



A Father's Life-Giving Calling By Rod Rosenblatt

I am deeply interested in the way theology and psychology intersect when it comes to how a father affects his children. The doctrine in question is that

of calling. Bad doctrine leads to poisoned souls.

It irks me that our culture can have over eighty five percent of its prison inmates come from homes without fathers, and at the same time, speak every day as if fathers were only nincompoops or deadbeat dads. No one seems to see any disjunction in this. I scan the shelves and see that this subject is now "in" in Christian circles. I see more and more books directed to Christians on the subject of "fathers" or "fathering." But these books never go deeper than the idea of father as disciplinarian.

The role of disciplinarian is a biblically grounded idea, but Martin Luther was on to something when he spoke of the father being a priest to his family. The deepest and most "unfindable-anywhere-else" function of a father is to provide for his children a way of blessing and escape from one who has an "air tight case" against them.

I learned this from my own father. As a child, I was one of the lucky ones. My surgeon-father was a gift to me from heaven itself. I love telling other men stories about my father. Men are so hungry to hear such stories that it almost takes my breath away. And yet I understand it. Robert Boy tells us that today's sons are just dying to hear their father's blessing, and they almost never get it. Sons are dying to hear "father-as-deliverer" stories. So here is just one of many:

One day my father and I were standing in the narthex of our church and he looked at me and asked how Sunday school was. I replied something like, "O.K." He saw what was going on. I was being taught bald moralism from a pietistic curriculum of Bible stories. My father looked at me and said, "How would you like to quit?" I answered, "Dad I'd love to quit!" And he said, "Why don't you stop going? Come and sit next to me in adult class." Deliverance!

My father was teaching me by analogy that there is something in the universe much deeper than the law. He was doing Romans and Galatians in the flesh every day of my young life! He knew (though he probably didn't know it to quote) the truth of George Macdonald's line in his poem to his father, "...but most of all I thank you for teaching me that Fatherhood is at the Great World's core."

The calling of a Christian father is to be a priest to his family, living evidence to the truth that "the law will never be allowed to have the final word." In the words of Anthony Hopkins in Legends of the Fall (the father to Brad Pitt as son), "You're not damned! I won't let that happen!" Beyond and above the law is a "eucatastrophic" (JRR Tolkien) deliverance to joy that the True Father provides for believing sinners, a joy purchased at great cost---the substitutionary cost of His Son's blood and death. That's what a father is: an analogy of that story to his children. Absent that living story, children die inside.

Pastor Killian

***Grace Alone, Faith Alone, Christ Alone, Scripture Alone,
and to God Alone be the Glory!"***

Pastor's office hours: Tuesday-Friday 10:00-1:00

Worship Schedule: **Sundays @ 8:00 and 10:30 a.m.**

Holy Communion is served every Sunday

Bible Study Schedule

You are encouraged to join us for Bible study on:

Sundays 9:15 a.m.: We are studying the Proverbs

Wednesdays 10:30 a.m.: New- Justification & Sanctification

Office hours:

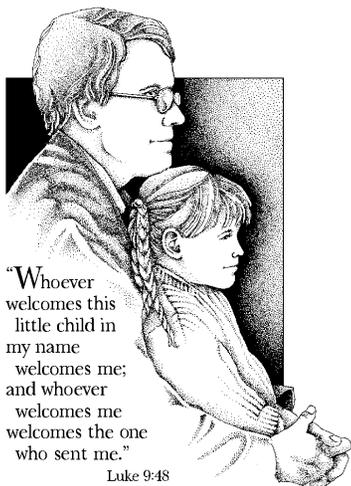
Monday- Friday

9:00 a.m. to noon

Pastor's hours Tuesday- Friday

10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Web site: www.faithupontherock.com Check it out. If you have ideas of things you would like to see on it, send them to Kie.



CHILDREN IN WORSHIP

We know children can be a handful in a worship service. We believe God wants your children to be part of the worship time and so do we.

You can begin training them as soon as they can sit by themselves. To help you, here are some suggestions. First - Worship with them, teaching them the pattern of worship. Folding hands during prayers is a good place to begin and standing when the congregation does. As they get older teach them to follow the service in the hymnal or

with a large print bulletin. Teach them the hymns so they can sing with you. During the sermon, let them color or play quietly.

And finally – they are children and will not be perfect. We expect an occasional “melt down” so hang in there. There is a monitor in the Sunday school room at the end of the hall on the right. You can sit in a chair back there and listen to the service till your child calms down. While following the service from back there, you will know when communion starts so you can come out and receive the holy gift.

THERE IS A NEED FOR MORE VOLUNTEERS to help clean the church. The church is divided into 3 sections and we need one person for each section per month. Please consider helping care for your church in this way. You can call the office if you have questions.

Remember Our Shut-Ins:

Floyd Burroughs, Windsor Care Center, 2305 Crescent Dr., CF
Steve Boyken, Ravenwood Care Center, 2651 St. Francis Dr.
Waterloo

Kathy Boyken, Sunrise Nursing, 235 N Mill St., P.O Box 383,
Denver, IA 50622, 984-5092

Shirley Clement, 1442 Prospect Blvd, Waterloo 50701

Rande Galle, 3261 Ansborough Ave. Waterloo 50701

Dale Holmes, 2104 Parrish, Cedar Falls 50613

Leona Jeanne Perkins, 203 Lake St., Cedar Falls 50613

Gleneva Wardius, 707 5th St, PO Box 26, Dike IA 50624

NEW Addresses & phone numbers:

Stephen & Tori Ramsey, 2229 Edgemont #6, Waterloo, 50702

Lucas & Leah Tanney, 1917 Downing, Waterloo, 50701

Doug Aswegan, 632 Jones Rd., Evansdale IA 50707

Steve Woolery, wrong number in the directory, change to 486-2380

Kent & Kris Larsen, 652 Olympic Dr. Waterloo, 50701, 322-8334

Elaine Irey, 1510 16th St. SW #212, Minot, ND 58701

Jill Killian, new phone: 596-6400

OFFICIAL ACTS in April-May

Funeral: Dona Carter, April 29

Junior Confirmation: Breanna Chidester, Laura Collins, Anthony Holman, May 3

Adult Confirmation: Doug Aswegan, May 17

Release: John Sieverts, to Pilgrim Lutheran

CHRISTIAN OUTREACH CENTER for the BLIND



The Blind Outreach met on May 16 for our regular luncheon. Because of the Valley Lutheran graduation and other events only four people were available to help. Thanks to Pastor and Jill Killian, Noreen Purcell and Kenny Maas for making it happen. Our next meeting is June 20 Please plan to join us and get to know our special guests.

One of our Blind guests has requested a ride from Cedar Falls for our Wednesday Bible Study. If you would be able to help out with that, call Mike Smith, 296-2342. Thank you

Please contact Kie Maas, 231-5711, Jill Killian, 610-4148, or Noreen Purcell, 230-8786, if you would like to be a part of this outreach ministry.

Rev. Dr. Brian S. Saunders

President's Piece for Peace

Professional Worker Packet—Iowa District East

Blessed brothers and sisters whose vocation provides the blessing of proclaiming and teaching the Truth to the ears of those who know only lies unless they hear the Holy Word of God. I have been spending a great deal of time lately re-reading the book of Acts. In and throughout the entire book it cannot be missed that Peter and Paul in particular were not only Called into the Apostolic

ministry by Jesus but were forced to live the very life of Christ including persecution at the hands of Jew and Gentile. I have been drawn ever more closely to chapters 21-28. In light of the Supreme Court decision that will be announced within the next month concerning same-sex marriage (I am writing this before the decision is made) which I think will side with the pro-homosexual community, I find great comfort in the closing chapters of Acts. Paul is fulfilling his Called vocation. He is preaching the Truth, the Word of God, to Jew and Gentile alike. He is teaching in synagogues and in homes that the prophecies of the Scriptures are filled in Christ Jesus. He does this over and over again bringing forth credibility based on his previous life as a Pharisee and now as an Apostle of Jesus. Doing what has been given for him met with great resistance from civil authorities. Time after time Paul was brought before the procurator of the Roman Empire and made to explain his beliefs. He did so boldly and with great clarity. First Felix and then Festus found Paul untenable and accused him of being out of his mind. Which of course he was out of his mind and in the mind of Christ (that is what the Call does to us). Even King Agrippa of Judea showed interest in hearing him but refused to listen to the scriptural instruction Paul espoused. Schemes were planned by the Jews to capture Paul and to kill him, Gentiles held him in prison and put him on trial many times. In each and every case Paul was unafraid for the Lord had spoken to him letting him know that he need not fear any of this. God would send Paul to Rome where he would preach the Word to the Caesar while under house arrest. What happened? The Holy Spirit worked through the Word, souls were brought into the Kingdom of Life, congregations were formed, pastor's Called and the Kingdom grew.

Brothers and sisters, I believe we are going to see and experience trials and tribulations directly. Whether it is from other religions or from the Gentile government, we are going to be contested, maybe even arrested. What is our option? Preach and teach the Holy Word of God full of grace and truth. Remain faithful to our beloved Confessions which expose the Word of God to us. Stay to our Calling as given by Christ through His Church. Paul did it and we are servants of no less a church. God will have His way in spite of formal or informal opposition. He will have His Word proclaimed, He will administer His Sacraments. He will see us through whatever lay ahead. We need not fear. Amen and Amen!

President Saunders.

HOSPITAL STAY- Pastor Killian does make it a priority to visit the hospitals. However, the hospital will not call us to let us know when one of our members is admitted. If you know ahead of time that you are going to be hospitalized, please indicate that on your record of fellowship or speak with Pastor Killian. If you are admitted suddenly, call or have a friend or relative call the church office for you.

Now Presenting: A New Address for Fun and Stewardship

"But Jesus said, 'Let the little children come to me and do not hinder them, for to such belongs to the kingdom of heaven.'" — Matthew 19:14

Check out the **NEW** Young Investors (Y.I.) Club Online Activity Center at yiclub.lcef.org for:

- > Games!
- > Bible stories!
- > Devotions!
- > Videos!
- > Service project ideas!
- > Crafts and recipes!

Each group—Little Lambs, Mission Builders and World Changers—has its own area on the site with age-appropriate activities. There are interactive games, coloring pages, Bible stories and devotions, videos, and, for older members, news stories and links to servant events and projects. New items will be added regularly to keep young ones engaged and entertained!

This website will reinforce Bible lessons, enhance understanding of stewardship concepts and supplement studies in math, English, history and personal finance in a fun and meaningful manner. We want each Y.I. Club member to know and understand Jesus' love and the fact that their investment is helping others learn about Jesus as well.

Explore the site and have some Y.I. Club fun! Designed to work well on mobile devices and tablets, it's perfect for families on the go! LCEF is a nonprofit religious organization; therefore, LCEF investments are not FDIC-insured bank deposit accounts. This is not an offer to sell investments, nor a solicitation to buy. LCEF will offer and sell its securities only in states where authorized. The offer is made solely by LCEF's Offering Circular. Investors should carefully read the Offering Circular, which more fully describes associated risks. LCEF StewardAccount access features are provided through UMB Bank n.a. StewardAccount is not available to investors living in South Carolina.

CHURCH LIBRARY and Cry Room

All the magazines that used to be on the table in the hallway are now on the shelves in the library. There are also many pamphlets written by the late Dr. A.L. Barry. These pamphlets cover many topics that you may have questions about.

Please stop in and browse. You can take the pamphlets for yourself and also to share with friends that may have questions.

We hope to grow the library with good Lutheran books. You can donate toward that with cash or with books that you would like to donate. Please give all books to Pastor Killian to approve.



LUTHERAN DAY AT ADVENTURELAND -June 24

Lutheran Day at Adventureland will soon be upon us! We would like to get a head count of those kids (and their drivers) who are interested in attending. Each year, we have traveled to Altoona, and great fun was had by all! We hope that your family will consider joining us this year. Please contact Pastor or Kie if you are interested in attending. Thank you.

Vacation Bible School Summer is here, and that means that the time for Vacation Bible School (VBS) will soon be upon us! We are excited to announce our theme for this year, "Te Deum: We Praise and Acknowledge You O God!" Our VBS this year will take place during the week of July 19-23, from 5:30-8 pm. A light dinner will be held each day at 5 pm.

We are also delighted to announce that our VBS this year will be a joint effort with Our Redeemer Lutheran Church of Cedar Falls. We will share children, volunteers, and the passion we have for teaching Christ's children His teaching. We look eagerly forward combining our efforts to accomplish an outstanding VBS!

We are currently looking for volunteers for the following areas: snack coordinator, game leader and assistant, craft assistant, snack assistant, small group guides. In addition, we will be putting lists of materials required for VBS in the narthex for anyone looking to donate.

We ask that each of you would pray for the work being done this week, and consider what role you might play in serving the little ones of this community. Please ask that God would cause us to faithfully confess Christ to His beloved children, and that established faith would be strengthened and new faith created. Please contact Jill Killian (319-596-6400) or the church office (319-236-1771) if you have any questions.

VBS planning meeting, June 9 @ 5:15 & 6:30 for anyone interested in helping. Come to which ever fits your schedule.

YOUTH GROUP WILL NOT MEET during the summer months. Keep Wednesday evenings open for a possible class by Pastor Killian.

CONFIRMATION AND WEDNESDAY CLASSES

Wednesday classes will resume in the fall. Watch for information in future newsletters. Activities will begin after Labor Day in early September. Anyone interested in classes or confirmation please contact the church office or Pastor Killian. Thank you to everyone for your support and prayers.

"I thank God every time I remember you." Philippians 1:1

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Spring and summer have arrived and we see much growth all around. The outdoors is greening and growing, the temps are warming and birds' songs fill the air. The planting and growth surrounds us especially in Iowa fields. This is also a time of growth for the church, the season of Trinity, the time of the church we focus on growing in faith and love toward one another. In doing this we also have the mission of sharing the faith with others. During the summer session of Sunday School we will focus on missionaries from the Bible and presently who support and carry out that work. It will help our students understand how they can carry out that mission for Christ in their own lives. They will grow strong in their faith so they can share it with others just as the examples of many of the disciples did in the Bible, helping the church on earth to grow.

June Lessons :

June 7: Paul's missionary journey, Acts 13-14.

June 14: Paul & Timothy, Acts 15:1-16:5

June 21: Lydia, Acts 16:11-15

June 28: Paul & Silas in Prison, Acts 16:16-40

Classes will continue through August. A BIG THANK YOU to all our staff for sharing the faith teaching Faith's younger generation. Thank you to families for supporting this important faith building education by bringing your children, praying for us and providing Sunday morning snacks. Please continue to support our summer session and the upcoming VBS week in July. It takes all of us working and growing together to accomplish this important mission.

Volunteers for teaching a lesson or providing snacks are still needed for the summer. Please contact Deb or Vickey Smith or the church office if you can help..

“Therefore, go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.” Matthew 28:19- 20

Io-Dis-E-Ca Summer Theme: **SET FREE**

“Truly, truly, I say to you, everyone who commits sin is a slave to sin. The slave does not remain in the house forever; the son remains forever. So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed.”—

John 8:34-36

Jesus comes to set you free. Throughout His ministry, Jesus healed the sick, made the deaf hear, the lame walk, and the blind see. Yes, He even forgave people their sins. Through the lens of His ministry, we see Jesus’ death on the cross and His resurrection as the ultimate act of setting people free. Jesus paid the price so that we are freed from being slaves to sin.

Summer camp registration is open! We are adding two more programs to our lineup. The first is Basketball Camp for Jr. High youth and the second is Defending the Faith Camp, which is an apologetics themed camp for Sr. High youth. Stay tuned for more information on these programs at our website and on our Facebook page!

Open House at Camp

Interested in bringing your family or youth group to the camp for a day of fun? Well you can do just that from Wednesday, July 29 through Friday, July 31! Camp Io-Dis-E -Ca is having an open house for families and youth groups to enjoy Camp’s activities at **NO COST!** Lunch and overnight camping are available at an additional cost, but there is no fee to bring your group out for a fun day to enjoy all of the activities that Camp Io-Dis- E-Ca has to offer. Contact the camp if you are interested in bringing your group out for the day

WOMEN OF FAITH met May 12th for their annual salad supper. We all enjoyed a variety of salads, muffins and a casserole. Our next meeting will be June 9th, 6:00 pm at Faith. All women are invited to attend.

National Convention in Des Moines: Sow-Nourish-Reap The Lutheran Women in Mission of the IDE

and IDW invite you to the 36th Biennial LWML Convention Communion Service on Thursday, June 25 at 7:00 p.m. It will be held at the Iowa Events Center, 730 3rd St. Des Moines.

Complete the Harvest! It’s time to dig deeply from His Word, Glorify the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, and Share His overflowing love. Pray for safe travel as we gather to participate and experience a life changing opportunity to serve wherever we are called. Don’t be late for the Opening Worship with Rev. Gregory Seltz, Proclaimer. Our Awesome God leads us to the bounty to sow, nourish and reap His Word to all in attendance and carry it into the Harvest Fields. You will be BLESSED!

“And He said to them, ‘The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few. Therefore pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into His Harvest.’” Luke 10:2

Church Garage Sale The Women of Faith are having a garage sale to raise money for the kitchen fund. We are planning for the 22nd of August. Clean your cupboards & your closets. We will have children’s clothes only but all other household stuff welcome. Betty Clemmensen has offered to donate a handmade quilt. Perhaps we can sell raffle tickets for it.



So many people do so much

around our church that may go unnoticed. Here are some things that have been noticed:

- Thank you to everyone that donated peanut butter for The Northeast Iowa food bank. Thanks also to Sharon Meggison for delivering it to them.
- Thank you to all the people that donated

food and helped serve and clean up at Dona Carter’s funeral

- Gene Johnson prepared the large garden and he & Kenny Maas planted the flower seeds.
- Kenny Maas added compost and tilled the small garden.

If you have noticed something or someone that should be recognized, please notify Kie in the office, faithluth@aol.com

Do you have information that you would like to share with the congregation? Please bring it or e-mail it Faithluth@aol.com to the office by **June19** to be included in the July Newsletter.

June Anniversaries

- 1 Mike & Vickey Smith (42)
- 6 Jim & Rebecca Dalluge (23)
- 9 Sarah & Zach Hayden (8)
- 9 Lucas & Leah Tanney (3)
- 11 Jeremy & Rebecca Goebel (10)
- 11 Scott & Jennifer Holman (21)
- 11 Tim & Katy Petersen (10)
- 12 Bill & Eddie Swaim (66)
- 23 Shawn & Tim Craigo (12)
- 26 Gene & Beverly Johnson (55)
- 28 Les & Brenda Douglass (29)
- 29 Justin & Nicole Riggins (1)



*For this reason, a man shall
leave his father and mother
and be united to his wife...*
Genesis 2:24

June Birthdays

- 1 Deb Dalluge
- 2 Michelle Finger
- 3 Kevin Frost
- 5 Keith Galloway, Travis Klima
- 6 Abriella Negus, Jeffrey Oltmann,
- 7 Mike Smith
- 8 Anthony Holman
- 9 Sean Hewitt
- 10 Rebecca Ehler
- 11 Debra Oltmann
- 12 Gleneva Wardius
- 13 Brayden Hinz
- 14 Sandra Galle
- 17 Andrew Robbins
- 19 Roger Gerholdt, Christine Holman,
- 21 Nick Craigo, Sandy Walker,
- 22 Candy Diercks
- 23 Traci Hewitt
- 25 Diane High
- 26 Parker Chidester
- 27 Sarah Hayden, Abraham Preus
- 28 Marie Henderson
- 29 Shirley Clement



FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP FOR APRIL

Giving back as we've been blessed!

Total undesignated income	\$ NA
Required to meet budget	\$ 17,344.60
Status (offerings compared to budget)	+ \$ 3,014.00
Year To Date	+ \$ 4,330.05

What's Your Reason for Investing in the Church?

Lutheran Church Extension Fund (LCEF) investors know they can invest for retirement, everyday needs and emergencies, all while supporting worship opportunities and Christian development.

There are a variety of reasons to join us, such as:

- You can meet your financial goals with the interest-bearing StewardAccount[®], enjoying convenient access through checks, debit card and online options.
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- You can invest to reach your goals while directly boosting the financial well-being of our ministry servants when they need it most. Investments enable LCEF to make custom loans to pastors and other rostered church workers.

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The Lutheran Hour-

The Lutheran Hour can be heard each Sunday morning on the following stations:

- 6:30 a.m. on WMT 600 AM
- 7:30 a.m. on KCHA 1580 AM
- 8:00 a.m. on KWAY 1470 AM
- 9:30 a.m. on KXEL 1540 AM

The Lutheran Hour also podcast their broadcast. For more information go to <http://www.lhm.org/podcasts>

June 7, "Life Under God's Construction"

Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Gregory Seltz

Do you see a "Road Construction Ahead" sign? Did God put it there?
(2 Corinthians 4:13-5:1)

June 14, "**God's Great Work of Faith**"

Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Gregory Seltz
Faith is God's work, not ours. (Mark 4)

June 21, "**God's Ballast of Blessing**"

Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Gregory Seltz
When the waves begin to rock your boat, is Christ in the boat with you? (Mark 4:35-41)

June 28, "**You Aren't Perfect**"

Speaker Emeritus of The Lutheran Hour: Rev. Ken Klaus
We aren't perfect and we can't change, but we can receive the benefits of Christ's perfection and sacrifice. (Matthew 5:43-48)

- Lutherans For Life has a nation-wide network of [state federations](#), [chapters](#), and [Life Teams](#).
- Lutherans For Life's educational resources include: [LifeDate](#), our free quarterly journal. Bible studies, brochures, booklets, DVDs, resource manuals, curricula, and Life Sunday worship materials (available through [Concordia Publishing House](#))
An annual [national conference](#)
- Lutherans For Life members serve as volunteers in caring pregnancy centers, facilitate educational programs, aid hospice, and give witness to chastity before marriage and faithfulness in marriage.
- Lutherans For Life seeks to change hearts and minds through the Word of God, trusting that changed people will seek to change laws.

Alternatives Pregnancy Center

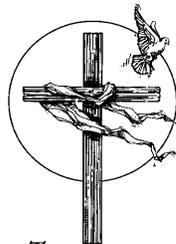
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*The Lord lift up
His countenance
upon you
and give you peace.
--Numbers 6:26*



Saturday, July 4th, 2015

7:00 am Registration & Check-In at Alternatives

8:00 am 5K walk/run begins on trails along Ansborough

Light breakfast, tours of the center & family friendly activities to follow

To register, you can go online to www.alternativescenter.org click on the "Get Involved" tab or call the office, 535-2720

Let's have a large team from Faith walk for Life! Contact Kie Maas, 231-5711 if you would like to walk or run.



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The FAITH LIFE TEAM - will meet on June 10, 6:00 p.m.
at the church. Come and join us to learn how you can affirm life in all situations.

Who are Lutherans For Life? Here are few basics:

- **Our Vision:** Every Lutheran congregation upholding the God-given value of human life and influencing society to do the same.
- Lutherans For Life believes that every human life—from conception to natural death regardless of physical or mental challenges or condition of dependence—is precious in God's sight.



Valley Lutheran School

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MISSION STATEMENT

Empowered by the Gospel of Jesus Christ, Valley Lutheran School will provide a Christ-centered learning environment in which the full potential of each student will be reached in academics and Christian service.!

Motto

Where faith and knowledge grow as one.

Valley Lutheran School's Third Annual Dinner

& Auction was held Saturday, April 18 at the Elks Club in Waterloo. The theme for the event was, "Christ Alone, Cornerstone", based on 1 Corinthians 3:11, "For no one can lay any foundation other than the one already laid, which is Jesus Christ."

The entertainment for the evening was two quartets from the Valley Lutheran High School Crusader Choir. The auctioneer for the live auction was Jodi Sweeney-Egeland and the emcee was Chad Holtzman (fifth grade teacher).

Proceeds from the event, which consisted of: ticket sales, sponsorships, silent auction, Dessert Frenzy and live auction, totaled just shy of \$27,000!

Thank you to all the individuals who generously donated their gifts, time and resources to make Valley Lutheran School's Third Annual Dinner and Auction a huge success.

HY VEE RECEIPTS EARNED \$2204.67 for Valley Lutheran School. Thank you for saving them. Throw away any that you have left over and start saving them again **on June 1**. Thank you.

FAITH VOLUNTEERS NEEDED We are looking to start a committee from Faith to help plan events to support Valley Lutheran School. We want to discuss ideas for our church to raise money in a fun way. Call Deb Dalluge if you are interested in helping with this planning, 415-7664. Thank you



Funeral Planning for all

You will find included in your newsletter this month a form for the planning of your funeral. While no one is looking forward to the hour of our death, we as Christians know that the Lord will most certainly come for us and take us to our heavenly home. With that in mind, it is important that we make preparations for what will happen at the end of our journey here on earth.

Pastor Killian respectfully requests that you review the funeral planning guide, and give careful thought to selecting hymns, Bible texts, family contact information, etc., so that he can visit with you and help you to plan an appropriate Christian burial that will meet your wishes and confess the comfort of Jesus Christ to those who are grieving your loss. Discussing the details ahead of time will also prevent your family from having to make these decisions under duress.

Please take a moment and begin to think about these things this week. Pastor will be contacting you shortly to discuss them with you. Thank you in advance for your consideration.

Call the office, 236-1771, if you need more copies. One for each member of the family, please.

ONE YEAR ANNIVERSARY

Plan ahead and save the date! We are planning a celebration to mark the one year milestone in our new Sanctuary. A time to give thanks for the many blessings we have enjoyed. Plans are for a dinner and a short program on **Sunday, October 18, 2015** at 4:00 p.m. The meat, drinks and dessert will be provided. We are asking guests to bring a side dish. Donations are needed to purchase the meat, drinks, and paper products. If you are willing to help by donations, set-up, serving, clean-up or other ways, please contact Mike and Vickey Smith or the church office. Come join in the celebration as we mark this milestone at Faith.