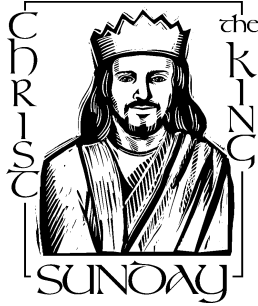




November 2011 Newsletter

Christ the King Celebration



November 20,
2011

A Christ the
King Sunday
Celebration

Preaching: Rev. Andrew Utecht of
Rosebud Lutheran Church

All Church Assembly: At 9:45 a.m. in
place of Sunday School, our entire par-
ish is invited to a wonderful presenta-
tion by Pastor Utecht and his family.

Noon Meal: Our Board of Parish Fel-
lowship will provide Barbeques and
Beverages.

A-L Bring a dessert to share

M-Z Bring a salad to share



2011

Festival of the Crèche

November 27

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.*

Mercy, Witness, Life Together

Elevator News

**Q. What does the Empire State
Building and the Eiffel Tower
have in common with Faith Evan-
gelical Church?**

According to the October 7, 2011 Wall
Street Journal, that would be:

A. An Otis Elevator!

Recently, a wonderful article in the
Wall Street Journal tells us the story of
Otis Elevator moving its major manu-
facturing plant from Nogales, Mexico
to a new plant in South Carolina. It will
employ 350 workers.

Otis did have all its design and engi-
neering jobs in the United States. It also
has facilities in Europe.

This is a nice piece of news about an
American company growing jobs in the
United States of America.

October 30, 2011 "Intentional" Giving Sunday

- **Anonymous Challenge Match**
We have had a member of our par-
ish step forward and offer to match
all gifts given on October 30, dollar
for dollar, up to \$12,000. This
means your generous significant
gift on October 30 doubles its
value.

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A Message from Pastor Urbach

Remembrance and Thanksgiving

Greetings in the Lord Jesus! As you receive this November Newsletter the three significant congregational moments for October will be almost done.

- Country Fair—indeed this was a “Flood of Blessings.” So many guests, so much given, (baked goods, crafts, candies, food for the lunch, produce and jellies, etc., etc.)
- The Flavors of Hong Kong meal will have been enjoyed. It is quite remarkable that many in our parish and throughout our South Dakota District have such an interest in this. We are thankful for all the effort a lot of people put into this meal.
- Actually the third event is a few days ahead, our Trunk ‘N’ Treat night, which is Monday, October 31, the actual Day of Reformation.

What these three events all have in common is outreach. Events that are intentional as we reach beyond our walls into our parking lot, into our community and state, and as we reach to the world. All three events share beyond ourselves. The ministry of Faith Lutheran goes way beyond our doors.

I remember with deep thanksgiving our first Country Fair. We were still in part , in the 1961 Fellowship Hall. How did we ever do that? We didn’t know at that point if it was a one-time

deal or—well that was a long time ago and God has so blessed this event. Indeed, “a Flood of Blessings” being a blessing to many projects.

The Flavors of Hong Kong was quite a meal and the cause, too, has a good flavor to it. May God richly bless this team, now our third, as it shares the Gospel of Christ by word and example with high school students, their teachers and families while we still have open doors to do this.

And, Trunk ‘N’ Treat—would anyone come? Well, little did we know we would attract hundreds of kids and their parents. What a gracious outreach gesture to the community.

November also brings three large moments. They are detailed in this Newsletter so join us:

- On our November 6 Day of Remembrance and Thanksgiving. This All Saints Sunday truly will be a “Day of Remembrance and Thanksgiving.”
- Sunday, November 20 will be our Fall Mission Festival. What a fine Sunday this will be with Pastor Andrew Utecht from Rosebud Lutheran Church preaching and then sharing a presentation for our all congregational assembly at 9:45. This will be followed by a wonderful fellowship noon meal.
- November’s third big Event is our Festival of the Crèche.

November 27, the First Sunday in Advent from 1:30-4:00 p.m. So be digging out your favorite Crèche and be on the look out for those new interesting Crèches. Be sure to join us for the 3:00 live nativity. Who will be Baby Jesus this year?

These events all have a common theme of *remembrance and thanksgiving*. As I write this letter, even Christmas seems just around the corner. Wow, I better get back to work!

When I think of all of you I have fond *remembrances* and great *thanksgiving*. The Lord be with you.

In thanks and with God’s love,



Pastor Brad Urbach



Can You Hear Me Now?!

We certainly remember this commercial for a phone company.

Well, in the Christian Family Life Center you will indeed be able to “hear me now”!

We have received 3 very generous gifts to install a sound system.

The two financial gifts that have made this possible are from Duane Cummings in memory of his mother, Verna Cummings and by Joyce Nielsen in memory of her husband, Bill.

The third gift is a gift of the willingness, time, and wisdom of Vern Dockter.

Pastor had asked Vern to get a quote of what it would cost to put in a reasonable sound system. Vern’s response, “Pastor, I can do that.” Then another wonderful God moment took place, Duane and Joyce spoke to Pastor about doing something significant in memory of Verna and Bill that would be lasting and helpful, well— “Can you hear me now?”

Both Verna Cummings, our “Cake Lady” and Bill Nielsen loved their Savior and His Holy Church.

So we say a big, hearty thanks to Duane Cummings, Vern Dockter, and Joyce Nielsen for generous gifts that have placed a wonderful and helpful sound system in the Christian Family Life Center.

This gift will be dedicated on November 6, All Saints’ Sunday.

Debt Retirement

We extend a continued huge thank you for your gifts to Debt Retirement. As of November 1 we will not only send our regular payment of \$5,487.00 but we will also send two additional advance payments saving another \$8,496.39.

Think of this, when we sent two advance principal payments of \$1,235.97 and \$1,241.64, we

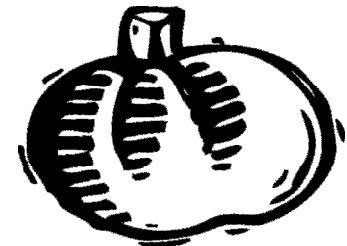
saved the corresponding interest of \$4,251.03 and \$4,245.36.

Now you see why every dollar given to Debt is almost like giving three additional dollars. Therefore, \$100.00 is worth \$400.00 and A \$1,000.00 gift worth \$4,000.00.

All total we are about 3 1/2 years ahead on our payment schedule having saved \$212,878.41 on

interest.

Thanks a lot, we are “indebted” to you.



Crosses For Sunday School Rooms

What will all of our Sunday School rooms have in common on November 6, our celebration of All Saints Sunday?

Every classroom will now have a cross. This symbol of the central teaching of our Sunday School is a clear reminder of our Lord Jesus Christ, Him crucified, Him risen.

This generous gift comes to Faith as part of a generous gift given by Duane Cummings in memory of his mother, Verna Cummings.

In addition to baking a lot of cakes for the church and years of service in our LWML, Verna was a long-time Sunday School teacher.

What an appropriate gift in memory

of a loving teacher, a cross in every Sunday School classroom.

We thank Duane Cummings for the generosity that has made these crosses possible.



Preschool News

During the month of October, Faith Lutheran Preschool had several community helpers visit us and tell us about their work. John Boeugher and Takota came and talked about fire safety. Pastor Urbach told us about Jesus the good Shepard and what our pastor shepherds do. Dr. Liudahl came with his skeleton friend "Bob"; Karna Pfeffer talked to us about germs and vaccinations. We learned about dental health from Deb Bumann, and Samson Boutchee and John Broers told us about a law enforcement officer's duties and about how to stay safe on Halloween. We met Jay Fredrich, who keeps our rooms clean and Helen Kiepke who answers the tele-

phone for us. To all these special people who help us, we say "Thank You"!

We also carved a pumpkin in each class into a jack-o'-lantern, shared goodies and told about our costumes for Halloween. Our color for October was orange, the shape was circle, the number was 2 and the letters are DEF. We made elephant puppets and learned about what elephants eat. Each day that we had a visitor, we wrote our names on our thank you poster.

In November we will be going to the Cultural Heritage Museum, talking about Native American Culture, decorating a large tipi, learning

about prayer and Thanksgiving. Our shape is square, the color is brown, the unit is ABC's and the number is 4. Our letters that we will be emphasizing are GHI.

It is really great to be able to tell the children the story of the first Thanksgiving and telling them the real reason for the holiday – thanking God for all that He gives us. Thank you for the privilege of sharing that with families as well as the students in preschool. God's richest blessings to each of you!

Jan Larson, Director

November 6, 2011 A Day of Remembrance and Thanksgiving!

All Saints Sunday will have a number of very special moments.

New Memorial Stones will be placed in the Memorial Garden. This we will do every All Saints Sunday.

We will also remember, by name, all those Saints of Christ who have entered the Church Triumphant since our last All Saints Sunday.

At 9:45 we will have a short Voter's meeting that has two purposes:

- The election of a lay delegate and an alternate delegate to our SD District Convention April 18-21, 2012.
- To make nomination(s) for the Pierre Circuit of the position of Circuit Counselor.

Then—we will have a Prayer of Dedication for the new sound system in the Christian Family Life Center.

Then—we will dedicate crosses that will be placed into all of our Sunday School rooms.

Then—we will have a presentation for Jan Larson, who begins her 26th year of service, for her faithful 25 years of service to Faith Lutheran Preschool as Director/Teacher.

So come for a short meeting and

- The dedication of our new sound system in the CFCLC
- The dedication of Sunday School room crosses
- And the balance of our time for a presentation and reception for Jan Larson.

Yes indeed, All Saints Sunday, a

Sunday of 'remembrance and thanksgiving'.



“Flood of Blessings” 2011 Country Fair

“A Flood of Blessings”.

That was the theme for this year’s Country Fair at Faith Lutheran, held on Saturday, October 15.

And the blessings flowed indeed, as hundreds of people streamed through our doors. They filled the Christian Family Life Center with laughter and conversation as they enjoyed caramel rolls, pie, soup and sandwiches from the Lunch Counter, and browsed through the booths filled with items generously donated by our congregation.

Thanks to the outpouring of support from the congregation and commu-

nity, nearly \$6,050 was raised through booth sales and the lunch counter on that single day, and additional funds were raised through sales of baked goods, candy, crafts and gift baskets between worship services the following day.

The money raised from Country Fair will benefit not only church projects, but also worthy organizations at the local, state and national levels.

The proceeds from Country Fair will shower blessings upon the following:

NATIONAL:

Orphan Grain Train
Bethesda Lutheran Home

STATE:

Pastor Andrew Utecht’s ministry at Rosebud
Alpha Center - a crisis pregnancy center

LOCAL:

Pierre Food Pantry
Backpack Program

CHURCH PROJECTS:

Operation Christmas Child - which sends gift-filled shoe boxes to children in need
Elevator fund
Hong Kong mission trip
Goodie boxes for college students
Faith Lutheran Preschool
Faith Lutheran Day Care
Large print Portals of Prayer

2010 Church Directory

Here is a portion of a recent letter received at Faith from “Life Touch” Church Directories.

“Congratulations! Your recently published directory was selected as a finalist in our “Best of the Best” directory contest. This annual contest recognizes outstanding directory design in both the United States and Canada.

We’re proud to inform you your directory has been awarded Honorary Mention in the disk submit category!

We would love the opportunity to showcase the outstanding accomplishment your organization achieved in creating your new directory. Occasionally, we select winning designs to spotlight on our website or reproduce samples of just the cover and/or activity pages for our represen-

*tatives to use as outstanding examples to inspire other organizations. We would of course, only reproduce **the cover and/or activity pages—never the family section or roster** as we consider them highly confidential and respect the privacy of your organization’s families...*

It is indeed a stunning directory with neat artistic themes running through the Directory.

So once again we say a huge thank you to Brenda Kleinjan who did the entire layout.

Brenda indeed your gifts put you in the “Best of the Best”!

If you still don’t have a directory, we have one for every family in the parish, you will find one on the Information Table in the Narthex.

The Country Fair Committee would like to thank everyone who had a hand in this year’s bazaar: The people who chaired and worked in the booths (Antiques & Collectibles, Baked Goods, Candy, Cookies, Crafts, Gift Baskets, Grandma’s Attic, Kids Corner, Produce, Recipes in a Jar, and the Lunch Counter), Berea Circle, all those who furnished items or cash donations for the event, those who attended, those who helped with planning, setup, decorating and cleanup, and Pastor Urbach, Jay Fredrich and Helen Kiepke for their invaluable assistance.

We are indeed grateful for the flood of blessings from this special event. Our cup overfloweth.

OF THE BELLS, BELLS, BELLS, BELLS

Faith's bell choir has been rehearsing the past couple of weeks, preparing for Reformation Sunday. Our handbells are part of the parish's music ministry and are used exclusively for worship. It takes a good deal of coordination to prepare a musical selection. Each ringer has anywhere from two to four bells they are responsible for. At the appropriate time in the score, the bell is rung or struck in a proper manner, and when it all comes together, the listener will hear melody and harmony. Rhythm and timing is everything.



I began thinking about bells in general, and was reminded of Edgar Allan Poe's classic poem, "The Bells," which was required reading in my English class many years ago. Poe lived in the Bronx for a number of years, and it is thought he may have been inspired by the bells of nearby University Church. Poe makes use of onomatopoeic repetition of the word "bells."

There are four parts to the poem; each segment grows darker and darker in nature as the poetry progresses. The tintinnabulation begins by jingling and tinkling; then rhyming and chiming; next is shrieking, clamoring and clanging; and finally, roaring, moaning and groaning. The bells are described

as merry, musical, mellow, brazen, turbulent, desperate, angry, menacing, throbbing. One cannot help but get caught up the rhythm and repetition of the poetry.

When you think of bells, what comes to your mind? Sleigh bells ... wedding bells ... dinner bells ... school bells ... cow bells ... jingle bells ... the Liberty Bell ... Christmas bells ... church bells ... The practice of ringing bells actually began during the Middle Ages in Northern Europe. A ringing bell gathered a village together for an announcement or would serve as a warning. It assembled people for worship. A tolling bell would signify a death. We are all familiar with the bell in the Old North Church tower when Paul Revere made his famous ride. During World War II, Great Britain silenced all their church bells, other than to inform the population of invasion by enemy troops. In the Roman Catholic tradition, Sanctus bells are rung before and after the words of consecration over the bread and wine. Also, an Angelus bell is generally rung during the Angelus prayer at morning, midday and evening.

When I think of church bells, it takes me back to my hometown, a farming community in west central Minnesota. There were four churches in town, and they all had a steeple with a bell. I'm not sure how this tradition began, but during the time I grew up, all the church bells would ring at 6:00 on Saturday evening. The thought behind it was probably to remind people that Sunday was approaching. My

home parish, Immanuel, still follows this custom, as well as ringing the bell an hour before worship every Sunday morning. My 85-year-old father is one of a handful of fellows who take their turns doing this. It's important to them. The bell is also rung at the start of worship; it is tolled during the Lord's Prayer; and it is rung again following the recessional hymn as people exit the sanctuary. It's something I grew up with, and when I'm back home, it is a familiar and comforting sound.

The Bible refers to bells in the book of Exodus. Bells of gold were sewn into the hems of some of the priestly garments that Aaron and his sons wore when they ministered. The sound of the bells would be heard as they entered and departed the Holy Place before the Lord. No doubt the people's attention would then be focused upon the solemn and important office that the priest was performing. It may have also served as a reminder to keep their hearts and minds engaged in prayer.

Our carillon at Faith Lutheran calls us to worship, and also plays several times during the day. When you hear the bells, what are your thoughts?

To the swinging and the ringing
Of the bells, bells, bells,
Of the bells, bells, bells, bells,
Bells, bells, bells –
To the rhyming and the chiming of the
bells!

Karen Lindbloom

Faith Lutheran Daycare News

Greetings from Faith Lutheran Day-Care:

November will be a busy month in the daycare. We have the following bible stories planned. The Story of Ruth, Samuel, David and Goliath and Daniel and the Lions Den. We have fun crafts and songs planned to go along with the bible stories.

We are planning a Thanksgiving Dinner on November 18th for the staff and children. We will all be thinking about what we are thankful for. Staff will bring different dishes, and the main meal will be provided by the daycare. We will also be making thanksgiving sugar cookies with the children. They really enjoy frosting their own cookies.

The current enrollment at the daycare is 61 total children. We have 10 babies, 15 toddlers, 25 three to five year olds, and 11 schoolers. Staff remains the same and daycare would like to thank Lois Erbe for all the time she puts in helping out at the daycare. She is very appreciated!

Daycare is still in need of a large cupboard with doors that can be locked for storage for our puzzles. We also would like an outdoor storage unit to store the toddler toys in. As always we need paper, colors, craft items, books, and toys. Since winter time is close daycare can always use gloves, mittens, and hats for the children in case they forget to bring theirs from home. Thank you to everyone that has donated toys and books throughout the year.

Daycare will be doing a fundraiser starting October 24th. We are planning this through Midland Fundraising Group and the children will have catalogs of items you can purchase. Funds will be used for playground equipment and daycare improvements. If you wish to look at a catalog you can stop by the daycare anytime. Your support would greatly be appreciated.

Your friend in Christ,
Noell Uhlir
FLDC Director

The King

The King—Yes indeed the King, the King of Vikings Day 2011 is none other than Casey Ortbahn. Hard to believe but Casey is already a senior. He was crowned homecoming King at Augie's "Late Night Coronation Show."

Blessings Casey.



Official Acts

Baptisms

Charly Marie Hatheway 10/16
Kameron Richard Slaght 10/16
Mason Christopher Nix 10/31
MacKenzie Ann Glynn 10/31

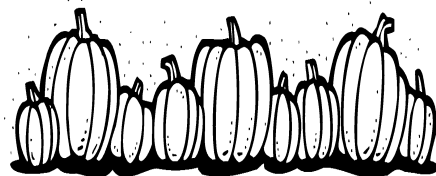
Funerals

Eunice Koester 9/29
Ruby Howe 10/6

Pastoral Call

Our Voter's Assembly voted to extend a call to Reverend Andrew Alberts who currently serves Trinity Lutheran Church in Athens, Wisconsin to be our Associate Pastor.

Pastor Alberts is a 2002 graduate of Concordia Seminary in St. Louis. He and his wife Ann have three children. Pastor Alberts hails from Nebraska and attended college at Augustana College in Sioux Falls. We pray God's blessings upon Pastor Alberts as he considers the call extended to him. Pastor and his wife Ann will visit Faith October 30 & 31.



Forever Young



Seniors' Gathering

You are invited to our Forever Young Thanksgiving Feast.

Bring a dish to share. The turkey, dressing, potatoes and gravy will be provided.

November 15

High Noon

It is for anyone but we especially ask our retired and semi-retired members and their guests to join us.

YOUTH NEWS

LYF Meetings

- November 2** No meeting. We will serve Hot Chocolate and Hot Cider at the Oct 31 Trunk 'N' Treat.
- November 9** Meeting at 8:00 p.m.
- November 16** Meeting at 8:00 p.m.
- November 23** No meeting. Thanksgiving.
- November 30** 7:55 p.m. we will attend the short Advent Service together; then head off to the rest of our LYF meeting.



November 6

- Early: Carissa Brandt, Ethan Leif
- Late: Drayton Thomas, Matthew Green

November 13

- Early: Carly Niemann, Vance Weber
- Late: Morgan Deis, Cameron Pease

November 20

- Early: Michael Jost, Amber Ziebart
- Late: Logan Lenz, Brooklyn Voeltz

November 24 Thanksgiving

- Reed Lindbloom, Haven Kenefick-Aschoff

November 27

- Early: Rachel Hartmann, Devin Kampfe
- Late: Janece Wetzell, Emily Overturf

JYM Pumpkin Carving Results



- Courtney—Best Critter Pumpkin
- Aston—Most Personalized Pumpkin
- Nathanael—Best Hong Kong Pumpkin
- Martee—Funkiest Smile Pumpkin

James—Best Rendering of a State

Jessie—Best Peace Sign

Berkeley—Best Peace Sign Gone Bad

Kassie—Best Mischevious Pumpkin

Pastor—Biggest and Best No Carved Pumpkin

Best Costume—Berkeley—She was a “one-eyed, one horned flying purple people eater” That’s Scary!



Mercy, Witness, Life Together

Our Next JYM Event

Our next JYM meeting is Sunday, November 20. We will meet at 3:45 at the Lariat Lanes with bowling starting at 4:00. We will have 2 lines. The cost for 2 lines is \$2.75 per line, we will see if we can get a shoe deal. We will return to the church in the church van.

