

# December 27, 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!

**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.

## Faith Prays

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

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>

- **Duane Anderson** who is at Methodist Hospital
- **Arleane Erickson** who is at Methodist recovering from surgery
- **Trudy Wasson**, who is at Methodist Hospital
- **Yvonne Gustavson** who is at Golden Living Center, Hopkins
- **Dorothy Bren** who is at Beacon Hill
- **Dorothy Finkelstein** in New Mexico who has cancer
- **Scott McGlashan** who is at the VA Home
- **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**

**No Sunday School today or January 3: Sunday school will return on January 10.**

## Events & Announcements

**Rock Solid Giving:** As of 12/21/09, we have received pledges totally \$617,612 or 84.6% of our 2010 budget. This is a \$112,388 shortfall of our projected needs. Please return your pledge cards if you have not done so. Thank you.

**Cornerstones:** Financial recap to date--

Annual Income Budget	<b>\$ 989,400</b>
Total Income to date	<b>\$ 962,820</b>
Amount Needed prior to 12/31/09	<b>\$ 26,580</b>
<b>(1 Sundays Remaining until year end)</b>	

**\* 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.



**Seniors Breakfast:** Ring in the New Year with the Seniors of Faith at our next Breakfast and Program – Friday, January 8. A speaker from the Minnesota Attorney General's office will talk about Identity Theft, how to prevent it and what to do if it happens. Check in and fellowship begin at 9:00, breakfast at 9:30 with program to follow. Cost is \$5 at the door. **Sign up by Sun., Jan. 3** on the Seniors bulletin board (located in the information hallway near the coffee). Invite a friend or neighbor!



**Women's Retreat:** Are you thinking that you don't know very many women in the church? We come and go so quickly every week that this happens to all of us. Join other Faith women at the women's retreat on January 22-24 and enjoy getting to know others at a deeper level. We guarantee learning, laughter, free time and no cooking! Invite a friend to carpool with you, or come and make new friends. Sign up at the table with the bedroom slippers on it. Cheryl Mahin [clmahin@msn.com](mailto:clmahin@msn.com) 952.935.7104

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

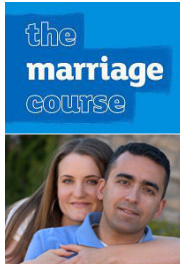
## Adult Discipleship

**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.

**Sunday Night** (beginning January 24)

- ◆ **The Marriage Course...** A seven week Romantic Getaway for Two. Dr. Chris Carlson. 5:30-8:00 pm. \$50.00 per couple. Dinner donation



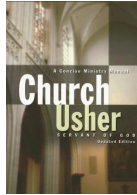
## Ministry Needs & Opportunities

**Loaves and Fishes:** We will serve tomorrow at Holy Rosary Church at 5:00 pm. Thanks to all those who signed up. Todd, Vince and Jean.

**Feed My Starving Children:** Join us as we pack meals for children around the world. It is easy, fun and Free! It is a great family service activity and you will get to know others from Faith. Our January date is Thursday, January 28 at 6:00 pm in Chanhassen. Sign up in the Information Hallway; we only have 20 spots. We will also be packing meals on February 18, March 9 and April 13. Buck Day.

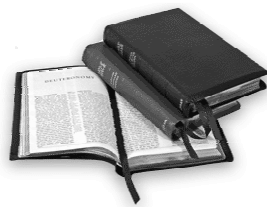
**Stephen Ministry:** If you would like to talk to someone about Stephen Ministry or need a Stephen Minister call Linda Elliott 952-938-4791 or Craig Gustafson 952-933-1844.

**Faith Needs Your Family or Small Groups!** Make a difference, make a memory, or celebrate a special occasion together in service to others. Sign up to Usher at Faith Church. You can serve for the weeks or months of your choice.



With other “teammates,” ushers welcome the congregation and guests and help facilitate general logistics of conducting Sunday worship. Joyce Weaver 952-935-4481 x 24.

**Deacon’s Financial Assistance Fund:** Its mission is to provide members of Faith emergency financial aid as a bridge in a time of crisis. Assistance would cover expenses including rent, childcare, medical bills and other basics. The primary funding source is the Deacon’s Fund. Grants would be provided following an application, which will be held in confidence. A copy of the process policy is available in the church office. Vince Olivier 763-694-0394.



## 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. Denny Burda [denny@faithpres.org](mailto:denny@faithpres.org) or Pastor Buck Day [buck@faithpres.org](mailto:buck@faithpres.org).



## From the Church Office

**Weekly Bulletin Announcements:** Deadline is **Monday at 5 pm.** [margaret@faithpres.org](mailto: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.

**End of the Year Office hours:** The church office will be minimally staffed from December 29-31. The office will close at noon December 31 and reopen Monday, January 4.

**FIA Deadline!!** A reminder that the deadline for the **February issue** of Faith In Action is **January 4.** Please submit your articles electronically to Margaret: [Margaret@faithpres.org](mailto:Margaret@faithpres.org)

**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.

**Aluminum Can Trailer:** Remember to save your aluminum cans and deposit them in the blue recycling bins near the main entrance, Atrium or the Can Trailer in the parking lot (*aluminum only*).

**Sanctuary Flowers:** Enhance the sanctuary on a Sunday with flowers for a special remembrance. Sign up on the calendar in the Information Hallway. Flowers will be ordered for you, cost \$40, or let Margaret know if you are bringing some from your garden. [margaret@faithpres.org](mailto:margaret@faithpres.org).

### *To the Faith Family—*

*As we leave 2009 behind, we thank God for His great and generous love.*

*May God continue to be present in your heart, your homes and your friendships.*

*New Year’s blessings to you as we start the new year.*



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

### Upcoming Events

<b>December 28</b>	<b>Loaves &amp; Fishes</b>
<b>January 6</b>	<b>Wednesday Night Dinner &amp; Programs resume</b>
<b>January 10</b>	<b>Confirmation begins</b>
<b>January 14</b>	<b>Session</b>
<b>January 17</b>	<b>Lunch with Pastor Chris &amp; Usher Luncheon / Training</b>
<b>January 22-24</b>	<b>Women's Retreat</b>
<b>January 22-24</b>	<b>Youth "Winter Wipeout" Retreat</b>
<b>January 24</b>	<b>Marriage Enrichment Course Begins</b>
<b>January 24</b>	<b>Town Hall Meeting 11:30 AM</b>
<b>January 27</b>	<b>Town Hall Meeting 7:00 PM</b>
<b>January 31</b>	<b>Town Hall Meeting 11:30 AM</b>

<p><b>Sunday, December 27</b>          No Sunday School- Nursery only          9:00 am Prayer Group          9:00 am Knitting Prayer Shawls          9:00 am Childcare          10:00 am Celebration Worship</p> <p><b>Monday, December 28</b>  <b>Church Office Closed</b>          Loaves &amp; Fishes</p> <p><b>Tuesday, December 29</b>          ISLA No School</p>	<p><b>Wednesday, December 30</b>          ISLA No School          NO Wed Programs          9:30 am Prayer Fellowship</p> <p><b>Thursday, December 31</b>  <b>Church Office Closed at Noon</b>          ISLA No School</p> <p><b>Friday, January 1</b>  <b>New Year's Day</b>  <b>Church Office Closed</b>          ISLA No School</p>	<p><b>Saturday, January 2</b>          5:00 pm Slack/Nelson Wedding</p> <p><b>Sunday, January 3</b>          Communion Sunday          No Sunday School- Nursery only          9:00 am Prayer Group          9:00 am Knitting Prayer Shawls          9:00 am Childcare          10:00 am Celebration Worship          2:00 pm Royce Pavelka          Reception</p>
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Associate Pastor	Rev. Buck Day, ext. 16
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Director of Family Ministries	Denny Burda, ext. 15
Children's Ministry Associate	Joanna Bachmann, ext. 19
Youth Ministry Associate	Jake Stodolka, ext. 22
PMO Coordinator	Kathy terSteege, ext. 14
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