

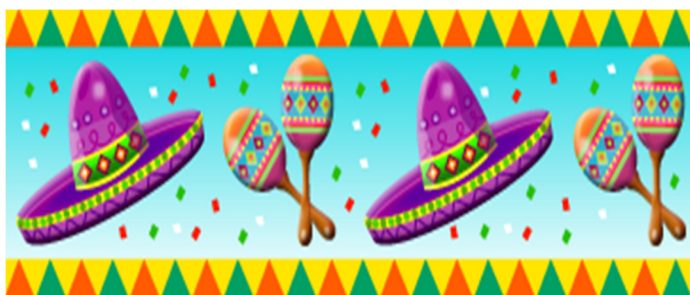
September 2014 Newsletter

Faith Lutheran Church

714 N Grand Avenue

Pierre, SD 57501

Rally Day September 14, 2014 IT'S A FIESTA!



Noon Meal with walking tacos

- Hosted by our Board of Parish Fellowship
 - A-K bring a salad to share
 - L-Z bring a dessert to share
- Games for the kids 12:35 p.m. on the lawn on the 3rd Street side of our Building
- 2nd Graders receive their Bibles at the 11:00 Service
- Sunday School on the 14th is from 9:45 to 10:45
- Sunday School Award certificates will be given to students at our 11:00 Service
- Installation of All Midweek, Sunday School and Adult teachers at both Services



Pastor Urbach's Farewell Events

Sunday, August 24, 2014

Pastor Urbach's Last Sunday Sermons as our Senior Pastor.

9:30-10:45 am: Open House at Pastor Urbach's home between services.

2:00 – 4:00 pm: Open House at the church featuring pie and ice cream

3:00 pm: Program with presentations

Sunday, August 31, 2014

Pastor Urbach's Last Sunday Service as Our Senior Pastor.

Pastor Scott Sailer from Faith Lutheran Church in Sioux Falls will be the guest preacher.

There will be a Reception between services.

There will be a Noon Luncheon of pulled pork sandwiches and Italian salad. Congregational members are asked to bring—

A-L Desserts
M-Z Salads

A blessed August to you all!

Needless to say August of 2014 is a large month. August 3 was a great day. I am grateful to be 70. I thank you for all the cards and kindnesses and I hope you enjoyed singing the hymns of Charles Wesley and learning about the early formation of the "Methodists."

So Sunday was filled with worship, a pastor's delight, and calls from my two children. Jonathan was in Minot playing in a state softball tournament with a bunch of guys from Bismarck and Center, ND. He said, "dad we were not sure what to get you for your 70th, would you settle for a state championship?" O my! Jonathan also had that joy in South Dakota on a team on which he and Chris Ott from Faith played.

When Jennifer called they were off to a Renaissance Fair. Cody told me Happy Birthday and he loved me with all his heart. That's a lot of love.

Susan baked a spice cake (my favorite) from a cake mix that I brought home from my mom's. So mom still had a hand in a birthday cake.

At this age I am grateful for every sunrise and thank God with such joy of having had wonderful parents, two very special kids and their families, a marvelous church family and good friends in this community. While there have been some bumps along the way, I have had a very fun and joyful 70 years.

The other number is upon us, 40.

"Numbers" ... Pastor Urbach

Forty is the right number for Faith, but the number is actually 51.

Two years at Concordia University -St. Paul in the Pre-Sem track, two years at Concordia Senior College in Ft. Wayne, four years of Seminary at Concordia-St. Louis, and three years at Bethesda Lutheran of Marion and Zion Lutheran in Hurley. Those three years were as well wonderful years and a wonderful place to prepare me for Faith Evangelical Lutheran in Pierre.

Eleven is another number of importance. On October 11, Susan Burroughs and I will marry. After a lot of discussion and thought it will be a small service with our siblings and our children and their families. Pastor Greg Lehr of Zion Lutheran in Sioux Falls will conduct the ceremony. Pastor Lehr is married to Renee Bump, a wedding which I conducted several years ago. Another couple I married on a cold winter evening in Aberdeen was Randy and Jodi Hartmann. Jodi will be the organist and Randy the vocalist.

News Alert!

Pastor Troy Countryman has declined our call to him to be Senior Pastor. His letter is in this newsletter. While he found our call very inviting he felt because of family considerations the timing just wasn't right. We wish Pastor & Andrea God's rich blessings upon their family and ministry at St. John's.

Witness, Mercy, Life Together

This newsletter arrives in your mailbox prior to two other numbers, 24 and 31, the dates in August for a two (another number) Sunday conclusion to my full-time public ministry. Early after making this decision I honestly had some second thoughts for I enjoy being pastor in your midst but it is the right time. It is the right time for me and for the parish. Our beloved congregation will move forward as a warm-hearted, spirit driven, big visioned congregation that is free of conflict and has a loving desire to do the Lord's bidding.

I thank all of you who are getting ready for those two Sundays.

In the October newsletter, I will share my reflections and say thank you for what will be a big day for my family and for the congregation I love.

Numbers—grateful for them all!
The Lord be with you

In God's love,



Pastor Brad Urbach



“Look At All Those Cows!...”

Psalm 50:10 “...For every animal of the forest is mine and the cattle on a thousand hills.”

My! Where has the summer gone?! Can you believe we are already into the fall? Gesh! Reflecting on my summer, it was a good one, and I hope yours was as well. I have to say, one of my summer joys is honestly, Sunday morning worship services, but I have also particularly enjoyed the numerous opportunities I’ve had to travel this summer.

Reflecting back, some of those great travel opportunities were: taking a group of our L.Y.F high school students tubing on the Niobrara one Saturday in July, leading our L.Y.F. on a day trip to *Sky Zone Indoor Trampoline Park* in Sioux Falls, and taking our 5th – 8th graders to the Black Hills in early June for the 6.2 mile Crazy Horse Volksmarch trip. One other trip from the past summer I really enjoyed was the canoe trip we did as a part of our J.Y.M. Circuit Bible Camp, which was held here in Pierre. What a fantastic summer of fun trips, traveling, and sharing Christ on the journey! Two trips that didn’t happen this year because of timing and participation availability were: the St. Louis Men’s Trip, and the L.Y.F. St. Paul trip and Concordia visit. (Look for those opportunities to come around again!)

As an end cap to my summer traveling experience I got to make the long, but good journey, back to Wisconsin to see both my and Margaret’s families. I cannot thank the congregation of Faith Ev. Lutheran enough for affording us the opportunity to go back to WI and spend time connecting with our families. So **THANK YOU** dear friends! Those moments are precious, and we are so grateful! And yes, I did eat my fair share of Wisconsin cheese! Indulging in Wisconsin’s finest is only fitting,

because I always love seeing all the dairy cattle on the farms and in the countryside.

Even though I should know by now, I am always surprised by all the dairy cows I saw in Wisconsin, and also while I was at the Wisconsin State fair. There were even a good number driving through Minnesota, and then when we finally made it to South Dakota, I enjoyed seeing the beef cattle!! It was on our drive back home to Pierre that I got to do some reflecting on these magnificent critters. Cattle are remarkable animals! I’m driving along and the Holy Spirit drops this verse from Psalm 50 into my head: “Every animal of the forest is mine, and the cattle on a thousand hills!” And in SD what are there? ... If you said, “There are thousands of cattle on thousands of hills!” you’d be correct!

This is the picture God gives His covenant people. God, the creator of the universe—the One who made the heavens and the earth—owns it all! In Psalm 50 God tells the people, those cattle, the ones you use for sacrifices, they’re not that special. In fact God says, “Pick out a thousand hills, I’ve got rights to every animal on those embankments!” The sacrifice of those animals is not what truly defines the relationship with Him. Good thing, or we’d be in trouble today. The climax of God’s relationship to His people as the Creator of all things is found in verse 17 of Psalm 51. Psalm 51:17 reads, “The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit, a broken and contrite heart, O God you will not despise.” God doesn’t need anything from us. He uses silly cattle to make His point: **It’s all His!!!** But what God does want is from us to live like: **It’s all His!!!**

When we come before Jesus at the foot of the cross and at the empty tomb, we see that the One who made it all, also sacrificed it all. We see Jesus the Son of God, who is truly God Himself in the flesh, sacrificing it all for us! Truly incredible. We see the One who was emptied of His life, emptied of His glory, emptied completely for us. And as we stand there at the foot of Christ’s cross, God wants us to come with a posture of worship—with hearts truly set in the right place. When we see God as Creator and us as creature, that truly changes things. “God, it’s all yours. My relationship with my spouse is a gift from Your hand, and you call me to lovingly tend and care for that other person you’ve given me. My vehicles, they’re yours God, how can I serve you with them? My anger, take it and replace it with things that come from your good and gracious hand. Fill me with love, joy, peace, and patience.”

When we come to worship on Sunday mornings we receive only what God gives. We receive the forgiveness and love of Christ, along with a peace that passes all understanding, in the words and in the sacraments. It’s all God’s to give to us.

“Look at all them cattle on them there hills!” Cattle theology, who knew?! The Lord Jesus Christ bless you and preserve you as you serve Him and remember: “It’s all God’s.” Every good and perfect gift comes from above. The Lord bless you, the Lord bless His Church, and the Lord bless the Gospel as it is shared and proclaimed from your hands and your mouth.

With Love and Affection for
You in Christ Jesus,

Pastor Joshua Baumann

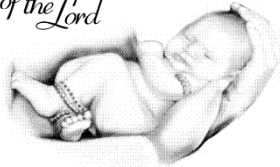
Pastor Josh Baumann

Witness, Mercy, Life Together

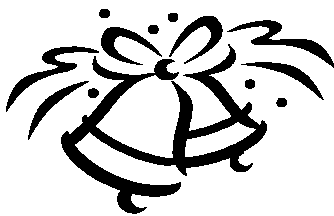
Official Acts

Baptisms

*Baptized
in the name
of the Lord*



Brecken Matthew Bechard
Austin Kenneth Spitzer
Auburn Reese Rave
Pearl Mae Bonn
Bryson Allen Macy
Justin Dwane Ehlers
Dawson Robert Ehlers
Aiden Joseph Kafka
Jace Howard Nickerson
Matson Robert Houghtaling
Langston Gene Livermont



Weddings

Amelia Frances Irene Wulf &
Charles Dennis Thompson

Forrest Donald Wixon &
Shirleen Dawn Fossum

Alexandra Voeltz &
Jared Little



Letters of Thanks



Dear Faith Lutheran Church,

On behalf of Missouri Shores' staff, board and clients, I would like to offer a heartfelt thank-you for your generous donation of diapers and wipes. Escaping an abusive situation can be a terrifying experience and the needs of families we serve are many. Your donation enables us to provide essential service to families in crisis. Your donation is greatly appreciated and truly makes a difference in the lives of families who have been devastated by violence.

The House of Hope is a reality because of the continual support of our community and commitment of individuals, such as you, to help make a difference in lives of others. Thank you again for joining our efforts and helping to make it possible for "victims" to become "survivors" and to begin a life free of violence.

Sincerely,
Dodie Hardy,
Child Advocate/Facilities Coordinator

Pastor Urbach and Faith Lutheran congregation,

Thank you so very much for the generous gift that we have received.

We are in the process of getting a new roof at this time. Windows and siding next. Then working inside.

Thank you again from all of us at Zion!

Zion Lutheran
Wessington Springs

Parish of Faith Lutheran Church,
Birthright of Pierre would like to thank you for your generous donation of diapers and wipes. The essence of Birthright is love, and you have shown your love and kindness through your donation of 750 diapers and 320 wipes. We so appreciate your generosity.

Birthright of Pierre
It is the right of every pregnant woman to give birth, and the right of every child to be born.

May God richly bless you.

Love Fund

Our Board of Elders, at their June 23rd meeting, designated \$500.00 to Zion Lutheran of Wessington Springs and \$500.00 to S. John Lutheran in Pilger, Nebraska.

Zion suffered a lot of damage to its church and parsonage. St. John lost its church and parsonage. We understand members of both congregations also have had severe losses.



Witness, Mercy, Life Together

July 20, 2014 Voters' Assembly

- The Voters' Assembly approved a congregational gift of \$500.00 to support the Wittenberg Project. In doing so we become a congregation deemed as a donor to the "Reformation 500 Club". Our members are also encouraged to make a gift supporting the Wittenberg Project. Information about this unique project right in the heart of Wittenberg, the birthplace of the Reformation can be found on the table by the Wittenberg poster.
- Steve Fiechtner was elected to represent our congregation as our

- delegate to the September 9th Pierre Circuit Forum at Faith.
- The congregation nominated Pastor Glenn Denke of Norris to serve as "Circuit Visitor." Pastor Urbach has served our circuit in that capacity for the most of the last 40 years. He will resign that position after a new "visitor" (once called Circuit Counselor) had been elected.
 - David Zuercher was elected to be the delegate to our South Dakota District Convention on April 14-15, 2015 in Sioux Falls.
 - A motion was made and ap-

proved to make our Board job descriptions a part of the Bylaws of the congregation. The creation of a Board of Youth Ministry was tabled until further groundwork can be done.



Choir will begin again on Tuesday, September 9 at 6:30 p.m.

We are always in need of more voices, so if you read music or can match pitch please consider making the commitment to join our choir. Our choir has a great core group who will be happy to welcome you. We work hard to do our part to uplift the congregation in praises to our awesome God.

Tuesday, Sept. 9 at 6:30.

Be there!

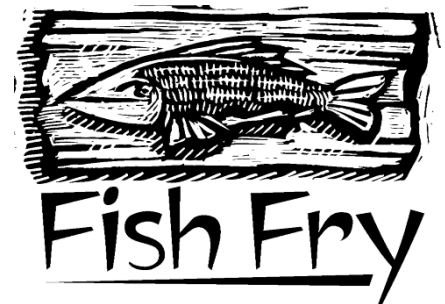


Blood Drive Thank You

Our thanks to Jodi Hartmann for doing the calling and setting up the appointments and to Char Russell, Sandy Bales, Freda Peters, Rena Ortbahn, Betty Lindquist, and Dawn Koch for being at the church to check in the donors. We thank Ruth Leidholt, Mary Hiller, Susan Stoneback and Bruce McIntire for making cookies for the blood drive. Thanks so much to those donors for their life-saving donations.



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Forever Young

A huge thank you to Cordell Costar, Brad Schultz, Vern Dockter, and Ken Shelbourn for the August Forever Young Fish Fry.

It was a gourmet banquet of fish! We had a great turnout and we wish to thank all those who provided the fish!

Our next Forever Young is the third Thursday of September, that is September 18, at high noon. It will be a potluck—come and join us!

Preschool News

What a beautiful summer we have had this year! I have been spending lots of time at the church this week getting ready for our upcoming school year. Once again we have a change in staffing. Sue Pibal who was our new assistant teacher last year has decided to spend more time with her family and will not be returning. However, we are excited to have Tina Haug, from our congregation join our staff. Tina and her husband, Orlyn, have recently moved to Pierre. Tina grew up in the Midland area and has a background in nursing, massage therapy and also early childhood education. She has a lot to offer us and we are thrilled to have her as a part of our preschool program.

Our Get Acquainted Nite is Tuesday, August 26 starting at 6:00 with all three of our sessions meeting for 45 minutes each through the evening. This year instead of serving the cookies in the CFLC we will be handing out the goodies in the coat area outside of the offices due to the celebration tables being set up for the August 31 reception and noon dinner.

Classes start September 8 & 9. We currently have 67 students with just 2 spots left to fill in our three day class. We are always very excited to meet the new students and get reacquainted with the returning ones.

We are again saving the Campbell's Labels for Education for free items for the classroom. These are split with the daycare. Thank you for your support. We also receive money from Thrivent Choice dollars, so if you would like to donate your choice dollars to us, we would appreciate it very much.

We are looking forward to a wonderful year! Thank you for your support and prayers! God bless you!

Jan Larson, Director/
teacher
Faith Lutheran Preschool
605-224-2216
jan@faithluth.com



Daycare News

Greetings from Faith Lutheran Daycare!

It has been a long, crazy, awesome, amazing summer! We are so grateful to have had the children we did for the summer and we wish them the best in this coming school year! It's hard to say goodbye, but we hope they keep the lessons they learned here in their heads and in their hearts.

In August we will be wrapping up our Old Testament studies and then in September will begin our Bible Studies all over again! This summer we have learned about King Solomon, Jonah, Daniel, and Samson. We will be finishing off this summer with learning about Elisha, Esther, Job, and the story of Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego. We are constantly amazed by how much our little ones take away from these lessons. And we hope that their thirst for the knowledge found in the Bible never ends. ☺

Faith Lutheran Daycare is currently hiring for part time AM and PM positions. If you would like to apply at the day-

care for a teaching position, or even to be a substitute, please come to pick up an application from Jen in the daycare office.

As always, Daycare is thankful for the generosity that our congregation bestows on us. Toys and childcare items being donated to the daycare are always appreciated!!

Your friend in Christ,

Jennifer Carr
FLDC Director



A Little Humor

- Bernadette:** The act of torching a mortgage.
- Rubberneck:** What you do to relax your wife.
- Selfish:** What the owner of a seafood store does.
- Pharmacist:** A helper on a farm.
- Avoidable:** What a bullfighter tried to do.
- Relief:** What trees do in the spring.
- Sudafed:** Brought litigation against a government official.

NEW BEGINNINGS

*"See, I am doing a new thing!
Now it springs up; do you not
perceive it?" Isaiah 43:19*

Genesis
Germinate
Take root
Reaffirm
Exhilarate
Freshen
Fluff your aura
Reawaken
Resuscitate
Revitalize
Breathe new life into
Animate
Stimulate
Stir up
Energize
Enliven
Gladden
Inspire
Create
Quicken
Revivify
Break the Ice
Enter upon
Begin Again

We are called to something fresh and new, but we are also called to remember our tradition, to remember our roots and hold on to the foundation of our faith. May we be moved with a sense of adventure, and a willingness to explore, but at the same time rely on and cherish the groundwork that gave us our beginning.

Lord, help us be able for what
you require of us.

Karen Lindbloom

Confirmation Photos

We thank Sheryl (Titze) Blake for providing a 1968 Confirmation class photo.

We would really like to receive confirmation photos for—

1980
1977 & 1978
1971 & 1972
And 1962-1966

Think about your own graduation or your child's graduation date and just back up 4 years. Do you have that photo? Would you please get a copy made, put it in a frame and bring it to the church office? Thanks!

Our Bulletin and Newsletter Assemblers

Who is it that folds our bulletins each week and puts those inserts in?

Who is it that puts the Newsletter together each month in the mailing envelopes?

Well—that would be:

- Arlene Barker
- Linda Denke
- Marcia Johnson
- Ruth Leidholt
- Freda Peters
- Mary Hiller

When available we get help from:

- Dale & Donna Gohl
- Lila Houck
- JoAnn Sanders
- Neal O'Day

Thanks gals and guys!

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Debt Retirement

This past week (July 28) we paid our regular monthly payment for August of \$5,395.00. This comes from our General Fund. In addition, your generous gifts to Debt Retirement helped us to send the principal for two advance payments for which we saved \$4,569.51 in interest.

To date –

- We have made 114 advance payments
- We have saved \$466,275.61 in interest, and

Our principal on our original \$1,000,000.00 church loan is not reduced to \$659,987.50

Ponder this, it's July of 2014, we started repaying our loan in July of 2010, in 4 years we have saved \$466,275.61 in interest and reduced the principal to \$659,987.50.

Our Board of Stewardship extends its hearty thanks!

Our Staff Apartment

has been re-shingled and new gutters have been put on. This expense comes from our General Fund which is a reminder of the importance of steadfast Sunday offerings even in the midst of our summer trips. It is important that we carefully maintain our campus and its facilities.



Parking Lot Striping

Many, many thanks go out to Red and Bea Westall for striping the parking lot. It looks so very nice when the stripes are fresh and clean.

Thanks again, Bea & Red. You do an awesome job!

A Letter from Reverend Troy Countryman

August 9, 2014

Faith Ev. Lutheran Church

714 N. Grand

Pierre, SD 57501

Dear Friends in Christ at Faith, Pierre, South Dakota:

First, I want to thank the entire Faith family for being such wonderful hosts to Andrea and me, Piper, Oliver, and Drew when we visited from July 26 through July 29. Your hospitality, loving kindness, and enthusiasm for both Faith Lutheran Church as well as the city of Pierre were tremendous.

This call process has been gut-wrenching for me because I feel a strong kinship and affection for you even though we were only able to visit for a few days. However, after much prayer, deliberation, and consecrated conversation, I do not feel that the Lord is calling me to leave St. John's at this time. Still, as I shared with many of you, I trust that our Heavenly Father uses this process to further strengthen and shape us all to serve in His kingdom.

It is difficult for me to adequately put into words the quality and depth of my positive impression of you as a congregation, your leaders, as well as Pastor Urbach and Pastor Baumann. My immediate family, as well as your brothers and sisters in Christ at St. John's, Mattoon, Illinois, continue to pray for you as you seek to call a Senior Pastor to serve Faith.

In Christ Jesus our Savior,

Rev. Troy Countryman

CC: The Rev. Mark Miller, President, Central Illinois District, LCMS

The Rev. Dale Sattgast, President, South Dakota District, LCMS

The Rev. Scott Sailer, Vice-President, South Dakota District, LCMS

God's Gardeners

Let's take another shot at this. Would anyone in the parish like to be a part of a group of parish members who would trim the roses, weed the flower gardens, plant flowers in the spring, and help keep our campus looking beautiful?

If you are willing, please speak to the Pastors or Jay.



Youth News



SUNDAY SCHOOL BEGINS SEPTEMBER 7th. – Please register TODAY!
MIDWEEK BEGINS SEPTEMBER 17th.

5th - 8th grade J.Y.M. Lock-In – 5th-8th graders, are you interested in being a part of a lock-in here at Faith Lutheran with fun, food, friends, and oh yes... lots of games as well!!? Pastor Baumann would love for you to join him for a lock-in **Friday, October 3rd from 7 p.m. -7 a.m.** Keep an eye out in the youth section of the Sunday bulletin for the specifics!



September 7

Early: Chelsey Meier, Chloe Kaiser
 Late: Jaden Filler, Ethan Leif

September 14

Early: Dillon Axtell, Cassandra Axtell
 Late: Austin Mammenga, Kenzie Trujillo

September 21

Early: Cassandra and Samuel Ryckman
 Late: Jesse Jares, Julia Jares

September 28

Early: Burkelee Kenefick-Aschoff, Haven Kenefick-Aschoff
 Late: Lucas Schochenmaier, Becca Norris



An Evening with the Doc.... Attention 5th-8th graders! Dr. Pepper Floats, some Bible study with Dr. Luke and the Gospel According to St. Luke, and some games involving our Bodies! You are invited to an evening of fun on Friday, September 12th from 7-9 p.m. with Pastor Baumann.



High School Youth...Coming September 14th...

a high school Sunday Morning Bible Study!



This will also include a time of Christian Fellowship which could have appearances by your favorite donut shop donuts! Here's an opportunity just for young adult high school students to come together around God's Word, ask questions in a safe environment, and be nurtured in our faith as believers in God. Our High School study begins on **Rally Day, September, 14th at 9:45 a.m.** up in the Game Room (Luke/John) located in *All Saints Hallway* in the new section above

the gym. Parent volunteer Annette Hill will lead us in this time of study and fellowship.

F.Y.I. The theme of the 2016 National youth Gathering, held in New Orleans, LA, will be: *In Christ Alone*. The Gathering is an LCMS youth event with over 25,000 high school youth in attendance from all across the country. Those who will be incoming 7th graders this school year through those who are incoming juniors will be eligible to attend the Gathering July 2016. We hope all eligible high school youth of the parish will consider going with our group from Faith Lutheran.

High School students! Get re-

connected back with L.Y.F after a long summer of busy activities. Bring a friend as we join together Wednesdays at 8:00 p.m.

ALL HANDS ON DECK....

On Sunday morning, September 28th



our high school youth will be serving a morning breakfast with a free-will offering as a preparation for our 2016 National Youth Gathering. We are excited to begin the process of saving funds now already. Breakfast starts at 9:20 following the early service, but you are asked to arrive by 7:45 a.m. to help prepare things. Thank you for your willingness to help. ;)

Upcoming Bible Studies

Walking in the Word...

2014 Fall Bible Study & Fellowship Opportunities @ Faith Lutheran Church

Please Check the Desired Study/ies & Return to the Church, **OR** Keep the Sheet & Just Let Us Know! 224-2216

SUNDAY- (Entire Faith Congregation) *"The Son of God..."* Our Sunday morning Adult Bible Class starts on Rally Day, Sept. 14th and is all about: JESUS! We will see the different facets of Jesus as He is revealed in the Scriptures. We will look at: Jesus in the Old Testament —Jesus the miracle worker — Jesus; True God and True Man —Jesus in Contemporary Culture —Jesus; Prophet, Priest, and King —Jesus in the Psalms —Jesus the Son of God, and more! We will arrive at an answer to the question Jesus poses in Matthew 16:15 "Who do you say that I am?" *The Son of God* will take us through 8 weeks of looking in the Word to discover what the Scriptures reveal about Jesus. Led by Pastor Baumann _____

(High School) *"Sunday Morning High School Bible Study"* Led by Annette Hill. High School youth, here's an opportunity just for you as young adult high school students to get into the Bible, ask questions in a safe environment, and mature in our faith as believers in God. Our High School study begins on **Rally Day, September, 14th at 9:45 a.m.** up in the Game Room (Luke/John) located in *All Saints Hallway*. Meets each Sunday morning from 9:45 to 10:45. Who wants donuts?!? (*no cost*) _____

(Any Adults) *"LifeLight 1 & 2 Samuel"* Led by Marv Schweigert and Mark Ericson, this class will occur Sunday evenings at 6:30 p.m. at Faith. This LifeLight study begins September 15th. _____

MONDAY- (Men) *"Men's Fellowship"* Every first Monday of the month at 7:00 p.m., the men of the congregation join together for a time of fellowship and short Scripture meditation. Activities vary from month to month including, but not limited to: dartball, bean bags, *Court Whist* card tournaments, work projects, etc. Typically those who are able to, bring some sort of chips, crackers, or snacks to share. The gathered group has a great time of laughs, grazing on goodies, and getting to know the other guys. Begins October 6th at 7:00 p.m. Open to all men, please come and see for yourself! (*no cost*) _____

TUESDAY- (Women) *"Tuesday Morning Women's Study"* Karen Lindbloom will be leading our lady's study beginning Tuesday, September 23rd at 10:30 a.m. Topic *TBD* _____

(Women) *"James For Starters—6 Week Women's Bible Study"* This Bible study led by Margaret Baumann, begins Tues., Sept. 16 and is a 6 week study geared toward women who may never have participated in a Bible study small group before, or those who have a hard time committing to a book study. All women are welcome. The topic will be the Epistle letter of James. All you need is a Bible! Meets each Tuesday night from 7:15-8:30 upstairs in Jon's Place. (*no cost*) _____

WEDNESDAY- (High School) *"Lutheran Youth Fellowship - L.Y.F."* Lutheran Youth Fellowship (L.Y.F.) is our high school youth group at Faith Ev. Lutheran and is composed of high school age kids from grades 9-12. This group generally meets on Wednesday evenings from 8:00-9:15 p.m. year-round to discuss life topics, share a devotion and the Scriptures, attend worship services in the evening when possible, and to participate in a variety of high-energy activities. Some of the activities which the LYF group has been able to partake in this past year were: the National Youth Gathering in San Antonio, TX, a beach party, tubing on the Niobrara, along with all the exciting things we do each week.

Our main goal for LYF is to provide a safe, Christian environment in which teens can gather and grow in Christian habits and in their faith with other Christians. We hope this will in some small way help prepare them to live their faith in the next steps of their lives. Open to all high school students and their friends. (*no cost*) _____

(Any Adults) *"Matthew LifeLight Bible Study"* Begins September 17th. This study led by Bill Markley continues with the second half of Matthew and will meet in the Preschool room from 6:30-7:45 PM. Continues through the fall until approx. mid-December. Contact Bill with any questions 280-8580. _____

(Any Adults) *"Bob and Doreen Miller In-Home Bible Study"* This LifeLight study meets in homes starting with Bob Miller's home. To begin in October. Study topic and time *TBD* within the coming weeks. Contact Bob Miller if interested 224-9955. _____

THURSDAY- (Men) *"Men's Morning Bible Study"* - Begins September 18 and lasts until early May. Join Pastor Baumann and all men of the congregation for fellowship and study of the Word of God with one another throughout the year. Meets each Thursday at 7:00 a.m. and usually concludes by 7:45 a.m. Come and go as available. Our September/October topic will focus on a study from the Men's Network entitled: *Mormons: Who is Really Knocking on your door*. From there we will look to study the upcoming selected lectionary reading for that coming Sunday. (*no cost*) _____

(Everyone) *"Ask the Birds and They Will Tell You"* - **Job 12:7** says, "Ask the animals and they will teach you, and the birds of the air and they will tell you." This 7 week study begins Sept. 11th, and will take place every Thursday from 7-8pm at the church. Looking at Scriptures, we will discover what the birds have to teach us about our relationship to God. All are welcomed to come and participate. Study materials will be provided with several short videos throughout, and a Saturday morning field trip Sept. 27th. Contact Bill Bossman if interested: billbossman50@gmail.com or (605) 224-9140. _____

(Women) *"Children of the Day"* Daria Bossman will be leading our Beth Moore lady's study beginning Thursday, Sept. 25th at 6:30 p.m. _____

(Everyone) *"Adult Inquirers Class"* Taught by Pastor Urbach, this new member class would begin October 16th from 7:00 until 8:30 and would run 8 weeks ending before Christmas. Contact the church for further details. _____

FRIDAY- (Men) Pickup Basketball 5:45-6:30/6:45/ish. Pastor Baumann would like to get a group of 5 or 7+ other guys together on Friday evenings for pickup basketball at the church in the gym, coupling that will a short time for prayer and a verse from the Word of God to meditate on. Please speak with him or call if interested (605) 224-2216. To begin Friday, October 10th (*no cost*) _____

SATURDAY- (5th-8th Graders) *Early Communion Class* Saturday, Sept. 27th 9-noon, Saturday, October 4th 9:00-10:30. Please contact the church office with any questions 224-2216. _____

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