



Call of Faith

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Sunday Worship Schedule

(through May 17)

- 9:00 AM Celebration Service**
- 9:00 AM Education Hour**
- 10:00 AM Fellowship**
- 10:30 AM Traditional Service**

Summer Sunday Worship Schedule

- 9:15 AM Hymn Sing**
- 9:30 AM Worship Service**
- 10:30 AM Fellowship**

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Proposed Sunday Morning Schedule

We have been discussing and debating the best schedule for our Sunday mornings since last September. Faith Church has a plan to vote on a new schedule starting September 2009 at an All-Church Meeting on May 3rd at 10:00 AM. In early 2008, an all church goal was set to develop a plan to integrate youth and children into a Sunday morning worship service on a consistent basis. During the summer of 2008, a task force had a series of meetings to develop a proposal to reach and implement this goal. They proposed to have three time blocks in the Sunday morning schedule and have the traditional service as the early service. Both parts of the recommendation were guided by research and data for churches nationwide.

However, at the last Church Council meeting, a decision was made to recommend that we keep the Celebration service first and the Traditional service second in the Sunday schedule. Representing the members of Faith Church, many on the Council did not feel an adequate job was done to discuss the recommended changes and to collect input from the congregation. The Council did vote to recommend the Sunday morning schedule be modified to provide three independent blocks of time which would be the two worship services and an education time period. The decision was also made to continue to study the Sunday morning schedule, but to follow the selected schedule for at least one year.

The reason for wanting to go to a separate time for education is to allow our children and youth the opportunity to go to both an education time (Sunday school) and to have a choice between the Celebration and Traditional services. The Council believes that this is very important for the future of Faith Church.

As a result of the decision made by the Council the planned vote on May 3rd will be between keeping the Sunday schedule as it is now or going to a schedule that will allow for an education period. The new schedule being proposed is:

- 9:00 – 9:50 Celebration Service**
- 9:50 – 10:00 Transition time**
- 9:50 – 11:30 Fellowship/Coffee**
- 10:00 – 10:50 Education time**
- 10:50 – 11:00 Transition time**
- 11:00 – 12:00 Traditional Service**

*Proposed Schedule
Beginning
Fall 2009.*

This proposal meets the original goal, but does not address the order of the Celebration and Traditional service. The Council felt this still needs more study, discussion, and input from the congregation and the new pastor that will join Faith Church this summer.

Please carefully consider what is best for Faith Church and plan to come to the All Church Meeting on May 3rd at 10:00 AM to discuss this recommendation and to cast your vote.

Youth News

There is much important discussion in our society about your "carbon footprint" and how the activities we engage in today are truly impacting the environment. Not so common, however, is the discussion about our "Spiritual footprint." Using the same concept as the "carbon footprint" we can determine the impact we will have on the future by the spiritual activities we engage in today. What are the activities you are engaging in today for your spiritual growth and for that of your children and youth? How might that impact the future?

Consider an excerpt from the research conducted by the Barna Research Group regarding youth ages 13 - 18. "The most common teen spiritual activity, like that of adults, is prayer.

- 72% say they pray in a typical week
- 48% attend a worship service at a church
- 35% attend Sunday School
- 33% attend youth group
- 32% participate in a small group
- 31% read the Bible"

For the full report go to www.barna.org.

As a faith community we have the opportunity to encourage one another, and to lead our children and youth in the practice of prayer and worship. Let's consider together how we can all make Faith UMC a place that nurtures and develops the "spiritual footprints" of everyone.

Janet Rodriguez-Ricci,
Director of Christian Education

We Need Your Help

We currently are seeking individuals who have an interest in the education/disciple-making ministry of the church to volunteer to lead Sunday School (Ages 3 - Adult) next fall. We are always willing to accept people who can make short-term as well as long-term commitments.

Special Thanks

Thanks to Ray and Carla Erpelding for the donation of a DVD Player to the Youth Department.

Parent's Night Out Friday, May 8, 5:00 - 9:00 PM

Sign up now for the last Parent's Night Out of the season. This is for children ages 0-5th grade. The cost is only \$2.00 per child and includes dinner. Please call the church office to register. If you would like to volunteer, please sign up in the Commons. Call Janet Rodriguez-Ricci with questions.

The children's Sunday school wishes to thank these volunteers for their commitment and service to our kids:

- Kim Runyan for teaching Sunday school in March
- Sharon Parrill and Carol Grutkoski for a great "afternoon in the park" for Faith Saints
- Vivien and John Oja for hosting a successful "walk for food" with Faith Saints

Thanks everyone for caring about our kids!!!!

Dates to Remember

May 3rd is Children's Sunday! Come and celebrate the life of the child in our Faith community. The children have been preparing a wonderful and meaningful worship service that will strengthen our understanding of the gifts they bring to our church family.

May 6th Youth BBQ and fellowship. This is the final Wednesday evening for the 5th - 8th graders.

May 13th Dinner/meeting and fellowship. This is the final Wednesday evening for the 9th - 12th graders.

May 17th is our final Sunday school for this year.

May 31st is Graduation Sunday. All Senior High School graduates, their immediate family members, and their mentors are welcome to attend the graduation breakfast at 8:30 AM. Please call the office and confirm with Janet Rodriguez-Ricci if you plan to attend.

Congratulations to:

- **Joey Damerow**
- **Christopher Parrill**
- **Callie McIntosh**
- **Adam Jerry**
- **Sam Largaespada**
- **Erik Johnson**
- **Matthew Johnson**

**for being named to the
2009 Irondale
Cumulative Honor Roll
for academic
achievement!**





Senior Moments

I realize it's an old hymn; we rarely sing it or even find it in our hymnals anymore. I sang it with my family as a child. I was aware that something happened to Jesus that made tears come to my childhood eyes each time I sang it. I quickly brushed them aside thinking "boys don't cry!" The words?

*"I saw One hanging on a tree, in agony and blood;
He fixed his loving eyes on me, as near the cross I stood.
O, can it be, upon a tree, the Savior died for me?
My soul is thrilled, my heart is filled,
to think He died for me."*

I have not forgotten those words. That scene was made real again on Holy Week Maundy Thursday and Good Friday. The Bible records those events leading to Jesus' death. They are not very pleasant words. As I read those words, and listened to others read them, I was deeply moved. Yes, tears glistened in my eyes. Those Gospel words are powerful. Perhaps we need to read those words again in July or October or January - just to remind ourselves that Someone loved us so much that He went the limit. Loved us totally and completely. Arms outstretched in death on a cross (a rugged cross) prove it! Let us remember and live our thanks!

Dave Schneider, Sr. Adult Coordinator

Senior Adult Events

Prime Tymers News from Nativity Church

May 1 Game Night - 7:15 PM
June 6 Potluck Supper and Music-6:00PM

Prime Tymers and Faith Church seniors work together on these and other events during the year.

Church Basement Ladies

Join us May 20 for a **play at the Plymouth Playhouse** titled "Church Basement Ladies: A Second Helping." We will leave the church at Noon at take a bus to the playhouse in Plymouth, MN. Cost is \$30.00 for the bus and the play. Please sign up and pay before May 6 by using an envelope on the information booth in the Commons.

A Lakeside Retreat at Beautiful Lake Koronis (near Paynesville, MN) is being planned by Dave and Esther Schneider, for June 22-24, sponsored by our MN Conference Camping & Retreats Ministry. The theme is "The World of Nature Beckons: Who Will Listen? Who Will Care?"

Stay in private rooms in the fully modern Sunrise Inn surrounded by lakeside views and wooded trails. Rooms are equipped with air conditioning and are handicap accessible. Enjoy rewarding fellowship, delicious meals, joyous singing, and times for solitude as well. For more information, pick up a brochure in the Commons. An early bird discount of \$25 applies if registered by May 15. Questions? Call Dave and Es at 763-780-2363.

Environmental Speaker

Coming June 11, 7:00 PM, Professor Mark Seeley from the University of Minnesota will speak on environmental concerns of which all of us should be aware. All are welcome.

LEAFs

Our Adult Council is planning to host the L.E.A.F.S. program this fall at Faith Church. We are looking for volunteers to assist with hosting, greeting, set-up, clean-up, kitchen help (no food preparation), registration and information tables. If you would like to volunteer, please sign up on the sign-up sheet in the commons. If you have questions, please contact Dave Schneider, Carol Vick, Mary Ann Fitzer, or Blanche Burroughs.



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Faith Church News!!

•**Centering Prayer/Centered Living: A Journey of Spiritual Transformation** This workshop will be held at Faith Church on Saturday, May 16, 9:00 AM-3:30 PM. led by William Cox. William has practiced Centering Prayer and has led Centering Prayer groups and workshops since 1986. Centering Prayer is a prayer of silence: it is simply being in the presence of God: "Be still and know that I am God." Psalm 46:10. In the silence arises the possibility of giving up the programs for what we want and need in life and moving toward oneness with the Source of all that exists. Centering Prayer is not practiced to have particular results in our lives. However, the fruits of the prayer will lead to a more balanced and centered life. The cost of the workshop is \$35.00 and includes lunch. A flyer with registration form may be found on the information table in the Commons or you can find more information on William's web page at www.TransformingSpirit.net and click on "workshops."

•The Staff Parish Relationship Ministry Team (SPR) is pleased to announce that **Rod Long has joined the Staff of Faith UMC** as a part-time employee. To support the church when our previous Administrative Assistant retired on July 31, 2008, Rod has been performing the church financial tasks for the past many months. In addition to the financial tasks, Rod has also been the Church Treasurer for the past 16 years. We appreciate Rod's service to the church. Please join us in congratulating and welcoming Rod to Faith UMC Staff.

• Each year in May, a **Love Offering** is collected and brought to the Minnesota Annual Conference. The offering benefits international, national, and local mission projects. The theme this year is "Carry Living Water to Your Neighbor." The offering will support the digging of wells in developing countries, assistance with renovating hurricane and flood damaged United Methodist churches in Iowa and Texas, congregational development and supplies for new Minnesota ethnic ministries, or scholarships for first-time Volunteers in Mission. To contribute, please write a check to Faith UMC and indicate on the memo line that it is for the "Love Offering," then mail it to the church or put it in the offering any of the first four Sundays in May.

**We make a living
by what we get,
but we make a life
by what we give.**

Winston Churchill

•We would like to be able to **acknowledge all graduates** on Sunday, May 31. 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, 2008. Please contact the church office or email janetr@faithumchurch.com. We will need to have your name, where you are graduating from, and your degree.

•**Family Table at Fridley UMC** was the host for 111 luncheon guests on Saturday, March 25. Eight members of Faith UMC Outreach Committee went to Fridley UMC to help and learn. Because the number of guests was nearly double from the previous month, they learned by doing. Shopping and food preparation were done Thursday and Friday. Cooking began at 7:00 AM. on Saturday with set-up from 10 - 11 AM. Guests were welcomed and served from 11:30 AM - 1:30 PM. Volunteers participated by greeting, cooking, serving, hosting, set-up and clean up. Thank you to the following members who participated: Ed and Fern Ostberg, Ken Nelson, Amy and Pete Neuswanger, Mari Donaldson, Barbara and Tony Greicius.

Fridley UMC serves a free noon meal on the 4th Saturday of each month to people in need in the surrounding community. Food is received from government commodities, purchased from Second Harvest (at 12 cents per pound), and purchased from local grocery stores.

If you would like to participate or have any questions, please contact Barbara Greicius or Amy Neuswanger. Any help is greatly appreciated.

•**Relay for Life** is coming June 19 - 20. Cancer has touched many and Relay for Life gives each of us an opportunity to participate in the fight as a church community. You can do this by joining our team, the Full of Faith Team, and/or donating to the Cancer Society through our team. For each \$10 donation you may choose to have a Luminaria made in memory, or in honor of, your loved one who has lost or is winning their battle with cancer. 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.

•Mission funding is available for June travel with **Interfaith Service to Latin America (ISLA)**. Monies from Faith Church's Global Mission auction are available to assist with volunteer travel to Jalapa and Nicaragua with ISLA. The next trip is scheduled for June 16 - 27, 2009. Priority will be given to applicants that are first-time travelers and/or young adults. Please see Pastor Kevin or Kathy Schill for more information.

•The Outreach Team will be sponsoring a **flower sale** on Sunday, May 10 to raise funds for RECLAIM. This organization supports transgender youth by providing counseling to those who are not covered by health insurance. We will be offering this opportunity to our church members and guests to "honor a mother in your life" by purchasing cut flowers or potted plants that Sunday. This is a way that Faith Church can RECLAIM SPRING!



News From Around The Community!

Ping Pong Table Wanted

The Northwest YMCA is looking for a ping pong table in good condition to be donated. It could be tax deductible. Call William Cox at 651-633-8727 for more information or to donate.



Wayzata Women's Chorus

The Wayzata Women's Chorus will be celebrating spring with two lively musical events which will include Celtic selections. On Saturday, May 16th its 24th Annual Spring concert will feature "Pie Jesu," *Over the Rainbow*, and "The Voice" to be presented at Wayzata Evangelical Free Church, 705 County Road 101 North, in Plymouth, MN, at 7:00 PM. Tom Larson, flute, and Paul Hill, percussion, will be performing with the Chorus. The Chorus is directed by Carole Birch and accompanied by Mary Fadden.

On Sunday, May 17th, there will be a repeat performance of the concert at Faith Church at 7:00 PM. Childcare and refreshments will be available at this concert only.

We're sure you and your family will enjoy these wonderful concerts. Tickets are \$15.00 for adults 18 - 64, \$12.00 for students 6 - 17, and seniors 65+. Children five and under are free. Tickets can be purchased at the door or by calling Carla Erpelding at 612-788-6862.

Open House and Silent Auction at Camp Kingswood

Camp Kingswood, (7301 Kingswood Rd, Minnetrista, MN) invites you to help celebrate another meaningful year in ministry. Thanks to supporters like you they had their most successful year in their 62-year history. You are invited on Sunday, May 17th, from 2:30-6:00 PM to participate in their annual open house and silent auction. Bidding be open from 4:00-6:00 PM with tours and food available starting at 2:30 PM. Auction items are still being accepted. Please contact the camp if you have an item you would be willing to donate. For an up-to-date item list and directions please call, e-mail, or check the web.

CampKingswood@frontiernet.net;
www.campkingswood.bunk1.com; 952-472-3686.

Remembering Patsy

Saturday, May 2, 7:00 PM

Gloria Dei Lutheran Church (3014 McKinley St. NE, Mpls) invites you to a special evening featuring Mary Hall. Mary will entertain with "Remembering Patsy," a look at the life and music of Patsy Cline. Mary also speaks about her life as a follower of Christ. Coffee and dessert will follow. Tickets are \$6.50 per person. Call the church office at 612-781-1989 for tickets. Advance sales only.

Community United Methodist Rummage Sale

May 7 and 8, 9:00 AM - 6:00 PM

May 9, 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM

Community UMC is located at 950 Gould Ave. NE. Call 763-788-9009 for more information.

Toward an Understanding of the Palestinian/Israeli Conflict

will be the focus of a forum at the Church Center, (122 W. Franklin, Mpls) on Monday, April 27, Noon-1:30 PM. David Wildman is the featured presenter. The forum is sponsored by the Palestine/Israel Justice Project of the United Methodist Church.



St Anthony High School Chamber Choir Senior Concert

May 28, 7:30 PM, First Lutheran Church, (1555 40th Ave. NE, Columbia Heights, MN) The award-winning choir is one of the finest high school acappella choirs in the state and will feature the seniors at their final concert of the year. The concert is free and open to the public.