

March 6, 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.

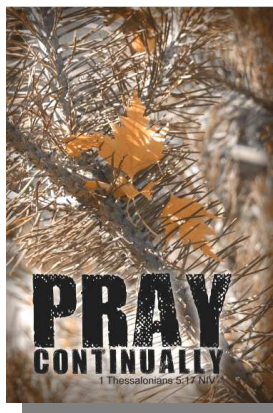
Usher Volunteers are Captain Dean Solyntjes; Glenn & Shirley Baille, Leslee Day, Bob Knutson, Dick Custer. Gary Hemphill & Boyd Wasson, Co-Chairmen, Usher Scheduling.

Greeter Volunteers for March are Roxie Carlson, Bob Carlson, Nancy Coughlin, Kay Parks, 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.



Communion Sunday today. There is special Communion Bread so that all may participate in the sacrament and have access to the signs of God's grace. We are offering gluten-free bread during communion. Raise your hand and someone will come to you.

DISCOVERY! Today through March 13, starting at 11:15 am each Sunday right after Sunday worship, in Faith Hall. Please invite your family and friends and join us for Discovery God Revealed. Discovery will meet in the Sanctuary next Sunday, March 13. Please join us 15 minutes after the worship service ends.

Memorial Service for Betty Empanger today at 3:00 pm in the Sanctuary with reception following.

Faith Prays



- **Betty Empanger** family at her recent passing
- **Tillie Dolejsi** at Beacon Hill Hospice Care
- **Sherry Neiberger** at Fairview Southdale Hospital
- **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

The next Senior Breakfast is coming soon on Friday, March 11! After a delicious breakfast, we will have a presentation by the Hopkins Historical Society along with some Faith Church historical archives. Check in at 9:00 am. Breakfast served at 9:30. Cost is \$5 at the door. Invite a friend who would like something fun to do on a March morning! Sign up today! Last day to sign up is today on the Seniors bulletin board in the Information Hallway.



Discovering Faith: March 13, 11:15-12:00 pm in room 114. Join us after worship.

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

RENEWING FAITH: The next step in our church's **planning process** named "Renewing Faith," has begun! The group consists of Session (elected elders and Pastor Buck), incoming Session members, the Director of Family Ministry and the Director of Music Ministry. Building on the "Vision and Values" statement we already have and on the report of the Short and Long Range Study Committee, the planning group has begun to identify our most pressing challenges and opportunities. The congregation's input is needed for the next important step, which is to develop a **"mission" statement**, consistent with our Vision and Values. This will clarify the path ahead. On **Sunday, March 13 at 9:00 am** (during the education hour) and on **Sunday, March 20 at 11:15 am** (after worship), there will be an opportunity for small group discussion and individual input around these questions: What 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 those discussions, please submit your written input (a box will be at the Information Desk beginning March 13 or email session@faithpres.org, also available on the church website). Please be a part of shaping the future direction of Faith Church by participating in this process.**

Attention Second Halfers! Sign-ups are under way 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 and sign up today in the Information Center! Deadline is March 13. Annette Greer 952-938-8382.

A Men's Softball Team is looking for players for the summer softball league beginning in May. Games are on Monday nights in Excelsior. The cost will be \$50.00. Contact Ryan Pavelka 952-215-5234 or ryan.pavelka@gmail.com).

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. Barb Tenney and Sue Larson. To sign up and to order a member study book, call Margaret by March 7 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 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. (NO class on March 13).

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. Local artists and community members make bowls to be distributed at the event and local musicians help provide the entertainment for those attending. 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 Amandammeyer@msn.com.

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.
- ◆ Anyone can be a part of this team. If you have a heart for missions, either locally or internationally, please consider how you might help. We are looking for people with varied skills to join our team. See any *Beyond Us Team* member for information. Members are Tom Rademacher, Sue Studenski, Pat Nolan, Royce Pavelka, Pat Mahin, Dave Nodine, Joanna Bachmann and Buck Day.



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, March 8 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.



Deacon Meal Ministry: The Deacons are increasing their list of volunteers for the Deacon Meal Ministry. Would you be willing to prepare and bring a meal to a family celebrating the birth of a new baby or a family grieving the loss of a loved one? If so, or for more information contact Karen St Marie at 952-934-0213 or karjam21@q.com.

Family Ministries

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

"Mystery Dinner Theater" Rehearsals: March 7-9 from 6:30-9:00 pm is when all characters are required to be at rehearsal. Dress rehearsal is March 10 from 6:00-10:00 pm. Kevin Boyle 952-935-4481 ext. 22.

Mayhem in Mayville Mystery Theater! is March 11-13. The Mystery Theater is a new twist on the Lighthouse Dinner Theater from previous years. This production is a "who done it" mystery that takes place in a small diner in the town of Mayville. Tickets are on sale and include the show and dinner on March 11-12 and dessert on March 13. Please support this play by our youth while helping them raise funds to serve Jesus on the summer mission trip to Nashville, TN. Reserve your tables early to get the best seats! Kim Banyard 952-988-9654.

Church Office

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.



Don't forget to set your clocks ahead one hour for Sunday, March 13.

Faith Offering

	Received	Budget	Over(Short)
Last Week	\$ 11,360	\$ 13,275	\$ (1,915)
YTD 2011	\$ 137,147	\$ 145,905	\$ (8,758)



Upcoming Events

3/6	Communion Sunday	3/13	Discovering Faith
3/6	Discovery	3/13	Discovery
3/8	Feed My Starving Children	3/15	Hopkins Women's Luncheon
3/9	Ash Wednesday	3/15	Deacons
3/11	Senior Breakfast	3/15	ICA "Empty Bowls"
3/11-13	Mystery Dinner Theater	3/17	Women's Bible Study Begins
3/13	Renewing Faith	3/19-20	Stephen Ministry Retreat
		3/20	Renewing Faith

Sunday, March 6

Communion Sunday
 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
 12:00 pm Mystery Theater Rehearsal
 2:00 pm Empanger Betty Visitation
 3:00 pm Empanger Betty Funeral
 4:00 pm Empanger Funeral Reception

Monday, March 7

ISLA
 Loaves & Fishes
 6:30 pm AHG
 6:30 pm Mystery Theater Rehearsal
 7:00 pm Stephen Ministry

Tuesday, March 8

ISLA
 11:00 am Staff Meeting
 6:00 pm Feed My Starving Children
 6:30 pm Mystery Theater Rehearsal

6:30 pm Renewal Group
 7:00 pm ISLA BOD Meeting

Wednesday, March 9

Ash Wednesday
 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
 7:30 pm Discovery Meeting

Thursday, March 10

ISLA
 9:30 am Ruth Circle
 10:00 am Dorcas Circle
 6:00 pm Cub Scout Meeting
 6:00 pm Mystery Theater Food Prep
 6:00 pm Senior Breakfast Table Setup
 6:15 pm TOPS
 6:30 pm Mystery Theater Rehearsal

7:00 pm Praise & Worship
 7:00 pm Ruth & Romans

Friday, March 11

ISLA
 9:30 am Senior Breakfast
 12:00 pm Mystery Theater Food Prep
 4:00 pm GS Troop Meeting
 6:00 pm Mystery Dinner Theater

Saturday, March 12

12:00 pm Mystery Theater Food Prep
 6:00 pm Mystery Dinner Theater

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 Discovering Faith
 12:00 pm Mystery Theater Food Prep
 2:00 pm Mystery Dessert Theater

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