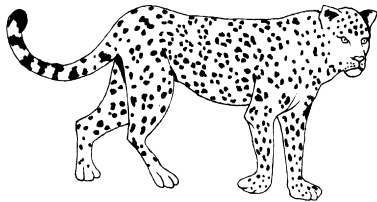




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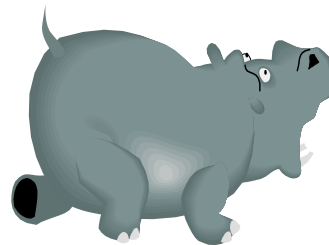


This year our VBS “Big Jungle Adventure” dates are Sunday, June 12 through Thursday, June 16 from 6:30 -8:00 p.m. You will find a sign-up sheet to provide meals for the Captive Free group who will be helping

with VBS. Please consider helping.

- Please Pre-register—the forms are on the Information table in the Narthex.
- Teachers and helpers are needed. Please sign up on

the poster on the curved wall of the Narthex.



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You're a Grand Old Flag!

We are grateful for the new flag pole that stands in Grace Plaza.

- The Flag Pole has been provided for by Dorothy Bierwagen, Marcia Johnson and Jerry & Lois Erbe. Dorothy does so in loving memory of her husband, Norman. Marcia does so in loving memory of her husband, Larry. Both Larry and Norman were veterans.

Jerry & Lois do so in thanksgiving to God.

- The base for the new flag pole was provided for us through the kindness of Ken & Cheryl Brull,
- The light that shines on the flag is provided by Todd's Electric.

We thank Dorothy, Marcia, Jerry & Lois, Ken & Cheryl and Laura

Archambeau of Todd's Electric for providing this wonderful addition to Grace Plaza,

The Flag Pole Dedication will be June 12 at 12:00 noon.

The flag flown at the June 12 Dedication will be the American Legion flag given to Dorothy. It was the flag that draped Norman's casket. We thank you, Dorothy, for the generous gift.





FORTY!

There are so many 40's in the Bible; just to name a few:

- 40 years in the wilderness for the children of Israel.
- 40 days of rain that floated Noah's ark in the midst of the flood.
- Jesus is tempted in the wilderness after 40 days and nights of fasting.
- 40 days from Easter to the Ascension.

On June 6 this Pastor has a milestone, the 40th year date of his ordination.

It happened at Bethany Lutheran Church in Omaha. My entire family had gathered. There was a huge host of pastors, some I knew, others came from the Omaha area I did not know but they came to celebrate this moment. My home church was filled to the rafters. My home pastor Rev. Daniel Ondov preached. He has been retired for many years. He and his wife are still living, now in Billings, Montana.

The Ordinator was Rev. Dr. Fredrick Niedner, the District president of Nebraska. His son, Fred, my seminary classmate, who is now head of the Theological Dept. of Valporasio University, was the Lector. Fred was also a groomsman in Andrea & my wedding, which was also at Bethany.

My sister, Penni created the banner which we have used at Faith several times. It will hang in the Sanctuary Sunday, June 5.

To my joy, three families came from Marion, SD from my first parish of Bethesda Lutheran in Marion & Zion Lutheran in Hurley.

The Crucifer for the service also became a pastor, Pastor Lee Wooley. His mother, Betty, has been at Faith many times with my mother.

We had a great reception at church which was all a bit overwhelming.

Then off to the suburbs of Omaha we went, to 5615 N 50th Avenue and had a monstrous neighborhood/church party.

Among the things that have taken place over these 40 years:

- 1103 Baptisms
- 1276 Confirmations
- 379 Funerals
- 459 Weddings

I have preached thousands of times and I wish I would have kept track of all the Ordinations and Installations of Pastors I have participated in.

I think Pastors receive more Christmas and thank you cards than you could ever imagine.

Some people might think South Dakota is a wilderness. If it is

then I have flourished in this wilderness of South Dakota for 40 years. Our fertile crop land, the thousands of acres of rolling prairie pasture, the uniqueness of our Badlands, the majesty of our Black Hills, the beauty of our river valleys, the stature of our State Capitol, the recreation of the Oahe, WOW. Those who think South Dakota is a wilderness have not experienced this grand and wonderful state.

Forty years in the same District, 37 years in a wonderfully gifted parish, it is a lot to rejoice in and be thankful for.

There have been times of sadness, times of heavy heartedness, times when the burden of keeping all the oars in the water rowing the same direction has been a challenge, yet in the midst of it all God has sustained me to press ahead with cheerful resolve to the next morning.

So, 40, it is quite a good number, one that I celebrate with thankfulness and joy.

The joys are so many. With some families I have pastored for five generations. To baptize and confirm, and even marry children of children I baptized, confirmed, and married is pretty remarkable.

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FORTY!

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What is ahead—well God alone knows; but His hand is on the rudder and His Holy Breath moves us along.

So God bless you all, thank you for the joy and privilege of being your Shepherd for so many years, As I look ahead into the future I hear again and again those faithful words of Samuel on the Ebenezer stone—

“Thus Far!” Indeed!

In Christ’s great love,



Pastor Brad Urbach

Official Acts

Baptisms

Brianna Jean Norman 5-8-11

Colt Ryder Egly 5-11-11

Abigail Theresa Brusseau 5-14-11

Grandyn Isaiah Heller 5-15-11

Lexi Lynn Boxley 5-22-11

Cecilia Jean Benson 5-27-11

Kourtney Dee Ann Hughes 5-29-11

Seth Allen Hodges 5-29-11

Evelyn Alexandra Naasz 5-29-11

Weddings

Victoria Borchard & John Job 5-21-11

Funerals

Albert Adam 5-4-11

Thrivent Choice Dollars

We say thank you and encourage everyone to continue and if they have not done so, to begin to direct their Thrivent Choice dollars to either:

Faith Lutheran Church

Or

Faith Lutheran Preschool

The gifts for 2011 given to the church will be distributed by our Board of Stewardship in January.



Men’s Fellowship

One more time before we break for the summer!

Join a great bunch of men of all ages for our June Men’s Fellowship Bean Bag toss.

Monday, June 6

7:00-8:30

CFCLC

Bring a snack to share.

Beverage provided!

2011 Graduates

Hayley Adams

Travis Brent Adney

Joshua Allen Berheim

Kelsey Lynn Dykstra

Roberta Forman

Emily Rena Fredrich

Justin James Harmon

Rebekah Dawn Hartmann

Taylor Marie Larson

Amanda Lee Lounsbury

Jacob Miller

Dylan Norris

Kebra Rogers

Carlee Jo Sanders

Danyelle Ray Sanders

Katie Lynn Sanders

Rachelle Schmidt

Joshua Schweigert

Taylen Templeton

Nikaela Trujillo

Kory James Wilson

Courtney Ziebart



CONGRATULATIONS, GRADUATES!



Preschool News

What a blessing this past year at preschool has been! We were privileged to care for and instruct 64 children from our community and in return received a bounty of blessings ourselves. God is so good! Even though we did not have our picnic outside at the park, we were able to hold the ‘picnic’ and ‘graduation’ celebration in our new Christian Life Center! It was so nice to be able to accommodate everyone – thank you for the use of the facility.

We currently are full for next fall, but please feel free to send in your registration to be put on a waiting list. Even though there may be several people on the list, many times when I call for an opening, the people have made other arrangements.



Thanks to a very generous gift from Bernie, Noel and Brady Clocksin, the preschool will be getting a new computer! Their wonderful gift was overwhelming! God bless you for your willingness to help out the preschool.

Thank you for all of you that designated your Thrivent choice dollars to the preschool. These dollars will go far to help with many of our expenses at preschool.

Thank you too for saving those milk caps, soup labels and Dakotamart receipts. These seemingly small things add up to several hun-

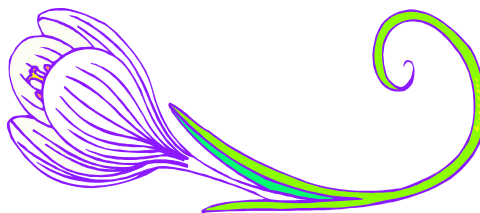
dred dollars for our program. Thank you also for your continued prayers and support of our preschool. It is truly a privilege and honor to be able to share Jesus’ love with these little ones. Thank you for making this all possible. God bless you and enjoy the long awaited summer.

In Christ’s love,
Jan Larson

A Letter of Thanks

This is to thank all of my dear friends and family of Faith Lutheran. Your many lovely cards and notes, thoughts and prayers, flowers and phone calls meant much to me while hospitalized in Sioux Falls after a serious and painful back surgery. Then another 4 weeks at Prince of Peace for rehab. They finally got me on my feet and well enough to come home. Although my recovery is slow, I’m sure I’ll be okay again a year from now! The doctors all say it will take time. I have been blessed with much loving care. Pastor Brad has given me much encouragement. God has been with me every step of the way. So thanks again, dear friends.

In God’s love,
Sincerely,
Bernice Huber



“Faithful, Abundant, True”

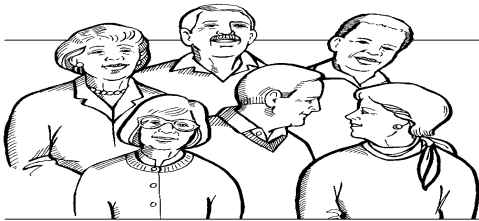
A Women’s Bible Study Begins Thursday, July 7th at 7:30 p.m. at the church.

3 women, 3 generations, 3 topics, 7 weeks—too good to miss!

Join us for a wonderful sampling of three endearing Bible teachers—the seasoned teacher, Kay Arthur; the beloved teacher, Beth Moore; and the sweet, endearing teacher, Priscilla Shirer.

During the first two weeks we will study the book of Hebrews with Kay teaching us a few principles of inductive Bible study, then dive into a two week study of God’s abundance and His faithful promises to believers, and conclude with our beloved Beth Moore teaching for two weeks on the surety and truth of God’s Word. The last week is a panel discussion among these three women of God spanning three generations. This Bible study concludes on August 25th.

Format: Casual, come as you are. First hour we have devotions, prayer, sharing, and discussion followed by the video session, which is usually less than an hour. Takes about 15 minutes a day or several hours per week of homework and Bible study is required. Workbooks are now available in the church office. No preparations are necessary for the first week.



Seniors' Gathering

Forever Young Summer Schedule

We generally always meet on the third Tuesday.

- June 21 Salad Luncheon bring a salad to share. Ice cream sundaes and floats provided.
- July 19 Hot Dogs provided, it's our 4th of July celebration. Bring a dish to share with our hot dogs.
- August 16 God willing it's our Annual Fish Fry. We will need some fish and some side dishes to share.



Faith Lutheran DayCare News

Greetings from Faith Lutheran Daycare.

Summer is almost here and we are gearing up at the DayCare. School is out on May 25th and we will have our school age group full time. We will have approximately 26 children in this group and hope to have a lot of fun this summer.

Faith Lutheran DayCare is as full as we can be with 65 children which is what we are licensed for. We have 16 staff which includes full time, part time, and substitutes.

We will be starting water play and taking children to the City Pool sometime around the first week of June, weather permitting. Children need to bring swimsuits, towels, and sunscreen. If anyone would like to donate sunscreen or bug spray we would be grateful as we do go through an abundance of these two items. We will also be taking the 5 year olds on up to different activities this summer. There is art in the park, possibly a couple of small field trips, and library time. More details on these activities as the time gets closer.

We still need strollers for the babies because they like to get out and enjoy God's beautiful creation too. If anyone has any strollers they are looking to get rid of please give Noell a call.

Your friend in Christ,

Noell Uhler
FLDC Director



Our Blooming Campus

We are grateful to Gail Ferris for the flower pots that are at our entrances and the petunias you find in Grace Plaza and on the Euclid side of our campus.

We also thank Steve Bontje for the planters you will find by the Angel fountain in our Memorial Garden. Thanks Steve and Gail.

Memorial Garden

Our Grand Avenue Memorial Garden is about ready to burst into bloom. So we hope to add yet another memorial stone.

Is there a name you would like to add to a Memorial stone in the Garden? You will find a Memorial stone request sheet in the Narthex or stop by the office.

On All Saints Sunday in November all names added since our last All Saints Sunday will be remembered.

Pizza Ranch Fundraiser For Lisa Hiller

What a wonderfully packed turnout at the May 18th Pizza Ranch Fundraiser. Between meals, gifts, and the raffle \$12,200 was raised.

The Adams and Hiller families thank all of you.

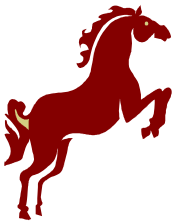
Our Broadcasts

Do you have a special occasion to remember this summer? Why not sponsor a Sunrise or Cable Broadcast or both? The sign-up sheet and details are in the Narthex.

The cost is \$30 for Sunrise, \$35 for the Cable Broadcast, or \$60 to sponsor both broadcasts.

JYM HAPPENINGS

June brings JYM aged kids three big opportunities:



Crazy Horse – Friday, June 3rd through Saturday, June 4. We will be leaving the church at 4:00 Friday. Bring a sack lunch for your dinner. That evening the group will attend the lighting ceremony at Mt. Rushmore and stay in a local church.

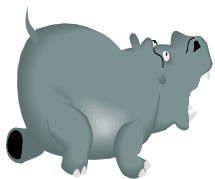
Saturday morning its off to the Volks March at Crazy Horse and walk out on the “arm” of this massive rock sculpture.

Breakfast and lunch provided on Saturday, then head home, back by late afternoon. Paul & Toni Kenefick-Aschoff will head up this event and take the church vans. The cost of \$20.00 covers it all!

A sign-up sheet is now on the Narthex Information table.

Who? – This trip is for all middle school youth who have completed the 5th grade through the newly confirmed.

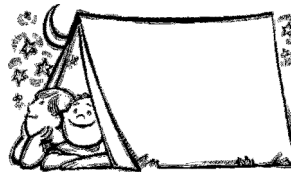
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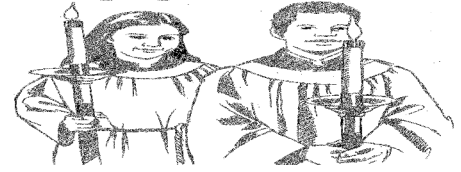
o Registration forms are on the information table in the Narthex.

o There is also a Helper sign-up. We need student helpers. Please consider helping.

Camp Minneboji Dates for this year are June 19-25. The theme is “Angels: God’s Messengers.” Registration books are in the office. We will need parents to coordinate transportation. The church vans are accessible for this. There are \$50.00 scholarships for all our youth.



ACOLYTES



Acolytes for June

June 5

Early: Jacob Fuerst, Carissa Brandt

Late: Chase Harmon, Riley Bren

June 12

Early: Haven Kenefick-Aschoff,

Julia Jares

Late: Allie Knofczynski, Chase Harmon

June 19

Early: Ethan Leif, Chantel Schroer

Late: Brad Koch, Michael Jost

June 26

Early: Lucas Schochenmaier,

Abby Lingle

Late: Colton Shoop, Emily Overturf



LYF NEWS

- LYF will meet every Wednesday in June.
- Newly Confirmed—all the new ninth graders are invited to your first night of LYF. Come join the LYF crew at 8:00 p.m. on Wednesday, June 1.
- Graduates—did you miss getting your hand print on the wall in the Great Room? Speak to Pastor or Jay. We will work out a time.
- Major Summer LYF trip in July.
- June 15 will be the night that the youth team of Youth Encounter will lead out LYF. Don’t miss this one.

Circuit Bible Camp

This year our Circuit Bible Camp is July 11-14. Registrations will be on the Information Table in the Narthex early in June. There are \$25.00 scholarships for all our youth who would like to attend.



Our 2011 Confirmands

Carissa Kelli Brandt	St. John 3:16
Riley Dean Bren	Psalm 72:17
Jacob Daniel Fuerst	Revelation 22:14
Chase Jacob Harmon	1 Timothy 6:20
Julia Eileen Jares	Titus 3:4-5
Michael Allen Jost	1 Timothy 6:12
Haven Paul Kenefick-Aschoff	Psalm 118:24
Allie Maelynn Knofczynski	Proverbs 16:3
Brad Alan Koch	St. Matthew 11:28
Ethan Paul Leif	Joshua 1:9
Abby Jane Lingle	Philippians 4:13
Emily Kay Overturf	St. John 1:14
Lucas Aldrew Joseph Schochenmaier	St. Matthew 4:4
Chantel Rae Schroer	St. Matthew 7:7
Colton William Shoop	Psalm 23:4
Connor David Shoop	St. Matthew 6:21
Drayton Thomas	St. Matthew 7:7
Gerritt Aaron Justice Tronvold	Deuteronomy 32:4
Justice Paul Voita	Psalm 48:14
Emily Ruth Weber	Hebrews 11:1