



MAY 2026 NEWSLETTER

Faith Lutheran Church

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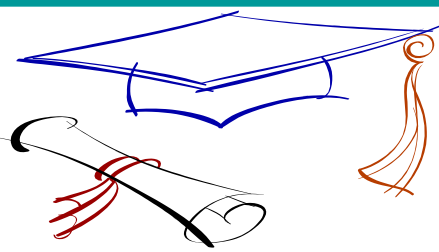
Pierre, SD 57501

2026 Graduates

High School Seniors Graduation Reception

The women of the LWML will be hosting a reception for our high school graduates on **May 10 between services**

Please join us and help our young adults celebrate this major accomplishment in their lives.



Sophia Bales

Jayden Brandt

Kaden Cumbow

Amara Dell

Chloe Fuerst

Stephanie Gossman

Brody Malfero

Jayden McPherson

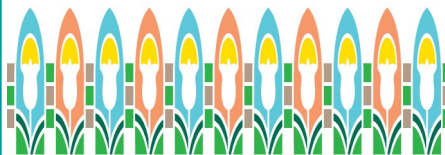
Kinslee Pfeffer

Seth Shoup

Samuel Skjonsberg

Rebecca Spitzer

Olivya Yaeger



Voters Meeting

Voter's Assembly

May 3, 2026

9:45 in CFLC



Ascension
OF THE LORD

Thursday,

May 14, 2026

Do Good!



“Keep the Feast”

How can I write something encouraging and insightful in concluding my ministry among you? If you have asked me questions about my move, I hope that I have given you reasonable answers. Part of the reason for me not wanting to talk about it is that, while I am truly certain that God is directing me somewhere new, I want to forget for as long as possible that I need to say goodbye. Whether this article is encouraging and insightful I leave up to you.

I hope that you love Jesus. I hope that you love him more now than you did in the past. I cannot tell you how many times I have sat at the front of the sanctuary, stared at our beautiful cross, heard you all singing the praises of our crucified and risen Savior, and hardly contained my emotion. You are truly people who belong to Christ. If I have been helpful in your love for Jesus, then thank him for that. Keep your love for Jesus as the highest good in your life.

I hope that you will keep the feast, by which I mean celebrating communion. Here is the mystery of God’s kingdom, that the bread and wine, consecrated by the words of our Lord, can at the same time be the life-giving body and blood of Christ, that this rail at which you kneel is at the same time connected to every other Christian rail in every other Christian church, whose boundaries cross space and time, extending into heaven itself. You may even see yourself communing with Christians in other states.

I hope that you will help your church. Help by understanding that things are going to be different. Different is not necessarily good or bad, better or worse. Different is just different. Some things will be different by necessity, others because some innovation or new idea has been given a chance to grow. Help your church by contributing in whatever ways you can, whether that would be inviting friends to worship, volunteering your time, expertise, and physical resources, and especially in your prayers.

I hope that you will pray for my family and for me. Pray that I might continue to be a faithful servant of Jesus. Pray that all the extra stuff involved in moving works out the way it is supposed to. Even as you pray for me, pray for your next pastor, whose identity is currently known only by God. In time, he will make that person clear to all of you. It has been good to see you, whether at church, buying groceries, or watching our kids grow up together. I will see you later.

Pastor Sam



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What Do You Hear In The Silence?

“But the Lord is in his holy temple; let all the earth keep silence.” Habakkuk 2:20

If you are a musician, whether a vocalist or instrumentalist, you are well aware of silences in the music. In musical notation, silences are referred to as “rests.” Every rest has its own duration—same as the notes. It may be a quarter rest, a half rest or a whole rest, or even a sixteenth rest! Whether singing or playing, those of us who make music know that the silences are as important as the notes. The listener knows it, too.

Let all mortal flesh keep silence and with fear and trembling stand; Ponder nothing earthly-minded, for with blessing in His hand Christ our God to earth descending comes our homage to demand.

Think about a choir anthem, or the opening verse of a hymn. That brief silence before the song is ripe with expectation. The silence after the song—whether it’s rich with the resonance of final chord, or a simple unison note that leaves a lingering essence of the message—can leave a huge impact. The silences within the music itself provide balance, drama or space.

Rank on rank the host of heaven spreads its vanguard on the way, As the light of Light, descending from the realms of endless day, Comes the power of hell to vanquish as the darkness clears away.

Music cannot be all sound. There must be silent spaces within it. Life is pretty much the same. There are always silent times and spaces. It might be a silent prayer. It could be a moment of gratitude or one of sadness. Maybe something took our breath away. Did you ever think that in those silent spaces we are most likely to meet God?

*At His feet the six-winged seraph, Cherubim with sleepless eye, Veil their faces to the presence as with cease-less voice the cry:
“Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, Lord Most High!”*

Oh God of Silence and Sound, help us to seek out the silent spaces in our lives Where you can meet us—holding our breath, unable to speak; listening with our hearts, waiting for your return. Read through the above three hymn verses. With what kind of silence did this hymn end?

Karen Lindbloom



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Farewell Potluck Lunch
for the Handschke family
Sunday, May 3rd
following the late service



**Pastor Sam's last day at Faith is May 17th.
Join us as we say "Thank You" and wish the
Handschke family God's blessings in their new home.**

**To Be Served:
Hamburgers, hot dogs & chips**



**The congregation is asked to
bring salads and desserts.**

If your last name starts with:

A-M - Please bring a salad

N-Z - Please bring a dessert



Thank you for your generosity

More Than a Ton of Food Pantry Donations!



The Faith Lutheran congregation heard the call and answered! Donations of food, cleaning supplies and hygiene products poured in during the month of March, giving us our second-highest ever total by weight (exceeded only by last year's record weight). The donations were delivered to the Food Pantry on April 10th.

This annual mission project serves families in need in the Pierre-Ft. Pierre area. Faith is one of the largest contributors to the Food Pantry - plus we're the only group that sorts, counts, boxes and labels our donations, saving time for Pantry staff and volunteers.

THE NUMBERS

- **\$11,920** in cash/checks (*\$5,880 more than last year!*)
- **3,080 items** (*our 2nd highest ever!*)
- **2,654 pounds** of donations (*second only to last year's record!*)
- **184 boxes** of food and other highly-needed items

A SAMPLE OF WHAT YOU DONATED

- 414 disposable diapers
- 229 boxes / bags of dry pasta
- 153 bottles of ketchup / mustard / mayo
- 146 cans of vegetables
- 141 packages of Ramen noodles
- 115 boxes of mac and cheese
- 113 cans of soup
- 96 rolls of toilet paper
- 94 cans of ham / beef / chicken / Spam
- 90 toothbrushes / toothpaste / floss
- 87 cleaning supply items
- 76 cans of tuna
- 74 sticks of deodorant
- 68 bottles body wash / soap
- 64 boxes of cereal
- 61 cans / jars of spaghetti sauce
- 57 boxes of Hamburger & Tuna Helper
- 51 bottles of cooking oil
- 48 bottles of dish soap
- 39 bags of sugar
- 29 boxes of trash bags



Thank you to the crew who loaded, hauled, unloaded, weighed and stacked the boxes at the Food Pantry. And thanks to Leonard Spomer for the use of his covered trailer.



Our thanks to Thrivent for providing \$250 for the purchase of highly-needed cleaning supplies for the Pierre-Fort Pierre Food Pantry



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Diaper Derby

**Fifteenth Annual Diaper Derby
Begins Mother's Day, May 10, 2026
and ends
Father's Day, June 21, 2026**

Donations for the Fifteenth Annual Diaper Derby **will continue through Father's day, June 16!**

Please bring your donations of new diapers (any size) and baby wipes and place them in *the crib in the Narthex*. Three area agencies and families will benefit from your donations: Birthright, PARS and Missouri Shores Shelter.



O Father, God of love, Now hear my supplication;
O Savior, Son of God, Accept my adoration;
O Holy Spirit, be My ever faithful guide
That I may serve You here And there with You abide.



Do Good!



Mexico Mission Trip 2026

The Mexico Mission trip will take place this year May 22, 2026 – May 31, 2026. Our team consists of 25-30 missionaries. We are looking forward to sharing the Lord's Good News with all the people He has already planned and for building a home for a family in need. The team is busy raising money for the trip by performing spring yard clean up and other jobs. If you have something you would like them to do for you, please let them know by contacting the church office at 224-2216 or Carolyn Ryckman at 280-6347.



Home built in 2023

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PRESCHOOL AND DAYCARE NEWS

Wow! Where did the school year go?? Hard to believe we are already in May and going to be having our end of the year picnics. This school year has been such a blessing. We have had an amazing year and such wonderful students and their families to work with. We will wrap up with a review of things we have learned throughout the year. The kids are working hard on practicing songs to sing at the picnic for their families.

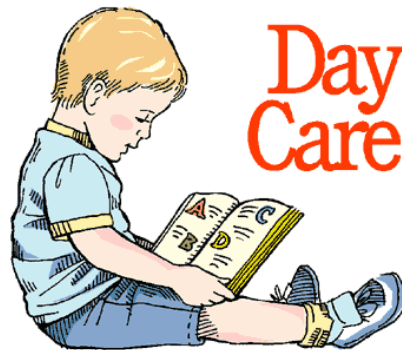
We still have a few openings in our preschool classes for next year, if you know anyone needing preschool, please send them our way. We have lots of fun things planned for next year already.



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 every one of you. We hope you have a wonderful summer.

God's Blessings,

Kelsey Kampfe
Preschool Director/ Teacher



April flew right on by! We have finally gotten a couple of new staff and hope everyone will stick around. We are looking forward to Summer as we have extra help cause our highschoolers will be full time and teachers can take

a little time off to spend with family and friends.

We are looking forward to May 9th as we are doing Muffin's with Mom for Mother's Day. We will have coffee and milk as well.

We are getting excited about the end of the school year and the start of our summer shenanigans! The children going to school in the fall and preschool classrooms will have a fun filled summer. Activities include Parks, Ft. Pierre Pool, Pierre Pool, Discovery Center, Bowling, Walks and much, much more! We plan to have the vans in full force mode again.

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

Mandy Vogel/Kim Jensen
daycare@faithluth.com



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This and That



Mother's Day May 10, 2026



Official Acts

Baptisms

Baylor Joseph Baus
Weston Vern Pickard
Agnes Jeanne Poppe



Funeral

Chuck Humphrey



Articles for the
June newsletter are
due no later than
May 15.

Men's Club



Our Men's Club
will meet
Monday, May 4
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.



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Faith Lutheran Youth News

Camp Minneboji Minneboji Christian Summer Camp June 21-27, 2026

Please let Pastor Sam or the office know if you are planning to attend Camp Minneboji or Circuit Bible Camp as the church will have schol-

Camp Minneboji is held every year at Camp Okoboji in NW Iowa. The summer camp, for kids in grades 4-9, features Bible study, mission presentations, music, crafts, sports, recreation, a camp T-shirt and the chance to meet new Christian friends. Camp registration and fee are required to attend. Camp week is **June 21 – June 27, 2026**. This year’s camp theme is “Lifted Up”. The Camp registration fee is \$465 for the week. The Honor’s Camp registration is \$495 for the week. **The registration deadline is May 1.** Please download the Camp Booklet for registration materials and details and to find all of the information you will need to have a great summer camp experience.



arships to help with finances.

CIRCUIT BIBLE CAMP

Details will be in the bulletin as soon as the information



Mother's Day

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