

Pastor Kory's Page

Faith Lutheran Church, Sioux Falls, SD
April 23 & 24, 2016

Confirmed in Christ: We celebrate the confirmation of five young men this weekend: Chance Erck, Jdedya Kato, Jacob Schmidt, James Taylor, and Adam Zimmel. Confirmation day marks the end of their formal confirmation instruction, but in other ways, confirmation marks a new *beginning*. Confirmation is the beginning of communicant membership in the Church. Now these young men will receive the Lord's gifts of forgiveness, life and salvation in, with, and under the bread and wine of the Lord's Supper. Confirmation also marks the beginning of mature Christian adulthood. It's the beginning of a *lifetime* of faithfulness to our Lord who is *always* faithful to us! Confirmation is also the beginning of another stage of Christian growth—maybe we could call it the “self-motivated” stage. As Christian adults, taking classes and turning in assignments no longer motivates us. Instead, we grow in Christ and in His Word and among fellow believers because this is how our Savior draws us close and keeps our faith rooted in Him. Please pray for our confirmands as they embark on this journey of Christian adulthood and please remember that *every day* is a day to continue growing in Christ!

New Bible Study: We will begin a new Bible study this weekend at Faith, focusing on the history of the Early Church as recorded in the book of Acts. Join us each Sunday during the Christian Education Hour as we explore this action-packed book of the New Testament!

Good News for LHSSF: Our Lutheran High School shared the following announcement on April 19: *“Now to Him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to His power that is at work within us, to Him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus through all generations for ever and ever! Amen” (Eph. 3:20-21)*

Lutheran High School of Sioux Falls is truly blessed by the community of faith that makes this school possible. Lutheran High School is thankful to the Lord for His provision of our need at this time through a Grant award by The Mundt Foundation of Omaha, NE. The Grant is for \$177,284.78 to fund expenses for the 2015-2016 school year.

The Mundt Foundation is a non-profit Foundation, which is committed to funding projects including Lutheran Schools. Lutheran High School applied for the Grant in October of 2015 and the Grant was awarded on April 4, 2016.

Lutheran High School of Sioux Falls acknowledges the Lord's work in the provision that comes from our generous donors, association church partners, committed parents and students, and our outstanding staff and faculty. God has truly blessed us! We are blessed to encourage young Christians to grow in their faith and knowledge to develop to be World Ready, Faith Secure!

Election Results: On Sunday, April 17, the following members were elected to serve the congregation, beginning July 1, 2016:

Chairman (1-year term): Tim Vanderpan
Vice-Chairman (1-year term): Joel Neubauer
Secretary (2-year term): Jody Nour
Financial Secretary (2-year term): vacant
Stewardship Vice-Chair: vacant
Parish Education Vice-Chair: Jennifer Noble
Evangelism Vice-Chair: Lynn Boyd
SFLS Board (3-year term): Clara Johnson
LHSSF Board (1-year term): Ritch Noble
Elders:
Mike Fick (1-year term)
Tim Symes (2-year term)
Russ Hirsch (3-year term)
Bruce Herther (3-year term)

Trustees:
Eugene Bult (3-year term)
Todd Basche (3-year term)

I thank all those who are newly elected or who were re-elected, as well as those who will be completing their terms of service on June 30.

Stewardship Workshop: On Tuesday, May 10, Zion Lutheran Church in Mitchell will be hosting our S.D. District Stewardship Workshop. The featured speaker is Rev. Heath Curtis, Stewardship Coordinator for the Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod. The evening portion of the workshop is open to all lay people and begins with dinner at 5:30 p.m. Please let me know if you would like to attend as we need to RSVP.

Mortgage Burning: On August 12, 2001, the members of Faith broke ground to begin building our present facility, including the Christian Life Center, classrooms, and offices. Less than fifteen years later, we are blessed to be able to announce that our mortgage has been paid in full! Please join us on Pentecost Sunday, May 15, at 9:15 a.m. for a special celebration and a “mortgage burning” as we thank the Lord for enabling our congregation to reach this milestone!

Lutheran Federal Credit Union: Finally, I've been asked to inform you about a new LCMS initiative—our church body has formed a Credit Union, exclusively for the LCMS community. The LFCU offers checking accounts, savings accounts, loans, and other services. You can learn more about the LFCU at www.lutheranfcu.org or by calling 314-394-2790. I've also provided a few brochures at the Welcome Center.

Whew! A wide variety of topics ... Last but not least, may the Lord bless and keep you as you set your sights on the hope that He has in store for all His saints: “Behold, I am making all things new!” (Revelation 21:5)

Peace in Christ,
Pastor Kory Janneke