



# Faith in Action

*"Grounded in Christ, open to make a difference – together"*

September 2014



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## > Rally Day < Sunday, September 7

### 9:30 a.m. – Worship

Celebration of God's presence in our lives;  
Sanctuary Choir begins the season

### 9:45 a.m. – Children & Youth Sunday School

Classes for Pre-School & Kindergarteners,  
1<sup>st</sup> through 4<sup>th</sup> Graders, and 5<sup>th</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup> Graders

### 10:30 a.m. – Fellowship Time

Stay and catch up with friends over coffee, milk & donuts

### 10:50 a.m. – Adult Sunday School

Meeting in the Fireside Room, on Sept. 7 & 14 we will finish our study on the Prophets by Dr. Walter Brueggemann. There will be no class on Sept. 21 so we can participate in the Community Block Party.

Beginning on September 28 we will have an introduction to Dr. Dietrich Bonhoeffer, a German theologian who worked during World War II with the Confessing Lutheran Church in Germany and participated in a plot to kill Adolf Hitler. He spent part of the war in a concentration camp and died before the end of the war. His life and writings still today speak to us about how one is a Christian who lives a life of faith in the world. All are invited to participate.

# September Birthdays

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9/3 — Sharon Yekaldo

9/4 — Jan Kaiser

Ramon Nachtsheim

9/5 — Ronald Brummund, Jr.

Lileigh Doughty

9/7 — Jean Marsh

9/10 — Elizabeth Nitti

9/11 — Harison Van Siclen

9/13 — Dennis Beguhl

9/16 — John Robert Doughty

Susanne Short

9/17 — Olivia Van Siclen

9/19 — Gerald Gross

Amanda Peterson

MariAnne Young

9/20 — Ethan Chun

9/21 — Marion Johnson

Doug Van Siclen

Jack Watchorn

9/22 — Charles Beardshear

Bob Scopatz

John Scopatz

Taffy Storck

9/23 — Steve Peterson

9/26 — Debra Johnson

9/28 — Victoria Hovey

Josephine Kranz

Claudia Spatafore

Patricia Williams

- If your birthday is missing or listed incorrectly, contact the church office for additions/changes. Happy Birthday, everyone! •

## Thank you to and for during August...

- **Greeters:** Taffy Storck, Barb Schroeder, Dianne Mens, Judy Pfenning, and Maryanne Maurer
- **Liturgists:** John Kemp, Charles Beardshear, Bill Bonkowske, Mike Schwendinger, and Sharon Yekaldo
- **Serving refreshments:** Pat & Paul Williams, Bonnie Dick, and Linda Cox
- **Communion Stewards:** Karen Cohoes, and Sharon Yekaldo
- **Thank you** to Bonnie Dick for helping assemble the August newsletter
- **Thank you** to Karen Cohoes for making Sloppy Joes for the July Covington meal, and thanks to everyone from Faith who attended and helped with the event.
- **Thank you** to Jeff and Linda Cox for faithfully folding and assembling the Sunday worship bulletins for many months.
- **Thank you to everyone** who worked at and donated to the garage sale. Special thanks to Laurel Venhuizen for making caramel rolls and to Judy Turk and JoAnn Loutsch for putting in many hours helping to get this ready. Pat and Paul Williams with their two grandsons, Charles and John came Saturday after the sale to help us clean up the Fellowship Hall to get it ready for Sunday. THANKS TO EVERYBODY, all the helpers and contributors — We deposited \$1,002 — which is twice what we thought we would make at the sale, so we are very grateful. We donated the change (nickels, dimes, pennies) to the money pot. — Linda Cox



### Congregational Care Concerns:

- ♦ **Bev Nielsen** is in hospice care.
- ♦ **Marti Kemp** is at Southview Acres in rehab.
- ♦ **Beulah Hanvelt** fractured her pelvis. She was hospitalized and is now at Woodcrest Ridge recovering.
- ♦ **Adaline DeNardo** had a kidney transplant; she is now recovering at home.
- ♦ **Steve Peterson** is suffering with pneumonia.

**Ongoing Concerns:** *(these will be listed for 3 months and then removed. If you wish for them to remain on the list longer, please contact the church office.)*

- ♦ **Benjamin Brummund**, son of Ron Brummund, Jr., continues to struggle with health problems.

### Concerns beyond our doors:

- ♦ Those being persecuted for their faith
- ♦ Those separated from family
- ♦ Those living with degenerative conditions
- ♦ Those who are hungry
- ♦ Those who have lost jobs or their homes
- ♦ Those who struggle due to natural disasters
- ♦ Those who grieve
- ♦ Those who are uncertain about the future

### We Congratulate:

- ♦ Congratulations to Kathryn Peterson who completed school.

### We Extend Our Sympathy:

- ♦ Our sympathy to **Sonja Beguhl** on the sudden death of husband Dennis Beguhl on Aug. 27.



**The Prayer Chain is active.** If you have a prayer concern, contact Esther Craine at 651-457-6959. Please also contact the pastor so she knows what is going out over the prayer chain. If you wish to be involved in this ministry please speak with Pastor Gail.

**Hospital Calls:** If you learn someone is hospitalized, please contact the church office or Pastor Gail. With new privacy laws, hospitals no longer call when a member is admitted. We would rather have several calls telling us of someone's hospitalization than not to know. Thank you.

*For your times of devotion during September:*

Remember to pick up the **NEWEST issues** of devotional publications The Upper Room (daily readings in regular or large print), or Alive Now. These booklets are found on the table by the parking lot door.

### September Money Pot Donations

♦ **The Money Pot** welcomes your change! If you have loose change, take it off your hands on Sunday or any time during the week and support the offering of the month. September's donations benefit the fall mission trip to Crisfield, Maryland through Riverbend Missions on Oct. 11-19. The money pot is located in the Narthex.



*Mission Trip Oct. 11-19*

### Cinnamon Rolls on Sunday, September 14

The Outreach Committee will be making and selling cinnamon rolls after worship on Sun., Sept. 14. The money raised will go to support the Riverbend Mission trip in October to Crisfield, Maryland.



### Church Office Hours

**Pastor Gail** will be in the church office Mondays, Wednesdays and Thursdays of most weeks.

**Susan** will be in the office Mondays, Thursdays and Fridays from noon until 5:00 p.m.



# Steps on the Journey

It is hard to believe it is time for the State Fair. Wasn't it Memorial Day last weekend? Time seems to be moving along faster than we like some times. There is always so much to get done. There was this project I was going to do this summer and that room I was going to clean before fall came. Sometimes I wonder if all we worry about is what we think we need to do. We forget to pause and listen to each other and to God.

A couple of weeks ago I was driving home from Columbus, Ohio. I was by myself with the radio. As I was driving I had time to think. What I began to think about was not all the things I needed to do, but the people I wanted to connect with. I thought about some of the events of my childhood, my thoughts turned to my spouse and my kids and my grandkids and I was reminded how blessed I was. I was also reminded that God remembers and knows each moment of my life. God knows our stories and invites us to know God's story.

I began to think about the people who have no one to think about them and remember them. The feeling of isolation can be overwhelming. It got me to think about *who I am I invited to listen to?* Whose story do I need to hear? Who do I need to remember? I know God knows their stories but sometimes we need a human ear.

This fall I hope we don't just rush from one thing to another. We don't feel like there is no time to get everything done. But we take the time to listen to each other's stories of their lives, we take the time to listen, to laugh together, to cry together and remember that sometimes we are God's ears. We are listening to one another and inviting each other into the grace that comes from being remembered by each other and by God.

As we continue on the journey together.

*Peace in Christ,*  
*Gail*

## • Community Block Party •

*Sunday, Sept. 21*  
*11:00 a.m. until 2:30 p.m.*

**Sunday, September 21 we will sponsor a community block party for the neighborhood.**

We will invite the neighborhood to join us in the parking lot for food, fun and a chance to get to know each other. This will take place after Fellowship Time so all attendees of worship can stay for the party. Faith will provide hot dogs and drinks. Others are invited to bring dishes to share. We will have activities for children, special information for adults and music. Plan to join us.

If you can help with delivering flyers in the Neighborhood, cooking hot dogs, planning and caring for games, help with set up or clean up, grocery shopping or other things please let Pastor Gail know.

## Scrip Program

For several years Faith has participated in the scrip program. Scrip is gift cards for various stores in our community. Faith purchases the gift cards at a discount and then sells them for face value; the profit is used to support the ministries of our church. Since the beginning, Marsha Spatafore has been the person responsible for scrip here at Faith. She is ready to pass this on to someone else. The program involves ordering scrip, keeping track of the inventory, advertizing and selling it. If you are interested in becoming the new scrip person, please contact Marsha Spatafore, 651-451-8713 or Pastor Gail.



## Neighbors, Inc. Update

Thank you to all who donated food to the food shelf; we had 51 lbs. of groceries, plus 5 lbs. of cucumbers and zucchini. Seven large backpacks, three large boxes and one bag of clothes from the garage sale were also taken down. We really could use school supplies! Neighbors can always use pancake mix, syrup, assorted cereals, jelly, peanut butter, macaroni and cheese, and tuna, and whatever else you would like to share. Thank you for all your help!

— Karen & Marti





## **Great Neighbors Duck Races**

This event takes place during South Saint Paul's *On the Road Again* on Saturday, October 4 beginning at 10:00 a.m. Adopt a "duck," race against friends, or sponsor the event, and participate among a crowd of

15,000-20,000. Join Neighbors for a day of fun, duck races, food, and entertainment! All proceeds from the Duck Races will be used locally to support Neighbors, Inc. emergency and supportive programs.

It is a fun, festive event. In order to give the feel of the Mississippi River to the streets of South St. Paul we had to create our own river. Our amazing volunteers designed and built a 50-foot chute and a large duck-shaped holding tank. We fill the holding tank with water, line the ducks up at the top of the chute, open a water gate and the ducks are carried down our "river" by hundreds of gallons of water and the best wishes of onlookers. The ducks race down the chute, cross the line and come to rest in a "pond." The water drains out and the ducks are recaptured. Those that don't finish "in the money" retire for the day; the top finishers are set aside to prepare for the final race of the day.

You are invited to "Adopt a Duck" for just \$5. Each duck is entered into a preliminary race, or heat. The top finishers in each heat then go on to race in the finals. The heat winners earn a prize for their adopters, and then the top three finishers in the final race earn huge prizes, as does the last duck to finish the final race, the Lazy Duck.

**To purchase your duck,  
contact Karen Cohoes.**



## **MAKE A DIFFERENCE**

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### **Day of Service and Potluck — October 5**

On Sunday, October 5 we will have our next day of service and then a potluck. To help us prepare for the day of service we need your help to bring items for the kits and shoebox gifts we will be making that day. We are making three kinds of kits that will be sent through United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR) to places in need. We will also be making Christmas Shoebox gifts to reservations there.

Below are the items needed for each area:

#### **Health kits**

- hand towel (15"x25' to 17'x27')
- washcloths, combs (at least 8" long)
- metal nail file or clipper

#### **Birthing kits**

- Small bar of soap (1 to 2 oz.)
- receiving blankets

#### **School kits**

- pads of paper (150 sheets, 8 ½ x11)
- ruler
- eraser (2" or larger)

#### **Shoebox gifts**

- small toys or gifts for various ages
- candy
- hat
- mittens
- Christmas wrapping paper
- shoeboxes

Please bring the items to church before October 2 if possible and place them under the money pot in the Narthex or outside Pastor Gail's office. Thank you for your help.



## Faith Garden Project Update

**Our Neighbors Garden continues to produce.**



*Green beans and cucumbers are doing especially well but the tomatoes are down a little from last year. Our experiment with herbs is going well, especially basil and oregano; so we'll expand that feature next year.*

—Gil Kinnunen

## Reading the Bible

Once a month anyone who is interested in reading a book of the Bible is invited to join us as we read one book of the Bible together. This fall we will be reading the Gospels. **Our first meeting will be on Monday, September 15.** We will begin at 6:30 p.m. and hopefully finish around 8:30 p.m. The first book we will read is the Gospel of Mark. We will read Mark aloud to one another using the same translation. We will start with a brief introduction to the book and then read. This will help us begin to understand the flow of each book and perhaps why certain things happen in a particular order. There is no preparation necessary and there will be no homework. Feel free to join for a particular book or all of them. Each month we will publish what is going to be read that month. If you have any questions, please contact Pastor Gail.

## Will you help maintain the church lawn yet this season?



With the mowing season not quite over, we ask for volunteers to help mow the church lawn. We have **two riding lawn mowers** so you and a friend or spouse can mow together if you wish. To help, reach Lynn Bonkowske at

651-455-6542 or bonkowske1@msn.com.

## Riverbend Missions

The Riverbend Mission Team started out as a consortium of five United Methodist churches in a five-mile radius along a bend of the Mississippi River in St. Paul, Minnesota in response to a call from Rod Scofield to help rebuild the damaged homes from Hurricane Katrina and bring God's love and hope to the hurting homeowners.

The first team was comprised of 15 members from five United Methodist churches: Salem and Mt. Bethel UMCs of Inver Grove Heights; the (then) First UMC of South St. Paul; Faith UMC of West St. Paul; and St. Paul's UMC of Mendota Heights.

We started our first mission recovery trip in Biloxi, Mississippi in April, 2006 working our way down the Mississippi coast twice a year to Slidell, Louisiana and New Orleans for a total of 8 years; 15 trips to the Gulf Coast and one trip to Crisfield, Maryland in October of 2013. I have been on all the trips except three, and what a journey it has been!

I've made so many new friends who have become like family. I have grown exponentially in my faith through preparing devotions, leading prayer, and sharing stories of faith with each other. I have been touched by the faith of the homeowners and their testimonies of faith that God is there for them, many of whose homes were devastated in Hurricane Katrina and were repaired, only to be hit again two years later by Hurricane Isaac. These people had had to wait patiently for help to come.

The Epworth Project led by Dale Kimball through the Aldersgate United Methodist Church in Slidell, Louisiana is one of the major organizations in LA still helping to repair homes and giving hope to the people in need. Dale is bringing a mission team to join our mission team in Crisfield, Maryland this October to work together. The dates are October 11-19, 2014; costs are \$300 per person, meals included. If you are interested, please contact rodscofield@gmail.com or 651-248-8495. It may be a life-changing event for you, too!

*Barbara Schroeder  
Faith United Methodist Church*

# September 2014 Worship Schedule

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## **September 7 — 13th Sunday after Pentecost** — Sacrament of Holy Communion **Rally Day!**

*Scripture Readings: Exodus 12:1-14; Psalm 149; Romans 13:8-14; Matthew 18:15-20*

Sermon Title: "Living Together"

Greeter: Taffy Storck

Lay Reader: Angela High-Pippert

Fellowship Time host:

Communion Steward:

## **September 14 — 14th Sunday after Pentecost**

*Scripture Readings: Exodus 14:19-31; Psalm 15; Romans 14:1-12; Matthew 18:21-35*

Sermon Title: "Forgiving One Another"

Greeter: Maryanne Maurer

Lay Reader: Lucy Schwendinger

Fellowship Time host:

## **September 21 — 15th Sunday after Pentecost**

*Scripture Readings: Exodus 16:2-15; Psalm 105; Philippians 1:21-30; Matthew 20:1-16*

Sermon Title: "Who is Valued?"

Greeter: Ruth Campion

Lay Reader: Pat Giorgini

Fellowship Time host:

## **September 28 — 16th Sunday after Pentecost**

*Scripture Readings: Exodus 17:1-7; Psalm 78; Philippians 2:1-13; Matthew 21:23-32*

Sermon Title: "Being Encouraged"

Greeter: Judy Turk

Lay Reader: George Brown

Fellowship Time host:

### **Fellowship Time**

Beginning this fall Bonnie Dick is going to be our interim fellowship time coordinator replacing Linda Cox. Bonnie will set up the coffee and table each week and will order the donuts. She will need your help by continuing to sign up for Fellowship time to pick up donuts and help with clean up afterwards. While we reevaluate how we do Fellowship Time this fall we need your help. The coffee (both regular and decaf) have been donated by individuals who are no longer able to do that. If you can donate a can of coffee (either type) it would be appreciated. Just place them on the table in the office. Thank you for your help.

# September 2014 Calendar

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Mon., 9/1		Office Closed	10:30 a.m.	Fellowship Time	
Wed., 9/3	6:00 p.m.	Board of Trustees	10:50 a.m.	Adult Sunday School	
	7:00 p.m.	Choir Rehearsal	Mon., 9/29	10:00 a.m.	Craft Group
	7:00 p.m.	Confirmation	Wed., 10/1	6:00 p.m.	Staff Parish Relations Committee
Thur., 9/4	6:00 a.m.	Finance Committee		7:00 p.m.	Choir Rehearsal
	7:00 p.m.	Church Council		7:00 p.m.	Confirmation
Sun., 9/7	9:30 a.m.	Worship	Sun., 10/5	9:30 a.m.	Worship
	9:45 a.m.	Children's & Youth Sunday School		9:45 a.m.	Children's & Youth Sunday School
	10:30 a.m.	Fellowship Time		10:30 a.m.	Fellowship Time
	10:50 a.m.	Adult Sunday School		10:50 a.m.	Day of Service & Potluck
Mon., 9/8	10:00 a.m.	Craft Group	Mon., 10/6	10:00 a.m.	Craft Group
Wed., 9/10	4:30 p.m.	United Methodist Women	Wed., 10/8	4:30 p.m.	United Methodist Women
	6:00 p.m.	Stewardship Committee		7:00 p.m.	Choir Rehearsal
	7:00 p.m.	Choir Rehearsal	Thur., 10/9	11:20 a.m.	Mobile Meals
	7:00 p.m.	Confirmation	Sat., 10/11	8:00 a.m.	Men's Breakfast
Thur., 9/11	11:20 a.m.	Mobile Meals	Sun., 10/12	9:30 a.m.	Worship
Sat., 9/13	8:00 a.m.	Men's Breakfast		9:45 a.m.	Children's & Youth Sunday School
Sun., 9/14	9:30 a.m.	Worship		10:30 a.m.	Fellowship Time
	9:45 a.m.	Children's & Youth Sunday School		10:50 a.m.	Adult Sunday School
	10:30 a.m.	Fellowship Time	Mon., 10/13	10:00 a.m.	Craft Group
	10:50 a.m.	Adult Sunday School	Wed., 10/15	7:00 p.m.	Choir Rehearsal
Mon., 9/15	10:00 a.m.	Craft Group			
Wed., 9/17	7:00 p.m.	Choir Rehearsal			
	7:00 p.m.	Confirmation			
Sun., 9/21	9:30 a.m.	Worship			
	9:45 a.m.	Children's & Youth Sunday School			
	10:30 a.m.	Fellowship Time			
	10:50 a.m.	Outreach Committee			
	11:00 a.m.	Community Gathering			
Mon., 9/22	10:00 a.m.	Craft Group			
Wed., 9/24	7:00 p.m.	Choir Rehearsal			
	7:00 p.m.	Confirmation			
Friday, 9/26		Wedding Rehearsal			
Sat., 9/27	8:00 a.m.	Men's Breakfast			
	3:00 p.m.	Bonkowske/Solheid Wedding			
Sun., 9/28	9:30 a.m.	Worship			
	9:45 a.m.	Children's & Youth Sunday School			

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### Choir resumes Wednesday rehearsals

Come! Be a part of the music ministry here at Faith! Newcomers are always invited to join us in singing God's praises! If you would like to be a part of serving the Lord and ministering to our congregation in this way, we heartily invite you to join us at choir rehearsal on Wednesday evenings at 7:00 p.m. **starting Wed., September 3.**

### Men's Breakfast

The Men's Breakfast Group will meet on the Saturdays of **9/13 and 9/27** at the Fireside Lounge, 1288 South Robert Street starting at 8:00am. All men are invited to join us! For more info, please contact Bill Short at [bill.short@ci.white-bear-township.mn.us](mailto:bill.short@ci.white-bear-township.mn.us) or 651.552.0724

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# KIDS IN SEARCH



## Think about these things...

With so many things to remember each day, the apostle Paul provides guidelines in Philippians 4:8 (NIV) for what should fill our minds.

**Directions:** Match each word in column 1 to the word in column 2 that means the same thing. Then use the words from column 2 to fill in the boxes below.

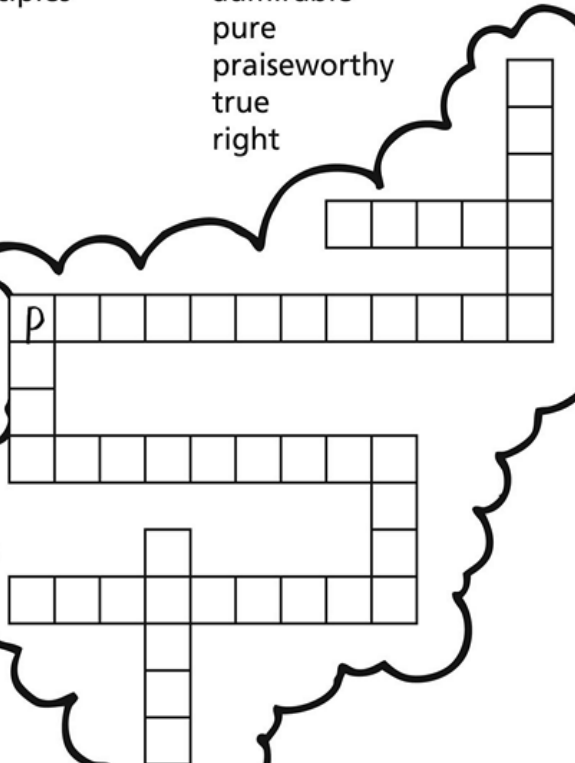
### COLUMN 1

correct  
commendable  
extremely good  
having high moral principles  
deserving respect  
pleasant  
real  
wholesome

### COLUMN 2

excellent  
lovely  
noble  
admirable  
pure  
praiseworthy  
true  
right

"Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is **true**, whatever is **noble**, whatever is **right**, whatever is **pure**, whatever is **lovely**, whatever is **admirable** — if anything is **excellent** or **praiseworthy** — think about such things."  
Philippians 4:8, NIV



## REMINDER BOARD



Start off the school year right by making this wipe-off board, which can help you remember important things.

### What you need:

- Adult help
- 5" x 7" picture frame with glass (available at a dollar store)
- Lined notebook paper
- Scissors
- Low-heat glue gun
- Buttons, ribbon, stickers or foam shapes
- 1" piece of Velcro
- Erasable marker

### What you do:

1. Using the cardboard insert or picture from the frame as a pattern, cut the notebook paper to fit the frame. Then insert it behind the glass.
2. Decorate the outside of the frame by gluing on buttons, ribbon, stickers or foam shapes.
3. Glue one side of the Velcro to the erasable pen and one side to the frame. Then attach the pen to the frame.
4. Place the board on your desk, dresser or kitchen counter. On the glass, write daily reminders about assignments and activities.



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## *Worship Schedule*

We invite you to join us this Sunday for worship,  
study and fellowship:

- Worship — 9:30 a.m.
- Youth & Children's Sunday School — 9:45 a.m.
- Fellowship time — 10:30 a.m.
- Adult Sunday School — 10:50 a.m.



ADDRESS SERVICE REQUESTED

**Rally Day – Sunday, Sept. 7:** We resume our regular church schedule of programs. Sunday School for youth & children will start; the Sanctuary Choir will begin the fall season.

**Children's Sunday School:** 9:45 a.m. with three classes: pre-school & children; Grades 1–4; and 5th–12th grades. Classes will begin after children's time in worship.

**Adult Sunday School:** 10:50 a.m.

We will finish our current study on the Prophets before beginning a class on on September 28 on Dr. Dietrich Bonhoeffer, leader in a movement against Hitler during World War II, and a leading theologian of all time. The class will explore Dr. Bonhoeffer's life and why his faith still speaks to us today. Please join us.

*Sunday, September 21*

*11:00 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.*

**Community Block Party**

*Coming October 25*

**ANNUAL BAZAAR**

**AND**

*Soup & Salad  
Luncheon*