

March 13, 2011

*To Follow Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior,
Be Filled with His Love and
Share His Abundant Grace with our Communities.*

Welcome Visitors & Friends!

We are glad you are here and hope you have met God and some new friends. Stop by the Welcome Center for information about the ministries and opportunities for you here at Faith! Be sure to check out our website at www.faithpres.org.

Attendance Pads: Please sign and pass the attendance pads during Life of the Church. This information is important to indicate trends in attendance and inform us if there are visitors to our Faith Community, so we may welcome them.

Hearing devices are available to be borrowed for use during the service. A special system is set up in the sanctuary that amplifies the sound through the ear piece. You can even use it if you have a hearing aid – it fits right over it. You can pick one up at the Information Desk and return it after the service.

Usher Volunteers are Captain Dean Solyntjes; Glenn & Shirley Baille, Leslee Day, Bob Knutson, Dick Custer. Gary Hemphill & Boyd Wasson, Co-Chairmen, Usher Scheduling.

Greeter Volunteers for March are Roxie Carlson, Bob Carlson, Nancy Coughlin, JoEllen Radermacher, Kay Parks, and Marilyn Carlson.

Today at Faith

Worship time 10:00 am in the Sanctuary

Today! Education hour from 9:00-9:45 am, Sunday School, Confirmation and Java 'n Jesus, followed by 10:00 am Celebration Worship service. We encourage and welcome families to worship with their children. A nursery is available for children 5 years old and younger for those who need that option.

Last DISCOVERY Today! at 11:15 am after Sunday worship in the Sanctuary. Please invite your family and friends and join us for Discovery God Revealed. Please join us 15 minutes after the worship service ends.

FINDING FAITH: March 13, 11:15-12:00 pm in room 114. Join us after worship (formerly "Get Acquainted Event").

- Informal conversation with the Pastor Buck
- First step toward membership at Faith
- Q & A discussion

Faith Prays



- **Tillie Dolejsi** at Beacon Hill Hospice Care
- **Sherry Neiberger** at McKenna Crossing
- **Maxine Rieman** at Chapel View
- **Jane Hansen** at Summer Wood, Chanhassen
- **Pastoral Hospitalizations or Visits:** Margaret, Church Office 952-935-4481 x 10
- **Prayer Requests:** Please fill out a prayer request card or contact Carol Shanholtzer at 952-545-4303 shanh@mac.com.

(Information for **Faith Prays** is current through Tuesday mornings at the time of publication.)

Remember in prayer those ill or recovering:

Wendy Beard, Dorothy Bren, Mary Gjerstad, Marjorie Kadue, Bob Miller, Dan Olson, Daisy Peterson, Dan Svoboda.

The safety and care of all who currently serve in the armed forces:

Jackie Branscome*, Chris Beyl, Jodie Brueske, Joel Campbell, Adam Dowd, Brian Knutson, Nate Koenig, Mike MacDonald*, Amanda McGregor, David O'Keefe, Callea Pavelka, Ross Pavelka, Gary Slater, Gordon Sloan*, Joe Tourand, Stephen Varverakis, Christopher Wilmot, Nicholas Worthy, Tim Young.

*serving in Iraq, Afghanistan or Africa



Events & Announcements

500 Card Club: Interested in playing 500? Join us on the third Friday of the month from 7:00-10:00 pm. Evelyn Vraspir 952-988-7918.

West Metro Grief Support offers hope and healing through education, listening, sharing, prayer and fellowship. Saturdays 9:30-11:30 am at St Joseph's Church, 1310 Mainstreet, Hopkins.

♦ March 19 Deb Pope Music in Grief Expression

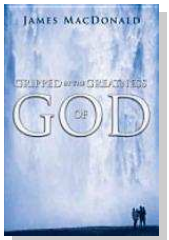
Attention Second Halfers! Join us for our "Czech Heritage Tour" to New Prague on **Wednesday, March 30**. This includes lunch at the Schumacher Grill 212 Restaurant, a stop at a Czech bakery, a tour of St. Wenceslaus Church and more. Cost is \$49 per person. Details in the Information Center! Sign-up deadline is **TODAY!** Annette Greer 952-938-8382.

RENEWING FAITH: Today and next Sunday, the Renewing Faith planning committee is requesting the **congregation's input** to be used in formulating a "mission" statement for Faith Church. One small group discussion session for the congregation was held during the education hour before worship today. Another will be held next **Sunday, March 20 at 11:15 am** (after worship). The planning group is seeking the congregation's input around these questions: What of unique and enduring value do we have to offer locally and to the world? What have we done well? Where has God blessed us in powerful or surprising ways?

If you are unable to participate in one of the discussions, please submit your written input. A box is available at the Information Desk this week for that purpose. You may also submit ideas by e-mail to session@faithpres.org (there is a link to that address on the church website). **The LAST DAY for submitting this input is next Sunday, March 20. Please be a part of shaping the future direction of Faith Church by participating in this process.**

Adult Discipleship

New Women's Bible Study: "Gripped by the Greatness of God." Seven weeks beginning March 17, Thursdays at 7:00 pm. Author, James MacDonald, uses video and select passages from Isaiah to reveal the grace and glory of God and renew our hearts for worship. Barbara Tenney and Sue Larson. **FINAL** sign up is by March 14. Call Margaret at 952-935-4481 ext 10 margaret@faithpres.org.



Wednesday Nights from 7:00-8:00 pm

Let's Pray with Pastor Buck! Buck Day. Sanctuary at 7:00 pm.

The Forgotten God by Francis Chan Men's Study: Men's Bible study from 7:00-8:00 pm. Room 114.

Sunday Mornings from 9:00-9:45 am

The Apostle Paul: Don Draayer. Room 114.

Prodigal God: Blake Meisenheimer. Room 114. Begins on April 3 for 6 weeks. Take a fresh in-depth look at the parable of the Prodigal Son. This six week class encourages us to go beyond easy answers and how it impacts our lives.

Ministry Needs & Opportunities

13th Annual Empty Bowls Event: March 15 from 11-7:00 pm at Hopkins Center for the Arts. This fun event brings together art and hunger awareness in a community-wide effort to support our neighbors in need. A meal of soup and bread, donated from local restaurants is available for dinner. No admission fee is required; however a free will offering is suggested that will benefit the work of ICA Food Shelf and Resource West. Contact Amanda Meyer at Amandameyer@msn.com.

Beyond Us Missions ~ Adult Mission Trip Dates Set! The *Beyond Us Team*, has scheduled two adult mission trips for this summer. We are partnering with Urban Homeworks for a local opportunity from July 19 – 22. The second opportunity is July 30 – August 6 in Paintsville, KY. Sign-up now to reserve your spot! Brochures with more information are also available in the Information Hallway.

Urban Homeworks: A huge “Thank You” to all from Urban Homeworks! A significant portion of our 2010 Christmas offering was given to Urban Homeworks. They have chosen to use the money, along with a grant they have received, to purchase a couple of work vans to replace their current old vehicles. This is a blessing for them that will meet one of their greatest needs. Thanks to all who contributed – your giving is at work in Minneapolis!

Stephen Ministry is one on one, confidential, Christ-Centered care available for anyone who is going through a difficult time. Linda Elliott 952-938-4791 or Craig Gustafson 952-933-1844.



Feed My Starving Children: Our next session is this **Tuesday, April 12 at 6:00 pm**. For more details and to sign up, check out the clip board at the Information Desk.

You can also find the link and "join code" on the Home page of the church website at www.faithpres.org for on-line registration.



Family Ministries

Summer Camp at Ojibway! Camp registrations start March 21. Brochures available on the Family Ministries board.

Family Movie Night! Join us Friday, April 1 in the Activity Center for pizza and a family movie. Bring a blanket, pillows or your favorite chair and join us from 6:00-8:30 pm. We will serve pizza at 6:00 pm and then start the movie at 6:30 so even if you can't make it for dinner, come for the movie. The event is free and open to all, but please sign-up to help us plan the food.

First Communion classes to be offered: Families of third graders and older are encouraged to join Pastor Buck and Joanna in our upcoming First Communion classes. A series of two classes are scheduled for Sunday, April 10, 9:00–9:45 am and Wednesday, April 13, 6:30-7:30 pm. Parents and students together will explore the Biblical history of Communion, why we celebrate it, what it means and actually take communion. Children are excused from Sunday school and AdQuest on those days. For more information and to reserve your spot, please contact Joanna Bachmann.

Church Office

	Faith Offering		
	Received	Budget	Over(Short)
Last Week	\$ 20,772	\$ 19,891	\$ 881
YTD 2011	\$ 157,919	\$ 165,796	\$ (7,877)

Weekly Bulletin Announcements: Deadline for the bulletin is Monday at 5:00 pm. margaret@faithpres.org.

Office Hours: Monday-Thursday 8:00-4:00 pm, Friday 8:00-12:00 noon. Please note, there will be times during posted office hours that the office is not staffed. Please call ahead and make an appointment if you need assistance.



Upcoming Events

3/13	Mystery Dinner Theater	3/15	ICA "Empty Bowls"
3/13	Renewing Faith Meeting	3/17	Women's Bible Study Begins
3/13	Discovering Faith Event	3/19-20	Stephen Ministry Retreat
3/13	Last Discovery	3/20	Renewing Faith
3/13	Finding Faith (Get Acquainted)	3/22	Session
3/15	Hopkins Women's Luncheon	3/27	Stephen Ministry Commissioning
3/15	Deacons	3/29	CPR Training
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Sunday, March 13

Daylight Savings Time

9:00 am Childcare
 9:00 am Sunday School
 9:00 am Java n Jesus, Confirmation
 9:00 am RENEWING FAITH
 10:00 am Celebration Worship
 11:15 am Discovery Series
 11:15 am Finding Faith
 12:00 pm Mystery Theater Food Prep
 2:00 pm Mystery Dessert Theater

Monday, March 14

ISLA
 6:00 pm Foundation Meeting
 6:30 pm AHG BOD Meeting
 7:00 pm Stephen Ministry

Tuesday, March 15

ISLA Late Start
 11:00 am Staff Meeting
 11:00 am Hopkins Women's Club Lunch

7:00 pm ISLA 4H Group
 7:00 pm Deacons BOD Meeting

Wednesday, March 16

ISLA
 9:15 am PMO
 9:30 am Prayer Fellowship
 9:30 am Palette Club
 6:30 pm AQ, LH, Focus
 6:30 pm Mystery Theater Rehearsal
 7:00 pm "The Forgotten God" Men's Bible Study
 7:00 pm Let's Pray with Pastor Buck
 7:00 pm Adult Choir

Thursday, March 17

ISLA
 1:00 pm Hannah Circle
 6:00 pm Cub Scout Meeting
 6:00 pm Mystery Theater Food Prep
 6:15 pm TOPS
 6:30 pm Cemetery Meeting

7:00 pm Praise & Worship
 7:00 pm Women's Bible Study

Friday, March 18

ISLA
 6:00 pm Christian Singles Volleyball
 7:00 pm 500 Card Club

Saturday, March 19

Stephen Ministry Retreat
 1:00 pm Gorrill/Pavelka Wedding

Sunday, March 20

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 9:00 am Childcare
 9:00 am Sunday School
 9:00 am Java n Jesus, Confirmation
 9:00 am The Apostle Paul
 10:00 am Celebration Worship
 11:15 am Discovery Series
 11:15 am RENEWING FAITH
 4:54 pm "454"

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