



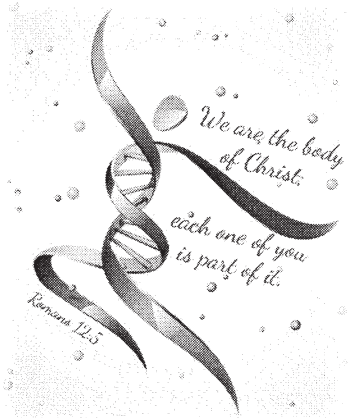
MAY 2016 NEWSLETTER

Faith Lutheran Church

714 N. Grand Avenue

Pierre, SD 57501

LWML District Convention



LWML District Convention is June 3-4 at Faith Lutheran Church, Pierre. Our theme is "We are the body of Christ; each one of you is part of it." Friday evening worship service is at 7:00 pm and is open to

the community. Over the 2 days we will have wonderful speakers, service events, and the opportunity to bring Gifts from the Heart.

We will have two projects for our Gifts from the Heart. Harvest Winds LLC on the Rosebud Reservation at Parmalee has been operating for well over a year sewing articles for sale to the general public. One of their projects is sewing star quilts. According to Pastor Andrew Utecht they always need GOOD quality cotton quilting fabric and other sewing supplies. This will be one of our projects for our Gifts from the Heart. Quilting fabric may be of any SOLID color of good quality 100% cotton and at least two yards in length. You may also purchase a

bolt of the quilting fabric. If you wish, you may furnish material for the backing of larger quilts in WHITE or OFF-WHITE only. The wider backing is made in either 90" or 108" widths. You would buy 2 1/2 yards of either width. They can also use the 3000 yard cone thread in white, off-white, or light tan colors.

The second project is items for the Pierre Food pantry. You may purchase non-perishable food items and paper products for the Pierre Food Pantry.



Vacation Bible School

VBS 2016 **Barnyard Roundup** VBS 2016

June 5-9th 6:00-8:30 p.m.

Register online at:

<https://vbs.cph.org/tools/EventStudents.aspx?evdi=2100>

Or.... Pick up a paper registration in the church office or on the information table in the Narthex.

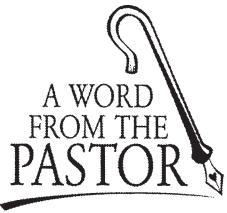
Music! Bible Storytelling! Snacks! Games! Ice Cream Social! Crafts! Closing Program!



Sent Forth By God's Blessing



Whose church is it anyway?



Faith Evangelical Lutheran Church of the Unaltered Augsburg Confession, Pierre, South Dakota has some time now to stop and consider. Whose church are we and what does that mean for us? The man who runs his motorized scooter to get to the garage at my apartment knew that I was the pastor at “Urbach’s Church.” He goes to Memorial, I think is what he said, but could not remember the name “Faith.” Others have identified Faith by certain events held here, as if one activity or another defined our being.

It is a basic question. Who does the congregation belong to and why is it here? A

fundamental question. Does it belong to one segment or another to do this thing or that? Do decisions get made to please on the basis of only this or that aspect?

Might I suggest that we do best when we agree that it is Jesus’ church and that all of it (and each of us) belong to him. Before you run off and skip to your next task, just please pause and ponder what ownership means in your world.

What do you own and what does that mean to you? Do you own a house or a car? What cost does that bring into your life, and what then do you expect out of the owned item(s)?

Does your car or house just get to do whatever

it wants to do whenever it pleases? I myself would be MOST unhappy if my car drove itself out of the garage without me at any time and place. Even more unhappy than I get when it does not move when I expect it to go and it does not.

There is a relationship in being owned, in belonging. And a comfort (though I expect my car does not really much care).

If we are Jesus’ church then decisions made involve him, first, last, and along the way.

Pastor Dan

Pastor Daniel Barbey



“Barnyard Roundup!”



This year’s Vacation Bible School theme is: *Barnyard Roundup*, and a few animal sayings come to mind. “What a rat race!” or “I’ll believe that when pigs fly” or how about “Let’s party until the cows come home!”

The Bible seems to also highlight animals and animal sayings. Can you think of a few?

“*The wolf will lie down with the Lamb,*” where Isaiah 11:6 reveals an existence where creation is at peace with one another because of the Prince of Peace. Jesus also captures the images of animals in Matthew 10:16 when He tells His disciples, “*I am sending you out like sheep among wolves. Therefore be as shrewd as serpents and as innocent as doves.*” And how could we overlook the vivid description of Jesus’ work from the mouth of John the Baptist in St. John 1:29, “*Look, the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!*”

The mystery of God’s enormous love has been revealed to us through Christ Jesus. He

is our Passover Lamb that has been slain. And sadly, many in our world choose to say: “I’ll believe in Jesus when pigs fly.” or instead of focusing on the things of God their mentality is, “Let’s party until the cows come home! Christianity has too many rules.” Do you smell a rat? I do. Satan is always up to something that crafty serpent. And so one way we get the saving Gospel out to young ones who otherwise might be deceived, and to the community is through V. B. S. We’ll transform our facility into a farm yard with animals!

V. B. S. is June 5-9 from 6:00 -8:30 p.m., Sunday through Wednesday and from 6:00-8:45 on Thursday with an ice cream social to follow. Registration sheets are available in the church office or on the information table in the Narthex. But if at all possible, please consider using the online registration portal through the link posted on the church website www.faithluth.com

V. B. S. is for ages three years through 6th grade. A listing of ways adult and youth leaders

can help will also be provided. Please consider giving of yourselves as you are able.

Animals given to us as a tremendous gift of God’s creation. No, we certainly did not come from them, but our Lord does use them to supply rich imagery and meaning to what our God has done for us. “*My sheep listen to my voice; I know them and they follow me. I give them eternal life.*” John 10:27. We look forward to the gathering of all God’s faithful elect on that Last Day. And we look forward to this year’s V. B. S. Oh, and did I mention Mike and Angie Roman are graciously going to supply the Faith parking lot with a farmyard of animals one of the evenings. Hope we can round you up to be there with us!

In the love of our Good Shepherd,

Pastor Josh Baumann



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WHAT'S IN A NAME?

This short prayer happened to catch my eye the other day.

Holy One,
 Untamed by the names
 I give you,
 in the silence name me,
 that I may know who I am,
 that I may hear the truth
 you put into me,
 that I may trust the love
 you have for me.
 You call me to live out this
 love with my sisters
 and brothers in your
 human family.
 Amen.

As I see it, that's an honest admission of human failing, one that goes back to the Garden of Eden: to manage God, to tame Him and put Him in a box, to create Him in an image of our choice. But, there are other reasons to assign names to God. Names help us understand the nature of God, and identify different aspects of His divinity. The Scriptures and our hymnody provide a rich vocabulary full of images, notions, names and adjectives ascribed to God.

We often sing these names in our hymns and choral literature – Maker of Heaven, our Refuge, the God of Jacob, Creator, Shepherd, a Present Help, God of Grace and Glory, Emmanuel, Living Word, Beautiful Savior, the Alpha and the Omega, our Shelter, the Lamb, Heavenly Father, Blessed Lord. The names for God that resonate with us are predicated by our needs at the present time. To the homeless, God is a shelter; to the farmer he is Lord of the Harvest; to a addict, he might be a deliverer; to one who mourns, God is a comforter; to a child, he is a loving father.

We never know what words of assurance people need when they come to worship or listen to the choir. We know that we have a message in our music, and that message will resonate differently with everyone according to their needs. The message in our music invites an expanded understanding of God – that He is alive and untamed!

Know, too, that God knows our names! "I call you by

name, you are mine," says God in the book of Isaiah. What a powerful message of belonging! We are claimed and loved! To be claimed in love is powerfully life-giving. We are sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked as Christ's own forever!

***Of interest, I dug a little deeper, and found that the above prayer is from a book entitled, GUERRILLAS OF GRACE: PRAYERS FOR BATTLE. It is a collection of "tough, beautiful and earthy prayers" when there are no words for the pain of life.

Karen Lindbloom

Forever Young



Join us Thursday, May 19, 2016 for our monthly potluck lunch at noon.

This gathering is for all members 55 years and older who are retired or semi-retired. Always good food and great company!

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Little Dresses For Africa

Little Dresses for Africa is a Christian organization reaching out to 47 countries in Africa, 31 other countries and even the Appalachians and South Dakota in the USA. These dresses go out as little ambassadors in the name of Jesus to give hope to the children who receive them. The simple pillowcase dresses are distributed through orphanages, churches and schools to instill in the hearts of little girls that they are *worthy!*

Mission teams from the United States personally deliver a majority of the dresses to girls giving them hope and touching their lives in Jesus' name.

Little Dresses for Africa is a mission outreach for our Faith Lutheran LWML. During February and March volunteers met Monday nights or one afternoon a week to cut pillowcases and assemble kits to be sewn into dresses. The kits are available for anyone to take home to sew and add their own personal touches to the dresses. They are then displayed on the narthex wall.

The LWML thanks everyone who has contributed pillowcases, bias tape, elastic, ribbon, decorative trim, buttons, thread or cash for incidentals or shipping. The LWML appreciates your donations, time and talents, and your support. **THANK YOU! THANK YOU!**

Around 200 kits have been com-

pleted. Many others have been donated that were not in kits. Total numbers will be in the bulletin after the dresses have been counted, packed, and shipped. Last year 256 little dresses were sent.

It is not too early to start thinking of next year. The LWML will again need new or gently used pillowcases, 1/4" elastic, buttons, trims for embellishing, rickrack, and thread to continue this worthwhile project. For your convenience a plastic bin has been placed on the shelf of the west coat closet for contributions. Thank you again for sending hope and changing the world, one little dress at a time.

Daycare News

Greetings, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, from Faith Lutheran Daycare!

We are so grateful for the nice warm weather we've had. The children love getting outside to enjoy the nice spring days. During circle time in April, we had fun learning about a net full of fish, Jesus goes to Heaven, The Holy Spirit comes, and the first Church. In May we are excited to hear about the lame man, a changed man, Paul's journey, and the earthquake in prison.

The kids love making crafts based the season and on our letter of the week. Feel free to

view some of the crafts on display in and around the daycare all times of the year. The children are all so proud of their projects!

Thank you to the members of our church family, board members, parents, and friends in the community who have donated to the daycare! It is greatly appreciated!

Please continue to keep the daycare in your prayers as we strive to provide the best childcare possible. If you have any sunscreen, craft items, coloring pictures, or crayons please let Katie know.

Katie Barrer

Katie Barrer/Director
Director
Faith Lutheran Daycare
(605) 224-4748



Monday, May 2, 2016
7:00 pm

We will throw some bean bags. Bring a snack to share. Friends welcome.

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Preschool News

Wow! Can it be that preschool is nearly over? Just four more weeks as I write this article! What a great year we have had here at preschool! We have been blessed with a great staff, supportive parents and wonderful children who are ready to learn new things each day!

During May, we will be traveling to the South Dakota Discovery Center, reviewing all our stories, shapes, colors, numbers and letters. It is a fast fun month with Mother's day gifts and picnic invitations to make and share with those who are coming to our picnic on Friday, May 13th. We will be meeting at Griffin Park at 12:00

noon and after enjoying our own sack lunches, we will be giving out a diploma to each child by their class.

Registrations for next year have begun and we are starting to fill up, but **we still have many openings.**

Please pass the word about our program to people you know – word of mouth is our best advertising! Use the form below, or go to our website and print the form from there, and return with the \$30.00 registration fee to enroll your child.

Thank you for all your support this past year! ☺ The receipts from Dakotamart are filling the boxes and so are the soup labels. These all amount to lots of extra funds for us to purchase toys, equipment and even our basic needs at preschool. God bless each of you – see you in the fall!

In Christ's love,

Jan Larson, Director/teacher



Faith Lutheran Preschool Pre-Registration Form

_____ will attend Faith Lutheran Preschool in the 2016-2017 school year.
Child's Name

Phone Number: (Home) _____ (Mom's Work) _____ (Mom's Cell) _____

Child's Birth Date _____ (Dad's Work) _____ (Dad's Cell) _____

Please check section preferred:

_____ Mon/Wed/Fri a.m. ** (9:00-11:30)

_____ Tues/Thur a.m. * (9:00-11:30)

_____ Tues/Thur p.m. * (1:00-3:30)

* Must be three (3) by June 1, 2016

** Must be five (5) by December 31, 2016 or Previously attended Faith Lutheran Preschool

_____ Parent's Names

_____ Parent's Address

Your registration fee: \$25.00 (Non-Refundable)

Monthly Tuition: 2 day - \$75.00

3 day - \$112.50

Preschool e-mail is: jan@faithluth.com

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Faith Life Team News-May, 2016
It's Diaper Derby Time!

Beginning on Mother's Day, May 8 and continuing through Father's Day, June 19, Faith's Life Team will hold the annual Diaper Derby, collecting donations of diapers and baby wipes to be distributed to families in need throughout the Pierre area. As in the past, collected items will be shared by the Missouri Shores Domestic Violence Center, the Pierre Food Pantry, and Birthright of Pierre. This is a wonderful opportunity for all of us to support the sanctity of human life by blessing men, women and children in crisis situations with gifts of diapers and baby wipes. Please drop your donations off in the Narthex.

L K for the Diaper Derby Box! Your past generosity has been greatly appreciated and has positively impacted many lives in our community! We are hoping to surpass last year's total of 3,000 diapers and wipes collected!

2016 Legislative Summary:

As reported last month, the South Dakota Legislature passed important pro-life legislation known as **SB72**, which protects pain-capable unborn children from abortion after 20 weeks gestation. Thankfully, three other pro-life bills became law in the 2016 session:

HB1157 requires an abortionist to inform the pregnant mother that her unborn child could be saved

even after taking the first pill in a drug-induced abortion procedure, should she choose not to take the second pill to complete the abortion.

HB1123 requires the Department of Health to post on their website the dates and results of inspections of abortion facilities.

SB24 prohibits the sale and transport of fetal body parts.

We thank and praise God for these new protections for His unborn children!

Respectfully Submitted,

Cindy Deadrick
Faith Life Team

Jacob Shoup in Concert at Faith

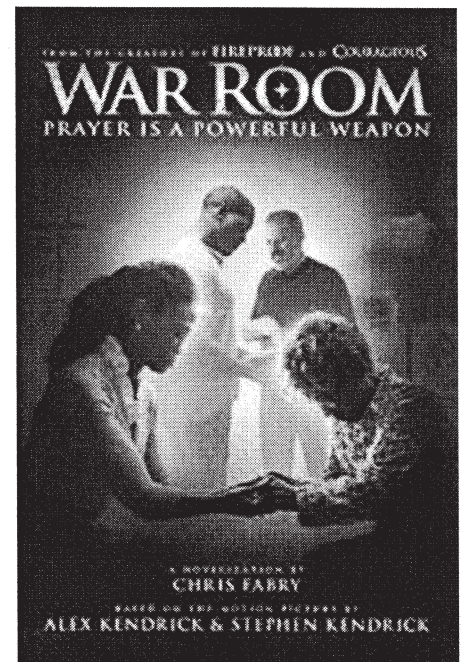
*Friday, June 17th
7:00 p.m.*

There will be a potluck meal at 5:30 before the concert. Bring a dish to pass. Please come and make a family night of this wonderful opportunity we have to welcome Jacob back among us. Hope the whole family can come out!

**War Room
Family Movie
Night at Faith**

Friday, May 27th
6:30 p.m.

Yes, it's Memorial Weekend, BUT... what a great opportunity if you are not going out of town to experience the power of prayer! Come join us on the evening of the 27th for popcorn and a movie. Cost is free! Invite the whole family. A signup will be on the back table in the Narthex.





2016 Food Drive: Over A TON of Food!



The congregation of Faith Lutheran Church has once again shown tremendous generosity during the annual gathering of food for the Pierre-Ft. Pierre Food Pantry.

During the month of March, the congregation brought **2,085 pounds of food items and paper products** to the church. That was 300 items more than last year. In addition, members of the congregation gave **cash and checks totaling a record \$14,337.50** to the Pantry in conjunction with this year's Food Drive, **more than double the amount of financial contributions received last year.** The Pierre Area Referral Service staff was speechless when we told them about the financial contributions.

On April 4, several members of the congregation used Al Meier's super-sized trailer to haul **128 boxes** from the church to the Food Pantry, which is housed at the Boys and Girls Club. Total number of items: **an even 2,000.**

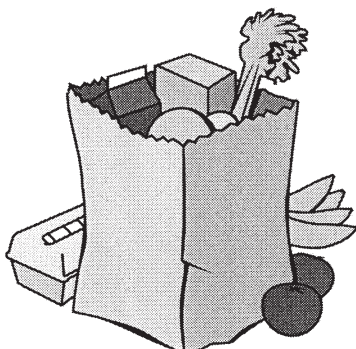
Among the items collected this year:

- 282 cans and packages of soup, chili, and stew
- 208 cans of vegetables

- 189 cans of tuna, chicken, and other canned meat
- 163 boxes of macaroni and cheese
- 98 cans and bags of beans
- 97 boxes of cereal and oatmeal
- 97 boxes of Hamburger Helper, Tuna Helper, Chicken Helper and Homestyle Bakes
- 86 boxes of potato mixes
- 86 bags and boxes of dry pasta
- 85 cans of fruit
- 78 cans and jars of spaghetti sauce, tomato sauce and tomato paste
- 76 cans and boxes of pasta meals
- 53 bags and boxes of rice and rice mixes
- 41 boxes of crackers
- 37 boxes of cake mix
- 25 boxes of pancake mix

Thank You!

Faith Lutheran has one of the largest food drives for the Pierre-Ft. Pierre Food Pantry each year, so the congregation's generosity is greatly appreciated by the Food Pantry and the families it serves. A big thanks to everyone who lent a hand in any way with this important project.



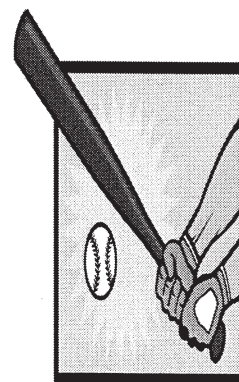
Men's Softball



Faith Lutheran has teamed up with Factor 360 to play in this year's men's softball league during the summer months. *We are in need of a few more guys to complete our roster. If you are able, we invite you to join the team and play.* Please contact Dennis or Pastor Baumann soon if interested. We have a great core group of guys led by our skipper, Dennis Ryckman.

We thank Dennis Ryckman and Dr. Chris Stanley for paying the registration fees.

If you are able, we would like to invite you to please come out and watch our Faith Luth/Factor 360 men's team play. Our games are will be listed in the upcoming bulletins. All games are at the softball complex. It promises to be a fun season and we hope you feel welcome to come and watch some of games as you are able.





Official Acts

Deaths

Gertrude Adams

Funerals

Judy Chambers

Weddings

Caitlin Marie Forman &
Kevin Paul Stiles



Our Confirmands



Trever Anthony Adamson

St. Matthew 10:28

Andrew Minor Axdahl

Philippians 2:14

Paige Emily Brandt

Ephesians 2:8

Kamden Nadene Carter

Psalms 26:8

Kaycee Jean Carter

Isaiah 60:1

Natalie Lynn Fawcett

Philippians 2:14

Ashlee RayeAnn Hiller

Psalms 23:4

Ladd Hayes Kramme

2 Timothy 1:7

Lane Rhodes Kramme

St. John 3:16-17

Savannah Christine Loesch

Psalms 29:2-3

Brant Anthony Malfero

Proverbs 28:1

Cassidy Lynn Miller

Psalms 122:1

Bailey Paige Nelson

Romans 13:10

Maria Elise Noyes

Romans 8:37

Lane Taylor Pope

Psalms 3:8

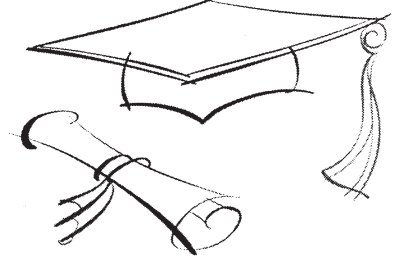
Nathan Michael Shoup

St. Matthew 10:32-33

Deni Marie Zeeb

St. Matthew 6:34

Our Graduates



Hallie Marie Dunn

Hanna Nicole Dunn

Jaden Bryant Filler

Kimberlee Ray Geuther

Brevin William Kaiser

Burkelee Skye Kenefick-Aschoff

Shale Ray Kramme

Martee Grace Larson

Wyatt Ray Loesch

Kaitlyn Anna Marie Magee

Austin David Mammenga

Sierra Nelson

Matthew John Pease

Courtne Ritter

Samuel John Ryckman

Madison Lynn Siebrasse

Mikayla Lynn Thomas

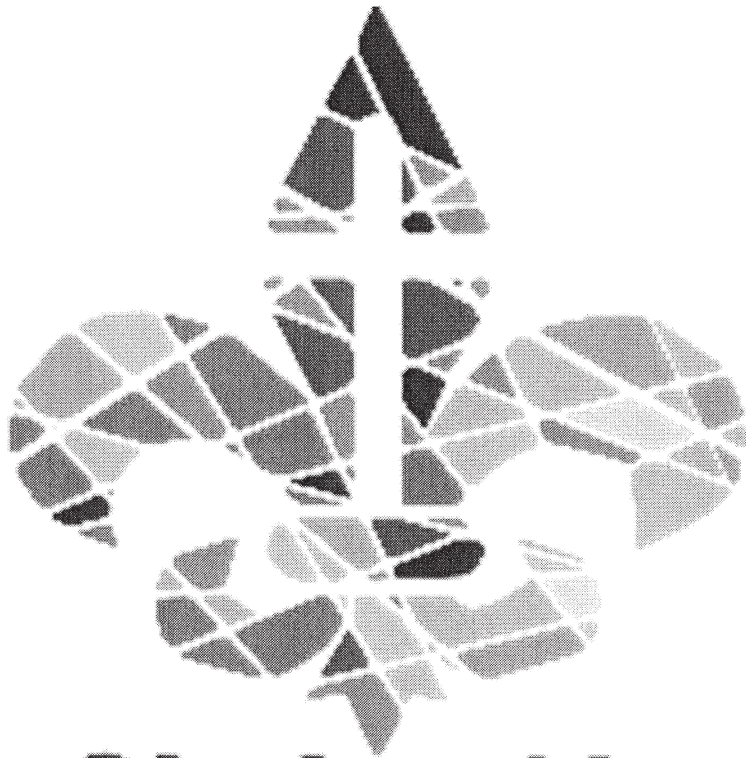
Taylor James Zimmerman



CONGRATULATIONS, GRADUATES!



LCMS YOUTH GATHERING



In Christ Alone LCMS YOUTH GATHERING

July 16-20, 2016

New Orleans, Louisiana

For More Info Check Out:
www.lcmsgathering.com



Bible Bowl News

Congratulations again this year to Faith's Bible Bowl teams.

The teams are numbered 1 to 3 in historical order. Team 1 has competed for 4 years. Team 2 has competed for 3 years. Team 3 is all sixth graders and this is their first year. They won every match and won the state A championship. Team 2 are the runner-up champion. They won gold and silver trophies. Team 1 earned 7th place in the A league competition.

Deni Zeeb won 2nd place in the individual competition out of 50-60 of the finest Bible scholars in the state. Sam Ryckman won 6th place. More important is who they are as Christians. They represented our church with great honor. They are kind, thoughtful, loving, funny, and involved Christians. With them the world is a better place.



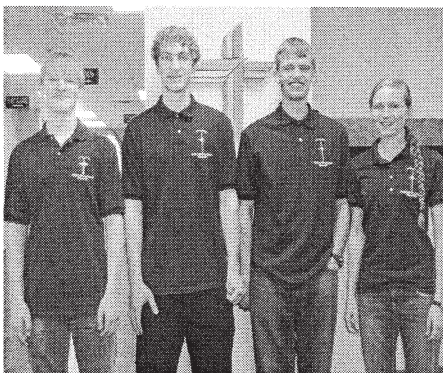
Thanks to them for who they are and their hard work. Thanks to the families that support them.

Thanks to Pastor Josh Baumann who is our Pastor and leader.

Thanks to Sandy Hobart who assisted me. Sandy and I made it to every match of the day. Annette Hill and Carolyn Ryckman did our lunch. Thanks to Pastor

Knefelkamp, the King of Bible Bowl.

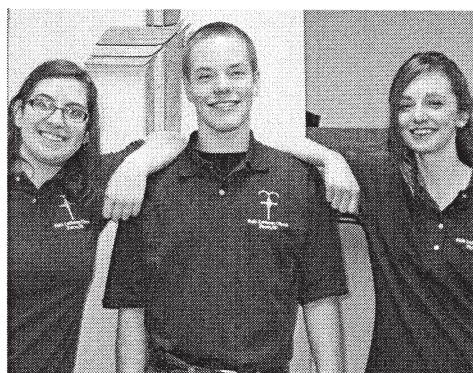
LeRoy Kropuenske, Faith Pierre
2016 Bible Bowl Coach



Faith Pierre 1

A-7th Place

Ethan Hill, Nate Hill
Samuel Ryckman, Cassandra
Ryckman



Faith Pierre 2

A-Runner-Up Champions

Bailey Siebrasse, Nathan Shoup,
Deni Zeeb

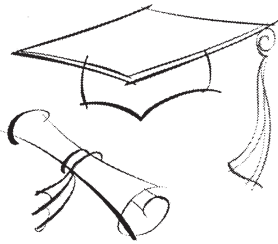


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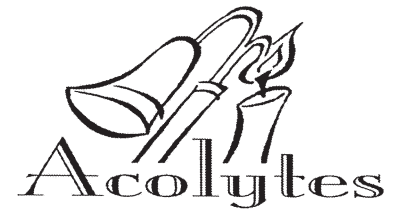
A-Champions

Simon Hill, Gracie Zeeb, Joshua
Ryckman

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SENIOR SUNDAY On May 22nd all the Seniors from both Stanley County and Pierre are invited to participate in early service as we recognize you, and also to stick around in between shortly for brief light refreshments and recognition.



Sunday School Children will be singing on Mother's Day at the 11 o'clock service. All Midweek Youth in Grades 2-8 are expected to sing for service. The children will meet at 10:40 in the Preschool room.

PIERRE CIRCUIT BIBLE CAMP is fast approaching! This summer event is for all youth who will be in incoming grades of 5th through 9th. The dates of camp are June 27-30th. The cost is \$90, but Faith will scholarship \$30 of that for members. We will be in Pierre this year at the downstream campground #3. Camping, swimming, snacks, canoes, Jesus, and YOU! Sign-up today (back table in Narthex). Please invite a friend. We'd love to have them join!

May 1

Early: Pacen Banuat, Jordan Thompson
Late: Joseph King, Jaden Filler

May 8

Early: Melissa Hedglin, Jesse Jares
Late: Adam Schochenmaier, Trevor Hayes

May 15

Early: Rebecca Norris, Kenzie Trujillo
Late: Hannah Lingle, Megan Pease

May 22 Senior Sunday

Early: Sammie Axtell, Cassie Axtell
Late: Kassie Tronvold, Kailee Schultz

May 29

Early: Cassandra Ryckman, Samuel Ryckman
Late: Emily Haberling, Brady Hofteizer



Acolyte Training and Pizza

Thank You Party: Acolyte training for our current 8th grade students will be Sunday, May 1 from 4:00-5:00 in the afternoon, followed by a pizza party at 5:00 for all new and current acolytes. The Board of Elders and Pastors would like to say thank you to our high school students and for all of the God pleasing efforts you put forward in helping with acolyting each week.

OUR LAST DAY OF SUNDAY SCHOOL is going to be Sunday, May 8th.

MIDWEEK — Our last night of Midweek classes for this year is

going to be Wednesday evening

May 4th concluding with an ice cream party (outside). We also want to remind our Midweek students that they will be singing on Mother's Day, which is Sunday, May 8th at the 11 o'clock service.

Did you know? Camp

Minneboji... dates for this summer are set and will be Sunday, June 26th through Saturday, July 2nd. Registration sheets on the back table in the Narthex. A shuttle will be provided to and from camp. Pastor Baumann is coordinating those efforts.



**TEACHERS
of Faith
Lutheran
Church**

(Midweek, Sunday School, Adult Bible Studies—Men's... Ladies... In-home etc. — along with our Daycare, & Pre-school Staff & Teachers)... Join us for a **NOON LUNCHEON** in the gym with your family Sunday, May 15th after the 11 o'clock worship in your honor! Our way of saying thanks for all that you do! We will have lunch, door prizes, and a small program. We praise God for your all service!

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