



Faith in Action

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October 2014

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 Oct. 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 Church Presents our
Annual Bazaar
Saturday, October 25
9:00 a.m. — 2:00 p.m.
along with our
Soup & Salad Luncheon
lunch served from
11:00 a.m. — 1:00 p.m.

Come enjoy the day with us as you browse our great selection of homemade goodies — and our unique handcrafted items featuring Halloween, Thanksgiving, and Christmas motifs. Join us for a lunch of homemade soup together with a variety of unique salads from which to choose.

Lunch:
ages 13-adult: \$8.⁰⁰
ages 4-12: \$4.⁰⁰

*All proceeds support
the mission work of
United Methodist Women*

October Birthdays

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10/1 — Rebecca Seaquist	10/17 — Lynn Mens
10/6 — Joan Fitch	10/18 — Lori DeNardo
10/8 — Jenifer Stehr	Joshua Pate
Matthew Spatafore	Lauren Pate
10/11 — Kim Van Siclen	10/20 — Shawn Knudson
10/12 — Judy Turk	10/23 — Debra Schneider
10/13 — Nicholas Pate	Jack Groth
Elliana DeNardo	10/24 — Richard Root
10/14 — Richard DeNardo	Nicole Brummund
10/15 — Linda Cox	10/27 — William Kostner
10/16 — Ward Mens	10/29 — Rick Henk
10/17 — Carol Schuldt	10/30 — Clayton Van Siclen



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

Thank you to and for during September...

- **Greeters:** Taffy Storck, Maryanne Maurer, Ruth Campion, and Judy Turk
- **Liturgists:** Carol Schuldt, Lucy Schwendinger, Pat Giorgini, and George Brown
- **Serving refreshments:** Linda Cox, Bonnie Dick, Paul & Pat Williams, and Judy Turk
- **Communion Steward:** Barbara Schroeder
- **Thank you** to Fred and Bonnie Dick, Dianna Gallegos, Ruth Campion and Carol Schuldt for helping assemble the September newsletter
- **Thank you** to everyone who helped with the community block party.

►► **New Address:** Jeff & Linda Cox, 401 W. LaVeta Ave. #16, Orange CA 92866

The Feste Burg

“A Mighty Fortress,” the hymn written by Protestant reformer Martin Luther in 1529, is powerful in English but even better in its original German. Historian Michael Streich notes that Luther compares God not only to a fortress but to a completely secure stronghold, or Feste Burg.

“A burg was a fortified town,” Streich says. “When invaders approached, the surrounding populace fled to the safety of the walls” — sometimes to layers of walls within walls. Luther’s hymn compares God to the most powerful of all burgs, with eternally unbreakable walls.

When we need a place of refuge, God offers his Mighty Fortress, his Feste Burg. Within this refuge, with our value based on our relationship to God rather than on earthly achievements, we’ll never be put to shame. Inside this fortified town, the God who desires an eternal relationship with us delivers, rescues and saves us.

—Homiletics



Congregational Care Concerns:

- ♦ **Bev Nielsen** is in hospice care.
- ♦ **Marti Kemp** is at White Pines in Mendota Hgts.
- ♦ **Beulah Hanvelt** broke her pelvis. She is at Westwood Ridge.

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 Extend Our Sympathy:

- ♦ Our sympathy to the family of **Garland Hunter** who died on September 19.

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.

October 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. October's donations goes for the pledge we made to Neighbors, Inc. for the capital campaign. Faith made a pledge of \$9,000 to be paid for 4-5 years. We would like to pay it off this year. The money pot is located in the Narthex.



► **Mobile Meals Fundraising Night:**

Please join PANERA BREAD for a fundraising night in support of **MOBILE MEALS** at the Panera location at 1740 S. Robert St., West St. Paul on **Monday, October 6 from 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.**

Panera Bread will donate a percentage of its sales during the event to Mobile Meals. **A printed flyer or electronic version of the flyer on a phone or tablet must be presented upon ordering.** Flyers are available on the table outside the church office.

► **Invitation:**

Please join the Rev. Priscilla Jaiah from Ganta, Liberia at an information meeting at Cross Winds United Methodist Church. **COME HEAR** about the **Gipo School Project** and current information about the **EBOLA** virus in Liberia.

Sunday, Oct. 5, 2014 — 7:00 p.m.

CROSS WINDS UMC (Fellowship Hall)

15051 Weaver Lake Road — Maple Grove, MN 55311

Snacks and drinks will be served.

Questions: Ann Anderson 763-242-1975



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 October:

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.



Steps on the Journey

This spring when I planted my garden I included one tomato plant. I normally do not plant vegetables. I have some raspberry bushes in the back but no vegetables. It is not that we don't like fresh vegetables in our house. At has to do with the soil in our yard. It is not very good. It has taken several years to be able to develop the few flower beds we have. But vegetables have never grown well on our property. It is not the right soil. So the tomato plant was an experiment this year to see if finally the soil was at a stage that it would grow. This year was not the year to grow tomatoes all my vegetable gardening friends tell me. The conditions haven't been the best. So far we have gotten 2 tomatoes off the plant. Dennis tells me they taste good (he is the tomato expert). But I keep telling myself that I should have done something different. I should have been able to make a difference. I should have done something. Then I pause and remember that I did what was asked of me. I planted in a sunny place, made sure the soil was balanced, the plant was fertilized and the plant was watered on a regular basis, either by the rain or the sprinkler. There was not anything else I could do.

I get that way with my faith sometimes. I do everything I think I am suppose to do, I pray, I read and study the Bible, I talk about my faith, I try to learn more about God. I do everything "right" but my faith doesn't seem to grow. Sometimes growing faith is not about everything we do but about letting God lead us. Letting God help us find what we need to grow our faith, to get the conditions right. Maybe what we need is not doing more but listening more. Maybe what

we need is to focus on one part of our faith instead of trying to do everything at once. But the first step is listening to God and hearing where God is leading us.

It will take us one more step on our journey.

Peace in Christ,
Gail

DATES TO REMEMBER

Movie Group

The movie group will meet **Saturday, Oct. 18.** We will watch and discuss the movie, "Noah". We will watch the movie at 4:00 p.m. and discuss it at 6:00 p.m. You can come and watch the movie or come for the discussion. We will order supper together. For more information contact Pastor Gail.

Bible Reading

The Bible Reading Group will meet on **Monday, October 20** at 6:30 p.m. in the Fireside Room. We will be reading the Gospel of Matthew. We will try to finish reading it before we end at 8:30 p.m.

Visitor Corp

The Visitor Corp will meet on **Thursday, Oct. 16** for dessert and conversation. We will meet at 1:30 p.m. This group stays in touch with people related to Faith who are unable to be in worship on a regular basis. If you are interested in this group, please contact Pastor Gail.

Faith Garden Project Update

Faith UMC's garden continues to produce for the Neighbors Food Shelf.



We're a little behind last year's record crop, but if "October's bright blue weather" (sans frost) comes through, we could catch up by the end of the season. Cucumbers have

been the star performers this year, surpassing last year's record harvest by 25% and still going strong.

—Gil Kinnunen

Help Wanted!

The Basket Sale fundraiser is right around the corner **on Sat., November 8.** We need "new" items & baskets; also we need help assembling until November 4. Come Tuesday evenings starting at 6:00 p.m. and stay to help assemble baskets as long as you want. For more information, contact Judy Turk at 651-343-8027 or Lynn Bonkowske at 651-455-6542.



Will you help mow the church lawn?



We are finishing the mowing season with just a few more times this fall. If you can help mow the church yard, please contact Lynn Bonkowske at bonkowske1@msn.com or at 651-455-6542

Church Clean Up Day **Saturday, November 1**

On Saturday, Nov. 1 we will be cleaning both inside and outside at the church. If you can help please come around 9:00 a.m. If you can't come that day but would like to help, please contact Pastor Gail.



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.



October 2014 Worship Schedule

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October 5 — World Communion Sunday — Sacrament of Holy Communion

Scripture Readings: Exodus 20:1-4, 7-9, 12-20; Psalm 19; Philippians 3:4-14; Matthew 21:33-46

Sermon Title: "Pursuing the Prize"

Greeter: Taffy Storck

Lay Reader: Marsha Spatafore

Fellowship Time hosts: The Pippert family

Communion Steward: Laurel Venhuizen

October 12 — 18th Sunday after Pentecost

Scripture Readings: Exodus 32:1-14; Psalm 106; Philippians 4:1-9; Matthew 22:1-14

Sermon Title: "Be Joyful at the Party"

Greeter: Bill Short

Lay Reader: Bill Bonkowske

Fellowship Time host:

October 19 — 19th Sunday after Pentecost

Scripture Readings: Exodus 33:12-23; Psalm 99; 1 Thessalonians 1:1-10; Matthew 22:15-22

Sermon Title: "Being Trapped"

Greeter:

Lay Reader: Ann Beardshear

Fellowship Time host: Judy Turk

October 26 — Confirmation Sunday

Scripture Readings: Deuteronomy 34:1-12; Psalm 90; 1 Thessalonians 2:1-8; Matthew 22:34-46

Sermon Title: "Greatest Commandment"

Greeter:

Lay Reader: Tim Pippert

Fellowship Time host:

Adult Sunday School Class

Adult Sunday School will meet at 10:50 a.m. in the Fireside Room. **Beginning on October 12** 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. Having spent part of the war in a concentration camp, he died before the end of the war. His life and writings speak to us yet today about how one is a Christian who lives a life of faith in the world. All are invited to participate.

October 2014 Calendar

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Wed. 10/1	6:00 p.m.	Staff Parish Relations Committee	Mon. 10/27	10:00 a.m.	Craft Group
	7:00 p.m.	Choir Rehearsal	Wed. 10/29	7:00 p.m.	Choir Rehearsal
	7:00 p.m.	Confirmation	Thur. 10/30	6:30 p.m.	Balcony Team
Sun. 10/5	9:30 a.m.	Worship	Sat. 11/1	9:00 a.m.	Clean Up Day
	9:45 a.m.	Children's & Youth Sunday School	Sun. 11/2	9:30 a.m.	Worship
				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.	Day of Service & Potluck		10:50 a.m.	Adult Sunday School
Mon. 10/6	10:00 a.m.	Craft Group	Mon. 11/3	10:00 a.m.	Craft Group
Wed. 10/8	5:30 p.m.	United Methodist Women	Wed. 11/5	7:00 p.m.	Choir Rehearsal
	7:00 p.m.	Choir Rehearsal	Thur. 11/6	11:00 a.m.	Mobile Meals
Thur. 10/9	11:20 a.m.	Mobile Meals	Sat. 11/8	9:00 a.m.	Basket Sale
Sat. 10/11	8:00 a.m.	Men's Breakfast	Sun. 11/9	9:30 a.m.	Worship
Sun. 10/12	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.	Adult Sunday School
Mon. 10/13	10:00 a.m.	Craft Group	Mon. 11/10	10:00 a.m.	Craft Group
Wed. 10/15	7:00 p.m.	Choir Rehearsal		7:00 p.m.	Staff Parish Relations Committee
Thur. 10/16	1:30 p.m.	Visitors Corp	Wed. 11/12	5:30 p.m.	United Methodist Women
Sat. 10/18	4:00 p.m.	Movie Group		7:00 p.m.	Choir Rehearsal
Sun. 10/19	9:30 a.m.	Worship	Sat. 11/15	8:00 a.m.	Men's Breakfast
	9:45 a.m.	Children's & Youth Sunday School	Sun. 11/16	9:30 a.m.	Worship
				9:45 a.m.	Children's & Youth Sunday School
	10:30 a.m.	Fellowship Time		10:30 a.m.	Celebration Time & Meal
	10:50 a.m.	Adult Sunday School			
Mon. 10/20	10:00 a.m.	Craft Group			
	5:45 p.m.	Stewardship Committee			
	6:30 p.m.	Bible Reading Group			
Wed. 10/22	7:00 p.m.	Choir Rehearsal			
Sat. 10/25	8:00 a.m.	Men's Breakfast			
	9:00 a.m.	Bazaar			
	9:45 a.m.	Confirmation Rehearsal			
	11:00 a.m.	Soup & Salad			
Sun. 10/26	9:30 a.m.	Worship			
	9:45 a.m.	Children's & Youth Sunday School			
	10:30 a.m.	Fellowship Time			
	10:50 a.m.	Adult Sunday School			



Men's Breakfast

The Men's Breakfast Group will meet the Saturdays of **10/11 & 10/25** at the Fireside Lounge, 1288 S. Robert Street starting at 8:00 a.m. All men are invited to join us! For more info, please contact Bill Short at bill.short@ci.white-bear-township.mn.us or 651-552-0736.



Prayer Workshop

Noticing

Over the years I have developed three foundational convictions about the gift of God: 1) The Holy Spirit is God's personal presence. 2) The Holy Spirit is God loving us. 3) The Holy Spirit is God's grace active in our lives. Put these three convictions together, and we can celebrate one bit of good news about God's Spirit: Through the Holy Spirit, God is lovingly present and always active in our lives. But experiencing more of the Holy Spirit requires involvement. Spiritual practices make it possible for us to live more deeply in the Spirit every moment.

The Holy Spirit is at work in our lives in every encounter, in our daily work, in our communities, and indeed throughout our whole universe. We experience the Holy Spirit all the time. The Spirit of God always reaches out to us with love and grace in moments of beauty, love, rest, joy, and newness. The Holy Spirit touches us — even in our pain, disappointment, grief, struggle, and loneliness. We have only to recognize and respond to this ever-present activity of the Holy Spirit.

One way to begin this practice of noticing the Holy Spirit entails setting aside a block of time to pursue the following exercise. Go back over your life and notice how the Holy Spirit has been with you over the years. Make a list of gifts of love and grace that you have received — significant moments when you have felt loved, cherished, and valued. These might include a moment of human love, a moment when it felt good to be alive, a moment when God was using you to help someone else. Write these on a piece of paper. Finally, ask God to help you notice how the Spirit has encouraged growth in your relationship to the divine.

When I first worked through this exercise, I came to a massive realization: The Spirit had been active in my life long before my conscious choice to become a Christ-follower. As I spent time looking back, I began to recognize that the Holy Spirit had been present throughout my life — continually bringing God's love to me, touching

my life with grace, and stirring up desire for God.

Once we complete this exercise, we can further grow our capacity to notice God's Spirit by looking back over each day, trying to notice where the Spirit has touched our lives. Maybe we experienced the touch of the Spirit over a cup of coffee, some help given by a colleague, an encouraging text message, a piece of work well done, or some other moment we appreciated. These moments are gifts of God's love and grace, signs of the Holy Spirit at work in our lives. Noticing them allows us to experience the Holy Spirit who was lovingly present and active in them.

By using this practice of daily review, we will fine-tune our ability to receive and acknowledge the Spirit as events occur throughout the day. We will begin to receive the Spirit in every breath we take, every bite of food we eat, every hug we receive, every person we meet. Even in difficult and painful moments we will find ourselves able to receive God's love and grace. Nothing can stop God from loving us! Is this not part of what Paul meant when he shared his conviction with his readers in Rome that nothing in all creation can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord?

As noticing the activity of God's Spirit becomes a natural part of your everyday life, you will open yourself to experience the Holy Spirit in the here and now, which is just how God wants it to be. After all, the Holy Spirit is the gift of God given to each one of us.

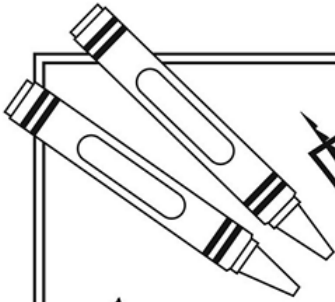
Questions for Reflection:

1. What has been your most recent experience of God's love and grace?
2. What would it mean for you if you recognized the Holy Spirit as active in these experiences of God's love and grace?
3. What practice would help you notice more often the Holy Spirit's work in your everyday life?

— Trevor Hudson

Trevor Hudson pastors a church near Johannesburg, South Africa and leads conferences, retreats, and workshops all over the world. This prayer workshop was adopted from Trevor's new book, *Holy Spirit Here and Now*, released in July of 2013 by Upper Room Books. For ordering information, visit bookstore.upperroom.org.

KIDS IN SEARCH

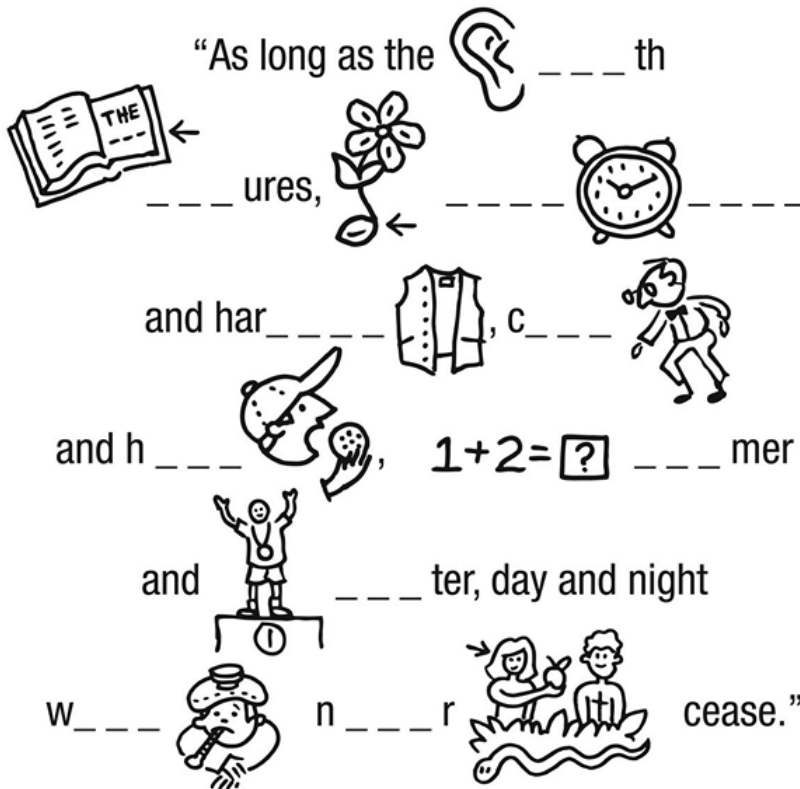


PUZZLE

A promise to the earth

After the flood in Genesis, God promised to “never again ... destroy all living creatures” (Genesis 8:21, NIV).

Directions: Using the picture clues below, write each small word in the blanks to complete God's promise in Genesis 8:22, NIV.



GENESIS 8:22, NIV

Answer: As long as the earth endures, seedtime and harvest, cold and heat, summer and winter, day and night will never cease.” Genesis 8:22, NIV



Edible Cornucopias

If you're planning a harvest party, set up a snack station so people can fill their own edible cornucopias.

What you need:

- Waffle cones
- Bowls
- Spoons
- Toppings (chocolate chips, nuts, pretzels, fish-shaped crackers, candy corn, dried cranberries, yogurt-covered raisins, etc.)

What you do:

1. Set up the table, placing each topping in a bowl. Place a spoon in each bowl.
2. Invite friends to create their own cornucopia by spooning chosen goodies into their waffle cones.
3. Enjoy!



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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.



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