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## Bible Bowl 2024

We received word from the South Dakota LCMS district on the 2024 Bible Bowl. **The books of the Bible to study are Ephesians, Philippians, Colossians, and Philemon.** Students from sixth grade to seniors are eligible to participate. The statewide competition is before Palm Sunday. **The Bible Bowl is set for March 23, 2024.**

For more information or to register please see Bible Bowl coach LeRoy Kropuenske. He is around on Sunday for Sunday School and Wednesday for confirmation.



Children's Christmas Program

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The Children's Christmas pro-

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gram will be from 9:45-10:45 (between services) on December 17. We will have Saturday morning practices from 9 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. on December 2, 9 & 16. The children will be sharing the good news of our Savior's birth. Parents this is a fantastic opportunity to get the last-minute Christmas shopping, baking, or wrapping done while the children are at church!

# NOVEMBER 2023 NEWSLETTER

## All Saints' Sunday, Nov. 5

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 added: Mary Hiller, Janice Dockter and Mal Hinckley. 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 22nd with service time at 7:00 pm. **THERE WILL BE NO THANKSGIVING DAY WORSHIP SERVICE, ONLY THE EVENING SERVICE THE NIGHT BEFORE THANKSGIVING DAY.** So again, Wednesday, Nov. 22nd Service @ 7:00. Hope you and all your family can make it!

*There are NO Midweek classes scheduled for Wed. Nov. 22.*



## Pancake Breakfast

Sunday, November 12, 2023

*Between services*

*Sponsored by our Men's Club*

*Free-will offering proceeds will go toward HVAC*

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*By One Hour Saturday, November 4*



# Let's Go Well

Let's go! We continue to look at our new annual theme for 2023-2024. Last month we looked at "Let's Go Worship," seeing how this first movement brings us into the presence of God. This month describes not a place where God sends us but instead how we sends us: "Let's Go Well." Health and healing were a big part of Jesus' earthly ministry. Wherever he went, he preached the gospel and healed the people. The news of God's kingdom brought about spiritual healing which was often accompanied by physical healing.

While we may not have Jesus with us in the same way now, his healing hand still blesses us. When you come into his presence, you will be healed. Christ, the Great Physician, restores his people. You are most likely suffering from something. Each one of us is affected by this broken, sinful world. Whether it is the result of something we did or the random and unfortunate effects of this fallen world, we suffer. Sometimes we look to the miracles of Jesus and wonder if this is the only way that he restores people. You might think that if you don't wake up tomorrow without that problem, Jesus has abandoned you. That's where this word of encouragement meets us. "Let's Go Well." You can trust that Jesus will restore you both now and in eternity.

His healing hand today is both hard to see and hard to predict. Jesus may choose to immediately remove a certain affliction from you. This is much rarer than what seems to happen more commonly: giving you the strength and encouragement to bear the affliction. It may seem strange to say we are going well even with the suffering and pain of worldly life. But the difference is in the one who goes with you. Jesus is alongside you each day. His presence makes everything better. You will be okay. You will make it, because "it" means entering paradise with Jesus. There is no affliction or suffering in the world that can cut you off from Jesus. You have the certainty of entering heaven. There is nothing more "well."

Today may be difficult. Tomorrow might look just as hard. You are not alone. You are accompanied by Jesus. Wherever he sends you, to whatever places you might go as you witness and work, you are going well. You can trust that your Savior will provide you with wellness, in whatever form that takes now and in the form of eternal life with him in heaven. Over the next two months, we will see how God moves us into the world. We have come into his presence and been given the promise and confidence of eternal wellness. Let's go witness, sharing this wonderful news with other people. Let's go work, using our time and abilities for the benefit of God's kingdom.

*Pastor Sam Handschke*



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# Faith Lutheran Daycare News

October was a great month! We hosted our Little Caesar's fundraiser and unfortunately, we did not have enough to make it a success. We are going to start collecting Dakotamart receipts to collect 100.00 for every 10,000 in receipts. This will be used for any extra supplies our teachers need for their weekly lesson plans and to help send them to training every year.

We did attend training in Chamberlain and the teachers had a great time bonding and learning new things. 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 a firefighter in full gear as he gave his presentation.

In the spirit of thankfulness, we 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. With this being said the daycare office is always open and we are happy to give you a tour and answer any questions. Thank you!

Happy Thanksgiving!  
Kim Jensen and Mandy Vogel



# 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 colors!!



We also learned about fire safety during fire prevention week. We carved pumpkins and got to see all the seeds inside. 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 bi-

ble lessons 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.  
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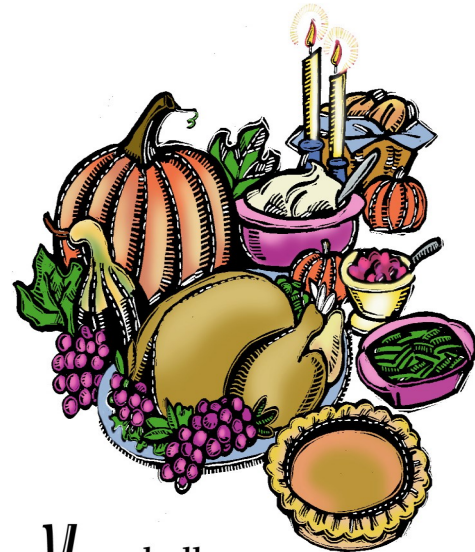


Our usher teams are in need of additional members. All teams could use help but those most in need are:



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 Bill Dunn (605-222-1805). We would be glad to get you on a team.



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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# FOREVER YOUNG THANKSGIVING POTLUCK

## Thursday, November 16 at noon

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

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

**Always good food and great company! Please join us November 16 at noon!**



### POTLUCK DINNER FOR SENIORS

# The Lord God Made Them All

*"And God saw that it was good..." Genesis 1*

All things bright and beautiful, all creatures great and small,  
All things wise and wonderful, the Lord God made them all.

About two years ago, following the death of my husband, I made the decision to downsize. The house was too large for one person, plus the yard and house together were more than I cared to maintain. With the help of my realtor, I found a cute little townhouse and bid farewell to the only house we called home for nearly 33 years of marriage.

Each little flower that opens, each little bird that sings,  
He made their glowing colors, he made their tiny wings.

My townhouse came equipped with a deck out back. There really wasn't a back yard – which didn't bother me – but a fairly thick "grove" of various evergreen trees grew across the back edge of the lot. The tree branches came very close to my dwelling – so close, in fact, that when the insurance person came to inspect, he informed me that some of those trees needed to be trimmed so they wouldn't touch the building. That first summer, I discovered there were a LOT of doves – and squirrels – calling those trees home! At different times, I had the feeling they were watching me through my window!

The purple-headed mountain, the river running by,  
The sunset, and the morning that brightens up the sky.

As the months continued, the doves and squirrels became quite brave. The doves would perch on my deck railing, and day after day, decided it was a great place to leave a "calling card." Every morning there was a new "deposit" – or several. I was getting tired of constantly cleaning the railing, so I bought a deep-toned wind chime, in hopes that it would scare them away. It worked for a while, but soon it was "business as usual." This past summer, the doves took a liking to my deck furniture, and in particular, the chair pads. Not only that, they provided "adult entertainment." I thought about buying a BB gun. The score was (approximately), Doves: 267, Karen: 0. The squirrels had their fun, too. They liked digging in my large flower pots and making a mess; they would knock over the pots of herbs I had on the table; one day they tipped over a large container of potting soil on the deck. I could almost hear them giggling about it!

The cold wind in the winter, the pleasant summer sun,  
The ripe fruits in the garden, He made them every one.

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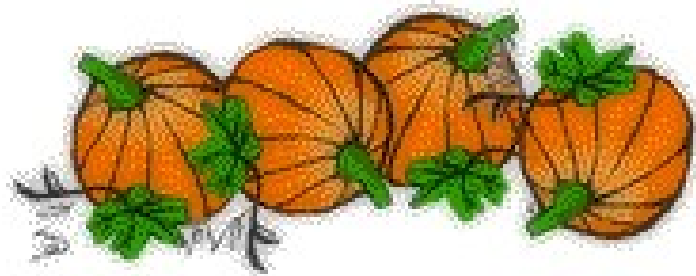
One morning several weeks ago, I went out on the deck, and a young dove was huddled on the table between the herb pots. It didn't fly off like most of them do. It just sat there. Maybe it was hurt? I moved closer; it stayed where it was. I stared at it awhile, and for whatever reason, almost felt sorry for it. I left it there, and later in the day it was gone. And then.... the squirrels. I do enjoy watching them scamper across the deck railing, as well as from branch to branch in the trees. They appear to be at play most of the time, so I assume they are happy. They're also clever! Even though they are rodents, they are kind of cute. So... I got to thinking. They are a part of God's creation, as are the doves, so there must be a reason they were placed here.

He gave us eyes to see them, and lips that we might tell  
How great is God Almighty, who has made all things well.

"All Things Bright and Beautiful" is an Anglican hymn, but also sung in other Christian denominations. The text of the poetry was written by Cecil Frances Alexander, and published in "Hymns For Little Children" in 1848. Its series of stanzas draws from a clause of the Apostle's Creed that describes God as "maker of heaven and earth." It has been suggested that some of the text may have been influenced by Psalm 104. Everything in creation is ultimately used by God to display beauty in one way or another. That beauty is a reflection of God's own glory. Even our sin-cursed world is full of remarkable beauty – whether seen through a telescope, a wide-angle lens, a magnifying glass, a microscope, or by the naked eye. Every element of creation is a magnificent spectacle. There is another thought that the poetry of "All Things Bright and Beautiful" was inspired by Samuel Taylor Coleridge's "Rime of the Ancient Mariner."

"He prayeth best, who loveth best;  
All things great and small;  
For the dear God who loveth us;  
He made and loveth all."

Karen Lindbloom



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## Official Acts

**Baptisms**  
Brecken Jay Hughes  
10/15/2023



Deadline for the December newsletter is **November 15.**

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