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FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH

# October 2023 Newsletter

Faith Lutheran LWML Annual Fall Bazaar

## Country Fair

Saturday, Oct. 21

9:00 am to 1:00 pm

at Faith Lutheran Church

### What to bring

#### 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
- Breads - loaves, dinner rolls, muffins, mini-muffins
- Cookies of all types
- Bars - all kinds
- 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 packaged at home, please place 6 pieces per plate.

#### Jelly - Sauces - Produce

Homegrown produce and canned goods:

Jelly & jam • Fruit sauces • Honey • Piccalilli • Apple butter • Salsa • Dilly beans • Spaghetti sauce • Pickles • Relish • And more!



### Sign up to help on Oct. 21st

Helping in a booth is a great way to make new friends! Sign up at the Country Fair table in the Narthex - and check to see if there are any last minute items needed.

### Plan to attend!

Shop for delicious baked goods, tasty homemade candy, crafts, gift baskets, homegrown produce, jellies and sauces.

Enjoy caramel rolls and coffee for breakfast, and homemade soup, a sandwich and homemade pie for lunch!

### Where the proceeds go

Money raised at Country Fair supports mission projects at the local, state and national level, as well as church projects. This year, recipients will include:

#### Global/National

- Veterans of the Cross
- Orphan Grain Train

#### District

- Pastor Nix, Sioux Falls LCMS Hospital Chaplain
- LWML SD Mites (for SD mission projects)

#### Local

- Sleep in Heavenly Peace
- Missouri Shores

#### In-House

- Guatemala mission trip
- St. Matthew room completion
- Cradle Roll
- Faith Circle Care Packages
- LYF National Youth Gathering fund
- Preschool and Daycare needs

QUESTIONS? Call  
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*Let's Go!*

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## Let's Go Worship

Let's go! Our annual theme for 2023-2024 explores the places that God leads us. Let's Go Worship, Let's Go Well, Let's Go Witness, and Let's Go Work. The movement begins as we approach God, graciously invited to come into his presence. God uplifts us and restores us, then he directs us out into the world. We share the message of Jesus crucified and risen, witnessing to his power in our lives and working on behalf of our neighbors. We will explore each step in detail over the coming months. We start with the call to worship.

"I was glad when they said to me, 'Let us go to the house of the Lord!'" These words from Psalm 122 shape our first steps. Before we are healed, before we can share the power of God in our lives, before we understand the purpose of our work, we need God's presence. While Christ dwells in our hearts no matter our location, God's house provides unique benefits unavailable in other places. The first of these is the declaration of forgiveness. As you step into the door of God's house, you may reflect upon the time since you last came. It has, most likely, been filled with mistakes and regrets, sins and transgressions. These often burden us, so God removes them from the picture. We confess our sins and hear the proclamation that we are forgiven in Jesus' name. You can pray to God and ask his forgiveness anywhere, but you will only hear his audible answer in God's house.

Having been forgiven, God continues to bless us. We hear his Word, both stern reminders of our inadequacy as well as his gracious work on our behalf. Wherever our Scripture readings may be from, they can help to put our lives in perspective. We not only hear from God's word, we also understand more fully what one of those passages mean. The sermon explores both what the passage says as well as how it informs our lives. You receive direction for the coming steps.

But God is not done. While God is the main actor during worship, uplifting us and blessing us, we also act with boldness in his presence. We pray, bringing the requests of our hearts to God. You can (and should) pray in many places. The prayers of God's house collect our thoughts, especially as we lift up certain people who have asked for our prayers. While they are not more effective for having been spoken in worship, we join collectively in praying together.

God has a parting gift to provide. We approach the altar to receive the body and blood of his Son. This food of heaven is another blessing that God gives in his house. You leave worship with a clean conscience, a growing knowledge and love of God, and an uplifted spirit ready to face the trials and difficulties of life. As you are beaten and broken by the coming week, you have another opportunity to say: Let's go worship!

In the next few months, we will see the steps where God leads us. Let's go well provides the pivot point, as God heals us both within his house and throughout our lives. Let's go witness, where we take the joy and blessings that God has given to us as encouragement that our neighbors should trust in Jesus. Then lastly, let's go work, where we see the ways that we join together to help accomplish the work of God's kingdom. I hope to see you in worship!

*Pastor Sam*



# ALL THINGS NEW AGAIN

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*“I am the vine; you are the branches. If a man remains in me and I in him, he will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing.” John 15:5*

At the time of this writing, I have lost my father. Dad passed away peacefully about a week ago. It wasn't unexpected. However, I didn't expect it would happen when I was with my brother in our hometown. God's hand was at work, and I am so thankful I could be with Dad his last days and tell him I loved him. At age 97, it's still a loss, and now I'm an "orphan." Both of my folks are gone, and I have "lost" my home base.

**O blessed spring, where Word and sign embrace us into Christ the Vine;  
Here Christ enjoins each one to be a branch of this life-giving Tree.**

One could say Dad was a man for all seasons. He was a man who could be counted on in all situations; relied upon through all of life's challenges; and ready to cope with any chance event or unexpected change. Yet, he remained faithful to the One who gave him life and is all good, all love, and all mercy.

**Through summer heat of youthful years, uncertain faith, rebellious tears,  
Sustained by Christ's infusing rain, the boughs will shout for joy again.**

Dad's beginnings were extremely humble. He was born on the family farm and raised with four siblings during the Great Depression. All five were taught the value of hard work, and that a living union with Christ is absolutely necessary. For a man with a ninth-grade education, he managed to own and operate three different businesses over approximately 60 years, and became a registered Emergency Medical Technician.

**When autumn cools and youth is cold, when limbs their heavy harvest hold,  
Then through us, warm, the Christ will move with gifts of beauty, wisdom, love.**

Dad was completely selfless, honest, and faithful. He put in long days to support his family, and put my brother and me through college. He always had time to help a neighbor or a friend, and if something was needed at church, he was there. He was willing to sacrifice what the world considers precious; much of what is materialistic, foolish, and false. Yet, he was happy, always grateful, and felt richly blest.

**As winter comes, as winters must, we breathe our last, return to dust,  
Still held in Christ, our souls take wing and trust the promise of the spring.**

Faith was important to Dad. When I was a kid, he read aloud "Little visits With God" before our bedtime every night and prayed with us. Every Saturday night he would hand me a thin, silver dime for my Sunday School envelope. He attended Bible Study – always learning – until he moved to the nursing home. He was an usher, a member of the Men's Club and the choir – always serving on some board or committee. One time Dad had been in the hospital for a procedure. I went back home to help Mom out. On the day he was discharged from the hospital, he made the announcement at the supper table that he thought he'd go to choir practice that evening. He didn't do it to impress his director daughter. It was something that was important to him. Another time my brother complained that the folks had delayed a weekend trip to visit them in the Twin Cities because "there's no one





# ALL THINGS NEW AGAIN continued

to ring the bell on Sunday morning.” And then there was the day following a snowstorm where my 80 year-old father was seen shoveling snow up on the pitched church roof.

**Christ, holy Vine, Christ, living Tree, be praised for this blest mystery:  
That Word and water thus revive and join us to Your Tree of Life.**

At every point in our journey through life, God meets us where we are, regardless of the season, giving us New Hope. The day Dad passed beyond this world was a New Day, where he embarked on a New Journey towards a New Life with his Creator.

**Karen Lindbloom**

## *Portals of Prayer*

The 2023 last quarter Portals of Prayer (Oct.-Dec.) will be the last one mailed out. In December, those of you who receive only the Portals of Prayer in the mail may pick one up at the church for the first quarter of 2024. Those of you who have the newsletter mailed to you will still receive your Portals of Prayer as you have previously.



*Tuesday, October 31, 2023*

*6:00-7:30 p.m.*



*Trunk  
or Treat*

Holding a Trunk ‘N’ Treat Halloween activity is a great way to keep Halloween safe.

It's when several families get together at the church, park their cars in the parking lot, open up the trunks of their cars, and kids come around to each car to Trunk ‘N’ Treat instead of going house to house to Trick-or-Treat.

Treats, warm cider, hot chocolate and coffee provided by our LYF youth. A well lit area for our Trunk ‘N’ Treaters, and restrooms available!

**We would like 20 families to serve as Host Trunks.**

**There are boxes in the Narthex if anyone would like to contribute candy to help the host trunks if they run out.**



# This and That



## Fall Festival

**Saturday, October 28**

**2:00pm – 6:00pm**

The Fall festival is slated for Saturday, October 28th from 2 -6 p.m. Volunteers to help plan, staff games, serve food, and help tear down are very much needed. Please call or text Kelly VanDeWiele at 280 -0468 if interested in helping with this wonderful event. Or you can sign up in the back of church. Planning meetings will be set up in the near future.

## Official Acts

### Baptism

Ridger Reiman

10/1/23



REFORMATION  
‡ Sunday ‡

October 29, 2023

## Upcoming Board of Parish Fellowship Events

**Thursday, November 2nd @ 7:00  
pm-Hymn Sing**

**Sunday, December 10 @ 5:00 pm  
Christmas Caroling**

**January—To Be Determined**



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## Preschool News

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We are off to a great start of the school year!! The kids are working hard and showing great classroom skills. In the month of October, we have lots of things planned. We will be working on letters, L, F, O, and Y, along with the numbers 3, 4, 5 and 6. Our color for the month will be Orange and our shape is Triangle. We have started our first Unit in our new bible lesson curriculum, which starts off with Genesis 1-2. I am very excited to teach the kids all the things God created for them.

With fall now starting we will be doing lots of fun activities, including a little fall fun party during Halloween. We have the kids wear a fun Halloween or fall shirt if they have one in place of their costumes. The kids love to go out on walks and see what is all changing with the fall weather. Our church also puts on a Trunk-or-Treat that for all to join that evening.



We are saving Dakota-Mart receipts if you have

any, we would gladly take them. We will be using the money we earn back towards some new learning activities in the classroom. Thank you for all who have donated receipts to us, we greatly appreciate it.

We hope you all have a blessed Fall!!

God's blessings,

Kelsey Kampfe

Preschool Director/Teacher

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## Daycare News

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Thank you, thank you, thank you to all who supported us through our Little Caesar's Fundraiser! We also had pictures taken at the end of September as a fundraiser, we really enjoy this and so do the families that are here. The funds raised will be used to help get the training hours re-

quired by the state. All the support our daycare receives from you, the families, and the community helps us immensely and is always very much appreciated!

October is going to be a busy month for Faith Lutheran Daycare. Please check out the Faith Lutheran

Daycare page on Facebook to see pictures of our adventures. Monday, October 9<sup>th</sup> we will be closed for Native American Day.

God bless,

Mandy Vogel/Kim Jensen





## Forever Young

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### POTLUCK DINNER FOR SENIORS

Our Forever Young group will meet October 19, 2023 at noon.

Forever Young is a group of 55 and older, retired or semi-retired folks who get together the third Thursday of each month for fellowship and great food. Please join us!

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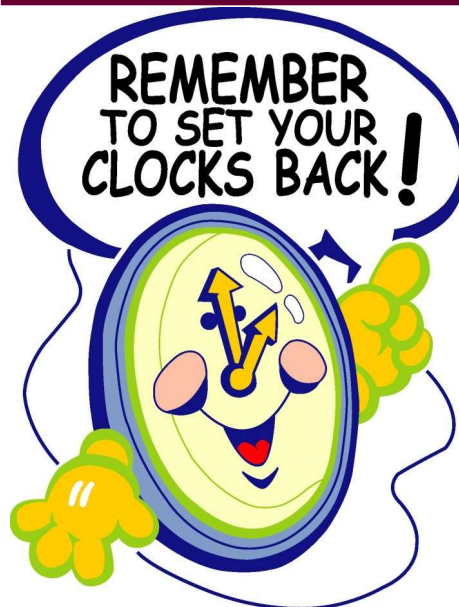
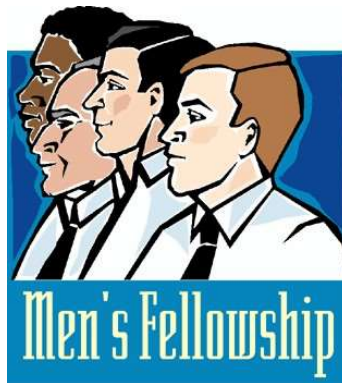
## Men's Fellowship

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Our Men's Fellowship will meet on the first Monday of October, the 2nd at 7:00 pm.

We will enjoy an evening of Dartball or Bean Bag Toss. Beverage will be provided, bring a snack to share!

Come for a time of devotion and sharing.



*By One Hour*

*Saturday, November 4*

## Our Broadcasts

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We are broadcasting our church service on Cable access channel 8 at 7 PM on Wednesday evenings.

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We also live-stream our 8:30 service so anyone who is tech savvy can watch them live on Sunday mornings. Go to: [www.faithluth.com](http://www.faithluth.com) and click on livestream.

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Our Cable Broadcast is also on our Website which Dennis and Carolyn Ryckman keep very current for us. Take a look at [www.faithluth.com](http://www.faithluth.com).

**COST:** You may sponsor the radio broadcast of Sunrise for \$30.00. This radio broadcast is on 1240 AM KCCR at 6:40 a.m. on Sunday morning. The cost of sponsoring the cable broadcast of our worship service is \$35.00. This cable access broadcast is televised on Wednesday evening at 7:00 p.m. on Channel 8. **If you choose to sponsor both, the cost is \$60.00.**



# YOUTH PAGE

## Middle and High School Bible Study

**What:** Bible Study for middle/high school youth on the book of Acts

**Why:** To provide a gospel focused community for teens from all walks of life and to help them to grow in their relationship with God and encouragement of one another.

**Where:** The Church House - **639 N. Euclid**

**When:** Mondays at 7:30pm

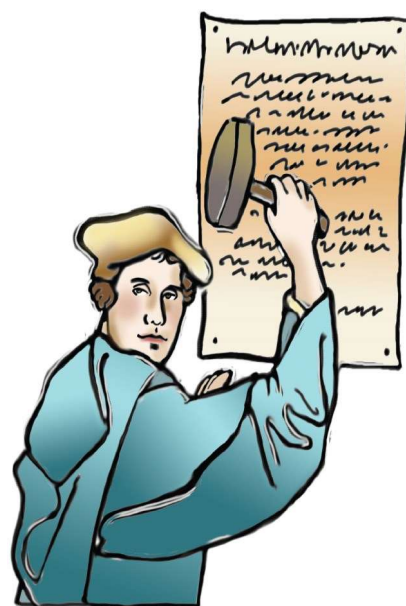
Invite your friends and bring your Bible to come learn what God has to say through the book of Acts!

Contact Cassandra Ryckman (605-222-4895) or Peter Iverson (605-645-0951) if you are interested or have any questions. Look forward to having you attend!



## Nursery-4th Grade Sing

**Our Nursery through 4th grade Sunday school classes will be singing at the 11:00 am service on Sunday, October 15.**



## Reformation Day

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

**Q: What kind of music do mummies like?**

A: "wrap music"

**Q: Why did the rooster cross the road?**

A: To prove he wasn't chicken.

**Q: What do you call a chicken crossing the road?**

A: "Poultry in motion."

**Q: Why did the skeleton go to the party alone?**

A: Because he had no body to go with him.

**Q: What did one shark say to the other while eating a clown fish?**

A: Is it just me, or does this taste funny?

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

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

**Q: What is bigger than you but doesn't weigh anything?**

A: "Your Shadow"

**Q: What time is it when ten elephants are chasing you?**

A: Ten after One!



**What does a robot frog say?**

-Rib-bot. (Said in your best robot voice)

**Why did the chicken cross the playground?**

-To get to the other slide.

~ **What do elves learn in school?**

"The Elf-abet!"

~ **What did the tree say to autumn?**

"Leaf me alone!"

