

FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Sunday, September 20, 2009 - 8:00 am

*Celebrating Faith in Christ
By Reaching Out in Love to All God's People.*

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Pastor Justin Boeding & Pastor Sue Wallager
and All the People of Faith

Music		Nadine Langworthy
Greeters	8:00	Chuck & Deb Johnson
Greeters	10:00	Stella Nelson
Ushers	8:00	Paul & Jack Blaisdell
Ushers	10:00	Shaun & Sarah Hall
Acolyte	8:00	Kate Blaisdell
		Ella Blaisdell
Acolyte	10:00	Jake Huntley
		Gabby Klingsporn
Reader	8:00	Sue Anderson
Reader	10:00	
Fellowship		Chuck & Deb Johnson
		Mike & Pam Justice
Altar Guild		Brenda Bronner

Weekly Schedule

Sun 20	Dedication Day 8:00 – Worship 9:00 – Fellowship 9:00 – G.I.F.T. 10:00 – Worship 11:15 – Catered Meal 1:30 – Dedication Service 3:00 – Cake & Coffee
Mon 21	6:30 – Youth Council
Tues 22	8:00 – Weigh-In 9:00-3:00 – Day Quilting 12:00 – Bulletin Deadline 6:00-8:00 – Night Quilting
Wed 23	10:00 – WOW 3:15-5:00 – After School Prog 5:00-6:30 – Meal 6:30 – Worship 7:15 – Confirmation Small Grp
Fri 25	6:00 – Kruckeberg/Johnson Wedding Rehearsal
Sat 26	3:00 – Steve Kruckeberg/ Amanda Johnson Wedding
Sun 27	8:00 – Worship 9:00 – Fellowship 9:00 – G.I.F.T. 10:00 – Worship

GATHERING

- Prelude Nadine Langworthy and Cyndi Breederland
- Gathering Hymn *Lift High the Cross* #660
 - Apostolic Greeting p. 203
 - Kyrie p. 203
 - Hymn of Praise p. 204
 - Prayer of the Day

Almighty God, you have given us grace at this time to make our common prayer to you, and you have promised through your Son that where two or three are gathered together in his name, you will be in the midst of them. Fulfill now, O Lord, our desires and petitions as may be best for us, granting us, in this world, knowledge of your truth and, in the age to come, life everlasting. Amen.

Adult Choir

WORD

- First Reading Jeremiah 31:31-34
- Gospel Acclamation *Were You There* #353
- Gospel Reading Mark 12:1-8
- Sermon A is for Atonement
- Hymn of the Day *Give Me Jesus* #770
- Apostles' Creed p. 105
 - Prayers of the People
- Passing of the Peace
- Offering Song *Amazing Grace* #779
- Receiving the Offering *Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful* #184
 - Offering Prayer

MEAL

- The Great Thanksgiving p. 206
 - Lord's Prayer p. 207
- Communion Hymns
- Just As I Am, Without One Plea* #592
 - Jesus Loves Me !* #595
 - My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less* #597
- Post Communion Prayer

SENDING

- Blessing
- Sending Song *Thine is the Glory* #376

Pastor: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

Congregation: Thanks be to God.

Postlude Nadine Langworthy and Cyndi Breederland

- *Please stand, if you are able.*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Welcome Visitors: Pastor Justin, Pastor Sue and all the people of Faith would like to welcome those visiting today. We hope you enjoy your time with us and we look forward to worshipping with you again soon! Please sign one of the visitor cards located at the end of each pew. There will be a New Member Orientation on October 24th from 9-11 for those of you interested in learning more about Faith Lutheran Church or would like to join the church. Sign up on the table in the gathering area or e-mail Pastor Justin at pjboeding@yahoo.com.

Dedication Day TODAY: We are celebrating the dedication of our addition/renovation project TODAY! There will be a catered meal at 11:15. The Dedication Service begins at 1:30 and will be followed by cake and coffee at 3:00. Help us celebrate this special occasion!

Book Discussion: Like football? Know Tony Dungy? The former Colt's coach and Gopher defensive back has written a best-selling book called Uncommon. Beginning October 19th, Denny Midthun will lead a book discussion at the church from 6-7:30. Sign up in the gathering area if you are interested or contact Denny Midthun at dennism@mcneilus.com.

Farmers Market: Our first Farmer's Market will be held this Wednesday, September 23rd from 2-6 pm at Faith Lutheran Church in the east parking lot. Contact Gary Norstad (374-2642) with questions or to reserve a site. Sites given on first come first served basis. Guidelines and applications forms are available.

Fellowship Opportunities: Please contact Vickie Gross with questions or if you are interested (bearsredman@kmtel.com or 633-9355).

- Anyone interested in having and/or taking charge of a bonfire or hayride this fall before the snow appears?
- Wescon Lanes in West Concord will be starting church bowling family fellowship leagues on Sundays' at 12:30pm starting October 4. Six churches are needed, each church having two teams of four. Any variety of ages and team and there can be different groups each week. If interested please call and reserve a spot at 507-259-4828 or 507-527-2455.
- If you have a new idea for fun and fellowship, please contact Vickie Gross!

Join In Chair Yoga On Tuesday Nights!: All ages and skills are welcome. Exercise is centered around using a chair for balance and support. Starts at 6:15 and ends at 7:00pm in the Narthex. Bring along a set of 1-2 pound weights or soup cans, and a yoga block or rolled blanket. Any questions call Jayne Boeding at 633-617 or jayneboeding@yahoo.com. Classes will run through December 15th (except October 6th and November 3rd).

Bible for Dummies: The next class has been postponed. We will begin the New Testament on Sunday nights beginning November 22nd.

Small Group Bible Study: Join us for a small group Bible Study. Six Wednesdays this Fall (Wednesdays October 7, 14, 21, 28 and November 11, and 18) from 6:30-7:30pm in the Library at Church. Redeeming Our Regrets: Sarah and Hagar. Find God in the Hard Places. The Entangled Lives of Sarah and Hagar sounds like a soap opera, and the lives of these women reads like one. Both are the kind of women to whom we all can relate. They made mistakes, they repeated their mistakes, they struggled through difficult times in life, and they knew what it felt like to fail. The turning point in this story is when God entangles Himself into both of their lives. Like these women, you too can find redemption from the regrets that seem to haunt you, and experience the deep joy and peace that comes from seeing "the God who sees" you! For more information please contact Pastor Sue (swallager@gmail.com) or Val Langworthy (langworthy.valerie@mayo.edu). Sign Up on the Table in the Gathering Area.

Harvest Feast & Bake Sale: Mark your calendar for Wednesday, November 4th for our annual Harvest Feast and Bake Sale. We are looking forward to another year for the Harvest Feast! With all of the delicious food and a little hard work, we are sure to have a great evening. Watch for sign-up sheets in the gathering area looking for workers for the event as well as for bringing in items to the Bake Sale and for the Feast. It takes many people to make this event possible and we appreciate help from as many members of the congregation as possible. Thank you in advance for helping! - Harvest Feast and Bake Sale Committee

Marie Sandvik Center: Due to such generous giving to the Marie Sandvik Center they will no longer be accepting donations until 2010. Until further notice, we will no longer be collecting clothing at the church for the Marie Sandvik Center.

High Schoolers: Meet this Wednesday, September 23rd, after Refuge Worship in Pastor Justin's office.

After School Program: Will begin this Wednesday, September 23rd, for 3rd-5th graders. We still need adult volunteers to help with the program from 3-5pm each Wednesday - contact Pastor Sue. You can find more information about the program and registration form in the September newsletter and on the table in the Narthex.

G.I.F.T (*Generations In Faith Togethr*): Welcome to Sunday School at Faith Lutheran Church. This year we have made some changes to the way we do Sunday School. Our approach is from the classroom to a "Family Sunday School" program. Sunday School will be each Sunday from about 9-9:45am. We will start with a large group presentation in the gathering area with songs, games and opening. We will then break off into small groups for about 20 minutes or so. Twice a month families will go to small groups together to talk about "The Faith Five." The other 2 weeks parents will be grouped together to talk with one another, while the kids will be grouped in age groups to either do an art project or practice the songs and sign language they've learned during the large group time. Come join us today!!!

September 20th

Age Groups-Art

The Fall *Genesis* 3:8-9

September 27th

Family Groups

The Fall *Genesis* 3:8-9

Why did Jesus have to die?

Starting last week and continuing for the next month, we are looking at the Basic Beliefs of the Christian Faith. Perhaps the most important question we will address in these six weeks is today's concern—why did Jesus have to die? You should know this isn't only our question. Faithful people have been trying to understand Jesus' death for nearly two thousand years. This quest includes some of the brightest people who have ever walked the face of the earth. Not surprisingly, over the course of two thousand years, these people have come to different conclusions. For those who are curious, I want to give you an overview of the three most influential interpretations of Christ's death from 2000 years of church history.

Why did Jesus have to die? Some say Jesus died in order to conquer the devil. The devil had tempted Adam and Eve in the Garden of Eden. When God's creation, when Adam and Eve, gave into the Devil, the Devil took God's place becoming the King of this world, ruling over all flesh. But God would not stand for this so in order to defeat the devil, God tricked him. God became flesh in Jesus. It was like Jesus was the bait on the end of a hook. As the devil saw Jesus' love and compassion, the Evil Ruler of this World attacked. He sank his teeth into Jesus with every temptation in the world, even the temptation to escape death. When Jesus didn't give into temptation, when Jesus didn't give into temptation even hanging on the cross, the Devil was finally defeated. Why did Jesus have to die? Some throughout the history of the Church say, "Jesus died in order to defeat the Devil."

Why did Jesus have to die? Some say, "Jesus' death didn't affect the devil so much as it affected God the Father." Let me explain. God is a righteous judge whose very nature demands

justice. Humanity is sinful. We stand before the Almighty Judge as guilty sinners and the punishment according to Romans is eternal death. God the Judge has to punish sin but the instead of punishing us, God becomes flesh in Jesus. Instead of pouring out the wrath of God upon all the guilty, our punishment is poured out upon Christ who dies tortured and alone before descending to hell. Jesus dies taking upon himself the wrath of God, the wrath we deserved. This is the second answer from the history of the Church. “Jesus died in order to appease the Father.”

The third great understanding of why Christ had to die really is a modification to the second one. This is called the Happy Exchange. Those who subscribed to this understanding of Christ’s death say, “Christ took on our sinful nature and for that, received the Father’s wrath.” But they are quick to add, Christ didn’t just take our sin. He gave us something as well. Jesus gave us his righteousness so we can stand before God Almighty without blemish or fear. This exchange or this trade is sometimes called the Happy Exchange.

Truth be told, some of you might find these theories of the atonement helpful for your personal reflection. Others might find them a little boring which is okay. The most important thing for you to know is this—We believe that through his death and resurrection Jesus Christ, we have been saved us from Sin, Hell, Death, and the Devil. Christ has given us His Righteousness and promised us eternal life.

