

January 2017 Newsletter

Faith Lutheran Church

714 N Grand Avenue

Pierre, SD 57501



NEW YEAR'S EVE WORSHIP

December 31, 2016
New Year's Eve Worship
with
Holy Communion
6:30 p.m.

Come finish out the year



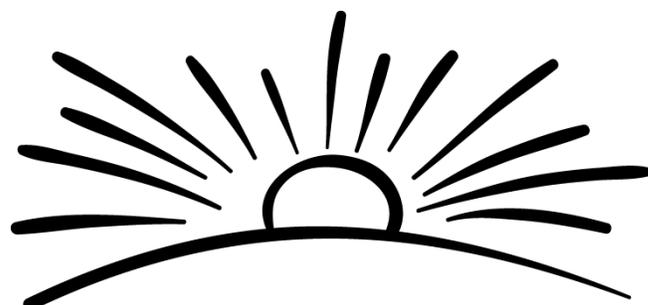
Congregational Aquatics Night

6:00 pm-8:30 pm
Sunday, January 15, 2017

Pizza and Beverage Provided

Please sign up in the Narthex if you
would like pizza so we can have
enough for everyone.

Bring a friend, bring the whole
neighborhood! Just make sure to



New Year's Day WORSHIP SERVICE

in our Lord's presence!
With Holy Communion
10:00 a.m.



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LOOKING AHEAD!

Can you house a few university students?

Do you have a spare bedroom or a fold away bed that you would be willing to share the night of Saturday, March 11? The Concordia, St. Paul band will be traveling through Pierre during their spring tour. Housing for 50 will be needed that evening and breakfast for however many you may agree to house.

Supper will be at Faith, and lunch Sunday will also be served at Faith. Since it is the weekend where we “lose an hour,” the band will be playing in the 11 a.m. service only that morning before they head out for a concert Sunday night in Gillette. This allows you sleep to better, and makes for a much less rushed time for the band members. They will have a long day.

After the first of the year, sign up sheets will go up at church. But please consider now if you can pick up and house two or three band



members. Details will be coming out as we get them.

--Pastor Dan

Upcoming Worship and Communion Services

New Years Eve

Communion,
Saturday December 31,
2016, 6:30 p.m.
“At Just the Right Time.”

New Years Day

Communion,
Sunday January 1, 10 a.m.
(please note the time)

Sunday, January 8,

Worship 8:20,
Communion 11:00

Sunday, January 15,

Communion 8:20,
Worship 11:00

Sunday, January 22,

Worship 8:20,
Communion 11:00

Sunday, January 29,

Worship at 8:20 and 11:00
Service of Prayer and
Preaching

Sunday Morning Adult Bible Class

A special topic will be offered at 9:45 a.m. on Sunday, January 15 for Life Sunday. Then starting January 22, the topic will start with Genesis 1:1 and just continue on each week. Bible Stories for Adults; most of the stories are familiar, but details were likely skipped when you learned them as a child.

All Settled In?

Well, are you all settled into the New Year? We like *new* opportunities with *new* beginnings, and thoughts of *new* family vacation plans and *new* ways to make money for this coming *New Year!* Oh yeah—newness, that excites us! Who doesn’t like a fresh start?!

It doesn’t take us long to settle in and get comfortable in the New Year. It’s refreshing to move from an old thing to something new and exciting, something even better! We are determined that we won’t be bothered by the mistakes and circumstances of the past. “Behold the old has gone, and the new has come!” This too is at the heart of God when he discusses Israel’s unfaithfulness in Isaiah 43:18 “**Forget the former things; do not dwell on the past. See I am doing a new thing! Now it springs up, do you not perceive it? I am making a way in the desert and streams in the waste land.**” It’s good that we can, as St. Paul says in Philippians 3:13, “...*Forgetting what is behind and straining toward what is*

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ahead...” especially when it comes to our sins and past mistakes. We don’t settle into our old sins and stay locked into the past. That’s where the Devil would keep us. We don’t get comfortable with a lifestyle that doesn’t please God (1 Corinthians 6:12-20; Titus 2:11-14) or become cozy with people whose actions compromise our faith (Titus 3:10-11). We don’t stay nestled into our anxieties over the future or our guilt from the past (St. Matthew 6:25-34). We don’t stay hunkered down away from the traditions of the Christian church which has come together weekly for two thousand years (Hebrews 10:25). On Sundays, the Saints of God are gathered to celebrate the victory that is theirs in the Lord of Life, and in the One who is King over death and sin.

God has already condemned and punished your sin in Christ! Don’t settle into staying away from that. Come as you are. Come as often and get as much of Jesus as you can! Take eat, take drink, His very body and blood are given for you. Jesus sets us free from Satan’s clutch on our lives. Jesus empties the power of death and sin over us. Jesus gives our lives value. Jesus sets the lowly in families, and redeems our life from the pit. Jesus crowns us with steadfast love and mercy. God doesn’t dwell on the old, in fact He *hurls* our iniquities into the depths of the sea! One of my favorite verses is God addressing His people through the prophet Micah. **“Who is a God like you, who pardons sin and forgives the transgression of the remnant of his**

inheritance? You do not stay angry forever but delight to show mercy. You will again have compassion on us; you will tread our sins underfoot and hurl all our iniquities into the depths of the sea.”

In your baptism, God is doing a new thing. (Not, baptized?? What a perfect opportunity for a new life in Christ and new beginnings this year! Talk to me!) In baptism, the Old Adam is drowned and the New Adam emerges daily to live a God-pleasing life through the power of the holy Spirit. “Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, He is a new creation; the old has gone, the new has come.” (2 *Corinthians 5:17*)

In Jesus, we are made new, spotless, and perfect in the eyes of our God. We always joke that Lutherans don’t like change, but that’s exactly what a

Pastor Josh Baumann

new year brings: change. That’s exactly what Jesus brings. **“You are no longer darkness.”** (Eph. 5:8) As we settle in to His perfect love, we change to be more like Him. We walk and live in the light of Christ our Savior.

We can adjust to change and whatever life brings because we have Jesus: with us, in us, near us, as One who is for us. *Please God, don’t let me settle into being my old sinful self and what I want to be, change me to be more like you. May you become greater, may I become less in this coming year. In Your Name we ask it. Amen.*

In Christ’s Unchanging Love,



Pastor Baumann

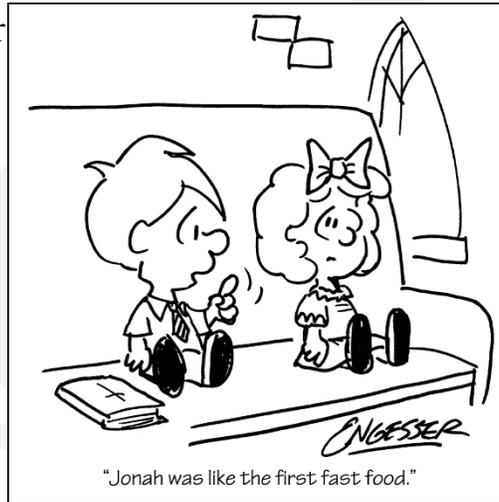


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YOUTH NEWS

Youth in 1st through 5th grade... Pastor Baumann invites you to join him on Friday, January 27th from 6 to 8 p.m. in the gym at Faith Lutheran. We will be having Root Beer Floats, Games, and Tie-dyeing t-shirts. It's a fun opportunity to get together for some activity and fellowship with those our own age. The only thing you can bring besides yourself... is a white t-shirt to tie-dye, oh...and bring a friend too! The rest will be provided. Parents are certainly welcome to come, help out, and stay for the two hours. Can't wait to see you!

to spend time and fellowship together as young Christians each week. Pastor Baumann and Michael Shoup co-lead the group and love to spend time with each person that comes. If you have an activi-



8th Graders are welcomed to join HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP please just come Wednesdays at 8 pm in the gym unless directed otherwise!!!

HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP meets every Wednesday @ 8:00 p.m. at faith. Open to anyone in high school and is intended to be a safe place where high school aged youth can come together

ty that you would like to do, please let either of us know! Creativity is welcome!

Upcoming Youth Dates to Keep in Mind:

Jan. 1st New Year's Day
Worship – 10:00 a.m.

Jan. 4th Midweek Resumes

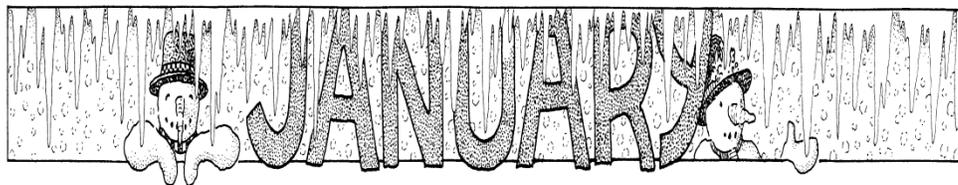
Jan. 8th Sunday School Resumes



January 27th 1st – 5th grade youth tie-dye night 6-8 p.m. (bring your own white t-shirt to use)

January 1, 2017
10:00 a.m. James Fuerst,
Cassandra VanDeWiele

January 8
Early Daniel Voita,
Jessica Weber
Late: Ashlee Hiller,
Natalie Fawcett



Official Acts

Baptism

Sutton Everett Boyle
Brodie Carl Rathbun
Tyler James Carl Rathbun

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