

January 2013 Newsletter

Faith Lutheran Church

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Pierre, SD 57501

NEW EPIPHANY BANNER

On Sunday, January 6, the Day of Epiphany, we will have a Dedication Prayer for a new Epiphany Banner made by Gaspards, the same company that designed and made our gold Epiphany paraments.

The new Banner, which will hang throughout Epiphany is provided for by:

- The family of Albert & Darlene Adam in their parents memory.
- The children of Delores Jorgenson
- Memorial gifts given to Faith in memory of Marlene Young.

The Balance of the gift given in memory of Darlene & Adam was placed in the Endowment and Building

Funds.

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ALL BOARDS!

All of our Boards will meet on Saturday morning, January 5th as we start a new year of service to our Epiphany King.

Coffee and doughnuts from
9:30-10:00

Joint meeting of all Boards
10:00-11:00

Individual Board meetings
11:00-12:00

Governor's Prayer Breakfast

You are invited to attend the
2013 Governor's Prayer Breakfast

Friday, January 18, 2013

6:30am-7:30am

Ramkota Inn, Pierre, SD

\$12.00

The speaker will be David Beasley who served as the Governor of South Carolina from 1995-1999. At the time of his election, he was one of the youngest governors in the history of the state. David is described as being a compassionate, conservative and courageous

leader. David has gone from the family farm in South Carolina to the Governor's residence to the fields filled with refugees of war in Sri Lanka, Kosovo and Dafur to faraway classrooms where he taught young people to place service above self. He is a leader who does the right thing regardless of the political consequences.

Reservations may be made by calling the Pierre Area Chamber of Commerce (224-7361) by Wednesday, January 16. Tables of eight are available for reservation.

A MESSAGE FROM PASTOR URBACH

Greetings to you in Bethlehem's Babe! First of all, I wish to express my heartfelt thanks for all the cards, greetings, and gifts during Christmas. I have said it before, a Pastor's home has a lot of kindness and generosity directed toward it. So thank you.!

I think of four things that make Christmas such a remarkable time of the year. The given of course is Christ, our Lord, Savior and Messiah. That is the core. In addition, I think of the joy of my family, the Christmas worship services in all their splendor and I think of you, the congregation of Faith Evangelical Lutheran Church. You all are a remarkable gift to the Kingdom. When I look at our campus, our growth, our activity, our sense of mission to help others beyond us, well, you are pretty special.

I recently read "Valley Forge" by Newt Gingrich and reflect on that cold, bitter, starved, hardly no shoes soldiers that indeed forged our nation at Christmas in 1777. I was deeply moved and reminded of all who preceded us both in our nation, our LCMS, and yes our own congregation, such sacrifice. It causes me to be even more thankful and generous to others.

As you celebrate Christmas,

look around and be thankful to God and thankful for others who travel life's journey with you.

Sunday, January 6th is the Day of Epiphany. We will have our "First Sunday of the Month coffee". It will last for the whole time between services. Why? We wish to provide a time of Fellowship so that we can meet new people and perhaps long time members of the parish we hope not met before. So invite people to join you and for the well being of the fabric of our congregation's health, I invite you to join us. Be sure to look for those sitting alone and those whose names you don't know.

How did it work? Another change took place in December as we moved both of our Christmas programs for our youth into the morning. We hope for your families and the relatives this was helpful, instead of having a lot of people returning at 4:00 in the afternoon. I thank our Board of Education for this helpful idea.

Lent will bring yet another innovation. In order to assist more young families in attending Lenten worship we are changing our Wednesday format. Our Midweek classes will still meet from 6:30-7:45 but, our Lenten Worship will be a part of our Midweek format. So our classes

- - o will start promptly at 6:30
 - o at 7:00 all classes will move quickly to the Sanctuary.
 - o We hope parents will connect with their youth; otherwise the kids will sit with their teachers.
 - o at 7:45 everyone will be on their way home, Midweek done at the same time and everyone home earlier.
 - o there will still be coffee and goodies hosted by our High School youth for those who choose to stay. They too will be going home early.
- Win – win.

Well, a blessed January – trite but true, Wise men still follow the star, so do women, boys, and girls.

Thanks again for your kindness over the holiday. I got to see Jennifer and Jonathan and their families which is always frosting on the cake for me.

The Lord be with you.

In the Babe's love,
Pastor Brad Urbach



DEBT RETIREMENT

Thank you so much! With our regular December 1 Building Loan payment of \$5,395.00 we were also able to make one additional payment, which saved us another \$2,936.29 in interest.

We started repaying our million dollar loan in July 2010.

As we approach January 1, 2013 we have:

- made 81 advance payments
- Saved \$343,283.09 in interest
- Reduced our loan to \$844,308.66

GYM SHADES

After the first of the year we hope to add shades on the upper windows in the gym. The shades will match the shades on the lower windows. So while they are not a “Black-out” shade it will screen out the direct sunlight that can smack you right in the eyes. The shades will have a remote control to raise and lower them because Jay is only so tall. We have a proposal, so look for details in the January Newsletter and perhaps before the summer, the shades will be up. The cost is \$5,092.24. If you would like to help with this project, please designate your Building Fund gifts to “gym shades”.

Festival of the Crèche

What a special Festival of the Crèche. We thank:

- o all who brought crèches. Remember, your old story is a new story for those who have not attended before.
 - o all who brought colorful holiday breads and cookies. My, can you bake! Rebekah Circle for serving, manning the kitchen, and cleaning up.
 - o Our Board of Missions and Evangelism who host the Festival of the Crèche as an outreach project and for preparing the refreshment tables.
 - o Our Board of Elders for tearing down all the tables afterward.
- Who was Baby Jesus? That would be Zachary Lewis Hodges, the son of Darin & April Hodges. Our Wise men were Michael Shoup, Ryan Noyes, and Chris Ott.

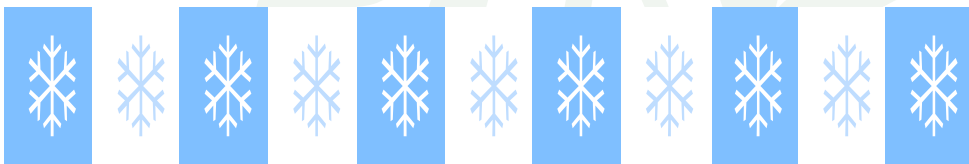
This brings another thank you, these are the fathers of some of our young musicians who brought such joy to our event. They were: Ellie & Maria Noyes, Carissa Ott, Nathan Shoup, Reagan Spomer, and Cassandra & Samuel Ryckman.

That brings to our shepherds: Dennis & Samuel Ryckman, Eddie & Brandon Aamold, and Dean & Michael VanDeWiele.

Who was our first Baby Jesus? That would have been Joshua Ryckman.

Next Year
The 10th Annual Festival of the Crèche
December 1, 2013

Let's make it our biggest and best yet. Plan ahead now. It is Thanksgiving weekend.



DECEMBER VOTERS ASSEMBLY

Our December 2 Voters Assembly :

- adopted our 2013 Work Program
- received our 2012 Endowment report. You will find copies of this by our Stewardship Bulletin board.
- approved the purchase of a used Bobcat to assist with snow removal and general maintenance at a cost of \$25,000-\$27,000. How will we pay for the purchase?
 - The Trustees will use the balances in the Property Improvement, Capitol purchase, and Capitol replacement lines for the down payment.

- We will appeal to the congregation to help us close the margin.
- Then we will borrow internally from some special accounts funds and pay ourselves back, saving interest.

This will be a very helpful piece of equipment to help us maintain our 1 1/3 block campus.



PRESCHOOL NEWS

A Blessed New Year from Faith Lutheran Preschool! We had a wonderful time in December getting ready to share the story of Jesus' birth with our families at the programs. This is one of the best parts of the year for me. I love seeing how excited the children are to learn that Jesus was born as a baby for them. I pray that your Christmas was a blessing too.

During January this year, we will be emphasizing the color red, the star shape, the letters MNO and the number 5. A special activity during January will be Show & Tell each day. It is fun to see what the children have for new toys from Christmas and some very favorite ones, too. We will continue on with our tree study of raccoons. We will be making snow and snowman projects during our 'art time'.

The stories that we share with the children are all from the New Testament now, starting with Jesus visiting the temple. I like to tell the children that Jesus was a little boy just like them at one time.

Stay warm and have a wonderful January. God's blessings,

Jan Larson, Director/teacher

A Helping Hand to Early Education Ministries



You can give our Preschool and Daycare Center a very good helping hand by bringing your Dakotamart receipts to church and putting them in the green Dakotamart boxes. Freda Peters totals them and Betty Leidholt delivers them and 2-3 times a year Betty picks up a check which is then split evenly between our Preschool and Daycare.

OFFICIAL ACTS

Baptisms

Hailey Emma Farnsworth
Zachary Lewis Hodges
Ellie Grace Ripley
Delainey Mae Luhman

Funerals

Anne Marshall
Conrad "Cork" Weischedel

BOBCAT

At our December 2, 2012 Voters Assembly our voters approved the purchase of a used Bobcat Skid-Steer Loader, Model S130 with a 62" Bucket and a 68" angle broom, and an enclosed cab with heat. It will be a terrific asset in snow removal on our 1 1/3 block campus. It will also be helpful for general maintenance.

The final cost was \$23,958.08

- We have put a deposit of \$10,000 on it. These monies are unused monies from our Trustees budget, namely the Capital Purchase, Capital replacement, and Property improvement lines.
- In the next 30 days we ask the congregation to help close the margin with special gifts.
- If after our deposit, our fund appeal there is a balance left, we will borrow internally from some designated reserves and pay those monies back to those funds as quickly as possible.

Thank you for any help that you can share.

FAITH LUTHERAN DAYCARE NEWS

Happy New Year from Faith Lutheran Daycare.

We hope that everyone had a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year! We know that we did here at Faith Lutheran Daycare. Getting into the spirit of the holidays we got to talk about Jesus' birth and the miracle of our Savior all month long! The children sure learned a lot and they were

so excited to celebrate baby Jesus' birthday with the world.

This last month in our Bible stories we have covered John, the messenger of the Savior; The Birth of Jesus; Jesus' visitors from far away; A Christmas Celebration; and Jesus in the temple. We are so delighted to start in on our New Testament studies.

We are so thankful for all of the support and love we have gotten in 2012. All the kind words, donations, and all our loving families have contributed to a fantastic 2012. I cannot say enough about our staff! They have been wonderful this last year and I know that that will continue being wonderful into this new year.

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Witness, Mercy, Life Together

A MESSAGE FROM PASTOR BAUMANN

Revelation 21:5a, 6a “He who was seated on the throne said, ‘I am making everything new... I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End.’”

Well... we made it to the other side of 2012, past December 21st and now we are safely into a New Year. Maybe you long for newness, for the fresh starts and the clean beginnings that a new calendar year can bring. There are high expectations, high hopes for what is to come. You recover the vacation time that you used in the previous year, new hunting and fishing seasons are coming soon, new life sprouts and grows as winter fades and the newness of spring peaks around the corner. There is something about newness that we long for. Within the life of the church, God’s people long for the transformation that only God can bring. Only God can turn broken, sin-marred people into new, vibrant, and living creatures with a passion for life and a heart that seeks to continually serve its Creator. Only God takes the dead and makes alive. Only God takes the old and truly makes new again. This is what He has been doing right from the very beginning. This is what He has done in our baptism through the power of the Holy

Spirit living in us. God took the old lie which Satan gave to our first parents, and He Himself put a new promise of hope and healing into the hearts of His people. For God did so love the world...He gave His one and only Son. New life is given through the old rugged cross. This is newness. God, the One who is the First and the Last, meets you right where you are at this day. Got an old problem that has continually been following, and plaguing you, even into this New Year? Bring it to the foot of the cross of Jesus Christ—through prayer, through repentance. There you will find newness of life, hope, help, and healing. But we want to take the old with us it seems at times. Leave the old, leave the pain and hurt, fix your gaze directly ahead at the newness to come. With the newness Jesus offers, the earthly death of a loved one is exchanged for heavenly life eternal, with the promise of new bodies and restored relationships. Leave the old struggles of divorce and unfaithfulness which may have been a part of your relationships this past year, and grab hold of the new life which forgiveness and reconciliation can give through what Jesus did for you. Don’t live in the old this year. Be renewed through Jesus’ victorious death and His life-giving

resurrection. It’s for YOU, given to make you a new creation each and every day! Take hold of that forgiveness, that life, that new way of living. It’s yours, for all of this year, for all of life! May God bless you this New Year!

With Love and Affection,

The New Pastor



Josh Baumann

Daycare News Continued

We currently still have 17 staff members including substitutes. Here at Faith Lutheran Daycare we are full in almost all our areas! We still have only a few openings in our Preschool age group and our after school programs. It’s a full house here and they sure do keep us busy.

Daycare can always use donations of items such as Kleenex, washcloths, baby wipes, craft items, plastic shopping bags, and paper. If you ever want to donate anything you are welcome to drop things off at the daycare office anytime.

Your friend in Christ,

Jennifer Carr
FLDC Director

Faith Lutheran Youth News

Reminder 7th and 8th grade midweek students should be completing sermon outlines – 12 are required for 7th graders, 15 are required for 8th graders if 12 were completed while in 7th grade, if 7th grade obligation was not met, then 20 are required for 8th graders.

We have roughly 28 youth participants, and five adult leaders heading to San Antonio. Praise God for this remarkable opportunity to Live Love(d) in San Antonio! We have had three successful fundraisers so far to help with the costs of the trip. More information to come on upcoming events to support our youth.

We just concluded fundraising for our wreath and candle sales to help support our National Youth Gathering Trip to San Antonio. Our group raised \$867 from our wreath sale.

A big “THANKYOU” goes out to Faith Lutheran’s LWML for supporting our trip to San Antonio with funds they raised from the Country Fair. Thank you ladies for your heart of service and selflessness for our Lord and for His Church.

Reminder LYF: (Lutheran Youth Fellowship) Meets Wednesdays at 8:00 p.m. at Faith Lutheran. Any and all high school youth are welcome to come! Typically meets in Jon’s Place.

LIVE LOVE(D)!!! 2013 National Youth Gathering in San Antonio, Texas July 1-5

Thank you to all our parent’s and adult leaders who helped make our high school lock-in a great success. Thank you!

Please continue to keep the youth of our congregation and community in your prayers, that God would continue to guide and lead them in straight paths.

Oatmeal Breakfast Thank You! Faith Lutheran high school youth would like to extend a special thanks to Cordell and Judy Costar for donating their time, oatmeal, and peaches for the oatmeal feed held between services on December 9th. The group raised \$496.50 to apply toward our trip to San Antonio. We thank Cordell and Judy for their servant hearts for the youth of our congregation. Though it was cold and frosty outside that morning, warm oatmeal and warm friendships made the morning all that much better. Thanks also to the congregation for your generous free will offering!

JYM NEWS

Our JYM group did a great job serving and bussing tables for the Pizza Ranch fundraiser held back in November. Our JYM kids made \$596.77 from their evening of work at the Pizza Ranch for upcoming activities and events. Thanks to Ft. Pierre Pizza Ranch, those who attended, and to our youth for their help with this event! Praise God!

JYM Bowling & Pizza Night! Our next JYM activity will be Friday, January 18th from 6-8 at Lariat Lanes. The event is free and open to any 6-8th graders. Join Pastor Baumann for an evening of fun!

January Acolytes

January 6th

Early: Jacob Fuerst, Kaci Deal
Late: Faith Kongslie, Julia Jares

January 13th

Early: Chase Harmon, Justin Meier
Late: Molly Tschetter, Cade Larson

January 20th

Early: Alyssa Bump, Whitney King
Late: Joshua Thompson, Colton Graves

January 27th

Early: Colton Shoop, Connor Shoop
Late: Hallie Dunn, Hanna Dunn

