



Call of Faith

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St. Anthony Village, MN

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9:00 AM Celebration Service

9:00 AM Education Hour

10:00 AM Fellowship

10:30 AM Traditional Service

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Dear Friends,

Here we are, already at the start of the Lenten season and its call to spiritual preparation and renewal. The word "lent" is from an ancient Anglo-Saxon word meaning "spring." It reminds us of the new life and hope that are ours in the good news of Christ's Resurrection that we celebrate on Easter. But if we would receive the full joy that we look to at Easter, then I would ask us all to take the time to journey through this season of Lent with our hearts and minds, our eyes and our ears open to see, to hear, and to receive all that God is seeking to offer and reveal to us.

For me, I have been looking forward to this season of prayer, fasting and reflection to try discern more fully where God is calling in my life and ministry. What about you? Is there something you need to be paying special attention to? Is there something you need to set aside, or take up, as a part of being more open to what God is trying to do in your life?

I hope that you will take advantage of the Sunday morning and Wednesday evening worship opportunities and special classes that are being offered at the church. I hope further that you will take time for quiet prayer, reading and reflection to listen and welcome God to speak anew into your life the message of forgiveness, new life, and love.

May the Peace of the Christ be with you.

Pastor Kevin



Upcoming Services and Scripture Readings:

February 25	Ash Wednesday	Joel 2:1-2, 12-17 Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21
March 1	1st Sunday in Lent	Mark 1:9-15
March 8	2nd Sunday in Lent	Mark 8:27-38
March 15	3rd Sunday in Lent	John 3:13-21
March 22	4th Sunday in Lent	John 3:14-21
March 29	5th Sunday in Lent	Jeremiah 31:27-34 John 12:23-26

Youth News



We are looking forward to teaching all children ages 3-5th grade about the sacred and Holy days of our Christian journey this Lenten season. This year we are planning an educational and experiential

time for your children, so please bring your kids to church on Wednesday nights during Lent. Each week we will focus our learnings on:

- Ash Wednesday
- Palm Sunday
- Maundy Thursday
- Good Friday
- Easter Eve/Easter.

Parents' Night Out was a great success with 32 children attending the February 13th event here at Faith. Of those 32 children, 29 were from our surrounding community. Thank you deeply to the wonderful volunteers who served so graciously!!!!!!

Janet Rodriguez-Ricci,
Director of Christian Education

Faith Saints

Sunday, March 29
2:00 - 3:30 PM.

All children in grades 2 - 4 are invited to meet at Water Tower Park (33rd Ave. NE and Silver Lake Road) for an afternoon of fun. Dress for outdoor play. If snow, bring your sled and we'll walk over to the sledding hill by the Community Center. Pick up time is 3:30 at Water Tower Park. Questions? Contact Sharon Parrill at 651-636-5017 or Carol Grutkoski at 651-639-8358.

Contemporary Christian Issues

This class meets Sundays at 9:00 AM in the Ebenezer Room. Everyone is welcome.

Upcoming Schedule:

- March 1 - Hillary Freeman, Community Justice project for the Greater Minneapolis Council of Churches speaks about Prison Ministries. They train volunteers to help newly released adult inmates avoid re-offending.
- March 8 - Theresa Galles with United Way 2-1-1 tells how her organization connects callers with over 40,000 community resources.
- March 15 - Lisa McNair with Christ's Children Ministry. They serve primarily African-American boys by mentoring, sports, Bible studies, camps and retreats. They seek to introduce them to the hope that is their inheritance in Jesus.
- March 22 - Bernie Johnson with Family Means speaks on how her organization provides family counseling, mental health services and youth enrichment programs.
- March 29 - Brian Rusche, Executive Director of the Joint Religious Legislative Coalition, a nonpartisan interfaith social justice advocacy organization.



Call of Faith

The Call of Faith is now available via email. The email version is in color and generally arrives 3-4 days earlier than the paper copy. Plus it saves the church on paper, ink and postage. If you are not receiving the email version and would like to receive it instead of the paper copy, please call the church office and leave your name and email address.



Senior Moments

We recently attended the wedding of our grandson. It was a beautiful event, in which one of our clergy daughters, Susan, officiated. The vows, the words of Scripture and the prayers all made it memorable - especially for the bride and groom, as it should be. During the reception we had opportunity to fellowship with family and friends. As Sue talked with us she mentioned how the groom (our grandson, Scott) had suggested several scripture passages to be used during the ceremony. He had received suggestions from his friends, when sharing his joy with them at his men's Bible Study group! We smiled and were grateful to learn that the faith of another daughter and her husband (Scott's parents) had been passed on to the next generation! And we as grandparents dared to think that some of the faith of our fathers and mothers is now a part of that young man's growing faith journey. Let us always be asking whether our faith is real enough to be passed on in our "genes" to our children, grandchildren, great grand-children, nieces and nephews. Moses had it right when he said "and you shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, and when you walk by the way..." (Deuteronomy 6:7)

Dave Schneider, Sr. Adult Coordinator

Senior Adult Events

"He Knows the Trouble They've Seen"

February 24, 1:00 PM

A revealing story of recovery and renewal in a church and in people. Rev. Jo Campe is pastor of the Recovery Church, a U.M. Church in downtown St. Paul. Recovery Church reaches out and welcomes all people, but especially those who are recovering addicts from alcohol or other drugs. It has grown from 11-12 in one worship service, to literally hundreds now in three services, one of which is now being held in Minneapolis.

Rev. Dr. Jo Campe will share this miraculous story and give opportunity for questions. Fellowship and dessert will follow.

"Walking the Paths of Jesus:
A Personal Pilgrimage Walking in the
Land of Jesus"

March 22, 5:00 PM

Rev. Dave Schneider has walked that land five different times and each time new insights have come to make the life of Jesus more real. He will share both the sights (Powerpoint) and sounds. A light supper will follow. Invitation is open to ONE AND ALL!

Prime Tymers News from Nativity Church

March 6	Hors d'oeuvre Supper - 6:00 PM
April 3	Game Night - 7:15 PM
April 23	Speaker or Surprise - 12:00 Noon
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

Interested in Senior Resources?

Seniors' newsletters give lots of information about events, seminars, tax and health workshops, etc. If you are interested, here are phone numbers to call to get on their mailing lists:

- Mary Ann Young Senior Center (Blaine) - 763-786-9375
- Coon Rapids Senior Services - 763-767-6473
- Fridley Senior News - 763-502-5150
- Northeast Senior Citizen Resource Center - 612-781-5096
- Medica Skyway Senior Center - 612-370-3869



Outreach



India Children's Choir Concert

The India Children's Choir is coming to Faith Church on Tuesday, June 30. To make this happen we will need financial sponsors to assist with their \$600.00 requested donation and host homes for the choir members. More information will be coming. Check out their web-site at www.bftw.org.

Appalachia Service Project

The ASP group is excited that they now have two complete teams going to Harlan County, Kentucky, from July 10-19, 2009. You can help with our fundraising by:

- Making donations
- Helping with our bake sale on April 5
- Volunteering at our Cub Foods grocery packing fundraiser. Date to be determined.

For more information contact Gary Johnson at 612-788-1502.



Volunteers Requested

1. We are looking to assemble a group of hospitality volunteers to help occasionally with meals, rides, light housekeeping, etc. when our members are in a medical emergency. If you are willing to volunteer, please contact LaFonda Shreve in the church office with your name, phone number, volunteer services, and general availability (i.e., daytime, evenings). Then the next time a crisis comes up, we will be ready to assist as needed.
2. We are in need of men or women to usher on Sunday mornings. If you are available please contact Maureen Krinke to volunteer for the 10:30 service or Bill Parrill to volunteer for the 9:00 service.
3. You may still commemorate a loved one in 2009. Honor them by purchasing Chancel flowers in their name. The cost is \$25 per Sunday. Please call the church office to request your date preference. Payment is due at time of sign-up. Purchasers may take home their flowers after the 2nd service. These 2009 dates are still available: March 15; May 3, 17 & 31; June 21; July 26; Aug 2 & 30; Oct. 4; Nov. 8; and Dec. 13.



Minnesota Food Share

March is Minnesota FoodShare month and for the past 27 years, Minnesota FoodShare has led a statewide campaign to feed thousands of hungry Minnesotans. Not only does this campaign bring in large amounts of necessary food for their food shelf, but portions of the donations, both cash and food, are matched by Minnesota FoodShare and the Feinstein Foundation. You can help out by bringing in food items and place them in the box by the parking lot entry door. Checks can be made payable to Faith UMC and mark it Food Share. Money and food will be divided between local charities as approved by the Outreach team.



Recap of All-Church Conference

During the All-Church Conference on February 8, the following officers were elected:

Church Council

Team Leader	Dick Sawyer
Lay Leader	Jennifer Krinke
Lay Member of Conference	Susan Mullin
Care Council	Open
Christian Education	Jennifer Krinke
Finance	Terry Krinke
Marketing & Comm.	Joyce Jose & Dick Sawyer
Outreach	Amy Neuswanger
Sr. Adult Council	Dave Schneider
Shared Ministries	Stan Allen & Pastor Kevin Schill
Staff-Parish Relations	Sharon Parrill
Trustees	Dan Kramer
Witness & Hospitality	Jean Sweeley & Sue Sattler
Worship & Music	Joyce Jose

Other Team Members

Recorder	Carol Vick
UMW Representative	Barbara Greicius

At Large Members

Emily Dennison	Jim Clarke
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If you would like a list of the entire ministry teams, please contact the church office.

- All women of the church are invited and encouraged to attend United Methodist Women meetings. Our regular meetings are on the 3rd Thursday of each month at 7:00 PM at the church.
- Kid's Bells are going to the festival "Kid's Ring 2009" on April 25 at Mount Calvary Lutheran Church in Eagan. The public is invited to the group performance that starts at 2:30 PM.
- A Men's Spirituality Group meets the 2nd Tuesday of each month here at Faith Church. It includes a time of Centering Prayer, meditative reading, and personal sharing. Rev. William Cox facilitates the group. Men of all ages and faiths are invited.
- A Spiritual Renewal Workshop is scheduled for Saturday, March 21 from 9:00 - 11:00 AM in the Fellowship Hall. This will be a time of prayer, centering, reflection and renewal. A light continental breakfast will be served. Nursery and childcare up to 6th grade is provided. All are invited to attend.

"Mr. St. Anthony" Honored in Saint Anthony Bulletin

Our own George Wagner was honored as "Mr. St. Anthony" in the January 28 issue of the *St. Anthony Bulletin* for his over two decades of service on the St. Anthony City Council. He is described in the article as "a prince of a man", "the equivalent of a national treasure", and "an all around nice guy". Plus, we are proud to know him as a dear friend and long-time member of Faith Church. George retired as Executive Director of the St. Anthony Chamber of Commerce on January 1. Congratulations George, and thanks for your many years of service.

Visible, Real, Life-Changing Faith.

Choose to come for fellowship, education, and worship for the whole family during the 2009 Lenten season.



February 25, 7:00 PM

Wednesdays

March 4, 11, 18, 25, April 1

5:30 Light Supper

6:00 Lenten Learning Series

7:00 Vesper Service
(A reflective service of faith,
sharing, and holy communion)

Special Lenten Study at Mary
Martha Circle Beginning
February 25 at 9:30 AM

- Children will learn about sharing their Easter faith through hands-on activities.
- Mid-High Youth will have their own Lenten experience
- High School Youth/Young Adults/Adults can participate in Rob Bell's DVD discussion series about where spirituality and daily life collide.
- Young Adults/Adults have two other discussion group opportunities:
 1. A glimpse into the Lenten theme book "Five Practices of Fruitful Congregations" that focuses on the vitality and fruitfulness of a church. Facilitated by Pastor Kevin Schill.
 2. Observe an intimate view of our Savior's last week through Max Lucado's book titled "And The Angels Were Silent" - Facilitated by Diane McIntosh.

- Palm Sunday Services - April 5 - 9:00 and 10:30AM
- Holy Thursday Service - April 9 - 7:00 PM
- Good Friday Prayer Vigil - April 10 - Begins at 6:30 AM
- Good Friday Service - April 10 - 7:00 PM
- Easter Services - April 12 - 8:30, 9:45, 11:00 AM

News From Around The Community!

"All Means All" Workshop

February 28 - 10:00-4:00
Good Samaritan UMC, Edina, MN.

The United Methodist slogan is "Open Minds, Open Hearts, Open Doors," but do we welcome persons of all sexual orientations and gender identities into our fellowship? Rev. Troy Plummer, Executive Director of the United Methodist Reconciling Ministries Network, will lead this one-day workshop. Lunch will be provided and there is no cost for the workshop, but a freewill offering will be taken. Check-in, coffee, and fellowship begin at 9:15. Pick up a flyer on the information table or e-mail William Cox at wcox@me.com for an electronic copy.

Northeast Minneapolis Spiritual Art Show

March 29-April 3, 3-7 PM Daily
Kolbe Center of Pope John Paul II School,
1630 4th St. NE Mpls.

This art show is free and open to the general public. It is open to all artists that live in Minnesota and all the art work is done within the past three years. A total of \$500 cash prizes will be awarded to best work in show.

April 2 will be an evening of music from 7-8:30 PM with the Singleton Street Bluegrass Band. Contact Nicholas Heille at nrheille@mcg.net or call 612-789-6527.

2009 Big Band Spring Thing

Brooklyn UMC, 7200 Brooklyn Blvd.
March 20, 7:30 - Seating begins at 6:30

Listen or dance to the music of the 20jazz era while enjoying a great meal. Suggested donation of \$8.00/adult. Food and activities for children too. For more information call 763-561-1684.

How Can Government Safeguard Our Children

March 5 - 5:00-7:00 PM
Lake Harriet United Methodist Church
4901 Chowen Avenue S, Minneapolis

This Healthy Legacy Public Forum features a keynote address from Mayor R.T. Rybak on his sustainability vision for Minneapolis and two panel discussions with key leaders and elected officials. This event is sponsored by the Minneapolis League of Women Voters, Healthy Legacy Coalition, the Minneapolis Sustainability Office and the Lake Harriet United Methodist Church's Peace and Justice Committee and features an exhibit from the Minnesota Council of Churches.

Geezer Gala

March 21, 7-10 PM
Saint Clement Catholic Church Auditorium
911 24th Ave. NE, Minneapolis

Two Right Feet Dance presents a '50s-Style Sock Hop & Alzheimer's Fund-raiser. Everyone's welcome! Music by RICH AND THE RESISTORS. A free swing dance lesson is at 6:30 by Two Right Feet. Tickets are \$10 (50% goes to the Alzheimer's Assoc.) Those born in 1959 get in free and are eligible for a drawing for fabulous "vintage" birthday gifts. Prizes for best '50s costumes and dancers, and a performance by Magician Harry Houdunit. For more info or to preorder tickets online go to www.tworightfeetdance.com or call 612-824-1800.

Thanks from the East Side Thrift Store

"Thank you very much for your support of our mission with your money, time and talent. Because of your generous support we were able to help more than 120 families last year with clothes and household goods! Volunteers, donations and shoppers are always needed: Pots/pans, towels and hygiene products are especially needed. Furniture can now be accepted in our new location. Please call 612-789-0600 for hours and more information."
Laura Murphy, Manager

Ministry to Military Families and Veterans

February 28, 9:30 - 2:30
Calvary Lutheran Church
7520 Golden Valley Road, Golden Valley

Calvary Lutheran Church and the Family Programs of the Minnesota National Guard are teaming up to offer this workshop. The objective of the workshop is to provide an understanding of the needs and ways to respond to military families and veterans through the fabric of our churches and communities.

Small Group Study at Trinity UMC

An ongoing spiritual formation and study group meets at Trinity UMC on most alternate Tuesdays at 6:30 PM. Leadership is by Rev. Phyllis Wilcox and Pam Pettit. The next topic which will begin soon is: Steward: Living as Disciples in Everyday Life. Interested? Call Phyllis at 612-788-4637 or Pam at 612-230-6146.