call Ruth Hansen at 224-2297 or 224-4677.

## **Trunk or Treat      Saturday, October 31      6:00-7:30 p.m.**

Holding a Trunk or Treat Halloween activity is a great way to keep Halloween safe. It's when several families get together at the church, park their cars in the parking lot, open up the trunks of their cars, and kids come around to each car to Trunk or Treat instead of going house to house to Trick-&-Treat.

Treats, warm cider, and coffee.

A well lit area for our Trunk or Treaters, and restrooms available!



*Trunk or Treat*

*"Thus Far Has The Lord Helped Us"*

1 Samuel 7:12

## Rally “To call together for a common purpose”

Twins fans bring out the “Rally” hats, Mustang and Corvette owners gather for car rallies, someone who is ill “rallies” and health is restored, the stock market rallies and we are all happy, there is, of course, the Sturgis “Rally”.

So, while the term “rally” has some different meanings, the term I wish to rally around is this thought, “*To call together for a common purpose.*”

(Webster II)

So let’s back up to September 20, Rally Day. What was the common purpose? Well, we rallied around Christian Education and the Word of God.

\* having all our youth in Sunday school and Midweek.

\* having all our High School youth and adults in Bible Studies.

Why? So that the Word of God will strengthen our living for Christ and make us “wise unto salvation”.

We were called together for a common purpose. Together, a lot of people worked that day around a common purpose, to make Rally Day successful:

- Our Board of Education
- Our Board of Parish Fellowship
- Our Fulfillment committee

- Our Board of Elders
- Ushers, greeters, guest book attendant
- Organist, vocalist, our Altar Guild
- Teachers

We rallied, we were *called together for a common purpose*. We worshipped God, we sang, served and laughed, we fed little lambs, we greeted visitors and members we had not met before, we ate and played, we toured our new facility and we gave tithes, gifts of love and sacrificial gifts. We rallied, and we rallied well.

Some personal relations I would rally around for a few moments.

**Thanks**—I must say thank you one more time for the August 9, “35-65” event. As others ask about the surprise and I share with them what all took place, they are amazed at you. Thank you.

**Whole self**—I continue, even though 65 has arrived, to pour my whole self into the ministry of this beloved corner of God’s Vineyard. Some days are joyful and light hearted, some are serious and bring a heavy heart but I continue to be dedicated to serving the common purpose of Christ among you.

**Giving**—In addition to my whole being, I give of my re-

sources as deeply as I am able.

Oh, I do try to get away to see these 5 little joys in my life, and a ball game or two this year, but that which I hope we all are rallying around in terms of our day to day parish ministry and in terms of our “Building Together in Faith”, I am deeply committed too. I am putting a lot on hold to see this enormous project through. What I hope from all of our families, I am committed to first.

**Growing**—I am committed to growing this faithful Biblical congregation in God’s grace and in terms of our numerical growth. I think of new things our Christian Family Life Center can bring. Is it time to revisit that Christian Day School Kindergarten? How can we use the new facility for a heart healthy people? What are you thinking about? Please share your thoughts with me.

Well, “Rally on”—let’s continue to gather together for the common purpose of Christ.

“Alleluia, Lord to whom shall we go, You have the Words of eternal life. Alleluia, Alleluia!”

The Lord be with you.

Pastor Brad Urbach

## Pastoral Letter

Hello Christian Friends,

Last month I highlighted some ways for families to increase God talk in the homes and I hope you have begun to work on some of those practices, and hopefully have found it rewarding and not as difficult as maybe you thought it might be. This month I do want to just again emphasize what Faith Lutheran is hoping to do to assist you in passing on the Faith to your children. The primary programs we have for those under high school are Midweek and Sunday School. These programs are designed to work together to support faith development and to also bring kids of the same age and life experience together for faith exploration.

Faith Lutheran believes that both programs are essential and do not view them as either or, but a both and. While they differ in some manner of focus, stories from the Bible, and catechism teachings, they both together work for faith formation by looking at God's word and teaching and applying them to life, in conjunction with the application that you are also doing at home. If you have questions about this, or suggestions for how we can do better, please let us know.

These two programs do by their very nature, although our teachers work hard to teach all aspects of our faith life, do tend to focus on helping kids to grow in knowledge. We rely heavily on parents to help in developing attitudes of the heart, relationship with God and others, etc. Knowledge is only a component of our faith, but hopefully what we teach can be of assistance in other areas.

I want to give you an important passage from Hebrews that directs a lot of what we do, *"Let us not give up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but let us encourage one another--and all the more as you see the Day approaching."* I hope that as we meet regularly with worship, kids in Sunday School and Midweek, adults in Bible Study, and

other activities, and events for the whole family that we might be encouraged in our faith and drawn closer to Christ.

In His Service,

Pastor Willms



### *Jews for Jesus presents The Liberated Wailing Wall*

The Liberated Wailing Wall, the mobile evangelistic team of Jews for Jesus, is on its way to meet with you! This group of traveling musical missionaries will be coming to Faith on October 21 at 7:00 p.m.

Jews for Jesus originated Jewish gospel music over three decades ago. They wanted music with a harmony and rhythm that could blend their Jewishness with a message that expressed their belief in Jesus as Messiah. Jews for Jesus say they were surprised and delighted to find that others enjoyed their minor key music, too.

Woven into their music program are short personal testimonies of how they came to believe that Jesus is Messiah, as well as original dramatic vignettes on the challenge of being Jews for Jesus.

## October Building

### Bricks and Blocks

As you read our October newsletter there is a pretty good chance the masonry crew is close to completion. It's been enjoyable watching them work. They have worked with five different block and brick elements.

- The concrete blocks were of two dimensions. The 12" block was laid in heavy load bearing walls, for example, the gym is all in 12" block. There was 8" block on the balance of the walls.
- The lighter dress block is called a split face block and the color was "Seashell". The trim around the windows where the split face block is placed is called a burnished block and it is smooth.
- Finally, the brick which match the front wall of the '96 sanctuary is a "Buckwheat Maple". Now that's a quite a name, however, chewing into one of those bricks would not be a healthy breakfast.
- Our masonry crew was from Fichter-Davey Masonry. Randy Davey, one of the owners, was on site most days as the project manager for the masonry work and also made a special point to join us for the Dedication of the Cornerstone, for which we thank him.
- We thank Brad & Laurie Schultz for donating the cornerstone.
- As you receive this October

Newsletter the "Cross" wall is probably done. It's our signature wall and it's very beautiful.

- The entire brick and block work is nearing completion.
- The Cornerstone has been laid and Dedicated.
- The roof will be all in by the end of October if not before.

### Special Gifts

Over and above the sacrificial gifts given to the Building Fund we have received some timely and crucial gifts.

- We are grateful to Marrill & Sandy Bales and Forrest & Alice Wixon for giving gifts to cover the cost of the cross.
- We are grateful to Brad & Laurie Schultz for the gift of the cornerstone.
- We are grateful to Ken & Cheryl Brull for a gift to pay for the tile floor in the Gym.
- We are grateful to Larry & Judy Coyle and Pastor Urbach for the two portable Basketball backstops.
- We are grateful to Mark Zarecky of Midwest Construction who donated all the labor for the base as we put our Euclid sign back in place.

### More Gifts

- Craig Bump has graciously provided a new desk for Pastor Willms new office. Thanks Craig.
- Jared Doud has graciously volunteered to build new book-cases in Pastor Willms office

as a gift. Our need, *would a family be willing to purchase lumber for the new cabinets?*

- But what about Pastor Urbach's cabinets? Well, in 1978 Jack & Nelda Titus gave a gift for Pastor Urbach's shelves. In 1996 they were moved by Sioux Falls Const. and Vern Lenz graciously finished them out. Now, Bob Miller and Al Urlis are going to refit them to Pastor Urbach's new office.

### An additional need:

We now have 5/8 of our goal to purchase the "Two court Volleyball System. The total cost is \$4030.00 and 4 families have committed gifts to 5/8 of the project. We still need 3 more families at \$500.00 so we can order the system.



**Pickle jars, coffee cans, and shoe boxes!** Now you know what they have in common. We hope this will be a fun and painless way to add additional resources to our "Building Together in Faith" project. A little "change" can add up to a "really noisy offering" in Epiphany that is bringing big "change" to our campus.

So start today, all it takes is a pickle jar or any jar. Lets make a noisy offering together by putting all our pocket change into our "pickle jars". Then be saving your next empty coffee can.

We will bring our noisy offerings to church during the season of Epiphany which will start with a special service on "The Day of Epiphany" Wednesday, January 6 at 7:30 p.m.

## Building News Continued

### Our Building Fund As Of Aug.31, 2009:

Gifts	\$1,814,291.80
Interest	<u>80,207.08</u>
	\$1,894,498.88

### Payments to the Architect

\$182,327.21

### Payments Thus Far to Sioux Falls Construction

May	\$241,545.00
June	\$385,446.00
July	\$456,507.00
August	\$317,999.93
September	Pending

### Total Expenses to date

\$1,652,484.99

### Current Balance in Building Fund

\$251,631.09



We are extremely thankful for all the gifts given to our "Building

Together in Faith" Campaign. Every gift is very important and we thank you! The need is still large as we strive to close the gap.

Therefore:

- We still encourage those who have not been able to help thus far if you would please consider being generous and sacrificial in your gifts between now and our June 6

Dedication.

- We will, in order to complete our September payment, need to access borrowed money for the first time. Hence, every generous gift becomes more important than ever.
- Our construction is moving at a very terrific clip. The site, some days, is like a bustling ant colony with workers everywhere. Since construction is ahead of schedule, anyone who can accelerate their gifts would be a great help to our funding.
- Needless to say as well, all those who feel they can exceed their commitments, this too would be very helpful.
- So—
  - \*New gifts
  - \*Accelerated gifts
  - \*Exceeded gifts
  - \*And meeting the commitments which we stated in a timely manner

These all are very crucial to our process.

### Loan

The congregation authorized a loan of \$1,000,000.00. We would certainly like NOT to borrow all of that. Every gift now pushes off a borrowed dollar which pushes off more interest.

### Update on Urbach Family

#### Memorial Garden

As you can see, work started on the Garden on Wednesday the 23<sup>rd</sup>

of September. Steve Bontje, one of our newest members, is doing the work on this Garden and expects to be completed around October 1<sup>st</sup>. Steve was able to salvage the sod from the area and that sod has been placed in the Daycare play area. We have continued to receive some donations for the completion of this Garden and as of this week we are very close to having all of the funds needed to complete the Garden. In the last couple of weeks we received donations for all 3 benches, a generous memorial gift for the retaining wall and many other gifts to help complete the project. We are sincerely thankful to everyone who has given to this project. We believe that this Garden will be a wonderful tribute to Pastor Urbach and his family for the 35 years the Lord has allowed him to be in our midst. We are hopeful that this can be a peaceful, pleasant setting for people to come and reflect on memories of loved ones and talk to the Lord or just enjoy the surroundings. We hope to have a Dedication of this area to the Glory of God yet this fall.

We are still working on the possibility of having the names of friends or loved ones engraved in stone and placed in the area below the retaining wall. This possibility requires some serious discussion and thought as to how we would go about this and we would have a set procedure that would need to be adopted by the Board of Stewardship before this opportunity would be presented.

Again, Thank you all for your generous support of this Memorial and you are welcome to stop by and view the progress.

## Forever Young

Time: Tuesday, October 20

Remember—It's the 3rd Tuesday now.

Where: Casey Tibbs Center

We will gather at 10:30.

Cost: Yes, for those 55+ the cost is just \$4.00.

Free: Well, that is your lunch. We will return to the church for a "Build your own sandwich" and chips, and Cordell Costar fabulous cookies. So don't bring anything.



## THANK YOU

August 12, 2009

Greetings in the Lord.

Thank you so very much for a marvelous Sunday honoring Brad. The services on Sunday AM were wonderful. The food between services, the lunch after church and the delicious food at the "Block Party" .

You were very kind to Brad and his family. Enjoyed every minute of it.

My love

God's Blessings

Berdine Urbach



It's fall and it's time to begin Men's Fellowship again.

Our Men's Fellowship will start Monday, October 5 at 7:00 p.m. with a good Bible study and then we will throw one game of Dart Ball and then settle to enjoy the Packers/Vikings game.

Bring a snack to share, beverage will be provided!

*"How good and pleasant it is when brothers live together in unity." Psalm 133:1*

## Official acts

### Wedding

*John Bechard & Jodi Hageman*

### Funerals

*Lois Stoner Beck*

*Vincent A. Votteler*

*Delbert Siebrasse*

## Sunday School Awards

### 1<sup>st</sup> year awards

Aidan Clarke  
Wyatt Deal  
Austin Fawcett  
Natalie Fawcett  
Trenton Gore  
Emily Haberling  
Nathan Haberling  
Ashley Humphrey  
Brant Malfero  
Rylan Malfero  
James Meyer  
Ellie Noyes  
Caleb Pendergast  
Emma Reitzel  
Drew Schuchard  
Eric Spitzer

### 2<sup>nd</sup> year award

Delaney Choate  
Lane Hedglin  
Joshua Ryckman  
Reagan Spomer

### 3<sup>rd</sup> year award

Zane Schuchard  
Melissa Hedglin  
Ajay Hicks  
Paige Brandt  
Simon Hill  
Molly Neyhart  
Wyatt Rose  
Hannah Schochenmaier

Jesse Jares

### 4<sup>th</sup> year award

Adam Forman  
SaVannah Loesch  
Maria Noyes  
Nathan Shoup

Julia Jares

### 5<sup>th</sup> year award

Ethan Hill  
Jordan Thompson

Kenzie Trujillo

### 6<sup>th</sup> year award

Britney Hicks  
Cassandra Ryckman  
Adam Schoechenmaier  
Lucas Schoechenmaier

Gerritt Tronvold

Kassie Tronvold

Carissa Brandt

### 7<sup>th</sup> year award

Nathanael Hill  
Burkelee Kenefick-Aschoff  
Haven Kenefick-Aschoff

### 8<sup>th</sup> year award

Brad Koch  
Samuel Ryckman

### 9<sup>th</sup> year award

Karrie James

### 10<sup>th</sup> year award

Morgan Deis  
LeAndra Hoefener



**Rally Day Thank yous** We extend our hearty thanks to our

\* Parish Fellowship Board for the fun noon fiesta and the tacos.

\* Fulfillment Committee for the “slabs” of ice cream as we celebrated the completion of the pouring of the first floor slab.

\* Board of Education for providing fun games, a bouncer and prizes for all the kids.

We too extend our blessings to all the Sunday School youth who received faithful attendance awards and especially to Morgan Deis and LeAndra Hoefener for receiving their 10 year award.

### **Sunday School Awards**

Sunday School awards are given to children who missed a maximum of 10 Sunday School classes last year. This means they attended at least about 70% of the classes during the year. Occasionally there are problems with recording of attendance and it is possible we made a mistake. If your child is down for the wrong year or was not given the proper award for last year, please let us know ([levi@faithluth.com](mailto:levi@faithluth.com), or 224-2216). Likewise, if your child has had this level of attendance at a prior church, also let us know so that they can be credited with those years in addition to what they accomplish with us. Thanks again, for making Sunday School a priority in your family.

## YOUTH PAGE

### 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. You will need to return registration by October 1st with a deposit of \$200. 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.

## Acolyte Schedule

### ACOLYTES



### October 4

Early: Rachel Hartmann and Brandon Olson  
Late: Kaiden Karst and Dylan Norris

### October 11

Early: Andrew Leif and Carlee Sanders  
Late: Logan Lenz and Nikaela Trujillo

### October 18

Early: Maranda Olson and Courtney Ziebart  
Late: Reed Lindbloom and Kory Wilson

### October 25

Early: Caden Overturf and Katie Sanders  
Late: Nicole Smith and Natacha Arneson

### LYF Meetings

We will be having LYF meetings on October 7th, 14th, 21st, and 28th from 8:00-9:00 in Jon's Place. We will be talking about Training Camp, and how God uses specific exercises to help us withstand the rigors of life in the first part of the month and then will discuss the Spiritual realm, the presence of good and evil spirits and how this effects our everyday life.

### JYM Hayride

Our next JYM event will be on Sunday October 4th and will be a Hayride, with games and food. We will gather at the church at 3:30 and then head to Jeff and Leanne Loesch's farm place. We will return by 6:15. Please sign up at Midweek or in Narthex so that we can plan for food and drivers.

