

# September 2022 Newsletter

Faith Lutheran Church

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## LWML AUGUST FUN NIGHT 2022



**The LWML August Fun Night was held on Monday, August 8 at Branding Iron Bistro with 41 women attending from the congregation.** The ladies enjoyed a delicious meal, followed up with guest speaker, Pastor Brad Urbach. Pastor gave a history of the Country Fair, its beginning in 1973 and its continuation every year since then. Being held on a Saturday every October, (minus one year due to Covid) Country fair monies received go to missions: locally, nationally and abroad. The evening was topped off by desserts and fellowship.





## “Words of Eternal Life”

“Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life.” – John 6:68. Jesus has just asked his disciples if they want to leave him. After a particularly hard lesson (I encourage you to read the rest of John 6), many of Jesus’ followers turn away and desert him. But the disciples recognize something that the crowd did not know. His disciples (including you and me) have come to Jesus for his most precious gift: eternal life.

We at Faith are “equipping God’s people for life.” This phrase will help to guide our thoughts and actions over the coming year. We look at God’s gift of life in four ways: our destination of **eternal life**, the **lifelong journey** to reach it, the **daily life** that we all face, and the support and encouragement of **life together**. This month we’ll look at God’s promise of eternal life and how this first gift focuses us for all the rest.

We have the best possible outcome for our lives. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, we have the promise of eternal life in God’s perfect presence. No matter what might happen to you during your life, the joy and struggles, the excitement and heartbreak, you are destined for eternal life. You will rise and live with Christ in paradise. This promise gives us encouragement when our lives are bleak. All the disasters of life, health concerns, money problems, broken relationships, and many more, will be permanently fixed by God. God will also physically live among us.

We cannot receive this comfort in any other person or thing. You hear many people and products promising to improve your life. Commercial breaks and website sidebars are filled with things that say they can make you happy, successful, or fulfilled. They may satisfy you for a while, but eventually you will realize how empty they are. Simon Peter faced a similar situation. Many of Jesus’ followers were looking for easier answers. He responds to his Lord that he has found the only source of life. He will not leave Jesus for any reason. Neither will we.

We gather together at Faith to remember and celebrate the gift of eternal life. In worship, in Bible study, in our prayers and Bible reading, we are reminded again and again about life. God has secured your future. You can have confidence that you will live with him in paradise. This certainty is not only for that time. It also shapes the way we live and act now. Next month we’ll look at the **lifelong journey** we each walk towards God’s great promise. Then we’ll see how our future impacts the way we live our **daily life**. After that, we’ll hear how God unites us for **life together** to share our joys and burdens with each other.

*Pastor Sam*



## HOLY MANNA

*“Because of the Lord’s great love we  
are not consumed, for his  
compassions never fail. They are new  
every morning; great  
is your faithfulness.*

*Lamentations 3:22 & 23*

### WILDERNESS MANNA

My wilderness manna  
Just enough....  
No more, no less  
Peace for the present  
Grace for the moment  
Strength for today  
New mercies each morning  
God’s gifts are sufficient  
Each step of the way  
From his abundance  
God meets my needs  
Just enough....  
No more, no less  
My wilderness manna

Not long ago, I found the above poem in one of our Lutheran periodicals. I love poetry; whether it rhymes and has perfect meter, whether it’s free style, or even if it is a limerick or haiku. I don’t know if everyone has taken notice, but every single hymn in our Lutheran Service Book is poetry – and nearly every one has its own perfect meter and rhyming. If one reads a hymn verse aloud, the rhyming becomes very apparent. Also, every hymn in the LSB is based on Scripture and every hymn has its own tune name. You can find the Bible passage(s) and the name of the tune in the lower right-hand corner of each hymn, as well as the meter of the music.

When I first read through the above poem, my thoughts immediately went to the food miraculously supplied to the Israelites in their journey through the wilderness. But manna is also divinely-provided spiritual nourishment, whether it is the Word of God or the Lord’s Supper. Manna can be a sudden and unexpected source of pleasure or gain. HOLY MANNA is the name of the tune of three of our hymns in the Lutheran Service Book. The tune itself has a history of being one of the oldest published American folk hymns, appearing the *Southern Harmony* and

*Columbian Harmony* hymnals. Some common hymns set to HOLY MANNA are “God, Who Stretched the Spangled Heavens” and “Brethren, We Have Met Together.” One could say that LSB782, “Gracious God, You Send Great Blessings,” served as a source of inspiration for the above poem.

Gracious God, You send great blessings,  
new each morning all our days.  
For Your mercies never ending,  
for Your love we offer praise.  
Lord, we pray that we,  
Your people who Your gifts unnumbered claim,  
Through the sharing of Your blessings  
may bring glory to Your name.

A number of years ago, my dad was hospitalized in the cardiac unit of St. Cloud Hospital. My mother and I were visiting him, and in pops one of our hometown boys who had been ordained into the ministry. He was making hospital visits, and apparently was looking through the list of patients. He recognized my dad’s name, so decided to stop in. What a nice surprise! He read the verse from Lamentations, and reminded us that God’s gifts and mercies are new every morning. Pastor Holm’s visit was an unexpected gift, and a source of spiritual nourishment. The poet above writes that God provides exactly what we need for the moment and for each day. Sometimes I don’t recognize God’s gifts immediately, but after thinking back, I realize He provided.

Heav’nly Father, may our caring bear  
the imprint of Your grace;  
With the Son and Holy Spirit,  
praise be Yours in ev’ry place.  
Lord, we pray that we,  
Your people who Your gifts unnumbered claim,  
Through the sharing of Your blessings  
may bring glory to Your name.

Karen Lindbloom





# Country Fair

**Saturday, Oct. 1**  
**9:00 am to 1:00 pm**  
**At Faith Lutheran Church**

## WE NEED

**Arts & Crafts** All types! Place in the Coat closet in the Narthex and label "Crafts".

## Baked Goods & Candy



- LOTS of these popular items are needed (please label)
- Dozens of PIES are needed for the lunch counter and baked goods booth
  - Cookies of all types
  - Breads
  - Bars
  - Candy of all types
  - Lots of fudge (various flavors)
  - **And More!**



**Please bring candy by 3 pm the day before Country Fair so we can package it. If candy is packaged at home, please place 6 pieces per plate.**

## Homegrown Produce & Canned Goods

- Jelly & Jam
- Fruit Sauces
- Salsa
- Relish
- Piccalilli
- Apple butter
- Honey
- Fresh fruits & vegetables
- Dilly Beans
- Spaghetti sauce
- Pickles
- And more!



## Where This Year's Proceeds Will 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 IN-HOUSE PROJECTS

*(as proceeds allow)*

- Start-up funds for chairs in the Young conference room
- Cradle roll
- College student goodie project
- Mission motor coach ongoing expenses
- Faith Lutheran Preschool & Daycare
- Mission Trip to Mexico

## What it is

Country Fair is an annual bazaar organized by the Faith Lutheran LWML

It's a fun day for the whole community!

## How you can help

- Make and bring items for the booths.
- Sign up to furnish items needed to prepare the noon lunch.
- Volunteer to serve in a booth (and bring a friend!)
- **ATTEND on October 1st!**

Questions?

Call Kristy Deal  
 605-280-7004

**Be sure to visit the Country Fair table in the Narthex to sign up to help with this fun event.**



## FALL BIBLE STUDIES

### SUNDAY 9:45 – 10:45 A.M. THE KINGS OF ISRAEL

Led by Jerry Wulf

Held in the Christian Life Center or in the St. Paul room on the upper level with elevator access.

Starting Date: August 21, 2022

A study of the kings of Israel is more than just reading a bunch of historical facts and genealogies. In fact, our study will dig into scripture, from the first mention that the people of Israel would want to be ruled by human kings in the last of the five books of Moses through the Revelation to John. We will learn that these kings had failings and weaknesses; and how God punished their sins and forgave them when they repented. We will see how intimately our Lord is involved in the lives of Israel's leaders, and what His expectations of leaders were.

In the Bible, some kings are called "good kings," and some kings are called "evil kings." What criteria was used to make this determination? What attributes did God expect in the leaders of His people? Does God have the same expectations of leaders of His people today?

Most importantly, though, we will see how the Lord God, fulfills His plan and His promises to send the Messiah to a world so desperately in need.

This study will take up most, if not all, of the education year (Fall through Spring). It will be discussion-based, and may require some at-home preparation from week to week.

### SUNDAY 6:30 – 8:00 P.M. 1, 2, 3 JOHN

Led by Marvin Schweigert

Held in the Living Room at Faith Lutheran Church

Starting Date: Sept. 18, 2022

This study is part of the *LifeLight* Bible study series of in-depth studies of Bible books. The goal of *LifeLight* is that through a regular program of in-depth personal and group study of Scripture, more and more Christian adults may grow in their personal faith in Jesus Christ.

#### NINE SESSIONS

Session 1: The Apostle of Love

Session 2: Getting to Know God...and Yourself

Session 3: Love and Knowledge in the End Times

Session 4: Like Father, Like Son

Session 5: We Love Because He First Loved Us

Session 6: Doctrine and Mission

Session 7: The Old Testament in the New

Session 8: Doctrine and Mission

Session 9: Politics and Mission in the Church

### TUESDAY 10:30 – 11:30 A.M. TAKE HEART

Led by Karen Lindbloom

Held in the Young Conference room by the church office.

Starting Date: September 20, 2022

This Bible study group is halfway through a Bible Study called "Take Heart" by Lindsay Hausch, and will pick up where they left off in the spring. (They began this study in January.) The main theme is God's comfort for anxious thoughts, real-life struggles and feeling overwhelmed. The author points out that struggle can be a training ground for spiritual growth, for a deeper understanding of God's love for you, and that God will not let go of you.

This group sets its own pace since everyone has so much to say and share with the rest of the group. This study will finish sometime mid-December.

A new study will begin in January so look for information regarding that study later on.

### WEDNESDAY 6:00 – 7 :00 P.M. ROMANS

#### The Gospel of Grace

Led by Dennis Ryckman 605-222-7713

Held at church

Starting Date: September 7, 2022

Many scholars today regard Romans as the greatest of Paul's letters and one of the foundational documents of Christianity. Paul addresses various topics, but all point to the truth that a loving God has offered salvation to a sinful humanity through the death and resurrection of His own Son. Reading the letter often feels like being swept along in the rapids, but in the end it leads us to the conclusion that we serve a God who is always merciful to us and always faithful to fulfill His plans for us. His grace and power are available to all who believe!

Come enjoy studying together this amazing book of the Bible. This study will use a study guide. Participants will be

encouraged to include the scripture for the coming week in their daily personal Bible study in order to facilitate discussion and further study at the weekly meetings. Hope to see you September 7<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 PM.

### WEDNESDAY 6:30 – 8:00 P.M. JEREMIAH AND LAMENTATIONS PERSEVERANCE IN HOPE

Contact Person: David Zuercher  
(605-222-8424)

This study group meets on Wednesday night at 6:30 P.M. They alternate meeting in member's homes. The study this year starting in September 2022 will be using Concordia Publishing book Jeremiah and Lamentations Perseverance in Hope, by Daniel Poellet and Edward Englebrecht. This Bible study will examine God's answers on perseverance in the midst of trials and suffering, hope in a hopeless situation, and God's faithfulness to His people. Typically members take turns hosting and leading the study, facilitating discussion using suggestions, information, questions and answers provided in the textbook.

#### Interesting Fact:

When the book of *Jeremiah* first appeared, it was cut in pieces and burned. It was rewritten and is now more than twenty-five hundred years old.

### THURSDAY 7:00 P.M. Psalms Bible Study

Join us on Thursday nights at 7:00PM in the Sanctuary. Matt Reitzel will be leading the study.

Psalm 118: 1 "Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his love endures forever."

Come to read and hear the Psalms, discuss their importance for us personally, and pray for guidance, understanding and peace. Study begins September 8 with the final study on November 17.

Martin Luther said we should read the Psalms, "if only because it promises Christ's death and resurrection so clearly and so depicts His kingdom and the condition and nature of all Christendom that we may call it a little Bible." And that the book contained, "all sorts of divine and wholesome teachings and commandments." Luther classified each chapter as a psalm of prophecy, instruction, comfort, prayer or thanks. With some Psalms containing more than one of the classifications.

## Memorial Garden Memorial Stones

Now is the time to be thinking about getting names submitted for the Memorial Stones.

There are request sheets in the Narthex on the Information table. The cost for the names is \$35 and if you would like a space saved on the same stone for your name it is an extra \$50.

**October 1** is the final date each year for submitting

names to be engraved in time for dedication on All Saints' Sunday, the first Sunday in November. This year it is November 6.

To date we have had 105 names engraved on the stones. It is a very nice, lasting memorial to family members.



## Men's Fellowship

Our Men's Club begins again this Fall on Monday September 6th at 7:00 pm in the Christian Family Life Center gym.



Beverage will be provided, bring a snack to share!

We will be playing some Dartball, so start honing your throwing skills and be ready for some friendly competition!



### MUSIC ENSEMBLES ORGANIZING

It will soon be time for our music ensembles to begin forming and rehearsing. Due to so many people on the go, traveling on weekends, and being overcommitted, we have changed up our rehearsals a bit.

**CHOIR** – Last year, rather than practicing weekly, we began by scheduling a few Sundays where most of our voices were available to sing, and then rehearsed for two or three weeks prior. Attendance at rehearsals was good, and we also had the benefit of working on one song per rehearsal, rather than multiple pieces. We're going to continue doing this, as it produced good results.



**BELL CHOIR** – A number of years ago, we ditched weekly rehearsals in favor of the same operating schedule the choir follows. We have a pool of ringers who commit to a particular Sunday where all the bells can be covered, and like the choir, commit to two or three rehearsals prior. If you are interested in choir, a small vocal ensemble or bell choir, but have not participated, please contact Karen Lindbloom at 605-280-2490 or at [bolmd@pie.midco.net](mailto:bolmd@pie.midco.net). You can also contact the office. We are aiming to have the choir sing at least two or three times before the end of the year, and the bell choir ring at least twice during the same time period. One note about the bell choir: Ringers must be able to read music and understand and apply rhythm concepts.



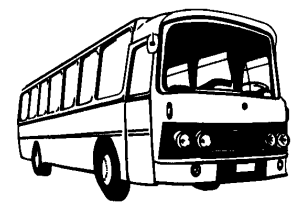
## Official Acts

### Baptisms

Quinn Layn Arbach  
Mattie Sue Cwach  
Aria Ann Olivier  
Gentry Randall Olivier

### Funerals

Richard (Dick) Dunwoody



### Motor Coach Trip to State Fair

Join us on a trip to the state fair on **Sunday, Sept 4**. We will leave from Faith at 10:00AM and spend the day at the fair. You can spend the day with us or roam the fair until we leave at 7:00PM. Admission and meals are on your own. Please sign up in the narthex.





## Seniors' Gathering

**Forever Young  
September 15  
at noon**

Forever Young is a group of semi-retired and retired members who get together the third Thursday of each month for food and fellowship. We encourage anyone 55 years and older to join our group. We would especially like to invite our newer members as this is a great way to meet other members.

This is a potluck meal at noon. Bring a dish to share and enjoy an hour of food, chatter, birthday greetings, and maybe a few rounds of Bingo!

### PIERRE FAITH LUTHERAN BLOOD DRIVE RESULTS:

A great big THANK YOU to all those who participated in our August blood

drive! We collected 69 blood products. Nineteen more than expected!

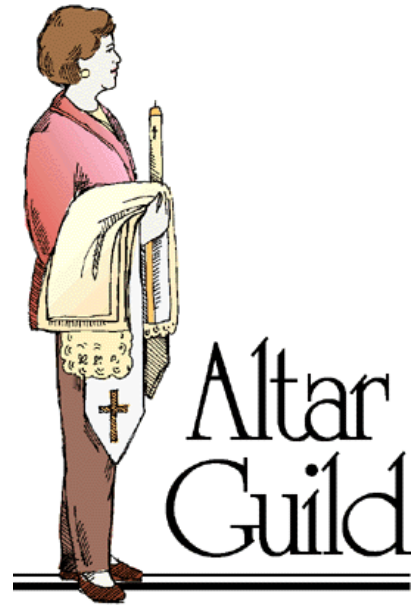
**Rides to Church**  
River Cities Public Transit will provide pre-scheduled (at least the day before) rides to church services or other church related activities, to and from the Faith Lutheran facility at no cost to you. Give them a call!



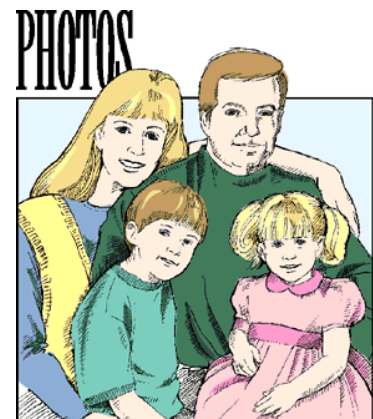
Please have all articles you want in the October newsletter submitted by noon on Friday, September 16.



*Equipping God's People for Life*



The Altar Guild will meet Monday, September 19 at 5:30 p.m.



## Congregational Photo Directory

**Dates available for photo sessions are:**

**October 19-22, 2022**

**November 2-5, 2022**

**December 5-10, 2022**

**January 3-7, 2023**

**Watch bulletins for info.**



On Tuesday, September 6<sup>th</sup>, Faith Lutheran Preschool officially begin with our “Get Acquainted Night”! It is an exciting time for parents and preschoolers as they register and get ‘acquainted’ with the facility and staff of our preschool here at Faith. Classes will start the week after Labor Day (Sept 12<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup>).

I am excited to get the new school year going and be in the classroom with all the kids! I am blessed to be working another year here at Faith Lutheran, thank you all for your love, support and prayers as we enter another year.

We use the month of September to get

acquainted with the preschool routine and will be working on a couple different letters with them, A and X. September is such an important month as the kids are learning lots of new things about school and what the year will be like.

If you still know anyone looking for preschool, we have some openings in 4/5-year-old Kindergarten readiness class. We also would love to have some people on a list to sub or volunteer in the class, please contact me if you are interested.

God’s Blessings.

Kelsey Kampfe  
Preschool Director/  
Teacher



## DAYCARE NEWS

Please feel free to take a peek in the kitchen and the old baby room as we have completed the remodel. The new set up is working



wonderfully and the flow of lunch is great.

We have a handful of students that will be going to school and not be coming back, we are wishing you well and have a great school year.

Garrett is also spreading his wings and going off to college. Best of luck and we will miss you!

Angel and BreAnna will be heading to school, but we will see both of them as they have agreed to help us out after school. We are thankful for the continued help during the school year.

We have a new teacher, Jackie Hertel. She has been in the daycare business for over 25 years and she brings lots of great experience and knowledge in all areas. We are excited to have her!

Mandy and Kim  
Co-directors





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## MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

### Education year begins

We are excited to begin the education year. Students age 3 through 12<sup>th</sup> grade are invited to our Sunday School classes. These began August 21 from 9:45-10:45AM. This class time is focused on sharing God's story with the students. They will learn about the various people involved in this story, men and women from the Old and New Testament.

We also invite students in 2<sup>nd</sup> grade through 8<sup>th</sup> grade to Midweek/Catechism classes. Classes will begin Wednesday, Sept 7, from 6:00-7:00PM. This time is focused on the teachings which God gives in His Word.

Both of these times, Sunday School and Midweek/Catechism, are focused on different yet complementary aspects of God and His Word. Students are encouraged to attend both classes.



### On the Lighter Side...Puns for Fun

~ What do elves learn in school?

“The Elf-abet!”

~ What did the tree say to autumn?

“Leaf me alone!”

Q: What has four legs but can't walk?

A. a chair!!!!!!!!!!!!!!



**Midweek Catechism Classes  
will begin September 7  
at 6:00 pm.**

## Bibles and Catechisms

We are continuing our tradition of providing Bibles to 2<sup>nd</sup> grade students and catechisms to 4<sup>th</sup> grade students. We will have a special ceremony for students to receive these items during worship on Sunday, September 4. Both the 8:30 and 11:00AM services will each have this ceremony, so please attend whichever service you desire. These items are free, and we will also have additional Bibles and catechisms available if you would like to purchase them.

