



Call of Faith

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Sunday Worship Schedule

9:00 AM

10:30 AM

Fellowship at 10:00 AM

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Why Go to Church?

A church goer wrote a letter to the editor of a newspaper and complained that it made no sense to go to church every Sunday. "I've gone for 30 years now," he wrote, "and in that time I have heard something like 3,000 sermons. But for the life of me, I can't remember a single one of them. So, I think I'm wasting my time and the pastors are wasting theirs by giving sermons at all."

This started a real controversy in the "letters to the Editor" column. Much to the delight of the editor, it went on for weeks until someone wrote this clincher: "I've been married for 30 years now. In that time my wife has cooked some 32,000 meals. But, for the life of me, I cannot recall the entire menu for a single one of those meals. But I do know this...they all nourished me and give me the strength I needed to do my work. If my wife had not given me these meals, I would be physically dead today. Likewise, if I had not gone to church for nourishment, I would be spiritually dead today!"

Thank God for physical AND spiritual nourishment.

Author Unknown

Have you made a New Years Resolution?
Resolve to attend church regularly this year.

Valentine Dessert Social

February 8 - 2:00 PM

Everyone is invited to this special Valentine social. There will be special music with a sing-along led by Jo Halvorson. The Sunday School children will have gifts for all.

Church Conference

Sunday, February 8

3:00 PM

Election of Officers

Goal Setting

2009 Budget



**Annual
Church
Meeting**

All members are encouraged to attend this important meeting.

Parents' Night Out

Leave your children with us while you enjoy a four-hour break.

When: February 13, 5:00 - 9:00 PM
Where: Faith Church
Who: Any children ages 0-5th grade
Open to the community.
What: Activities for all ages
Dinner and snack provided
Cost: \$2.00 per child

Volunteers, please start planning! We need many people to help make this evening a success. If you are willing to help, contact Janet Rodriguez-Ricci.

Kingswood Adventure Day Camp

July 6-10, 2009, Grades K - 6

Spend the day in God's great outdoors swimming, creating crafts, playing games, listening to stories, singing songs and making new friends. Transportation arranged from various participating metro churches. The cost is \$110.00 before 3/1 or \$135.00 after. Sign up at www.campminnesota.org. Questions? Call 612-230-CAMP or email camps@campminnesota.org.

Youth News

Our Children's Christmas pageant was a tremendous success! Many thanks to the children who worked so hard on their music and scripture readings, and to all who came out on such a cold and snowy night to worship with us. We would also like to thank:

- Jo Halvorson and Marie Kuglin for their accompaniments during the pageant and practices
- Sharon Parrill and Don Burr for running sound
- Adam Busacker and Ryan Burr for dinner clean-up
- Henry Elholm for greeting
- Teresa Krinke, Susan Johnson, and Laurie Gross for their supervision and commitment to teaching
- Kay and Dan Kramer for organizing the entire potluck and numerous other details
- Of course, none of this would have been possible without the dedication of Carolie and Neil Carlson, who spent hours writing the pageant, as well as preparing and practicing with our kids.

Please thank these dedicated servants for all they have done to help our children deliver an amazing worshipful pageant.

Janet Rodriguez-Ricci,
Director of Christian Education

Advent Wrap-Up

This year Faith UMC made a concerted effort to celebrate Advent together more intentionally and with greater frequency. Advent was kicked off with the hanging of the greens, the choral worship services, an adult education class offered by Natalie McNall called "Keeping Christmas Sacred", the children's pageant and potluck dinner, Christmas caroling and our Christmas Eve worship services. Let's keep this rich tradition going!

Buck Hill Ski Lock-In

February 20
Grades 6-12

Come join other youth for skiing, snowboarding, tubing, movies, music, and snow football. Contact Bonnie at 962-890-2515 or blaabs@riverhillsumc.org for details and reservations.

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.





Senior Moments

Agnes Stegner was an active, committed member of the church, now retired from her job. She was involved in prayer groups, United Methodist Women, and regularly attended other activities within the church. Her death was not unexpected, as she was in her late 80's, but she would be sorely missed.

I went to her home when I received the call of her death. I had been there often. While the funeral director and I chatted together about a good life, lived fully, I noticed in front of me on the coffee table, a copy of Newsweek magazine folded to a certain article she had been reading, and right alongside was her well-worn Bible.

Here was a woman, a "Senior", who was determined to "keep up with the world." (Newsweek does that weekly) And she was also fully aware that God's Word has much to help us relate to and understand better, a Christian's place and response to today's world.

How do we connect to the world's events? How do we connect with God's guiding and nudging through that Word - those words based on men and women experiencing that guidance across the centuries?

Agnes Stegner had it right. I hope we can make that same connection!

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.

Prime Tymers News from Nativity Church

February 6	Game Night - 7:15 PM
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 with music - 6:00 PM

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

Contemporary Christian Issues

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

Up-Coming Schedule:

- Feb. 1 - Dr. David Schulz, Professor at Hamline University speaks on political ethics in MN.
- Feb. 8 - Haila Maze, Planner for the City of Minneapolis speaks about changes that are occurring in the Northeast Minneapolis area so that our church can better serve the area.
- Feb. 15 - Janet Bystrom, a Licensed Clinical Social Worker who previously attended Faith UMC, will speak on understanding the lives of trans- gender people.
- Feb. 22 - Dr. Larry Baker, Fellow at the Water Resources Center at the U of M speaks on "The Carbon Footprint and Beyond: What Research Tells us about the Impact of Our Personal Actions on the Environment."

Men's Retreat at Kingswood

All men are invited to Kingswood for our annual Men's Retreat from February 6, 6:00 PM. through-February 7, 3:00 PM. The cost is \$50.00 and includes lodging and 3 meals. Please sign up by January 26 in the Commons or call the church office. A \$15.00 deposit, made payable to Faith UMC is due at sign-up. Carpooling is available at 5:00 PM from the church. Questions? Contact Dan McNall at 612-788-8117.

Men's Spirituality Group

2nd Tuesday of each Month 7:00 PM

A Men's Spirituality Group meets monthly 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.

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)

- Your 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.
 2. Observe an intimate view of our Savior's last week through Max Lucado's book "When The Angels Were Silent."

- 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

News from around the community!

Donate Winter Accessories to Refugees

Can you imagine facing your first Minnesota winter without a coat? Many newly-arrived refugees are encountering snow for the first time, unequipped with suitable winter clothing. The answer to this dilemma just might be hiding in your closet! Refugee Services is in particular need of adult hats, mittens, and scarves. Donations can be brought to the Minnesota Church Center anytime during business hours. For more information, please contact Kristin at 612-230-3219.

Day on the Hill February 3

Minnesota's interfaith lobby day for social justice is at the State Capitol after a morning gathering at River-Centre in downtown St. Paul with Keynote speaker Dr. Ingrid Mattson, director of the Macdonald Center for the Study of Islam and Christian-Muslim Relations and Professor at Hartford Seminary. Register at 612-870-3670 or www.jrlc.org.

The Dignity Center

The Dignity Center at Hennepin Avenue UMC serves the poor and disenfranchised people of Minneapolis to help them become self-reliant. Some 9400 people are homeless in Minnesota every night. This ministry costs \$100,000 per year and is a Conference Advance Special. Give through your local church and mark "Dignity Center" in the memo. For more information contact Ann at 612-435-1336 or carlsona99@msn.com.

You Gotta Have Heart --- A Fundraiser Cabaret Saturday, February 7 at 6:00 PM

Presented by A Minnesota Without Poverty and held at Lake Nokomis Lutheran Church, 5011 31st Avenue S, Minneapolis. This event includes a silent auction, appetizers sponsored by the Midtown Global Market, dinner, dessert, and a cabaret. Music is provided by Lisa Davis, Rev. Susan Schoon and Mark Ertl and features love songs and children's music from around the world. The fundraiser this year is aimed at supporting local small businesses in the Midtown Global Market. For more information or to make your reservations (\$30 per person), contact Aundrea at 612-230-3236.

Metro West United Methodist Builders March 15

"Churches Going Green--Preserving Our Planet" is the theme of the 119th Annual Celebration of the Metro West United Methodist Builders (MWUMB) on Sunday, March 15, at Hennepin Avenue UMC, Minneapolis. The schedule will be as follows:

- 3:30 p.m. - Fellowship, Displays, and Refreshments in Carlson Hall
- 4:30 p.m. - Main Program and Worship in the Sanctuary
- 5:45 - 7:45 p.m. - Banquet and Celebration of ministries in the Social Hall.

All interested persons are invited to the event. The cost for the banquet is \$12.00 and is payable at the celebration. Reservations may be made by calling LaFonda Shreve in the Faith Church office by March 1.

The theme for the celebration evolved and was developed through careful planning by the Program and Publicity Committee of the MWUMB. The committee is convinced that concern about environment and the future of our planet is intimately related to concern about God's good earth and the people who inhabit our planet now and in the future. After thoughtful consideration two highly qualified resource persons were secured as speakers. They are: J. (Janet) Drake Hamilton of the Fresh Energy organization; and Commissioner Mark Andrew of Greenmark.

The 4:30 program will provide inspiration and ideas for persons and churches wishing to become more deeply involved in environmental issues. The banquet and celebration time will highlight some of The Builder areas of ministry. The banquet will provide a delicious meal showing ways that meal planning may enhance our environment. All are invited and welcome to participate in this celebration event. Attendees will receive an attractive, permanent grocery shopping bag along with ideas to help live out the theme, ***"Churches Going Green--Preserving Our Planet."***