



# Call of Faith

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## Church News

### Wednesday Evening Activities



**Wednesday evenings are very active at Faith!**

Meals – prepared with love by local chef and Faith Church favorite, Michelle Weiser – are available at 5:45 PM for a donation of \$5.

Faith Saints (grades 1-6) meet at 6:30 on the second Wednesday of every month beginning on October 12.

Confirmation Class - 9th grade

Kids’ Bells will practice at 6:30 (except when Faith Saints is scheduled).

Sanctuary Choir and Centennial Bells also practice on Wednesday evenings, and all are welcome to join.

Other activities will be held from time to time, and informal conversation time is always to be had.

*In other words, you are encouraged to take a night off from cooking, share a meal with your church family and stay for the activities!*

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<u>Worship Schedule</u>		
<b>Sundays:</b>	9:00-10:00 AM	Traditional Worship Service
	10:00-10:20 AM	Fellowship
	10:20-11:15 AM	Christian Education for All Ages
	11:21-12:00 AM	11 Twenty One Worship Service (Contemporary)
<b>Wednesday Evening Prayer:</b>	6:30-7:00 PM	Celtic or Taizé style service

<u>Church Contacts</u>		
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Organist	Marie Kuglin	
Treasurer	Rod Long	

## From the Pen of Pastor Leigh

### Take A Leap of Faith



There's a lot of fear and anxiety in our community and in our nation today. We can access the news at any hour of the day, and that news repeats over and over that our economy remains in dire straits. It seems that as a country and as individuals we have been pretty good at taking risks – we have lived well and saved little. We carry a lot of debt.

But our investments haven't been giving us good returns in the past few years. I think the answer is not to stop investing or taking risks – the challenge is to connect our time and our money to those things that bring the greatest reward. As a member of Faith UMC you know that this church is a great investment. When I ask people what it is that they value about this church, they always refer to this community as family. This is the place where we go to worship God and to consider our deepest questions about life. This is where we go for those pivotal, transitional times in our lives: we marry here, we baptize our children here, we come here for education and to meet friends and for help when we are down and out. We come here to remember and to give back to God our loved ones who die.

Can you imagine life without the church during times such as these?

They say the best things in life are free – but I don't really think that's true. All good things require an investment. We eat healthy food to invest in our health. And if we don't, our bodies will show it! We invest in our families with time and with our love. And we invest in our church – we invest our time, our talent and yes, our money. Because that's what it takes for churches to do what churches do.

If we are smart investors, we invest in these “best things in life” with our first fruits – not with whatever is left over at the end of the month. Because these are the things that we value the most.

We want to invest the best of ourselves in God's kingdom:

- to take what we have and use it in God's work
- to pass on the blessings we have received with those who hunger and share the good things we have been given with those who thirst
- to seek to build community and bring hope to the outcasts among us
- to reach out to those in need and show them the love of God, the love that God first gave to us...
- to celebrate our joys and be supported in our sorrows.

This year our stewardship campaign, *A Leap of Faith*, begins on October 9, with Stewardship Sunday on October 30. Perhaps giving feels like a leap of faith these days, but be assured that God knows all that you do and all that you give – this great church is a reflection of your faith and your good investments. You have served God well. May you continue to be blessed with great returns.

*Give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be put into your lap; for the measure you give will be the measure you get back. Luke 6:38*

# Church News (continued)

## October Outreach

This month our ministry focus is World Communion Sunday, October 3, 2011. Your gift equips racial and ethnic students in the United States and international students to transform the church and communities. Checks payable to Faith UMC.



## NE Senior Service Fall Fundraising Dinner

Friday October 7, 5:00-7:00 PM  
Faith United Methodist Church

Menu: Hot beef sandwiches, salad and dessert. Entertainment. Basket raffle. Door prizes. Tickets: \$15.00.



## ROUND ROBIN SIGN-UP TIME

Sign-up now for an adult night out. You will be assigned to a group of seven or eight people who will meet together a few times for dinner and fellowship. It is the perfect opportunity to make new friends and renew friendships.

Each group decides when and where they want to meet. Don't miss out on the food, fun, and fellowship. We will try to accommodate special requests for rides or dietary restrictions. We want to discover, connect, and make a difference in your life.

The first dinner will have an assigned host who will assist in coordinating future dinners for your group. Groups will be assigned by October 10. If you have any questions please contact Barbara Greicius at 651-340-9855 or greicius2003@yahoo.com.

## Wednesday Evening Contemplative Worship

Wednesdays at 6:30 PM.

The service are in the Celtic or Taizé contemplative styles. Come and see how peaceful and purposeful life can be when we take time to listen for God's voice.

## Upcoming Services

October 2: World Communion Sunday  
October 30: Stewardship Sunday  
November 6: All Saints Day

## Lyme Support Group

Sunday: October 16 & November 20  
(no meeting in December)  
4:00-5:30 PM.

- small group setting on comfy couches
- for those who are experiencing lyme disease and/or their family and friends
- for those who have not been diagnosed and needing to talk to others
- a chance to meet others going through the same challenges
- a time to learn, discuss and be of support for each other

## Classical Music Academy

Enroll for violin, viola or piano lessons, taught through the Classical Music Academy at Faith UMC. Fall quarter runs from Sept. 12 - Dec. 22. Visit [www.classicalmusicacademy.org](http://www.classicalmusicacademy.org). or call 763-291-7523.

## Church News (continued)

### Upcoming Lectionary Scriptures

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

- October 2: Exodus 20:1-4, 7-9, 12-20  
Matthew 21:33-46
- October 9: Psalm 19; Matthew 22:1-14
- October 16: 1 Thessalonians 1:1-10  
Matthew 22:15-22
- October 23: Deuteronomy 34:1-12  
Matthew 22:34-40
- October 30: Joshua 3:7-17; Matthew 23:1-12

Everyone is encouraged to attend!

### All Saints Day

November 6

We want to remember your loved ones on All Saints Day - Sunday, November 6. If you had a loved one pass away since last year's All Saints Day, please provide the church office with 3-4 pictures of them. We want to create a collage to show in their honor during service on that Sunday. Pictures may be emailed to the church office or you can bring them in on a CD. Actual pictures will also be accepted. In addition, please provide us with their name, date of birth, and date of death. The deadline to accept pictures is Monday, October 31.

## Extend and Serve

### Community Meal at Northeast UMC

Faith UMC continues to join NE UMC in serving a free Community Meal on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday evenings of each month at NE UMC, 2510 Cleveland NE. **Oct. 8 & Oct. 15**

Meals are served at 6:00 PM with servers requested to arrive at 5:30 and stay through clean-up. Sign-up sheets are in the Commons. For questions or to volunteer, please contact Nancy Kruse, NE Mission Coordinator, at 763-574-0217 or msnds2004@yahoo.com.

**Saturdays @ Simpson** is a new outreach of Simpson UMC to the children and youth in the Whittier neighborhood of south Minneapolis. Open House Saturday, October 15 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM. 2740 First Ave South, Minneapolis. For more information contact Kevin Schill 651-925-6874 or simpsoncsm@gmail.com.

**Simpson Shelter Hot Meals** are made the first Sunday of most months. Volunteer to assist with the meal at Simpson UM Church Shelter, 2740 First Avenue South. Please sign up on the sheet in the Commons on the Sunday before. For more information contact Kay Kramer.

**Eastside Thrift Shop** is dedicated to assisting families by providing free or low-cost clothing and household items. It is located at 1928 Central Avenue. Faith Church volunteers are working September 26-October 1.

### School Supplies Results

Cash Donations	\$372
Supply Donations worth approximately	\$700



*Thank you to Laurie Gross, our new Sunday School Superintendent, for recruiting teachers and planning a great year for our children! We are also thankful for Jennifer Krinke, Sharon Parrill, Jim Noble, Alex Adovor, Jim Busacker, David Busacker, Grace Miller, Colleen Hoska, Kim Runyan, Pam Pettit, Kris Rossow, Bethany Holten, Carroll Vance, Kent Reed, Deb Anderson, and Jo Halvorsen for their commitment to teaching our children and youth this year, and Paige and Maren LaBreche and Cassia Mullin for assisting in the classroom.*

Susan Mullin, Director of Faith Formation

## Children's Center

### Faith Saints – Children in Grades 1-6

Faith Saints will meet the second Wednesday of each month from 6:30-7:30 PM starting October 12. Join us for a variety of service projects, games, and fun. All children in grades 1-6 are welcome. Come and bring your friends. Please call Pete or Amy Neuswanger at 651-635-0576 if you have any questions.

### JUMYS Weekend Retreat

November 4-6, 2011, Holiday Inn St. Cloud

United Methodist Youth in grades 5-8 are invited to a weekend retreat in St. Cloud. The retreat begins Friday evening and ends on Sunday morning. Youth and their adult leaders will spend the weekend singing, worshipping, and participating in activities with workshop presenters. The guest speaker this year is Nate Melcher – a writer, teacher, student, ukulele player, blogger, husband, soon-to-be father, and Star Wars nerd with a deep passion for building love and justice in God's creation. Nate is the director of Youth and Young Adult Ministries at Excelsior United Methodist Church. Boiling Point – a band known for emotional depth and willingness to be real with their fans – will provide the music. Registration forms are available on the church website and in the Commons. Completed forms and \$140 fee are due in the Church office now. Scholarships are available. Please contact Susan Mullin or Pastor Leigh if you have questions.

## Youth Arcade

### Wednesday Evening Confirmation Class

6:30 p.m.

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| October 5  | Crossings Sections 16 & 18 - Who is this Jesus Guy?             |
| October 12 | Crossings Section 17 - Jesus and servant ministry               |
| October 19 | No Confirmation class                                           |
| October 26 | Encounter - The Salvation Army Harbor Lights (homeless shelter) |

### Eagle Scout Project

Ryan Burr is preparing the ground for a Peace Garden at Faith. It will be located by the parking lot entrance along the Worship Center wall.

Ryan is in need of helpers on Saturday October 1, 9:00 AM. Sign-up in the Commons if you are able to help with the work.

## Senior Moments

### Life Enrichment Adult Forum (LEAFS)

October 3, St. Philip's Lutheran Church  
(6180 Highway 65 NE, Fridley, MN. 55432)

October 17 and 31, Faith United Methodist Church



LEAFS is a program designed to educate, motivate and entertain older adults with topics that are relevant to them. It is designed by peers for peers so it really hits the mark. Cost is \$14.00 per session. Fee includes coffee break and lunch. For further information or to register, contact St. Philip's Lutheran Church at 763-571-1500.

# Fall Financial Stewardship Begins October 9.

# Community Connections

## Taste of Northeast Festival

Saturday, October 1  
11:00 AM - 8:00 PM

St. Mary's Orthodox Cathedral  
1701 5th St NE, Mpls.

Sample food from local restaurants, Live Entertainment, Bake sale and more.

## Meals on Wheels 4th Annual Mission Nutrition

Saturday, October 8, 7:00 PM

Enjoy live music and raffle hoopla at the Ritz Theater, 345 13 Ave NE, Mpls. Admission is \$10.

## Lasagna Dinner

Wednesday, October 19, 5:00-7:00 PM  
Community United Methodist Church  
950 Gould Ave NE, Columbia Heights  
Tickets: \$7.00



## Emma Norton Services

October 10, 5:30-8:30 PM  
Ramada Plaza, Minneapolis

Come for a great evening of dinner, barbershop quartet *Easy Listenin*, silent auction, and more. The special guest speaker will be Bishop Sally Dyck. This special event celebrates their life-long partners, the United Methodist Church and the United Methodist Women. Dinner is free and all donations go to ENS.

**The Wayzata Women's Chorus** is looking for experienced choral singers in the Twin Cities area who share our passion for music and are available to rehearse Monday evenings for the 2011-2012 Season. Rehearsals are 7:00-9:15 p.m. at Peace Lutheran Church, 3965 Co. Rd. 101, Plymouth, MN. The WWC performs two major concerts each year along with numerous outings.

This award winning chorus is directed by Carole Birch and accompanied by Mary Fadden.

We look forward to welcoming new singers to the Wayzata Women's Chorus rehearsals! Please call Carole Birch at 952-473-8029 with any questions you might have.

**The 2011 Holiday Season** will bring two dynamic choruses together. The Apollo Male Chorus has invited the Wayzata Women's Chorus to join them in their holiday concerts on Saturday, December 3<sup>rd</sup> at Hamline University at 7:00 p.m. and on Sunday, December 4<sup>th</sup> at the Hopkins Center at 3:00 p.m. Watch for more details.

We are now taking bookings for the Holiday season. If you'd like to book the Wayzata Women's Chorus for your event, please contact Lenore Miller at 952-484-8835 or [lenoremiller@yahoo.com](mailto:lenoremiller@yahoo.com).

## Fall Native American Spirituality Retreat at Northern Pines Camp October 14-16

This weekend retreat is an excellent opportunity to learn about Native American Traditions and Contemporary Issues. For more information or to register go to [www.campminnesota.org](http://www.campminnesota.org) or contact Eric Hucke, [ehucke@paulbunyan.net](mailto:ehucke@paulbunyan.net), 218-766-5434.

## Holiday Craft & Bake Sale

Saturday, November 5  
9:00 AM - 5:00 PM

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

Hundreds of delectable edibles and gifts.

## Fridley United Methodist Church is hosting their 3rd Annual Craft & Gift Market

Saturday, November 19, 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM

This is an opportunity to buy gifts from individuals, church groups, and non-profits for holiday and other giving. All profits go towards local church ministries and non-profits. Gifts available include crafts, books, jewelry from other countries, etc. No registration is necessary to come and buy. If you want to have a table to sell items, please register by contacting [diane.olson@fridleyumc.org](mailto:diane.olson@fridleyumc.org).

## Christian Education Opportunities: Sundays 10:20-11:15 AM

**Adult Bible Study** in the Conference Room. Facilitated by Scott Johnson. Study the book of James, a book that teaches us how to live a true Christian life. It is one of the most practical books in the New Testament because it offers instruction and exhortations to Christians experiencing problems, as all of us do.

**What Are You Praying About?** Facilitated by Karolyn Busacker. Bring your coffee to be Ebenezer room and share what you are praying about. We will discuss a variety of topics as determined by the group.

**Faith Forum\*** An education and discussion group on contemporary issues that Christians face every day and how God calls us to respond to them. This group meets in the Fellowship Hall and usually has a guest speaker or presentation of the issue followed by some discussion. *See article below for upcoming topics.*

**9th - 12th Grades** in the Youth Room. Facilitated by Carroll Vance and Kent Reed. This group participates in low-key discussions in a casual and relaxed atmosphere on current events and our faith.

**6<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> Grades** in Room 117. Join us as we discuss the latest music, movies, news, and current events through a biblical lens. Talk about what it means to live as a Christian every day.

**4<sup>th</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> Grades** in Room 116. Exercise your Christian muscles! We will study Bible stories and explore what the Bible has to say about our lives today.

**2<sup>nd</sup> – 3<sup>rd</sup> Grades** in Room 115. Come build a foundation for a life of faith. This class will guide and equip children to become real followers of Jesus.

**Age 4 – 1<sup>st</sup> Grade** in Room 114. Hands on activities will help children learn about key stories of the Bible.

**Ages 0 to 3** in the Nursery.

Do you like to learn about and discuss contemporary issues and your faith? You may find **Faith Forum\*** an interesting fit for you! This class meets Sundays at 10:20 AM in the Fellowship Hall. Regardless of your views, you will be informed and challenged as we learn together. Upcoming events:

- October 2            **Blanche Burroughs**, Teacher, Hamline University Alumnus  
Reflections of 55 years of Teaching. Most of her teaching years were spent at St. Anthony Park Elementary School.
- October 9            **Amy Neuswanger**, University of Wisconsin - Whitewater Alumnus, Special Education and Elementary Education. Amy has been teaching for 32 years.  
*"Great Expectations, an update on how difficult school really is"*
- October 16            To Be Announced
- October 23            A Panel Discussion with the youth of the church regarding their education.  
**Carroll Vance** will be our discussion leader.
- October 30            **Janet and Gary Johnson**. Janet, Hamline University Alumnus, teaches 1st grade at Burroughs Community Elementary School in Mpls. Gary is student teaching at Edison High School.

\*Faith Forum was formerly known as Contemporary Christian Issues.

# Church Calendar

Date	Event	Time
Sat.10/1	Peace Garden Preparation	9:00 AM
Sun.10/2	Traditional Worship Service	9:00 AM
	Fellowship	10:00 AM
	Christian Education	10:20 AM
	Contemporary Worship Service	11:21 AM
	Simpson Meal Serving	6:00 PM
Mon.10/3	LEAFs at St. Philips	8:30 AM
	Cub Dens	6:30 PM
	Scouts	7:30 PM
Tue.10/4	Cub Den	6:30 PM
	Church Council Meeting	7:00 PM
Wed.10/5	Pastoral Staff Meeting	10:00 AM
	Organist Rehearsal	4:00 PM
	Meal	5:45 PM
	Contemplative Worship	6:30 PM
	Kid's Bells Rehearsal	6:30 PM
	Confirmation Class	7:00 PM
	Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal	7:30 PM
	Adult Handbell Rehearsal	7:45 PM
Thu.10/6	Lectionary Group Discussion	12:00 PM
	Set up for NE Senior Services Dinner	1:00 PM
Fri.10/7	NE Senior Services Dinner	5:00 PM
Sat.10/8	Men's Breakfast	8:00 AM
	NE Community Meal	
Sun.10/9	Traditional Worship Service	9:00 AM
	Fellowship	10:00 AM
	Christian Education	10:20 AM
	Contemporary Worship Service	11:21 AM
Mon.10/10	Cub Dens	6:30 PM
	Scouts	7:00 PM
Tue.10/11	Adult Council Meeting	4:00 PM
	Worship & Music Meeting	6:30 PM
Wed.10/12	Mary Martha Circle	9:30 AM
	Pastoral Staff Meeting	10:00 AM
	Organist Rehearsal	4:00 PM
	Meal	5:45 PM
	Contemplative Worship	6:30 PM
	Faith Saints	6:30 PM
	Confirmation Class	7:00 PM
	Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal	7:30 PM
	Adult Handbell Rehearsal	7:45 PM
	Thu.10/13	Lectionary Group Discussion
500 Card Group		1:00 PM
Board of Trustees Meeting		7:00 PM
Sat.10/15	Scouts	11:00 AM
	NE Community Meal	

Date	Event	Time
Sun.10/16	Traditional Worship Service	9:00 AM
	Fellowship	10:00 AM
	Christian Education	10:20 AM
	Contemporary Worship Service	11:21 AM
	Lyme Group	4:00 PM
Mon.10/17	Call of Faith Information Due	9:00 AM
	LEAFs at Faith UMC	8:30 AM
	Dens	6:30 PM
	Scouts	7:30 PM
Tue.10/18	Communications Team Meeting	6:30 PM
	Christian Education Team Meeting	6:30 PM
	Cub Dens	6:30 PM
	Staff Parish Relations Meeting	7:00 PM
Wed.10/19	Pastoral Staff Meeting	10:00 AM
	Organist Rehearsal	4:00 PM
	Meal	5:45 PM
	Kid's Bells Rehearsal	6:30 PM
	Contemplative Worship	6:30 PM
	Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal	7:30 PM
	Adult Handbell Rehearsal	7:30 PM
	Men's Work Group	9:00 AM
Thu.10/20	Lectionary Group Discussion	12:00 PM
	Scout Leaders	7:30 PM
	Traditional Worship Service	9:00 AM
Sun.10/23	Fellowship	10:00 AM
	Christian Education	10:20 AM
	Contemporary Worship Service	11:21 AM
	Dens	6:30 PM
Mon.10/24	Outreach Team Meeting	7:00 PM
	Scouts	7:30 PM
	Fellowship Hall Private Use	6:30 PM
Tue.10/25	Hospitality Team Meeting	6:30 PM
	Finance Team Meeting	7:00 PM
	Mary Martha Circle	9:30 AM
Wed.10/26	Mom's Club Play Date	9:45 AM
	Pastoral Staff Meeting	10:00 AM
	Organist Rehearsal	4:00 PM
	Meal	5:45 PM
	Confirmation Encounter	7:00 PM
	Kid's Bells Rehearsal	6:30 PM
	Contemplative Worship	6:30 PM
	Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal	7:30 PM
	Adult Handbell Rehearsal	7:30 PM
	Thu.10/27	Lectionary Group Discussion
500 Card Group		1:00 PM
Area Churches Cluster Meeting		7:00 PM
Sun.10/30	Stewardship Sunday	

**Bradley Childbirth Classes** are held on most:  
 Sundays 4:00 - 6:00 PM in the Nursery  
 Wednesdays 6:00 - 8:00 PM in the Nursery

**Classical Music Academy** is held on most:  
 Mondays 7:00 - 9:00 PM in room 218  
 Tuesdays: 9:00 AM - 9:00 PM in rooms 116, 121, 218  
 Thursdays: 9:00 AM - 9:00 PM in rooms 116, 121

For more information check out the Calendar of Events on our website: [www.faithumchurch.com](http://www.faithumchurch.com). Church office hours are generally: Monday - Friday: 8:30 AM - 3:30 PM.