

FAITH LUTHERAN YOUTH PAGE

Reminder 7th and 8th grade Midweek student should be completing sermon outlines – 20 are required for 7th graders and 18 are required for 8th graders. Yellow sheets are available out in the Narthex and on the website. Please hand them in to the church office or to your Pastor during Midweek class.

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.



Advent Services and Midweek Class:

This year, the Advent Worship services leading up to Christmas will occur from 7:00 to 7:30 pm on December 1st, December 8th, and December 15th. Students will attend Midweek classes from 6:00-7:00 and then also attend the Worship services with their family.

Christmas program: Students in PK-5th grade will be participating in our Christmas program. This year, children from our daycare, preschool, and Sunday school will all join to-

gether to share the Christmas story with us. We will have details about the date coming soon. Sunday school students will practice during their regular Sunday class time.

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For God so loved the world He gave His one and only Son that whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have eternal life
John 3:16

Doing Good Works

“For we are God’s workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do” (Ephesians 2:10).

With the same strength and power that God used to create the world and all people, He transforms us into people who are eager to serve and obey Him by doing good works. In Christ, we are new people who are “eager to do what is good” (Titus 2:14). As new creations, we are compelled, by God’s love and changed hearts, to do the works that He has prepared in advance for us to do. Our good works give glory to God rather than ourselves. As Christians, we are privileged to be “a vessel for honorable use, set apart as holy, useful to the Master of the house, ready for every good work” (2 Timothy 2:21).

Dear heavenly Father, I give you praise and thanks for Your unconditional love. Thank you for choosing me to be Your steward. Grant me faith to do the good works You have prepared for me to do. In Your precious name I pray. Amen.

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All Saints’ Sunday, Nov. 7

All Saints’ Sunday will have special moments.

New Memorial Stones will be placed in the Memorial Garden. We will do this every All Saints’ Sunday. This year we had three new names added: Josiah Fuerst, Robert Auch and Irene Eisenbeisz.

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



ALL SAINTS’ DAY



- November 24th** – Thanksgiving Eve worship at 7:00pm.
- December 1st** – Midweek Advent worship at 7:00pm.
- December 8th** – Midweek Advent worship at 7:00pm.
- December 15th** – Midweek Advent worship at 7:00pm.
- December 19th** – Sunday worship at 8:30 & 11:00 am
- December 24th** – Christmas Eve worship at 5:00pm and 7:30pm.
- December 25th** – Christmas Day worship at 9:00am
- December 26th** – Sunday Worship at 8:30 & 11:00am
- December 31st** – New Year’s Eve Worship at 7:00pm

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Thanksgiving Eve

Thanksgiving Service Schedule

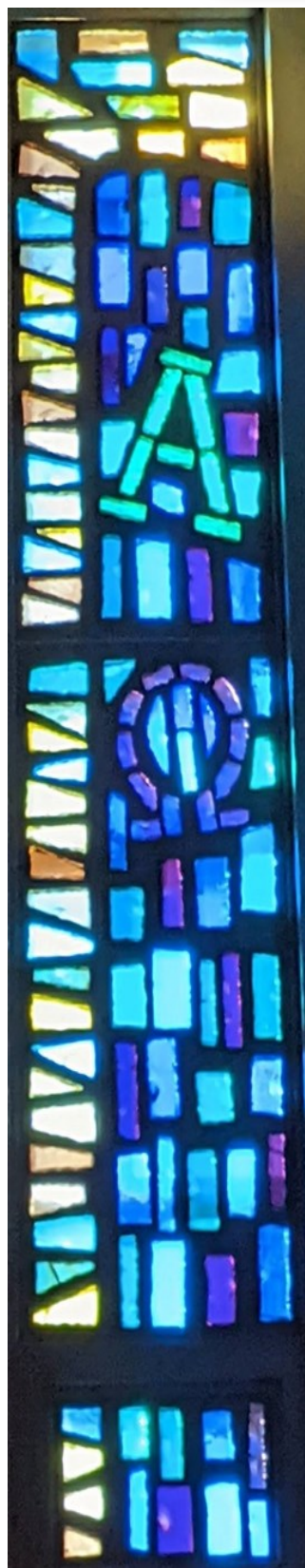
This year’s Thanksgiving service will be on **Thanksgiving Eve**, which is Wednesday, November 24th with service time at 7:00 pm. There will be a Chili soup meal before the service beginning at 5:00pm, but come when you are able, lasting until 6:30.

The meal is followed by a hymn sing at 6:30. The hymn sing is followed by service at 7:00. **THERE WILL BE NO THANKSGIVING DAY WORSHIP SERVICE, ONLY THE EVENING SERVICE THE NIGHT BEFORE THANKSGIVING DAY.** So again, Wed. Nov. 24th – Meal @ 5-6:15pm; Hymn Sing @ 6:30; Service @ 7:00. Hope you and all your family can make it!

There are NO Midweek classes scheduled for Wed. Nov. 24.



*By One Hour
Saturday, November 6*



“The Alpha and the Omega”

The features of our window for this month are some of the most straightforward that we have seen. The Greek letters “Alpha” and “Omega” are prominently positioned in the window. These letters are used three times in the Book of Revelation. Interestingly, two of these times the title is used in a way that we would associate it with the Father, and the third time the title is given to Jesus. We’ll investigate the title on its own and then see why it is given to both Father and Son.

“I am the Alpha and the Omega,” says the Lord God, “who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.” [Rev 1:8]. The use of these two Greek letters, alpha and omega, symbolize the beginning and the end. For us English speakers, we could hear something like “A” and “Z,” but the effect is the same. God follows the use of these letters with words further expressing his eternal nature. He was, he is, and he is to come. It is especially difficult for us to even begin understanding the eternality of God. He existed before time. He continues to exist, and he will exist in eternal life with us. There was no “when” or “how long” in the beginning. We have no way of talking about it that does not include some concept of time. God simply was, he is, and he is to come.

“He who was seated on the throne said...’It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end.” [Rev 21:5-6]. Now we come to the transitional phrase. This time the title could arguably apply to either the Father or to Jesus. The next verse sounds suspiciously like something Jesus told the woman at the well (John 4). Yet the one on the throne is often times the Father. Reading the third use will help us. “I am the Alpha and the Omega, the first and the last, the beginning and the end...I, Jesus” [Rev 22:13, 16]. The third time the title is unquestionably applied to Jesus. He stresses that it is he himself talking. What we have said about the Father applies just as much to Jesus and to the Holy Spirit. They are all three our one God. The Father was, Jesus was, the Spirit was. All three persons continue to be, and they will exist forever.

Ultimately, the ambiguity helps in our conception of God. We do not muddle the three persons, thinking that one is another. Each remains their own unique person. Yet they all together possess the same qualities. Applying the title first to the Father, then in a transitional way, then finally to Jesus helps us to see the cohesive nature of God. Such a rich depth of knowledge is contained in two Greek letters. Come back next month as we continue to investigate the beautiful windows of our sanctuary.

Pastor Sam Handschke

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Faith Lutheran Daycare News

October was a great month! We hosted our Little Caesar’s fundraiser and with the help of our daycare families and the members of the church we were able to make a profit of \$1794.00. This will be used for any extra supplies our teachers need for their weekly lessons as well as for other items we are working on getting to finish setting up centers in our preschool rooms. We also had a visit from the Pierre Fire Department for Fire Safety week, and our children learned how to stop, drop, and roll, what to do when they come across matches or lighters, and what a smoke detector does. They also got to see firefighter Ian Paul in full gear as he gave his presentation. For our Pumpkin theme in October, our amazing teachers shared

this with our children:
Being a Christian is like being a Pumpkin
God picks you from the patch and brings you in. (John 15:16)
Then washes all the dirt off of you. (2 Corinthians 5:17)
He opens you up and scoops out all the yucky stuff. He removes the seeds of doubt, hate, greed, etc. (Romans 6:6)
Then He carves you a new smiling face. (Psalm 71:23)
And He puts His light inside you to shine for all the world to see. (Matthew 5:16)

November 1st-12th : Turkey Feathers and Scarecrows
November 15th-26th: Families and Being Thankful
In the spirit of thankfulness, I want to express just how thankful we are to be able to utilize the amazing spaces within this church. The mission of this daycare is so important to us and being able to use this space is undoubtedly one of the many things that makes it that much easier for each of us to come in and set up an environment that is welcoming, safe, and Christian-oriented. Thank you!



November’s curriculum themes:

Happy Thanksgiving!

Moriah
Daycare Director
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Faith Lutheran Preschool News


A blessed Thanksgiving to all of you! I hope and pray that you are able to give thanks for the many blessings in your life. I am thankful for my wonderful job here at the preschool. Some of my blessings are the children and staff here at school, they bring such joy to me.

We also encouraged the children to come by the church for “Trunk ‘N’ Treat”.

be all about prayers this month.

It is great to be able to tell the children the story of the first Thanksgiving and the real reason for the holiday, thanking God for all that He gives us. God’s blessings to all of you.

Kelsey Kampfe, Director/Teacher
Faith Lutheran Preschool
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 During the month of October, the kids got to go on a walk and find different

fall things outside, they had lots of fun finding leaves that had changed colors! We carved pumpkins and got to see all the seeds in-



During the month of November, we will be working on the letters B, T, and N along with the numbers 7, 8 and 9. The kids will get to bring their favorite bear from home for the week we work on the letter B. We will work on triangle and brown for this month also.

The kids are loving Bible Story time, they especially like when we go to the Sanctuary and meet with pastor to talk about our Bible story. Our Bible lessons will



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Our usher teams are in need of additional members. All teams could use help but those most in need are:



January/May/September	8:30 service
February/June/October	11:00 service
March/July/November	11:00 service
April/August/December	8:30 service

Please prayerfully consider becoming part of one of our teams. Any confirmed member may be an usher. If interested call the office (224-2216) or contact Matthew Reitzel (222-0200). We would be glad to get you on a team.

Where Is Our Identity?

We can live one of two ways—with or without Christ. Our identity is in Christ or in the world. C. S. Lewis said, “There are two types of people. Those who say to God, ‘Thy will be done,’ and those to whom God says, ‘Okay then, have it your way.’” If we live without Christ and have it our way, we live just for ourselves, exalting worldly pleasures and success. If we live with Christ, we exalt Him as the risen Lord. We can squander our talents, waste our time, and spend our money foolishly, or we can use these God-given gifts to His glory as they benefit others. “Each of us will give an account of himself to God,” we read in Romans 14:12. Let us be among those who hear the words, “Well done, good and faithful servant!” (Matthew 25:21).

Lord, grant me Your grace to do Your will and follow Your ways. Grant me wisdom so I can see the foolishness of this world. Keep my eyes fixed on You as my Redeemer and Savior. Help me boldly proclaim the loving and saving gospel to all people. In Your name I pray. Amen.



You shall eat your fill and bless the LORD your God for the good land that he has given you.

Deuteronomy 8:10



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On the Lighter Side

Thought provoking church signs:

- ◆ If you want to hear God laugh, tell Him your plans.
- ◆ Atheists are beyond belief.
- ◆ A Bible that is falling apart belongs to someone who isn't.
- ◆ Be an organ donor—give your heart to Jesus.
- ◆ Cars aren't the only things recalled by their Maker.

GROWING OLDER

“For no one can lay any foundation other than the one that has been laid; that foundation is Jesus Christ.” I Corinthians 3:11

Recently, a friend sent this note to me:

When parents get old: Let them grow old with the same love that they let you grow... let them speak and tell repeated stories with the same patience and interest that they heard yours as a child... let them overcome, like so many times when they let you win... let them enjoy their friends just as they let you... let them enjoy living among the objects that have accompanied them for a long time, because they suffer when they feel that you tear pieces of this life away... let them be wrong, like so many times you have been wrong, and they didn't embarrass you by correcting you... LET THEM LIVE and try to make them happy the last stretch of the path they have left to go; give them your hand, just like they gave you their hand when you started your path. *“Honor your mother and father and your days shall be long upon the earth.”*

That hit home for me. My parents are old. They're 95 and were moved from assisted living to long-term care not that long ago. I've made the seven-hour drive to see them fairly often the last several months. My brother and I have had to make some difficult decisions regarding their care, as well as with all the contents of the 70 year-old house we were raised in. Both parents have dementia. We are all on quite a journey.

How firm a foundation, O saints of the Lord
Is laid for your faith in His excellent Word!
What more can He say than to you He has said
Who unto the Savior for refuge have fled?

My folks did so well for so long, and now, suddenly, they were both declining rapidly. They know us, but Dad is confused a lot of the time. The last time I was home, he asked about a number of his relatives – who are all deceased. I assured him they were all well and safe. One day he was wearing Mom's hearing aids. He was obsessed with taking us out for a meal and didn't understand he would be eating in the dining room. He has no short-term memory, so I do my best to talk farming and trucks with him. I still think of a man who worked very hard to provide for his family and lived his faith.

“Fear not! I am with you, O be not dismayed,
For I am your God and will still give you aid;
I'll strengthen you, help you, and cause you to stand,
Upheld by My righteous, omnipotent hand.”



Mom is very fragile and is in hospice care. She is weak, but her eyes lit up when we walked into her room. She was a strong woman and literally stood behind me when I was practicing my piano lessons. She saw to it that I learned my memory work for Sunday School and Catechism classes. She and I butted heads frequently when I was a teenager. Admittedly, I liked to “push the envelope” a bit and grumbled when she said “No.” I just wanted to have fun and be like everyone else. Dad would always say, “Remember who you are.” I thought I knew, but what he meant was Karen Klein is a child of God and should act like it.

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Growing Older continued

“Throughout all their lifetime My people will prove
My sov’ reign, eternal, unchangeable love;
And then, when gray hairs will their temples adorn,
Like lambs they will still in My bosom be borne.”

The last time we were with Mom and Dad, we all attended the communion service our pastor was conducting in the chapel. I couldn’t help but notice the childlike faith my folks exhibited. My Dad sang the last hymn, “What a Friend We Have in Jesus,” from memory; his pitches were spot-on and his voice hasn’t aged. They both recited the “Lord’s Prayer” and Mom said she was looking forward to being with Jesus. It’s so obvious their faith foundation hasn’t left them, even though their bodies are feeble and weakened.

We will all grow old, and the “firm foundation of our youth” will eventually be crumbling all around us. God understands aging; he is older than creation. He can calm our anxious fears and help us renew the “firm foundation” of our faith in Him. It is comforting to know that He holds our future in His loving hands.

Karen Lindbloom

Faith Lutheran LWML Annual Fall Bazaar Country Fair 2021

“Autumn Skies and Lotsa Pies” was the theme for this year’s LWML Country Fair. We certainly had beautiful skies and a whole lot of pies for our special event!

We extend heartfelt thanks to everyone who helped in any way. The booth chairs and all the workers who helped the day of the event, whether you worked in a booth or the kitchen, or served as a cashier. Those who worked behind the scenes designing gift baskets, crafting table centerpieces, decorating the sidewalk and entryway, making announcements, helping with PR and volunteer registration, or helping with set-up and teardown.

And thank you to those who so generously donated items! We are grateful for donations of gift basket items, lunch counter needs, crafts, produce, canned goods, candy, and baked goods.

And finally, THANK YOU to all those who came and shopped and made purchases. It certainly takes a village to put on the Country Fair - and together we gathered just over \$7,000 to help the people of our own village here in Pierre, as well as in the region and the global village.

Thank you for another successful Country Fair!

Blessings,

Kristy Deal,
Country Fair Chair



Skies &
Lotsa Pies!



Where proceeds go

GLOBAL / NATIONAL:

- Orphan Grain Train
- Pastor Rajek – Missionary to Latvia

DISTRICT:

- President’s Mercy Fund
- Pastor Sutton – Pine Ridge Reservation Ministry

LOCAL:

- Countryside Hospice
- Meals on Wheels

FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH (FLC)

IN-HOUSE PROJECTS:

- Seed money toward supporting FLC Daycare employees
- FLC Daycare
- College Student Goodie Box Project
- LYF Scholarships for National Youth Gathering (July 2022)
- Organ repair or replacement
- Sheet music for vocal and bell choirs
- FLC Preschool

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Adult Inquirer’s Class

This is a wonderful class for everyone that covers the basic teachings of our church and helps you understand what makes us Christian and specifically Lutheran as well.

This is an especially important class for those who are new with us and who would desire to become a part of our Faith Family.

This class will meet **Monday, November 8 from 6:00 pm-9:00 pm** in the Young Conference Room next to the office.

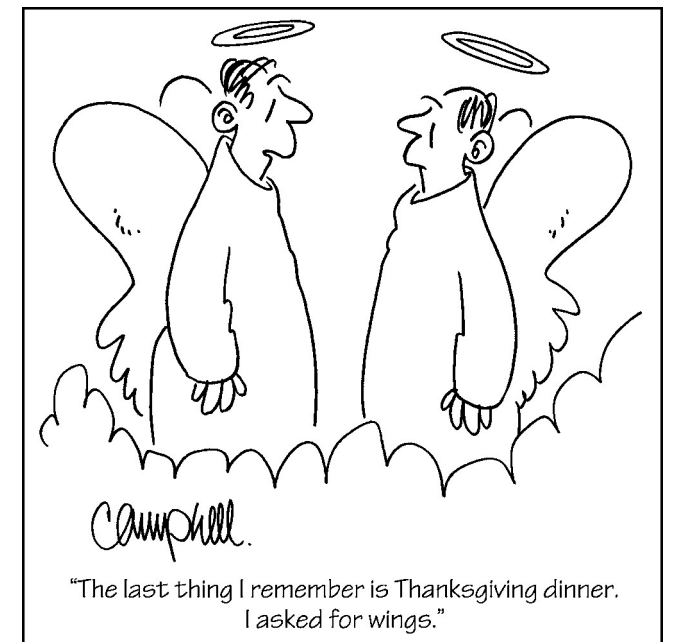
Contact Pastor Handschke or the office for details (224-2216)

Official Acts

Funeral
Vern Dockter
10/16/2021



Deadline for the December newsletter is **November 17**. Any articles submitted after this date will not be in the newsletter.



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