



Christmas Week, 2009

Welcome Visitors & Friends!

We are glad you are here and hope you have met God and some new friends. Stop by the Welcome Center as you exit the Sanctuary for more information about the ministries and opportunities for you here at Faith!

Faith Prays

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

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| Chris Beyl | Jodie Brueske | Joel Campbell | Adam Dowd | Aaron Grider* |
| Brian Knutson | Nate Koenig | Mike MacDonald* | Amanda McGregor | Callea Pavelka |
| Ross Pavelka | Gary Slater | David Swanson | Joe Tourand* | Stephen Varverakis |
| Nicholas Worthy | Tim Young | | | <i>*serving in Iraq or Afghanistan</i> |

- **Yvonne Gustavson** who is at St. Joseph's Hospital, St Paul
- **Duane Anderson** who is at Methodist Hospital
- **Tom Elliot** who is recovering from surgery
- **Dorothy Bren** who is at Beacon Hill
- **Patricia Sorensen** family at her recent passing
- **Dorothy Finkelstein** in New Mexico who has cancer
- **Scott McGlashan** who is recovering at the VA Home
- **Sherry Neiberger** for strength and healing
- **Francis Pavelka** who is at Chapel View
- **Bob Roskopf** who is at Clare Bridge Assisted Living Center
- **Pastoral Visits or Hospitalizations:** Margaret, Church Office 952-935-4481 ext 10
- **Prayer Requests:** Carol Shanholtzer at 952-545-4303 shanh@mac.com.

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

Today at Faith

Worship time 10:00 am in the Sanctuary

Sunday School 10:15-11:15 am (ages 3-grade 6), after the Children's Message (3-7 year olds).

Today is the Fourth Sunday of Advent.

Faith Family Christmas Party: Today 11:00 - 5:00 pm. Come and stay as long as you can! For the Pot Luck, please bring (A-L) appetizer; (M-Z) dessert to share.



Events & Announcements

Cornerstones: Financial recap to date--

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| Annual Income Budget | \$ 989,400 |
| Total Income to date | \$ 942,885 |
| Amount Needed prior to 12/31/09 | \$ 46,515 |
| (2 Sundays Remaining until year end) | |

*** For 2009 tax purposes, contributions must be received in the bookkeeping office by 12:00 noon December 31 or post-marked no later than December 31, 2009. Contributions received after this time will be applied to your 2010 statement.**

Wednesday Night Dinner and Programs will resume on January 6, 2010.

All Invited! The members of Faith Church are invited to a New Year's Eve Open House at Pastor Chris and Cyndi Carlson's home on Thursday, December 31 beginning at 6:00 pm until ? Just bring yourselves! 8694 Mary Jane Circle, Chanhassen.



Women's Retreat: January 22-24, 2010. Women of all ages are invited to our annual winter retreat. The guest speaker is Rev. Janine Olson, involved in Human Development and Family Ministries both personally and professionally. Weekend includes: worship music, workshops, games, dining and lodging. *Looking for a Holiday Bargain? Those who register with payment by December 20 will save \$5.00.* Lynn Miller (952) 933-2710 or lmiller@q.com.

- ◆ **Weekend Package:** \$145.00 (includes 5 meals, program and lodging Friday- Sunday)
- ◆ **Day-trip:** \$45.00 (includes meals and program for Saturday)

Christmas Eve Services

Childcare is available during all services

- ◆ **4:00 pm Family Service, Sanctuary**
- ◆ **4:00 pm Traditional Candlelight Service, Faith Hall**
- ◆ **8:00 pm Candlelight Service, Sanctuary**

Adult Discipleship

Coming soon in 2010!

Wednesday Night (beginning January 6)

- **Discussion on Current Sermon Topics.** Dr. Chris Carlson. 6:00-7:00 pm, Room 114.
- ◆ **Uprising.** A six week class on the Erwin McManus' book "Uprising." \$5 book fee. 6-7 pm, Room 122.

Ministry Needs & Opportunities

Families Moving Forward: Thank you to the many who helped Faith Church host the FMF families this past week. Boyd Wasson.

Midwest Challenge Welcome Home Bags: This is the final week for donations to the Midwest Challenge Welcome Home bag project. These bags supply the basic needs of men returning from prison and being housed at Midwest Challenge where lives are transformed in a Christian environment. Please contribute bag items or cash donations. Our goal this year is 75 bags which equates to approximately \$4500. We currently have 50% of those funds. Gary Hemphill.

Loaves and Fishes: Monday, December 28 will be our last time this year to serve a meal at Holy Rosary Church. This is a great time for the whole family to help those in need. Sign up on the board in the Information Hallway. Jean Bloden 952-933-1550.



FMSC: We will be going to Feed My Starving Children once a month January to April. Sign up in the Information Hallway. Buck Day.

Stephen Ministry: If you would like to talk to someone about Stephen Ministry or need a Stephen Minister call Linda Elliott 952-938-4791 or Craig Gustafson 952-933-1844.

Faith Usher Ministry Needs You! Join this unique and vital ministry of Faith Church. In partnership with other "teammates," ushers help facilitate general logistics of conducting Sunday worship. You can serve for one month, a quarter or be an alternate. Joyce Weaver 952-935-4481 x 24,

From the Church Office

Weekly Bulletin Announcements:

Deadline is **Monday at 5 pm.** margaret@faithpres.org. Thank you for your submissions. If articles are received after the deadline, they will be held for the following week's bulletin.



Holiday Office hours: The church office will be minimally staffed from December 21-24. The office closes at noon on December 24 and reopens Tuesday, December 29. The office will close at noon December 31 and reopen Monday, January 4.

Winter Closings: If we have a winter storm, that requires us to cancel activities and close the church, we will do so if Hopkins Schools close or it becomes unsafe to travel.

- ◆ Check the Faithpres.org website for information.
- ◆ Call the church and a recording will announce it.

Family Ministries

Confirmation at Faith: We will look deeply into three questions: What do I believe? Why do I believe it? What am I going to do about it? Confirmation is open to all ages who feel that they would like to make a public affirmation to the answers of these questions. The Pastors will be the primary educators and facilitators. Families are asked to walk through the process of confirmation with their candidate. Classes will be held Sunday mornings, January 10-April 11 from 11:30-1:00 pm in the Youth Center (No class on January 24 or April 4). The Confirmation Celebration will be April 18. For information, contact Denny Burda denny@faithpres.org or Pastor Buck Day buck@faithpres.org.

Poinsettias are donated by:



Kim Banyard
 Don Draayer
 Stacy Hurrell
 Debbie Knutson
 Sue Larson
 Joellen Miller
 Laurel Miller

John and Betsy Raymond
 Cathy Stoutenburgh
 Phyllis Swanson

In Memory of Glen Muir
 In Memory of Abbie Picha
 In Memory of Don Richmand and Eileen Boyle



Upcoming Events

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| December 20 | Family Ministries Christmas Party |
| December 28 | Loaves & Fishes |
| January 6 | Wednesday Night Dinner & Programs resume |
| January 10 | Confirmation begins |
| January 17 | Lunch with Pastor Chris & Usher Luncheon / Training |
| January 22-24 | Women's Retreat |
| January 22-24 | Youth "Winter Wipeout" Retreat |
| January 24 | Town Hall Meeting |
| January 27 | Town Hall Meeting |
| January 31 | Town Hall Meeting |
| February 7 | Annual Meeting |

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| <p>Sunday, December 20 9:00 am Prayer Group 9:00 am Childcare 9:00 am Knitting Prayer Shawls 10:00 am Celebration Worship 10:15 am Sunday School 12:00 pm Family Ministries Christmas Party</p> <p>Monday, December 21 7:00 pm Stephen Ministry Group</p> <p>Tuesday, December 22 6:30 pm ISLA PTO Meeting 6:30 pm UEC Small Group</p> | <p>Wednesday, December 23 9:30 am Prayer Fellowship 6:30 pm HS Guys</p> <p>Thursday, December 24 Christmas Eve Church Office Closed at Noon 4:00 pm Family Service 4:00 pm Traditional Candlelight 8:00 pm Candlelight Service</p> <p>Friday, December 25 Christmas Day Church Office Closed</p> | <p>Saturday, December 26</p> <p>Sunday, December 27 No Sunday School- Nursery only 9:00 am Prayer Group 9:00 am Knitting Prayer Shawls 10:00 am Celebration Worship</p> <p>Monday, December 28 Church Office Closed Loaves & Fishes</p> |
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