



Call of Faith

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From the Pen of Pastor Leigh

I do not understand my own actions. For I do not do what I want, but I do the very thing I hate. Romans 7:15

A friend of mine shared this frustration with me: instead of doing the things he hoped to do to make his life better, he instead plays on his computer most nights, into the night. He knows he will feel better if he gets his tasks done; he knows he will feel better the next day if he has had a good night's sleep. He tells himself these things. And then he keeps on playing on the computer. While the degree and the specific activity may vary (I don't enjoy playing on my computer – too much like work!), it is a dilemma that I can relate to all too well.

Miriam-Webster defines procrastination as “to put off intentionally the doing of something that should be done.” When we procrastinate, we are stuck – and the more we do it, the harder it is to get to the task. Small things can become monumental. And it feels outside of your control – as if there is an outside force holding you back, instead of something within. But procrastination does come from inside you, and only you can overcome it – with God's help. To do this, you need to search within yourself and discover the root of your procrastination. St. Paul would say that the root is sin, but I think a bit more specificity is helpful. Why are you putting off this task? Is there something deeper at the heart of your procrastination?

I used to put off writing seminary papers. After some soul-searching and help from a friend, I realized that I was procrastinating because I never thought my papers were good enough. It didn't matter that I received good grades. My friend said “Every paper is a draft. The key is knowing when to let go of the draft and accept that it is not perfect, but good enough.”

Often the root of procrastination is fear – fear of failure, fear of success (success often contradicts our image of ourselves), fear of having to confront a new situation, fear of the unknown. Sometimes, procrastination happens because we're overwhelmed, exhausted or depressed or not interested in the task.

For me, I've procrastinated tasks for all of the above reasons. The important thing to remember is that everyone procrastinates from time to time and you can overcome it. The key is to figure out why - to find the root of your procrastination, and then move through it. Ask yourself these three questions: 1) What will happen if the task doesn't get done? 2) What will happen if it does get done? 3) Why am I avoiding this task? Be honest. Are you too tired to get to it? Are you afraid you do a poor job? Is there information you are missing? Talk to a trusted friend if that helps you. Try breaking the task down into manageable steps. And most importantly, do what Paul did – pray for help!

When you understand yourself and your behavior, you have taken the first and largest step in overcoming it.

Sunday Summer Worship Schedule 9:30 Worship Service 10:30-11:30 Fellowship/Coffee *Faith is Handicap Accessible*

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New Service Times

Summer Adult Education Opportunities

Phantasmagoria! A Study of the Book of Revelation
Wednesdays, through August 4, 7:00 PM

"Messy Spirituality" by author, Michael Yaconelli
Wednesdays, August 18-September 8, 7:00 PM

United Methodist Women (UMW)

The next meeting will be Thursday, September 16, 7:00 PM at the church. Going forward, meetings will be on a quarterly basis instead of monthly. All women are welcome to come.

The purpose of UMW is missions – participation in the global ministries of the church. They are charged with developing a creative and supportive fellowship. Past activities include the annual Birthday Bash, UMW Sunday, and fall retreats.

Do you have any ideas regarding future events, activities, programs, meeting dates, or anything else regarding Faith United Methodist Women? Please contact Barbara Greicius, Fran Cox, Jo Halvorsen, Fern Ostberg, Lorraine Haugen, or Jane Grapevine with your suggestions, comments, or questions.

Dead Sea Scrolls:

Words that Changed the World

Saturday, September 18, 12:00 - 4:00 PM

The Senior Adult Ministry invites people of all ages to join us for a bus trip to the Science Museum of Minnesota to view an exhibit on the Dead Sea Scrolls. Experience a once-in-a-lifetime journey through the spiritual, cultural and scientific significance of authentic 2,000-year-old manuscripts, including the earliest biblical writings. The cost (including bus) is \$30 for Seniors (60 and older) or children (ages 4-12) and \$34 for ages 13-59. Children younger than 4 are free. Sign up at the welcome table in the Commons. We will meet at 12:00 PM in the church parking lot. The bus leaves at 12:15 and will return to church by 4:00 PM. If you have any questions, please call Susan Mullin at the church office, or Blanche Burroughs at 612-789-0385.

New Sunday Schedule Beginning September 12

As a result of your vote at the Church Conference on June 27, below is the new fall service schedule:

9:00 - 10:00	Traditional Service
10:00 - 10:20	Fellowship Time
10:20 - 11:15	Education
11:20 - 12:00	Celebration Service

We'll see you there!

Night to Unite

Tuesday, August 3, 6:30 - 8:30 PM

Join our neighbors and Faith Family in the Faith Church parking lot to celebrate Night to Unite (formerly known as National Night Out). We will have ice cream cones, sundaes, cookies, bars, coffee, and lemonade.

The children can win prizes playing several games of chance and have their faces painted. Win the grand prize by guessing how many jelly beans are in the jar!

Church Directory Updates

Have you moved, changed a phone number, or added an email address? During July and August the Church office staff will be updating our Church Directory and we would like to include all the latest information. Please notify us of any changes or additions for the directory by calling the church office at 612-781-3167 or email faith@faithumchurch.com.

Chancel Flowers for the Worship Center

Help decorate the Worship Center with flowers each Sunday. The cost is \$28.50 and you may take your flowers home after the Sunday's last Service. The following dates are open: August 29, September 19 & 26, October 17, 24, & 31 and November 28. Please contact the church office if you are interested in donating the flowers.

The Call of Faith is the newsletter of Faith United Methodist Church, St. Anthony, MN. Next deadline is Monday, August 9. Please include information through September. Contact LaFonda Shreve at 612-781-3167, fax 612-781-4538, or email lshreve@faithumchurch.com.

Finance Team Report

Finance Ministry Team Year-to-Date June Report, 2010

The Operating budget fund balance at the end of June was \$2,500. One year ago at this time the balance was a negative \$13,000. Obviously, we are in a much stronger financial position this year. However, if we are not diligent in maintaining this momentum, our financial position can change rather quickly. For example, in the month of June alone expenses exceeded receipts by almost \$4,800. Your efforts at continuing your contributions over the difficult summer months are appreciated.

The Capital budget fund balance at the end of June was \$55,536. The principal balance on the mortgage was \$1,225,000. [Please see latest report on the 2011-2013 Capital Appeal in the article below.]

If you are using stocks to make payments for either the Operating budget or the Capital budget, please let the church office know. Remember to go through your broker or Merrill-Lynch to assure a tax-free transfer to support your church. This will ensure the prompt sale of the transferred stocks and the recording of your donation.

Your continued generosity is greatly appreciated. If you have questions, please contact us or the church office.

Rod Long, Treasurer
Terry Krinke, Finance Ministry Leader



2011-2013 Capital Appeal Update

Our current mortgage balance is approximately \$1.2 million. In December 2008, we refinanced our mortgage which decreased our monthly payments to \$9,181. Our goal for the 2011-2013 campaign is to achieve \$500,000 to accomplish the following:

1. Raise enough funds to make our regular mortgage payments for the next three years - which equals \$360,000.
2. Raise additional funds to pay down on the principal. Any money applied to the principal in excess of our monthly payments accelerates our loan pay-off and will save our church thousands of dollars of interest.

Following is the outcome of our previous campaigns and where we currently stand with the 2011-2013 appeal:

- 2004–2006: \$676,020 pledged; \$633,186 received; \$33,666 non-pledged; 219 participants
- 2007–2009: \$470,271 pledged; \$455,157 received; \$10,810 non-pledged; 163 participants
- 2010: \$108,481 pledged; \$59,323 received; \$3,078 non-pledged; 98 participants
- 2011-2013: \$293,625 * pledged to-date; 63 participants

* To cover the monthly mortgage for these three years requires \$360,000.

It is time to bring our 2011-2013 Capital Appeal to a close. We know that summer can be a very busy time, but please take a few minutes to fill out and turn in your pledge. You may place your completed pledge card in the offering plate on Sunday morning, mail your card to the church, or make your commitment on line by visiting our web site: www.faithumchurch.com and click on "Capital Appeal." Our team of willing volunteers will be calling or visiting those we haven't heard from, so please help us out and return your pledge as soon as possible.

We want to thank you for your generosity! Your commitment is sacred and deeply appreciated. These capital funds are not simply about paying our mortgage, but about enabling effective ministry that can touch lives and invite God's people into a life-long journey of faith. Your continued faithfulness in giving is vital and greatly appreciated.

Leigh Brown, Pastor
Terry Krinke and Judy Vijums, Capital Appeal Co-Chairs

Extend and Serve



School Supplies for Lucy Craft Laney Elementary School

The Lucy Craft Laney Elementary School has 95% of their students eligible for reduced or free lunches. This compares with the state average of just 31% .

The Outreach Team's project for August is to supply filled backpacks to children in need. They can be filled with the following items:

- #2 Pencils
- Pencil box
- Pocket folders
- Protractors (for upper grades)
- Ruler
- Water color markers
- Small calculator
- Crayons
- Ink pens
- Glue stick
- Small round scissors (for lower grades)
- Kleenex
- Spiral notebooks

Please bring the filled backpacks to the church on Sundays August 1, 8, 15, or 22. You also may donate a larger quantity of one or two items. Cash donations will also be accepted. Checks should be made payable to Faith UMC and mark *school supplies* on the envelope. Please contact Barbara Greicius with questions at 651-340-9855.

Children's Center

Theater Camp

Centennial UMC, Roseville
August 16-20, 9:00-11:30 AM

Centennial UMC has openings in their Theater Camp for children ages 4-12. The cost is \$50 per child (\$40 for each additional child from the same family). Scholarships are available. Call Donna Draeger at 651-633-7644 for more information.

Family Activities

St. Anthony Parade

Friday, August 6, 7:00 PM
Begins at St. Charles and ends at St. Anthony Shopping Center

Join us for a healthy, family-friendly activity as we walk the parade route and hand out candy. (OK, it's not that healthy.) We will need volunteers to carry the banner, distribute candy, and represent the church at this terrific neighborhood event. If you would like to be in the thick-of-things, contact Susan Mullin at 612-781-3167 for more information. If you prefer to sit on the sidelines and watch the festivities, cheer us on as we go by!

Faith UMC Fall Retreat

Friday, September 24 - Sunday, September 26

We are planning a fall retreat for all ages at Koinonia Retreat Center near Annandale (about 80 minutes by car). The retreat will begin with supper at 7:00 PM on Friday and will end with a worship service after breakfast on Sunday. Activities at Koinonia include boating, swimming, hiking trails, volleyball, basketball, an outdoor labyrinth, ping pong, billiards, foosball, board games, campfires by the lake, swing set and slide. The cost (including all meals) is \$96 for adults, \$76 for children ages 5-12, and free for children under age five. The catch is that *we need a minimum of 32 people to make this work*. Please sign up as soon as possible so that we can confirm our reservation. There is a sign-up sheet on the welcome table in the Commons. You can also sign up by calling the church office or sending an email to Susan Mullin (smullin@faithumchurch.com).



Marriage Encounter

Marriage Encounter has been celebrating, saving and serving marriages since 1972. Don't just talk about it! Discover the full potential of your marriage by attending a Marriage Encounter. For a listing of retreats visit www.marriages.org or call 651-454-3238.

Birthday Buddies

3rd Annual Golf Classic

Saturday, August 21, 2010, 12:00 PM

Majestic Oaks Golf Course

The event includes a 4-person best ball round of golf, dinner and awards reception with silent auction. Majestic Oaks has donated a round of golf (to be played at a later date) to anyone playing in this event. For more information contact Nancy at 612-202-9438.

Birthday Buddies is a non-profit organization that creates birthday party packages for children of families in need. They partner with over 35 non-profit organizations, county and state agencies creating party bags specifically tailored to each child. The agency screens all recipients so packages go to those who are truly in need. Check them out at: www.birthdaybuddiesmn.com.

Crisis Connection

Crisis Connection is a nonprofit agency that provides 24-hour crisis counseling by telephone. Their mission is to create a place in which *no one in crisis will be alone*. They answer calls 365 days per year, and answered over 46,000 calls in 2009! Anyone can call from throughout Minnesota to receive support at any time. The counseling services are delivered primarily by volunteer counselors who commit to 50 hours of training and regular shifts to become Crisis Connection telephone counselors. The calls to Crisis Connection have increased, and the needs are great, but the work is very fulfilling. Please see www.crisis.org for more information about Crisis Connection. If you are interested in being a volunteer counselor, please call them at 612-852-2203 or email Liz Paine, liz@crisis.org.

Northeast Dinner Bell Meals on Wheels

Please mark your calendar for the Northeast Dinner Bell annual volunteer appreciation potluck picnic on Tuesday, August 10, 5:00-6:30 PM. It will be held at the Xcel picnic shelter on Marshall Street NE across from Xcel Riverside plant. Friends and potential volunteers are welcome as well. Please call Susan at 612-789-6548 to RSVP. They will be serving hot dogs and hamburgers donated by St. Anthony Village Cub, and bottled water donated by Premium Waters, and Coke products donated by Coca Cola Bottling in Eagan. There will be a short program and drawings for door prizes.

Get to know the Northeast Dinner Bell Meals on Wheels Program volunteer drivers and help us recruit more volunteers!

Walk To Emmaus

Are you looking to strengthen your relationship with Jesus Christ while enjoying the fellowship of other Christians? If so, you are invited to prayerfully consider attending the Walk to Emmaus. It is an opportunity to have three Spirit-led, Christ-centered days in a campground setting with other committed Christians. Participants enjoy singing, learning, laughing, worshiping, reflecting, praying, and participating in small groups. The Walk to Emmaus is an opportunity to meet Jesus Christ in a new way as He is revealed to you through other believers. Walk to Emmaus will inspire, challenge, and equip participants for Christian action in their homes, churches, and place of work. Walk to Emmaus lifts up a way for our grace-filled lives to be lived and shared with others.

Upcoming dates at Camp Koronis in Paynesville, MN:

- Men's Walk # 91, October 7-10,
- Women's Walk # 92, October 14-17

If you are interested in attending or learning more about Walk to Emmaus, please contact Barbara Greicius (651-340-9855) or Ken and Peg Nelson (651-633-3029).

Church Calendar

Date	Event	Time
Sun. 8/01	Worship Service	9:30 AM
	Fellowship	10:30 AM
	Simpson Meal Preparation	6:00 PM
Tue. 8/03	Classical Music Academy	9:00 AM
	Night to Unite	6:30 PM
	Church Council Meeting	7:00 PM
Wed. 8/04	Lectionary Group Discussion	12:00 PM
	Bible Study - Revelation	7:00 PM
Thu. 8/05	Classical Music Academy	9:00 AM
	Pastoral Staff Meeting	10:00 AM
Fri. 8/06	Classical Music Academy	3:00 PM
	St. Anthony Parade	TBD
Sun. 8/08	Worship Service	9:30 AM
	Fellowship	10:30 AM
	Private Use	3:00 PM
Mon. 8/09	Call of Faith info due	9:00 AM
Tue. 8/10	Church office closed	
	Classical Music Academy	9:00 AM
	Worship & Music Team Meeting	6:30 PM
Wed. 8/11	Lectionary Group Discussion	12:00 PM
Thu. 8/12	Classical Music Academy	9:00 AM
	500 Cards	1:00 PM
	Board of Trustees Meeting	7:00 PM
Fri. 8/13	Church office closed	
	Classical Music Academy	9:00 AM

Date	Event	Time
Sat. 8/14	Men's Breakfast	8:00 AM
Sun. 8/15	Worship Service	9:30 AM
	Fellowship	10:30 AM
Tue. 8/17	Sr. Adult Council Meeting	4:00 PM
	Communications Team Meeting	6:30 PM
	Staff Parish Relations Meeting	6:30 PM
	Christian Education Team Mtg.	6:45 PM
Wed. 8/18	Lectionary Group Discussion	12:00 PM
	Book Study - Messy Spirituality	7:00 PM
Thu. 8/19	Men's Workgroup	9:00 AM
	Pastoral Staff Meeting	10:00 AM
	Scout Leaders' Meeting	7:30 PM
Sun. 8/22	Worship Service	9:30 AM
	Fellowship	10:30 AM
	Rally Day Task Force Mtg.	10:45 AM
Mon. 8/23	Outreach Team Meeting	7:00 PM
Tue. 8/24	Hospitality Team Meeting	6:30 PM
	Finance Team Meeting	7:00 PM
Wed. 8/25	Mom's Club Play Date	9:45 AM
	Lectionary Group Discussion	12:00 PM
	Book Study - Messy Spirituality	7:00 PM
Thu. 8/26	500 Cards	1:00 PM
Sun. 8/29	Worship Service	9:30 AM
	Fellowship	10:30 AM

Upcoming Lectionary Scriptures

Wednesdays, 12:00-1:00 PM
Conference Room

- July 28: Psalm 107:1-9, 43; Luke 12:13-21
- Aug. 4: Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16; Luke 12:32-40
- Aug. 11: Isaiah 5:1-7; Luke 12:49-56
- Aug. 18: Psalm 71: 1-6; Luke 13:10-17
- Aug. 25: Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16; Luke 14:1, 7-14

Everyone is encouraged to attend!

Feedback Box

Provide your opinion on what's happening in the life of Faith Church. Jot down your thoughts and drop them in the "Feedback Box" located on the shelf in the library adjacent to the Worship Center. Or, if you'd rather, you may email your thoughts to faith@faithumchurch.com and put the word "feedback" in the subject line.

Faith Church's Website

Our church's website is www.faihumchurch.com. This provides quick and easy access to our weekly schedule, upcoming events, articles and pictures of past events, and links to interesting sites. Keep up to date at the touch of a button!

Peace Coffee

Every Sunday morning during Fellowship Time, we will be serving Peace Coffee, a 100% Fair Trade Coffee. Fair Trade gives workers the wages they deserve for their work and addresses the principles relevant to human rights. You can support us in this privilege by being generous in your donations at coffee time. Thank you for your generosity.

For more information check out the Calendar of Events on our website: www.faihumchurch.com.

Church office hours are: Monday - Friday 8:30 AM - 1:30 PM. For security reasons the church doors are frequently kept locked. Please feel free to ring the bell at the parking lot door and we will assist you.