# Faith Lutheran Church NOVEMBER 2022 NEWSLETTER

#### 714 N GRAND AVENUE

PIERRE, SOUTH DAKOTA 57501

# All Saints' Sunday, Nov. 6

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 one new name added: Pauline Votteler.

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



# *Thanksgiving Eve* Thanksgiving Service Schedule

This year's Thanksgiving service will be on **Thanksgiving Eve**, which is Wednesday, November 23rd with service time at 7:00 pm. **THERE WILL BE NO THANKSGIVING DAY WORSHIP SERVICE, ON-LY THE EVENING SERVICE THE NIGHT BEFORE THANKS-GIVING DAY.** So again, Wednes-

day, Nov. 23rd Service @ 7:00. Hope you and all your family can make it!

There are NO Midweek classes scheduled for Wed. Nov. 23.



Sunday, November 20, 2022 Between services Sponsored by our Men's Club Free-will offering



By One Hour

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# DAILY LIFE

God's gift of life is one of his greatest blessings. Life is not only your ability to breathe and move. God provides life now and forever. You have the promise of **eternal life** through Jesus. We are heading towards our home on a **lifelong journey**. This month we'll see how that journey is progressed in our **daily lives**.

Sometimes it can be hard to see a connection between our faith and our lives. This is a fairly typical struggle for Christians. We know about our eternal future with Jesus. We spend time hearing his Word and receiving his gifts. But come Monday morning, it is hard to see how our jobs or outings are part of that promise. In a not-quite-parable, predicting-the-future, Jesus surprises his people. He tells them "I was hungry and you gave me food" (I encourage you to read Matthew 25:31-46 for the full details). They don't understand when Jesus was their guest for dinner. But he tells them, "As you did it to one of the least of these my brothers, you did it to me."

These words energize our lives. We are not just checking off a list for Tuesday and Wednesday. This is not another week repeating the same dull routine of life. Each and every day is packed full of moments to care for Jesus. What makes it difficult is that none of the people look like Jesus. They look like average people. And they are. Your jobs, your outings, the responsibilities you undertake are for other people. You help them in some way. As you do these things, you also do them to Jesus. Did you realize how many good things you did for Jesus today? I would imagine that you cannot think of all of them. Tomorrow you will have another opportunity to care for Jesus. That is an amazing realization and blessing. Your life is a constant outpouring of your love and trust in Jesus. Life is not a matter of trying to find some Christian-ish thing to do each day. Instead, each day is a Christ-filled series of events. Just by being you, just by doing what you do each day, you are serving and loving Jesus.

That promise fills your life with meaning and purpose. This is all for Jesus. Even things we think of as mundane are for our Lord. Make dinner for Jesus. Buy clothes for Jesus. Go to coffee with Jesus. He just looks like so many average people. Every action and word is for your Savior.

Eventually, like the people in Matthew 25, you will see this truth. It was for Jesus all along. When you receive the promise of **eternal life**, it will all make sense. We are all heading towards our eternal home on this **lifelong journey**. Our **daily lives** give us moments to love and honor our Savior. Next month, we will focus on the times of sharing **life together**. We support and encourage each other in the joys and struggles of life. God's gift of life is a varied and beautiful gift. I hope you continue to join us in our goal of "Equipping God's people for life."

Pastor Sam Handschke



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# **EXPERIENCE; BE STILL**

#### "Be still and know that I am God; I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth." Psalm 46:10

A few days ago, I received a call from St. William's Living Center, where my 96-year-old dad resides. A couple of days before that, they called to get my permission for Dad to get his annual flu and Covid injections. I asked how things were going and the nurse replied that all was well. However, the call a few days later was completely different. I was told Dad was especially confused that day; he was crying and looking for Mom (who passed away in February).

> Be still and know that He is God; be still and know that He is holy. Be still, oh restless soul of mine; bow before the Prince of Peace; Let the noise and clamor cease.

Dad has some dementia. While he knows my brother and me, and is always happy to see us, he has no short-term memory. He will ask us any number of times where we are staying when we come to town. He always asks if we can stay for supper – and doesn't understand why we are not allowed to. This particular day, the nurse asked if I would try talking to him. They put Dad on speaker phone (I'm sure he probably didn't understand how that works) and I greeted him and asked how his day was going. He replied, "Not worth a ------!" He then proceeded to unleash a barrage of profanity-laced remarks, punctuated with pitiful sobbing.

Be still and know that He is God; be still and know that He is faithful. Consider all that He has done; stand in awe and be amazed; And know that He will never change.

I was absolutely stunned! I had never heard my dad speak in that manner, nor use that kind of language. Dad has always been an upright man who lived his faith, and set an example of Christian behavior, and one of service to the Lord. I didn't know what to say or do; after I hung up, guilt came creeping in. I texted my brother and asked, "What do we do?" Norm has always been the voice of reason, and texted back there was really nothing we could do. He didn't think anything would change, even if we could visit him every day. He reminded me that Dad is getting the best of care, and ended with, "It's probably depression and dementia. Feeling helpless. I can only imagine what it feels like." I had to remember that Dad is a child of God, and God would take care of him.

> Be still and know that He is God; be still and know He is our Father. Come rest your head upon His breast. Listen to the rhythm of His unfailing heart of love beating for His little ones, Calling each of us to come, Be still, be still.



When the call about Dad came, I happened to be listening to a CD by Italian pianist and composer Ludovico Einaudi. This gentleman has composed scores for films and television, and since the 1980's has begun writing in a post-classical style – with elements of pop, rock and folk. The music concentrates on relaxation and creates an atmosphere of emotion and fluidity. The song that was playing when the phone call came in is "Experience," from the album, "In a Time Lapse." It combines piano and instruments and builds on the repetition of simple motifs. When I listen to it now, I have to say "Experience" awakens the soul; it gives life and calms the mind; it feeds and heals the cells. It literally has taken me back to memories of long ago that I've since forgotten. I think I'm going to play it for Dad the next time I see him.

Karen Lindbloom

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#### Autumn Leaves & Pumpkins Please

It was a beautiful day to host Country Fair. From start to finish, there was a nice crowd. People came to shop, have coffee and rolls (or PIE!), visit with friends, and stay for lunch. People were excited to come, took advantage of our awesome entryway display for photo ops and enjoyed a day out.

Faith Lutheran's generosity continues to amaze me. The congregation once again came through for us. All the items donated to make the beautiful baskets, which received lots of compliments. Everybody who provided food to make our delicious lunch. We had some unique and beautiful crafts this year. Our Church is blessed to have many members who are talented with making crafts! We can't forget all those that baked goodies, made candy, canned goods, jellies, and more! The tables were full and emptying quickly.

Thank you to anyone and everyone who donated or provided items for the Fair! Thanks to all the booth chairwomen, PR people, greeters, decorators, all the workers old and new, and the many members who made soups, pies, caramel rolls, and pulled pork for our lunch counter. It takes many hands to put on the Country Fair. All the help is much appreciated!

Now, a drum roll, please: Country Fair raised \$7,800! With this money, we can fund all our Mission Projects and In-house Projects. Thank you! Thank you!

Sincerely,

Kristy Deal Country Fair Chairman



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#### Where proceeds go GLOBAL / NATIONAL:

- Lutheran Church Charities
- K-9 Comfort Dog Ministry
- Orphan Grain Train DISTRICT:
- Main Street Living
- LWML Mites LOCAL:
- Hospice-Memory Care
- Pierre Governor's Grocery middle school pantry program

FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH (FLC) IN-HOUSE PROJECTS:

- Cradle Roll
- College Student goodie project
- Mission motor coach ongoing expense
- Faith Lutheran Preschool & Daycare
- Mission Trip to Mexico

## Preschool Fundraiser

Faith Lutheran Preschool is having a Rada Cutlery fundraiser this fall. Utensils for your kitchen, knives, peelers, spatulas, cutting boards, baking pans, marinades, dips, soup and sauce mixes, cook-

books and gift books, grill brush, cutlery gift sets, and much more. These make great gifts for Christmas, weddings, birthdays, etc. Reasonably priced. Excellent quality. You simply can't go wrong with Rada's lineup of essential kitchen tools.

Sale dates: now through November 3. Use code below or fill out an order form and Kelsey will submit.





Deadline for the December newsletter is **November 17**.

"The last thing I remember is Thanksgiving dinner. I asked for wings."

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

### Fall Bake Sale

The Board of Early Childhood Education is hosting a Fall Bake Sale on Sunday, November 20<sup>th,</sup> 2022. The sale will be in the Narthex from 10:00 am-12:30 pm. We are requesting donations of baked goods such as: pies, cookies, bars, breads, and candies. If you love to bake and would like to donate items, please drop them off in the church kitchen on Saturday, November 19<sup>th</sup>. All funds raised will go toward the support of Faith Lutheran Daycare and Preschool. Thank You!





*Y* ou shall eat your fill and bless the LORD your God for the good land that he has given you. Deuteronomy 8:10 FOREVER YOUNG THANKSGIVING POTLUCK

# Thursday, November 17 at noon

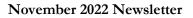
This event is for those members 55 years old and older who are retired or semi-retired.

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Bring some of your favorite Thanksgiving foods and desserts to share.

Always good food and great company! Please join us November 17 at noon!





### Faith Lutheran Daycare News

We have finished up two of our fundraisers, pictures and pizzas. With the sales of both of these we have hit the half way point of our goal to be able to send our teachers to a conference in April. This conference allows us to not close 4 times a year for trainings. Thank you to all that bought pizza! We also just finished up our first round of conferences and the parents and teachers found it informative and helpful to work together for the children. We want to again thank all that continue to help and support the families



and children that attend daycare here.

God Bless and we wish everyone a Happy Thanksgiving.

Mandy Vogel/Kim Jensen

Daycare Directors Faith Lutheran Daycare 714 N Grand Ave., Pierre (605) 224-4748



### Faith Lutheran Preschool News

A blessed Thanksgiving to all of you! I 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.



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 col-

ors!! We also learned about fire safety during fire prevention week.



We carved pumpkins and got to see all the seeds inside. We also encouraged the children to come by the church for "Trunk 'N' Treat".

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 square 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 les-

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sons will 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 blessing to all of you.

Kelsey Kampfe, Director/ Teacher Faith Lutheran Preschool preschool@faithluth.com





### FAITH LUTHERAN EDUCATION AND YOUTH PAGE

Christian Education: As parents we recognize how important it is for our children to have a good, comprehensive education. We will help with homework, stay up late to dren. finish that project, or hire a tutor. We will do whatever it takes to give Catechism is different, the program our children the help they need to have a good education and eventually a good life. We don't want our children to struggle through this life with worries, problems, or concerns. It is our passion as parents to want the best for our children.

The Board of Christian Education has a passion for your children too. We want them to know Jesus, to understand the Bible so that as adults they are prepared to live a Christian life. We know how important it is for them to have a comprehensive Christian Education. We want them to be prepared not only for their lives as adults, with all the struggles that they will face, but their life in eternity.

Faith Lutheran Church under the direction of the Board of Christian Education provides many opportunities for growth for children and adults. We have many adult Bible studies that we can attend to help us grow. Also the church provides Sunday School and Catechism for the children of our congregation. They are two separate, but equal programs that bring different things to the children.

Sunday school teaches our children the Bible stories that relate to our daily lives. The children can learn about the child King Josiah, who was only eight years old when he took the throne of Judah. A child, just like them, who God used to bring his people back into the study of the Word. The children learn that David was only a youth when God used him to save His people from the Philistine army. Sunday School brings the Bible to life for our chil-

centers on the Six Chief Parts of the Small Catechism. During our Wednesday nights the children learn about our Lutheran beliefs with Bible supports, as written by Martin Luther the great reformer. Catechism focuses on the doctrine of our church.

We want what is best for our children on this earth, but don't forget that your children are also preparing for the best life of all with God in eternity. When they are fully educated in the Bible, they will know how to handle all the worries, problems, or concerns that come their way as adults in this world. Christian Education is the most important thing you can give your children. The Board of Christian Education is passionate about educating children. You can help your children by making sure they attend both Sunday School and Catechism classes.

Memory program: We believe that it is important for our children (and adults) to learn the Six Chief Parts of the Catechism and Bible Verses, so with that as our goal, the Board of Education has developed a memory program for our children. The memory work is age appropriate and builds on each grade level. All children will receive a copy for their grade level, and we will have the entire memory program available for parents so that they can

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help their children with this especially important learning.

Parent Reminder: Catechism classes begin at 6:00 p.m. and end at 7:00 p.m. If you are going to Chapel service with your children, or if you are picking your children up and taking them home, please be on time so that the children do not wander around the parking lot or the church. Thank you so much.

### Children's Christmas Worship Service

The Board of Education is pleased to announce that the children in our Sunday School and Catechism programs will lead the 11 o'clock worship service on December 18. We will have Saturday morning practices from 9 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. on December 3, 10 & 17. The children will be sharing the good news of our Savior's birth. It is an exciting time for them to learn how important it is to be a part of the church and participate in worship. Parents this is a fantastic opportunity to get the last-minute Christmas shopping, baking, or wrapping done while the children are at church!

