

FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH
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PIERRE, SD 57501

OCTOBER 2010 NEWSLETTER



2010 COUNTRY FAIR

October 16 9:00-1:30

Gift Baskets—We'll be selling gift baskets again this year, so we need baskets, and items to place in them, such as cups, kitchen utensils, potholders, dish towels, cloth napkins, candles and other small gift items.

Crafts—We need all kinds of crafts for the craft Booth, such as needlework, woodwork, wreaths, centerpieces, jewelry, seasonal decorative items and more. It is helpful if you place a price on the items.

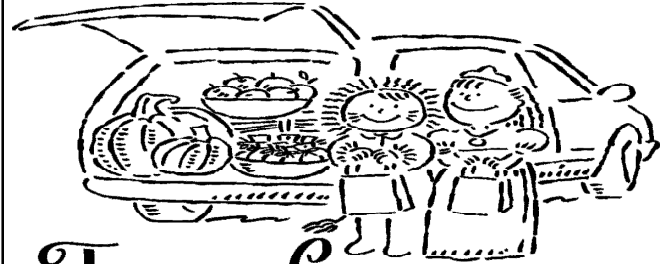
Baked goods and candy—The Baked Goods Booth, Cookie Booth and Candy Booth need oodles of tasty treats, including pies, bars, breads, cookies, candy, caramel apples, and snacks. In addition, the Lunch Counter needs LOTS of pies to serve by the slice.

Produce and jellies—New this year: a "Lutheran Market" booth which will sell produce, jellies and sauces. Have some extra garden produce or canned goods that you can share? We'd love to have them for this booth.

Collectibles & rummage—The Collectibles Booth can use all kinds of antiques and collectible items. And clean out your closets and garage to donate items for the "Grandma's Attic" rummage booth. (No clothing for the rummage booth, please).

Other needs—◊Stop by the Country Fair table in the Narthex for a list of items we need in preparation for the event and to sign up to help in a booth. Also, take a poster to hang up at your workplace.

Attend Country Fair—Browse through booths - join us for delicious caramel rolls in the morning - and enjoy soup, sandwiches and pie for lunch. It's a fun day!



Trunk or Treat

October 31, 6:00-7:30 p.m.

Holding a Trunk 'N' 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 'N' Treat instead of going house to house to Trick -&-Treat.

Treats, warm cider, hot chocolate and coffee. A well lit area for our Trunk 'N' Treaters, and restrooms available!

We need 30 families to serve as Host Trunks.



Gift Basket Assembly day is Saturday, October 2 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.



Reformation Day

Greetings to you in the name of the God of grace and glory! October 31 is the historic day of the Reformation! It is wonderful that it actually falls on a Sunday this year. We shall celebrate the glorious praise of God in the morning and then conclude our Day with a community outreach activity, namely Trunk 'N' Treat.

At both services on Reformation Day we will celebrate Holy Communion.

Generally we rotate our celebration of Holy Communion at alternate services each Sunday. Yet on some special occasions, like Reformation and the first Sunday in Lent, we have Holy Communion at both services. On other special days like Christmas Eve and Easter, due to time, logistics, and many visitors we do not celebrate the Lord's Supper.

Why is this spiritual feast so important in our worship life? Here is a good doctrinal statement of our belief.

"We believe that in, with and under the bread and wine that the very Body and Blood of Jesus Christ is really present."

Not all Christian churches teach this doctrine. Some teach the bread and wine, or perhaps even crackers and grape juice are but symbols of Christ's Body and Blood, they just represent Christ. Others teach that the elements actually change substance. That word would be "transubstantiation", the teaching that there is a change of substance.

We believe our teaching of real Presence is Biblical and correct. About the teaching of "Real Presence" we would say this, "we believe, teach and confess."

Due to our teaching we therefore practice "close" communion in contrast to "open" or "closed." We invite those who have been instructed in the confessional teaching of our church to join us for this Holy meal. It is a gathering of those with one accord to gather close to Christ and close in Fellowship with each other.

Because we practice close communion and not everyone teaches the same, we believe it is vital for proper instruction. That is why we have Adult classes, Com-

munion classes, and Confirmation classes

Now—it should also be known that there are instances and unique circumstances where we deal one-on-one with people in their journey of faith so that they can commune with us while special circumstances are resolved.

But at the core of our practice at Faith for many decades upheld by our Elders and Pastors is that:

We believe in the "Real Presence"

We practice "close" communion

We believe instruction is paramount

We will pastorally work with worshippers in a Pastoral manner to deepen their life of faith in the Kingdom of God and with our congregation.

This is also the reason we provide for our 5th-8th grades a wonderful opportunity to come to Early Communion classes in October. These dates are:

Saturday, October 2 9:00-12:00 and

Saturday, October 9 9:00-10:30

That brings us back full circle to Reformation, (by the way the circles in Luther's seal magnet you got are of importance!), we will celebrate the Sacrament of the Altar at both services. In the Reformation the proper Biblical teaching of the church was restored and it was distributed in both kinds, namely both the bread and wine were given to the communicant.

Reformation, Holy Communion, moments of Godly celebration, *"therefore with the angels and the arch-angels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify thy glorious name evermore praising you and saying..."*

May Christ bless you in each and every moment we spend in His Holy Sanctuary.

The Lord be with you.



Pastor Brad Urbach

Pastor Levi Willms

Building Fund

Odds & Ends We thank Jay Fredrich for finishing a portion of the ceiling in the St. Mark Room. We had Leidholt, McNeely & Leidholt raise some duct work to accommodate a flush ceiling.

We are grateful to Todd's Electric for finishing the lights in the St. Mark Room as a gift.

Todd's Electric also did some landscaping by the North lawn drain to keep water out of the Transformer.

Bulletin Boards will be placed in the hallway outside of the new rooms upstairs.

Bank West Short-term loan As of September 30 the Bank West Loan of \$56,000 had been reduced to a principal of \$31,015.25 and an additional \$478.15 in interest. Thank you, we have made great progress. Hopefully at our October 10 Stewardship meeting more will be applied to the loan. At our last meeting, \$9,500.00 was applied to this loan.

Our 30 year Church Extension Fund Loan We have been able through gifts to do seven advanced payments as of October 1 in addition to our four regular payments. Our seven advanced payments have already saved us \$33,299.88 in interest.

How much is a regular payment? Our monthly payment is \$5,836.00. This adds about \$72,000 a year to our Budget. Hence, our General offering, our Building Fund gifts, and all designated gifts for Debt Retirement are very important.

All for one, and one for all. No one person can do this by themselves, but together, with all of us doing a bit extra, we can continue to meet our new obligation.

St. Matthew & St. Mark Matthew's room is all done and the St. Mark room is very useable!

St. Luke, John, and Paul will be finished after we are able to install an elevator as per our City Building Codes.

Building Fund Envelopes As members choose to extend their Building Fund giving by six months we would ask you to: 1) use the monthly envelope in

your church envelope boxes, 2) each month we will provide one additional envelope, 3) if you need additional envelopes, please use the remaining charitable envelopes found on the Oak Table in the Narthex.

If you have extra "Hot Pink" Building Fund envelopes, please return them so we don't have to print any more than we have to. Thank you.

Our New Cup We want every family to have one of our new Christian Family Life Center mugs. Please pick one up for your family today.

Dedication Day Bulletins are also on the cup table if you desire to see the day's events, please pick one up. Services from that day will be available on DVD, if you would like one let us know.

What is happening in our 1961 really old Fellowship Hall? This room is now beginning to provide some very organized storage for things like Mardi Gras, Christmas decorations, Parish Fellowship, Country Fair, etc., etc.

It is also going to serve as a music area for the choir warm-ups on Sunday mornings and an area for Sunday school music.

Different Gifts/Equal Sacrifice

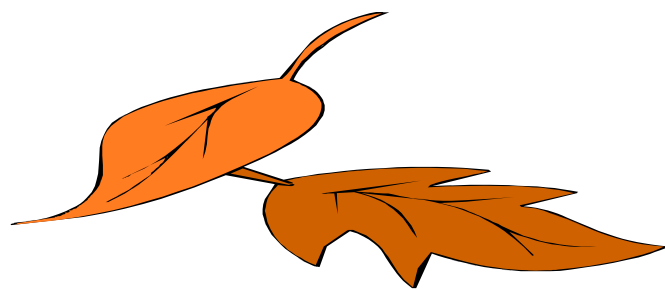


A Letter of Thanks

To Susan's friends and our friends at Faith Lutheran Church:

Thank you for your caring ministry to us at the loss of our mother and grandmother. We so appreciate your hosting the memorial service and luncheon in Pierre, as well as your cards and prayers and other expressions of sympathy. Thank you also for remembering Susan with your memorial gifts. You have been a blessing to us, and we thank God for you all.

Bill Wold, Richard Wold, Kathleen Van Hove and families



Official Acts

Baptisms

- Lyon Daniel Houck 9-5
- Noah Robert Koch 9-5
- Amara Mae Garcia 9-26

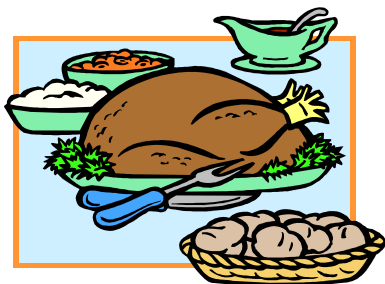
Funerals

- Linda Kay Titze 8-28
- Doreen Siebrasse 9-9
- Susan Wold 9-18
- Doris Weischedel 9-13



FOREVER YOUNG
 Join us Tuesday, October 19, that's the third Tuesday for a *Seniors' Gathering* potluck noon meal.

Then we look forward to our November 16 Thanksgiving Feed. The turkey dressing and potatoes will be provided. Bring a salad and dessert to share.



Men's Network On the 1st Monday of the month at 7:00 p.m., the men of the parish are invited to a Men's Fellowship. We meet in the Great Room for a short Bible Study, a lunch and Dart Ball. Come and join us for a fun evening. We are always done by 9:00. Bring a snack to share – that's Monday, October 4.





Preschool News

Preschool is off to a great start! We have 64 students this year – with our Tuesday-Thursday classes full and a few openings in our 5 year old class. Donna Gohl, Cathy Califf and Anita Marso are the teacher aides that are working again this year. It is a joy to be able to work with these ladies and the children that come to us.

During October, we have several community helpers visit: nurses, fireman, dental hygienist, pastors, police officers, office manager, and facilities administrator. We write a thank you to each visitor and give them a small thank you gift. Besides this, we learn about the color orange, the number 1, circles and the letters DEF. At the end of the month we carve pumpkins and have a small ‘party’ for Halloween. October is a very busy month for us especially as we are still learning the routines at preschool.

We recently received a check for \$85.00 for the milk caps that you save for us. Also, we are hoping to receive some funding from the Thrivent funds which people can donate to specific organizations. There will be information about this in the church bulletins.

Thank you for your support and prayers! They are dearly appreciated and make a big difference in our days of helping children learn about Jesus and preschool. God bless you!

Jan Larson, Director

New Members

Kevin & Nicole Axtell & children

Mike Bales

Rodd Bauck

Mike Davis

Joy Fisk & daughter

Kelsey Hughes

Katie Nickerson

Daryl, Debra, & Joshua Ramquist

John & Hye Son Schweigert & children

THRIVENT DOLLARS CAN BE DIRECTED TO FAITH LUTHERAN OR FAITH LUTHERAN PRESCHOOL

Thrivent Financial recently sent a letter saying eligible members may direct Thrivent Choice dollars. We encourage you to follow the directions on the letter and direct those dollars. Thrivent Choice is a new charitable grant program and a benefit of your membership in Thrivent Financial. You may direct your designated Choice dollars either to your local congregation or to other eligible Lutheran organizations. If you do not direct these dollars, then Thrivent Financial will make the choice for you. As stated in the letter, you may go to Thrivent.com/choicedollars; or call 1-800-847-4836 and say, “Thrivent Choice.” Again, we encourage you to direct your designated choice dollars ASAP to benefit your congregation or other Lutheran organizations. Questions, contact Rena Ortbahn, Renee Knapp or our Pastors.



Operation Christmas Child

Priscilla Circle is sponsoring a project this year called "Operation Christmas Child" or the "Shoebbox Project".

We will be collecting items (that are listed below) and placing them in a "shoe box" (regular size shoe box or small plastic container about the size of a shoe box). Then these gifts will be shipped overseas for underprivileged children or children who were victims of earthquakes, etc.

If anyone would like to join us in this, you may drop your filled box (marked with age group and if for a girl or boy) or you may just purchase some items (there will be a drop box marked for this) and we will get them ready. Another way you could help would be monetary. This would help with the shipping or buying items to finish a shoe box. It costs us \$7.00 per box to ship.

The children's age categories are 2-4, 5-9, 10-14—girl or boy. The labels for the boxes may be gotten at the church. The boxes should not be sealed, just a rubber band around them.

The Project will start September 1 and will run to October 31. We encourage all members to join us in this endeavor and put a smile on some children's faces.

GIFT IDEAS:

SCHOOL SUPPLIES: pens. Pencils and sharpeners, crayons or markers, stamps and ink pad sets, writing pads or paper, solar calculators, coloring and picture books, etc.

TOYS: small cars, balls, dolls, stuffed animals, kazoos, harmonicas, yo-yos, jump ropes, small Etch-A-Sketch, toys that light up or make noise (with extra batteries), Slinky, etc.

HYGIENE ITEMS: tooth brush, tooth paste, mild bar soap (in a plastic zip bag), comb, washcloth, etc.

OTHER: hard candy or lollipops (please double bag these) mints, gum, T-shirts, socks, ball caps, sunglasses, hair clips, toy jewelry, watches, flashlights (with extra batteries).

A PERSONAL NOTE:

In a separate envelope, you may enclose a note to

the child and a photo of yourself or your family (If you include your name and address the child may write back).

DO NOT INCLUDE: Used or damaged items, war related items such as toy guns, knives, military figures, chocolate or food, out of date candy, liquids or lotions, medications or vitamins, breakable items such as water globes or glass containers, aerosol cans.



Living Proof Live

Featuring *BETH MOORE*

Living Proof Live continues to be the perfect mix of Biblically sound messages from beloved Bible teacher Beth Moore and worship leader Travis Cottrell. This Fun, authentic ministry team prepares a unique message from God for each location so you'll experience a fresh encounter with God. You'll leave knowing that the message you heard was created just for you.

They will be in Rapid City, SD at the Rushmore Plaza Civic Center/Don Barnett Arena on November 19-20. For tickets and more information, visit lifeway.com/livingproof or call 800-254-2022.

Youth News

LYF Officers for 2010-2011

President--Roberta Forman

Vice President--Emily Fredrich

Secretary--Brooklyn Voeltz

Treasurer--Rebekah Hartmann

Senior Representative--Kelsey Dykstra

Junior Representative--Mallory Hull

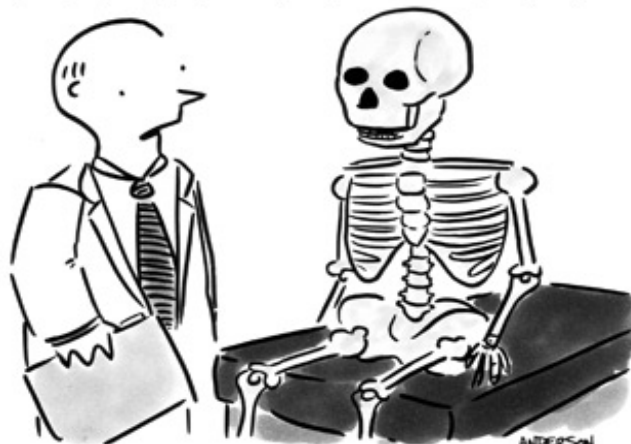
Sophomore Representative--Rachel Hartmann

Freshman Representative--Devin Kampf

LYF Meetings: Our LYF for High School meets on Wednesday evenings from 8:00-9:00 upstairs in Jon's Place. We usually have a short Bible study, snacks and some games. We meet in Oct. on the 6th, 13th, 20th and 27th. On the 27th we will have a Pumpkin Carving contest and will use the pumpkins to decorate at the Trunk n Treat. LYF will also help serve cider and hot chocolate at Trunk n Treat. Officers will also meet at 9:00 on the 6th to discuss plans for upcoming events.

JYM Our Junior Youth Ministry is for all 6th-8th graders and we will meet on Oct. 17th for a Halloween Party at church from 4:00-5:30. If they want to dress up that is great. I will probably dress up as a boring old Packer fan!

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"Still, let's do an x-ray just to be sure."

ACOLYTES



October 3rd

Early: Jordain Rathbun and Amber Ziebart

Late: Carly Niemann and Jacob Chambers

October 10th

Early: Janece Wetzel and Joseph Knofczynski

Late: Blake Widvey and Mallory Hull

October 17th

Early: Brandi Ziebart and Rebekah Miller

Late: Brandon Berheim and Jacob Larson

October 24th

Early: Caitlin Bolte and Jared Neilan

Late: Morgan Deis and Alex Neyhart

October 31st

Early: Matthew Green and Haley Adams

Late: Colton Graves and Joshua Thompson

Acolytes: A reminder that on the Acolyte list is all kids from 9th-12th grade. Please check this schedule throughout the year. If you want to give Pastor Willms your preference for which service, or if you need to be removed from being scheduled contact him at levi@faithluth.com or 224-2216. Also a reminder that if you can't make it to the service assigned, switch with someone. It is also helpful if Pastor Willms has your cell phone to give you a reminder, you can call 224-2216 or email levi@faithluth.com so that we can update those records.

Acolytes Please email Pastor Willms your cell phone number and service preference of acolyting, if you have one.



Pictorial Directory

It happens about every 5 years in the life of our Faith family, the helpful Church Directory.

It's great to see the new families in the Directory. The Directory photo sections will contain the story of our "Building Together in Faith" story from the Commitment Event at the Ramkota, to groundbreaking on May 3, 2009, to the Dedication Event and several parish moments that have taken place in the midst of all these special moments.

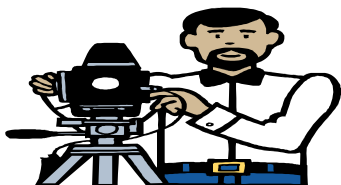
The Photo settings will take place:

Tuesday, September 28-Thursday, September 30

Friday, October 1-Saturday, October 2

Plan now to be a part of this Pictorial Directory in the midst of what has been a huge moment in our congregation's 79 year history.

Yes, you will have any photos you order well before Christmas!



Bible Studies

Wednesday Night Home Bible Study--Meets in homes starting with Bob Miller's home on Sept. 15th. The class will be studying the book of Job and is led by Bill Bossman. If you are interested, please contact Bob Miller 224-9955. _____

More Bible Studies

Genesis--Lifelight Class--Lifelight bible studies seek to give in-depth study of the scriptures. In this study you will look at the beginnings of the earth and how God began his redemptive plan of salvation through His covenants with Noah and Abraham. The contact for this class is Marv Schweigert 224-5133 Meets Sundays at Church 6:30 PM begins Sept. 19th. _____

Thursday Morning Men's Study--Men of Purpose Series--Weighing Anchor; insights into the Life of Samuel. Come and gather with men as we look into the life of Samuel and see what God teaches us about Himself and about our call to live as men in our families and world. Meets Thursday morning at 7:00 am, and for breakfast at 6:30 on the 1st Thursday of the Month. Starts Sept. 23rd. _____

Monday Afternoon Women's Study--Starting Sept. 27th, this class meets at 1:30 PM at the church and is led by Karen Lindbloom. This study reminds us that any fashion makeover doesn't last, but when God does a makeover of our heart and spirit, He can do amazing and long-lasting things in our lives. If you would like to see if this class is a good fit for you, contact Karen (224-5292). _____

Lessons of the Church Year--This class on Wednesday mornings at church 6:30 AM. They study the appointed lessons for the week and helps to gain a fuller understanding of the text in preparation for what will be taught on Sunday. This class can be joined at anytime and goes throughout the year with a break during the cold winter months. Contact Ruth Leidholt (224-8308). _____

Beth Moore Women's Bible Study--This class will begin on Sept. 16th and meets Thursday nights at 6:30-8:30. The study is entitled "Breaking Free" and Beth Moore is a phenomenal teacher for women of all ages. In this study Beth leads you through a study of the Scriptures to discover the transforming power of freedom in Jesus Christ. There will be an introduction on Sunday Sept. 12th at 7:00 pm at church. _____

How We Got the Bible?--This class meets at church Wed. Evenings at 6:30 and is led by Bill Markley. This class will look deep into the history of the formation of the bible, its accuracy, and authority for Christians. It also helps us to defend against many lies that circulate about the formation and authenticity of the scriptures. Starts Sept. 29th. _____

Our Sunday Morning Bible Class will dive into the Gospel of Matthew. This book is the lead book in the New Testament for a reason. Come and join us as we not only learn about our savior but from Him directly as he shares with us the Kingdom of God that comes in the gift of Himself. Our Sunday Morning class meets in between services in the Fellowship Hall at 9:45. _____

Faith Legacy Series: The most influential person in the faith life of a child is their parents. This class will work with families on how they can teach the faith to their children in the home. The class meets for three weeks with each age group. The first age group is for Birth. Anyone who has had a child in the last year or is expecting a child, or even is hoping to have a child in the next couple of years are encouraged to attend. This class will be on Thursday night from 6:30-8:00 pm starting Sept. 16th. Child Care will be provided. _____

Adult Inquires Class--A wonderful class for all that covers the basic teachings of our church and helps you understand what makes us Christian and specifically Lutheran as well. This is an especially important class for those who are new with us and who would desire to become a part of our Faith Family. This class meets on Thursday evenings at 7:30 beginning October 14th. Contact Pastor Urbach for details (224-2216) _____

Early Communion Class--for youth and parents of our 2nd-8th graders. This will cover the basic teachings of the Lord's Supper and prepare youth to begin receiving the Lord's Supper. The class meets Saturday, October 2nd from 9:00-12:00 and then again Saturday, October 9th from 9:00-10:30. Contact the church office (224-2216) to sign up or for more information. _____