



MAY 2022 NEWSLETTER

Faith Lutheran Church

714 N. Grand Avenue

Pierre, SD 57501

COMPASSION

Once again, on May 1, the Compassion packets will be on the Living Room table for anyone wishing to sponsor a child living in poverty. Sponsors make such a difference in the spiritual and physical lives of these children.

This is a great opportunity to live out God's call to care for the poor. As a sponsor, not only will you help support a child's growth and development, but you also will build a relationship with him or her. Through letters, you can remind a child that you love them, that God loves them and that there is hope.

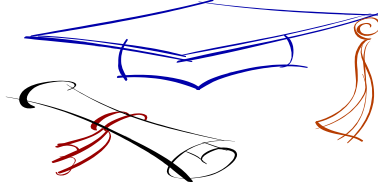
Please prayerfully consider if this is an opportunity to which you can commit.

Thanks for your consideration.

Defend the weak and the fatherless; uphold the cause of the poor and the oppressed.

Psalm 82:3 NIV

2022 Graduates



Addison Cumbow

Kennady Hanig

Cadence Harkless

Ranni Hopkins

Casey Keller

Emily Lingle

Ryan Otkin

Carissa Ott

Jackson Overweg

Ain Peterson

Joshua Ryckman

Drew Schuchard

Brilie Schulz

Ellie Smith

Daysen Titze

Taylor Warriner

Gracie Zeeb

Samantha Zeltinger



Voters Meeting

Voter's Assembly

May 1, 2022

9:45 in CFLC



Join us for a special Ascension Day worship service Wednesday, May 25 at 7:00 pm.

Sent Forth By God's Blessing



“Big Church, Little Church”



This month we get to describe the last stained glass window in our sanctuary. Our final window is unique; there is likely no other similar window in existence. The two main features of this window are the cross and dove, and the Luther's seal. While we will not describe these two features in depth, having both of them on the same window lets us talk about the Church, both as the group of us gathered at Faith and the whole group of us Christians around the world.

When talking about God's Church, it can mean either a big church or a little church. I do not mean the size of a congregation. Instead, by a little church I mean that building where God's people gather. There are thousands of these dotted across our country and throughout the world. God's people gather in buildings, homes, or clearings to hear his Word and receive his gifts. Each little church is distinct. Our customs here at Faith will be a bit different from any other little church. That difference is good. As a sign of our special customs, we can focus on our cross. When we gather before that cross, we hear about our Savior, Jesus, who died and rose to make us his people.

That message of our Savior's love is shared throughout the world. The Luther's seal (the red heart with the white flower and golden ring) helps to remind us that we are part of the big church. I do mean our distinct Lutheran way of seeing God's word, and yet I also mean something bigger. Not just the collection of Christians all across the world. The big church is even larger than that. It includes every believer who has ever lived. The big church goes back in time to the very beginning and stretches forward to the day when Jesus returns. That is a very big church. Imagine the number of believers who would be included in that. They are all hearing the same message of God's love and promises and responding with the same admiration and praise.

God gives us both the big church and the little church. In the big church, he connects us to himself. Every believer is part of the same family of God, part of his big church. And God has also given us certain places to gather together, his little churches. No matter the size or location of those buildings, they are the place where God's people can come again and again to celebrate in their own local customs and take confidence in God's promises for them.

Pastor Sam

Sent Forth By God's Blessing



AT ALL TIMES

*“Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer.”
Romans 12:12*



A few weeks ago, I was going through photographs and arranging them in chronological order for a project. I ran across this one of my granddaughter, Ava, who was part of the wedding party at Uncle Rodd’s wedding. She had no idea the photographer was behind her. She was about six years old at the time, and when the pastor said, “Let us pray,” she knew it was serious business. With child-like faith and in her young girl’s heart, she recognized that the pastor was talking to God.

*Be still, my soul, before the Lord, for God is always near.
Before your mind is moved to pray, God listens and will hear.*

Ava was taught to pray. When her folks used to put her in her highchair, she would automatically fold her hands. This was even before she could really talk. We used to kind of chuckle about it – mostly because she looked so cute – but it really wasn’t anything to laugh about. Her family had modeled that for her, and “Amen” was one of her first words. A couple of summers ago, she came to stay with me for a few days. I would announce, “Bedtime!” She’d jump on the bed (she’s been in karate since she was three years old), then kneel, fold her hands and bow her head so we could pray together. She didn’t take it lightly.

*You need not multiply your words nor pray with practiced art.
Beyond all speech, God understands the hunger of your heart.*

I’ve been attending the Sunday morning adult Bible Study on prayer, narrated by Max Lucado. It’s led me to think about my prayer life over the years. When I was a young child, my folks would read “Little Visits With God” aloud at bedtime. Dad would then ask, “What do you want to tell God?” While my brother and I were taught any number of prayers as we were growing up, my folks wanted us to know that prayer was simply talking to God. They wanted spending time with God to become a habit with us.

*Wait, then, in quiet confidence, your anxious thoughts at rest.
God knows your needs before you ask and works for what is best.*

Continued on page 4



AT ALL TIMES *continued*

During my college years, there were times when my prayers were far and few in between, or I prayed mostly when I was under stress or in a jam. I regularly attended worship and prayed jointly with the rest of the congregants, but didn't always spend quality time in private prayer, building a relationship with my Heavenly Father. In the years since then, I've done a lot of growing and realize that praying at all times offers the understanding that God is nearby and wants an active role in our lives. When there are no words, the good news is that the Holy Spirit intercedes for us. Sometimes he even gives us the words when we find ourselves lacking. Prayer is about having faith and knowing that God answers with what is best for us. Spend some time sitting quietly, and let him take the reins for you. He knows your heart!

*Be still, my soul, before the Lord; on God in patience wait.
God's love, unseen, surrounds your life; God's help will not be late.*

Karen Lindbloom



Mexico Mission Motor Coach Announcement

A forty-one passenger motor coach has been purchased by the Mexico Mission team from funds donated to the Mexico mission as a result of serving you and others through cleaning yards, staining decks, serving meals, painting in homes, and other service tasks. Your generosity has allowed mission groups to go down to Mexico and build five homes for families, share Christ through Vacation Bible Schools, and hand out thousands of Bibles and tracts. The motor coach will be a great addition for this year's mission trip and years to come. The purchase made sense for many reasons, including that the size of the team traveling on the mission has been enlarging (33 going this year) making airline travel more expensive, flight costs are going up, and flight delays and cancelations are becoming the norm rather than the exception.

The motor coach has been given to the church and ISN'T IT EXCITING to think how God will use this new mode of transportation to share His Good News both near and far!? Perhaps we can take a large work crew to help with a VBS and/or fix up buildings at Rosebud with Pastor Utecht, travel to the Ark Encounter, go to the March for Life rally in Washington, DC, or take a load of youth to camp. The opportunities are endless.

The motor coach is an older model but in great condition overall. The motor coach is currently receiving upgrades and fixes to make it ready for its first trip in May to the border. Last weekend the mission team took out all the seats and gave the bus an extreme cleaning. The seats have been shampooed and the flooring will soon be replaced.

Although the bus has been paid for, these additional costs are adding up. This message is to ask that you please prayerfully consider assisting with some of the extra costs of the bus. These extra costs include adding airbags, adjusting the leveler, providing general maintenance items to be sure road ready, adding electrical inverter and outlets, supplementing lighting, installing a sink, changing the back seat to be a place for storing food items, replacing the flooring, and fixing up the plumbing. The mission group is handling many of these items using specialists in the various areas from our congregation, but assistance is desired for the materials and the mechanic's labor.

You may place your donation for any of these items into the offering plate by the back doors of the sanctuary, on the desk in the church office, or in the chest next to the DONATION TREE in the Narthex. If you wish, you may also help fund the Bibles and tracts that will be distributed on the mission trip or the Vacation Bible School the team will be having with the children in Mexico.

Thank you for all the support you have given to the Mexico Mission Trip through the years from your donations for the yard work projects and other donations.

Sent Forth By God's Blessing



2022 Food Drive: Over a Ton of Donations!



The congregation of Faith Lutheran Church put their faith into action once again this year, and donated a near-record level of food and household products for the Pierre-Ft. Pierre Food Pantry in March!

The congregation donated a whopping **2,182** items. The only time we saw a higher number was following the Missouri River flood of 2011! The donations filled **192** boxes and weighed in at **2,332.2** pounds. In addition, members of the congregation gave **financial contributions totaling \$1,775**.

Among the items collected this year:

- 236** cans of tuna, chicken, and other canned meat
- 235** cans of fruits and vegetables
- 210** boxes of macaroni and cheese
- 158** cans and packages of soup, stew, chili and ramen noodles
- 129** boxes and bags of dry pasta

- 123** packages/containers of soap, shampoo, toothpaste, toothbrushes, personal care products
- 112** boxes of “helper” meals for hamburger, tuna and chicken
- 97** boxes and bags of cereal and oatmeal
- 89** bottles of peanut butter and jelly
- 89** bottles and packages of household products: cleaners, dish soap, trash bags, paper towels, toilet paper
- 88** cans of pasta meals
- 63** cans and jars of spaghetti sauce, tomato sauce, tomato paste, tomatoes
- 47** boxes of pancake mix
- 26** bottles of syrup
- 19** containers of laundry detergent and fabric softener

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. Thank you to everyone who lent a hand in any way with this servant project - from donating items to providing financial contributions to helping sort items to helping haul and unload at the Pantry!





PRESCHOOL NEWS

WOW! What a blessing this school year has been, I can't believe it's almost summer break, we have had such a wonderful school year. Miss Serena and I have had the privilege of working with 50 wonderful students this year. God is Great!!

In May we will be making our mothers a special gift and having our class picnics which will be held May 10th, 11th, and 13th. We will be praying for beautiful weather so we can have them outside at the park.



I have been so blessed with my first year here at Faith Lutheran as the Preschool Teacher, and I am excited for the years to come!

We still have a few openings in our Monday - Wednesday class in the AM and the PM, if you know anyone needing preschool, please send them our way. We have lots of fun things planned for next year already.

I want to thank everyone who donated to our preschool this year, we couldn't do it without the love and support from each and everyone of you. We hope you have a wonderful summer.

Gods Blessings,
Kelsey Kampfe
Preschool Director/ Teacher



Happy Mother's Day!





Daycare News

April flew right on by! We were blessed to welcome three new employees – Gabrielle as Assistant Director, McKayla as Lead Infant Teacher, and Karly as a part-time float. All three are off to a great start and we're so happy to have them as part of our team! We are still looking for a Lead and Assistant Cook.

We are getting excited as the end of the school year and the start of our summer shenanigans approaches! Last year we didn't get to take our schooler group on many field trips, but we're hoping this summer we can plan ahead and find an extra person to help transport and supervise during these outings. Regardless, we are still planning on doing water play outside on the playground which the children seem to enjoy just as well!

May Curriculum Themes:

Animals: May 2nd – May 13th

Daniel and the Lion's Den –

Concept: Sometimes people will try to trick us because we love God. We should be faithful in prayer. God is always able to protect us.

Dinosaurs: May 16th – May 27th

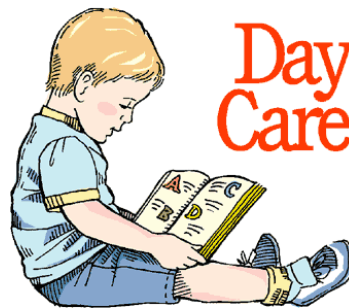
Armor of God – Concept: We should put on the Armor of God. We can be strong in the Lord. We should pray always.

Camping: May 30th – June 10th

The Unforgiving Servant – Concept: We should forgive others. God forgives people's sins. We should forgive without counting.

As always, thank you for all the ways you support our daycare!

Moriah Kiepke
daycare@faithluth.com



Official Acts

Baptisms

Oakden Eugene Wilson 4/22/22

Lillian Sky Poppe 4/24/22

Ariell Larae Marnell 4/30/22

Maury Lee Marnell 4/30/22

Haxton Lee Kampfe 5/8/22

Funeral

Robert (Mal) Hinckley Sr. 4/22/22

Men's Club



Our Men's Club will meet Monday, May 2 at 7:00 pm.

Bring a snack to share. Beverage will be provided. We will throw darts, bean bags or maybe play cards. Up to you. It will be a time of great fellowship.



Articles for the June newsletter are due no later than May 20.





Faith Lutheran Youth News

Camp Minneboji

Camp is scheduled for **June 19-25, 2021**. You may attend Minneboji if you **have completed** grades 4-9.



your student will develop their sense of who God has made them

Minneboji is a Lutheran summer camp program led by our South Dakota and Minnesota South districts of the LCMS and hosted at Camp Okoboji in Milford, Iowa.

and called them to be.

Registration forms are available online. See Pastor Sam with questions or if you are interested.

Through Bible study, talks with missionaries, music, crafts, and sports,

CIRCUIT BIBLE CAMP

Keep checking the bulletins for more details as they become available.

