



Call of Faith

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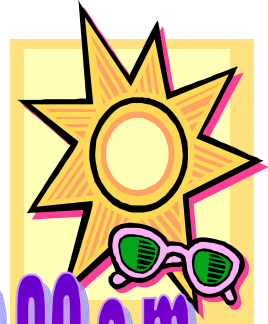
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Summer has arrived at Faith Church



One Sunday Worship Service begins May 29, 9:30 a.m.

Upcoming Lectionary Scriptures Discussion

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

- June 2 Ephesians 1:15-23, Luke 24:44-53
- June 9 Acts 2:1-21, John 7:37-39

Everyone is encouraged to attend!

Upcoming Services

- May 31 Summer Schedule begins.
One service at 9:30 a.m.
- June 5 Graduation Sunday, reception following
- June 12 Pentecost Sunday
Join us following the service for an intergenerational event making stepping stones.
(See Page 4)
- June 19 Father's Day



Worship Schedule

Sundays: 9:30-10:30 AM, Worship Service
10:30-11:00 AM, Fellowship

Wednesdays: Beginning June 8, 6:30-7:00 PM
Contemplative Service

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From the Pen of Pastor Leigh

The Communications and Marketing Team is working on a new Welcoming brochure for Faith Church. They will design the layout, choose photographs and color, decide which ministries to highlight, and write copy. They will probably enlist the help of Laurie Gross, our generous and gifted graphic artist who created all of our beautiful post-cards. The idea of course is to capture the life and ministry of Faith on paper, so that the reader wants to discover more. Brochures are informational, but they are also promotional.

I wish there was some way to capture on paper the inspiration and the pride we felt on Sunday, May 15 when eight of our youth were confirmed in their baptisms and became official members of Faith Church.

This was my second confirmation class at Faith, and both classes have impressed and inspired me greatly. When I was first told that each confirmation class was expected to read their faith statement on Confirmation Sunday, I protested. First of all, I thought that many would choose not to be confirmed rather than go through that. It is not easy to stand in front of a congregation and profess your faith! But I was also concerned because I have always encouraged confirmation students to be honest in their faith statements. I do not want them to recite the creeds or orthodox Christian beliefs if that does not describe their personal faith – I want to know how *they* feel, what *they* believe. I think this reflects all of our faith journeys – on any given Sunday, we are all at different places with regard to our faith and beliefs. Confirmation is after all not an end, but a beginning.

I was assured that this has always been the expectation at Faith Church, and the students would feel free to write and speak from their hearts. And sure enough, that first year each student expectantly and willingly shared their personal faith with the congregation prior to being confirmed. And then again this year – it wasn't a one year fluke!

I guess you have become accustomed to this extraordinary blessing at Faith, but I hope you haven't become numb to it. Not every United Methodist congregation receives this blessing – this is a special place. Let me assure you that I, as a person who did not attend church in childhood or youth, did not have the maturity, the thoughtfulness, the faith or the ability to articulate that faith that each of these young people possess.

Of course these youth were not born this way and there is nothing in the St Anthony water supply that makes them develop this way. *It is the love, the care and the teaching they receive from each and every one of you.* It is their parents, their Sunday School teachers, their Confirmation teachers and volunteers and mentors, their pastors, and members of the congregation who encourage them in their faith. And isn't the reward great?

It's a tall order to capture such a gift in a brochure. But it can be shared in our stories, in our every day conversations with friends and neighbors – especially with parents in our community. Perhaps there are others who would want this experience for their own child.

Renewal Leave

The United Methodist Book of Discipline recommends that pastors take a renewal leave once in every four years of their ministry. I am in my sixth year of ministry, and I will be taking my first renewal leave this summer from July 14 through August 14.

I will be going on a spiritual retreat at the Tearmann Spirituality Centre in Glendalough, County Wicklow, Ireland (about an hour south of Dublin.) I will be part of a group of ten who follows a daily routine of scripture reading, prayer, meditation, walking and group reflection. Just as teachers and professors need renewal leaves to enhance their scholarship, pastors need renewal leave to enhance their relationship with God – to renew our spirits for preaching, teaching and care giving. I am grateful to all at Faith, and especially the Staff Parish Relations Team, for your encouragement and your prayers as I take this time away.

Local United Methodist pastors will be on hand for emergencies in my absence – if you need a pastor, contact the church office, or if the office is closed a member of the SPR team (Carol Grutkoski, James Clarke, Peg Cooper, Mark Grimes, Janet Johnson, Andie Scamehorn, and Sue Holten) or Jennifer Krinke. They will contact the pastor on call. Of course, there will also be guest preachers on Sunday morning – a chance for you to hear some different voices!

I look forward to sharing my experience with you when I return.

ASP Update

The April 17 Bake Sale raised almost \$800 for the Appalachian Service Project (ASP) mission group. Thanks so much for all your donated baked goods and your support for our mission!

The team is scheduled to leave Friday, July 8 for the Appalachian Mountains in Lincoln County, West Virginia. They will return on Sunday, July 17.

Their numbers are **10-6-2-9** (ten youth and six adults in two vans for nine days). With this kind of schedule, your continued prayers will be greatly appreciated.

Sponsors are still needed. Please contact Gary Johnson at 612-788-1502 or Mark Grimes at 612-706-9523 with questions.

Calling All Recent Graduates

We would like to acknowledge all graduates during our Sunday, June 6 worship service with a reception following in the Commons. To do so, we would like the names of everyone who has graduated from any high school, college, degree program, certification process, or trade school since July 1, 2010.

We need the following information by May 31:

- Full name
- Where he/she is graduating from
- Degree received
- Future plans, if known

Please call the church office at 612-781-3167 or email faith@faithumchurch.com.

Thank you.



Confirmation Thanks

Thanks so much to the following volunteers who helped make our Confirmation events so special.

- Annette Jenson - Confirmation Coordinator
- Deb Anderson - Teacher and Curriculum Writer
- Blanche Burroughs - Teacher
- Barb Damerow - Confirmation Event Planner
- Darlya Mathews - Confirmation Event Planner
- Susan Mullin - Confirmation Event Planner
- Gail Schaal - Photo Collages

Community Meal at Northeast UMC

Faith UMC joins NE UMC in serving a free Community Meal on the 2nd and 3rd Saturday evenings of each month. Please sign up in the Commons to volunteer for making specific dishes or for helping with serving.

Food must be delivered to the Faith Church kitchen by noon on that Saturday.

Meals are served at 6:00 PM and we also need servers to arrive at 5:30 PM and stay through clean-up (before 7:30 PM). Volunteers from Northeast UMC will be on hand to provide direction.

To help us serve our NE neighbors, please sign up on the sheet in the Commons. Because of parking restrictions, we may carpool from Faith Church or consolidate rides. Questions? Please contact Barbara Greicius, NE Mission Coordinator, at 651-340-9855 or greicius2003@yahoo.com.

Relay for Life - June 24 Irondale High School Football Field



Cancer has touched many people. Relay for Life gives us an opportunity to participate in the fight against cancer as a church community. You can do this by joining our team, the Full of Faith Team, and/or donating to the American Cancer Society through our team. For each \$10 donation you may choose to have a luminary made "In Memory of..." or "In Honor of..." a loved one who has lost to cancer, who is fighting cancer, or who has fought cancer and won. We have had wonderful teams the past three years and have been in 1st place for donations for all three years. We are looking forward to the same this year. There will be a "Survivors Walk" lap around the field for survivors. A short program and lighting of the luminaries will begin at dusk. Please come support our team.

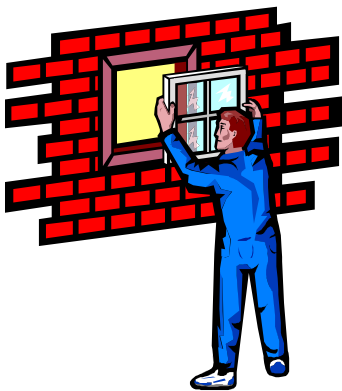
If you would like to be on our team or donate, please contact Kay Kramer at 612-781-0277 or Sue Sattler at 763-786-8419.

Perfume and Cologne

Did you know that some people are affected by second-hand scents? Just as we have come to understand the health consequences of secondhand smoke, we are learning that the scents in perfumes and colognes can also have negative health consequences. Scented products can lead to asthma, wheezing, and headaches in affected individuals. We have several members of our church that are highly sensitive to the chemicals in perfumes, colognes, and scented lotion. They sometimes have to leave worship because of this sensitivity. We can all help by refraining from the use of perfume, cologne, or scented lotion when we are coming to church. Thanks for listening!

Pentecost Stepping Stones

Calling all crafty folk, gardeners, and steppers on stones! Are you following along with Pastor Leigh's *Rise Up! To Faith* sermon series? Each week we are taking another step along the path of faith, reflecting on what it means to be faithful disciples of Jesus. During each service, we collect paper "stones" to add to our path. On Pentecost Sunday, June 12, plan to stay after the service to create real stepping stones that will be used on the church grounds. If there are enough materials left over, we can also make stepping stones for home gardens. This is a great activity for people of all ages. We will be done in plenty of time to get home for Sunday dinner.



If so, join us at 9:00 AM on the third Thursday of each month in the Conference Room when our Men's Workgroup meets for coffee and treats. Afterward, the men get busy doing various repairs around our building. Last month they cleaned around the dumpsters, moved a computer, took an inventory of the chairs in the Fellowship Hall, added pads to the altar table, fixed a light fixture, framed a bulletin board, replaced a ceiling tile, and organized the storage room.

The April volunteers were: Milt Benham, Darryl Dawson, Bob Dexter, Ray Erpelding, Leo Hertog, Doug Johnson, Dan Kramer, Tom Krinke, Glenn Puncochar, and Dick Wise. Thanks guys, for all your hard work!

Join Pastor Leigh for Coffee



Pastor Leigh is at Caribou Coffee at Silver Lake Village every Tuesday from 4:00-6:30 PM. Please feel free to stop by for coffee and a chat with her.

Contemplative Prayer Service

Spending weekends at the cabin this summer? Treat yourself to a contemplative Celtic prayer service on Wednesday evenings from 6:30-7:00 PM, beginning June 8. This mid-week service will include prayers, readings, and beautiful meditative music recorded at the Cathedral of the Isles in Scotland. Come and light a candle for a loved one or a prayer concern, and spend time in meditative prayer with others.

Note: There will **not** be a contemplative service on May 25 (conflicts with the Mother-Daughter potluck) or on June 1 (conflicts with Annual Conference meeting).

Summer Book Group

Full of beautiful, heart-wrenching, and hilarious stories, *A Million Miles in a Thousand Years: How I Learned to Live a Better Story* details one man's opportunity to edit his life as if he were a character in a movie. Join us as we reconsider what we are striving for in life. Is there a way to get a second chance at life the first time around? What is the role of each of our stories in The Story? Join Pastor Leigh on Wednesday evenings in the Ebenezer Room from 7:00-8:00 PM for this five week book study, beginning June 8. Books cost \$10 and can be ordered by signing up at the Community Activity Table or by emailing lshreve@faithumchurch.com.

Are You a Handy Man?

Do You Enjoy Hanging Out With the Guys?

Congratulations to our May 15, 2011 Confirmands

Ryan Burr

was born in Fridley, MN, and attends Totino-Grace High School where band is his favorite class. He enjoys music, theater tech, Boy Scouts, sailing and camping. He would like to do something with computers when he is older. His parents are Don and Laure Burr and his mentor is Tony Greicius.

Jake Damerow

was born in Fridley, MN, and attends Irondale High School where math and social studies are his favorite classes. He enjoys basketball, baseball, football, school and spending time with friends. He would like to become an entrepreneur/investor when he is older. His parents are Allen and Barb Damerow and his mentor is Terry Krinke.

Ryan Gross

was born in Minneapolis, MN, and attends St. Anthony High School where biology is his favorite class. He enjoys robotics, guitar, trumpet, strategy-related board and card games, and paintball. He would like to do something in the field of science when he is older. His parents are James and Laurie Gross and his mentor is Carroll Vance.

Abby Jenson

was born in Minneapolis, MN, and attends St. Anthony High School where biology and choir are her favorite classes. She enjoys reading, volleyball, softball, singing, and playing the guitar. She would like to become a music artist or biology teacher when she is older. Her parents are Jeffrey and Annette Jenson and her mentor is Susan Mullin.

Paige LaBreche

was born in Minneapolis, MN, and attends St. Anthony High School where French is her favorite class. She enjoys track, gymnastics and cross country. She would like to become an orthodontist when she is older. Her parents are Keith and Wendy LaBreche and her mentor is Bethany Holten.

Emily LaKosky

was born in St. Paul, MN, and attends Irondale High School where art is her favorite class. She enjoys marching band, drawing, and music. She would like to become a vet or chef when she is older. Her parents are Jeanne and John Vogt and Kevin LaKosky and her mentor is Pam Pettit.

Anders Nygaard

was born in Minneapolis, MN, and attends Mounds View High School where math is his favorite class. He enjoys band, watching TV and movies, listening to music, and swimming. He would like to become an engineer when he is older. His parents are Gary and Sue Nygaard and his mentor is James Clarke.

Nicole Oja

was born in Minneapolis, MN, and attends St. Anthony High School where health is her favorite class. She enjoys basketball, soccer, listening to music, playing the ukulele, and traveling. She would like to become a graphic designer or athletic trainer when she is older. Her parents are John and Vivien Oja and her mentor is Natalie McNall.



Senior Moments

Upcoming Events Sponsored by the Senior Adult Council

Workshop: What Seniors Need to Know about Selling a House. Sunday, June 26 at 3:00 PM, Worship Center
Thinking about moving but don't know where to start? Finding it harder and harder to maintain your house, yard and sidewalks? This workshop, sponsored by Northeast Senior Services and hosted by Faith UMC's Adult Council, will help you to understand the basics of selling a home – working with a realtor, understanding the current market and how it affects your sale, choosing where you want to live, getting started on that downsizing process, and answering your questions. Presenters are Lisa Dunn, Edina Realty Senior Real Estate Specialist and Kathleen McGonagle, Rose's Daughters, Inc. Call NE Seniors at 612-781-5096 if you need transportation to this event.



Tour of Target Field. Wednesday, September 14

Board the bus at Faith UMC Parking Lot at 12:20 PM and return around 3:00 PM.

Join us for a private tour where you will see areas of the ballpark that guests normally don't see. These spaces may include the press box, clubhouse, dugout and other premium areas (all subject to availability). Tours are wheelchair accessible, and complimentary wheelchairs are available upon request. The cost is \$25 per person. We must have at least 20 people, and no more than 25. There is a sign-up sheet in the Commons. Please let Susan Mullin or Pastor Leigh know if you would like to go but need assistance with the fee.

Upcoming Events Sponsored by NE Senior Services

2510 Cleveland St. NE, Minneapolis

Friday, June 3, 5:00 - 8:00 PM. **Windom Park/Pillsbury Carnival.** Join this fundraiser for Pillsbury MST Elementary School and Windom Park Citizens in Action. Location: Windom Park (corner of Johnson and Lowry).

Fridays, June 10 and July 8, 9:00 AM - Noon. **Foot Care Clinic** at NE Senior Services Center. Call 612-781-5096 for an appointment.

Tuesday, June 14, 11:30 AM. **Senior Luncheon** at St. John's Lutheran, 610 Broadway Street, Minneapolis. Enjoy baked chicken and baked potatoes. Entertainment will be the Kitchen Kut Ups. A freewill offering will be taken. Call Bonnie at 612-379-4296 for more information.

Tuesday, June 21, 6:30 PM. **Northeast Parade.** Central Ave between 29th and 15th.

Thursday, June 23, 3:00-6:00 PM. **Block party & Ice Cream Social** at Crest View Senior Community, 4444 Reservoir Blvd NE, Columbia Heights.

THEY'RE BACK! THOSE WONDERFUL CHURCH BULLETINS! THANK HEAVENS FOR CHURCH LADIES WITH TYPEWRITERS. THESE SENTENCES (WITH ALL THE BLOOPERS) ACTUALLY APPEARED IN CHURCH BULLETINS OR WERE ANNOUNCED IN CHURCH SERVICES:

"The Fasting & Prayer Conference includes meals."

"The sermon this morning: 'Jesus Walks on the Water.' The sermon tonight: 'Searching for Jesus.'"

"Ladies, don't forget the rummage sale. It's a chance to get rid of those things not worth keeping around the house. Bring your husbands."

"Remember in prayer the many who are sick of our community. Smile at someone who is hard to love. Say 'Hell' to someone who doesn't care much about you."

"Don't let worry kill you off - let the Church help."

"A bean supper will be held on Tuesday evening in the church hall. Music will follow."



Village Farmers Market

Wednesdays, June 1 - September 28, 3:00-7:00 PM, St. Mary's Cathedral parking lot (6th Street and 17th Ave NE). Enjoy fresh produce picked the same day.

Mondays, June 6-27, 3:00-7:00 PM. Sidewalk Days, St. Anthony Village Shopping Center.

Visit www.thevillagefarmersmarket.org.

Walk to Emmaus

Camp Koronis, Paynesville, MN

Men's Walk Oct 20-23

Women's Walk Oct 27-30

For more information, call Barb Greicius at 651-340-9855 or Ken & Peg Nelson at 651-633-3029.

Central Minnesota Boys Choir

Sunday, June 5, 7:00 PM

Trinity Lutheran of Lake Johanna
3245 New Brighton Road, Arden Hills

Refreshments will be served. All are welcome.

Summer Theology Workshop Early Church Development and the Doctrine of the Trinity

Sunday, June 5 (Supper) - Thursday, June 9 (Lunch)
Koronis Ministries, Paynesville, MN

The cost is only \$279 per person which includes a room in the Sunrise Inn, meals, insurance, and conference fees. Each room is furnished and has a shower. Enjoy good food, time to sleep, personal reflection, and relationship building with other clergy and lay persons. Camp facilities are open to all. Pay when you come with a church or personal check. Register with Bruce Buller at 507-287-6707, bullerbg@aol.com, or with the Conference Camping Office.

Classical Music Academy

The Classical Music Academy is now accepting new students of all ages for their summer session, July 5 to August 4. Private violin, viola, and piano lessons are available.



New! Group violin lessons for beginners: Meets Tuesdays from 6:00 - 6:50 P.M. The cost is only \$19.50 per week. This is ideal for students who have always wanted to play the violin, but may not have the time during the school year, or for those who just want to play for fun.

Note: Free violin rental, if you register for private or group lessons by May 27.

Studio Location: Faith United Methodist Church, 2708 33rd Ave NE, St. Anthony, MN 55418.

For more information call 763-291-7523 or visit www.classicalmusicacademy.org.

Jesus Christ Superstar

Chanhassen Dinner Theater

Come see *Jesus Christ Superstar* the first rock opera, and groundbreaking theatrical masterpiece by the legendary writing team of Sir Tim Rice and Sir Andrew Lloyd Webber! Rice and Webber created a new kind of Jesus, a prophet/rock star whose appeal stems as much from the crowd's energy as from his own inspirational message.

Set in two acts, *Jesus Christ Superstar* tells the emotionally charged story of the final seven days in the life of Jesus of Nazareth. *Jesus Christ Superstar* will captivate audiences with its transcendent power and a passion piercing straight to the heart. This production features notable songs such as "Superstar," "Everything's Alright," "Hosanna," and "I Don't Know How to Love Him."

This production is playing through July 30. Check out www.chanhassentheatres.com for more information.

Pancake Breakfast

Saturday June 25, 8:00-10:00 AM

Applebee's Restaurant, 5277 Central Avenue

Tickets cost \$5 and should be purchased in advance from Northeast Dinner Bell Inc. Call 612-789-6548 or check out www.nemealsonwheels.org.

Extend and Serve

"Recently The Salvation Army received a very generous gift from Faith United Methodist Church designated for our Central Avenue Food Shelf. On behalf of the Salvation Army and all those that enter our doors hungry and in search of food, Thank you. (Your) continued support has not only nourished those that are hungry, but has also touched the lives of those needing a friend."
 Kelsey

"Thank you for your donation of \$1,453 and 130 pounds of food for the Ralph Reeder Food Shelf. Gifts like yours make it possible for the food shelf to provide services to many members in our community."
 Jon Tynjala, Chair

"Thank you for donating miscellaneous new items to Simpson Housing Services. On behalf of our shelter guests, program participants, and staff, I would like to express my sincere gratitude for your support."
 Christina Giese, Volunteer Services Manager

"Thank you for your generous gift of \$190 to Northeast Senior Services, Inc. We appreciate your support."
 Kay Anderson, Executive Director

"N.E. Senior Services thanks you for your continued support of \$190 on May 5. We are so blessed to have such good friends who support us in our work to serve seniors."
 Fern Ostberg, Volunteer

Church Calendar

Date	Event	Time
6/1-6/4	Annual Conference	
Thu.6/2	Lectionary Group Discussion	12:00 PM
Sun.6/5	Graduation Sunday	
	Worship Service	9:30 AM
	Reception for Graduates	10:30 AM
	Serve Meal for Simpson	6:00 PM
Tue.6/7	Coffee with Pastor Leigh	4:00 PM
	Church Council Meeting	7:00 PM
Wed.6/8	Pastoral Staff Meeting	10:00 AM
	Contemplative Prayer Service	6:30 PM
	Book Study	7:00 PM
Thu.6/9	Lectionary Group Discussion	12:00 PM
	Board of Trustee Meeting	7:00 PM
Sat.6/11	Men's Breakfast	8:00 AM
	Private Voice Recital	5:00 PM
	Serve Meal at Northeast UMC	5:30 PM
Sun.6/12	Pentecost Sunday / New Members	
	Worship Service	9:30 AM
	Fellowship	10:30 AM
	Lyme Support Group	4:00 PM
Mon.6/13	Call of Faith Information Due	9:00 AM
Tue.6/14	Liz Lopez Meetings	9:00 AM
	Coffee with Pastor Leigh	4:00 PM
	Worship & Music Team Meeting	6:30 PM
Wed.6/15	Contemplative Prayer Service	6:30 PM
	Book Study	7:00 PM

Date	Event	Time
Thu.6/16	Men's Workgroup	9:00 AM
	Lectionary Group Discussion	12:00 PM
	Scout Leader's Meeting	7:30 PM
Sat.6/18	Serve Meal at Northeast UMC	5:30 PM
Sun.6/19	Worship Service	9:00 AM
	Fellowship	10:30 AM
6/20-6/25	Work at Eastside Thrift Store	
Tue.6/21	Northeast Parade	
	Coffee with Pastor Leigh	4:00 PM
	Staff Parish Relations Meeting	6:30 PM
	Communications Team Meeting	6:30 PM
	Christian Education Team Meeting	6:45 PM
Wed.6/22	Pastoral Staff Meeting	10:00 AM
	Contemplative Prayer Service	6:30 PM
	Book Study	7:00 PM
Thu.6/23	Lectionary Group Discussion	12:00 PM
Sat.6/25	ISLA Meeting	8:30 AM
Sun.6/26	Worship Service	9:30 AM
	Fellowship	10:30 AM
	Sr. Adults Housing Workshop	3:00 PM
6/27-7/2	LIMITED CHURCH USE (Refinishing Tile Floors)	
Tue.6/28	Coffee with Pastor Leigh	4:00 PM
	Finance Team Meeting	7:00 PM
Wed.6/29	Contemplative Prayer Service	6:30 PM
	Book Study	7:00 PM
Thu.6/30	Lectionary Group Discussion	12:00 PM

Classical Music Academy is held in rooms 116, 117, 121 & 218 on most: Mondays: 5:00 - 9:00 PM, Tuesdays & Thursdays: 9:00 AM - 9:00 PM, Fridays: 3:00 - 8:00 PM. Their summer break is from June 13-July 4.

Bradley Childbirth Classes are held in room 115 on most: Sundays: 4:00 - 6:00 PM and Wednesdays: 6:00 - 8:00 PM

Walking Group meets at the church and exercises in the neighborhood: Mondays and Wednesdays at 5:00 PM

For more information check out the Calendar of Events on our website: www.faithumchurch.com. Church office hours are: Monday - Friday: 8:30 AM - 2:30 PM.