



Faith in Action

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

November 2014



Theme Basket Sale

Saturday, November 8
9:00 a.m. — 3:00 p.m.

We invite you, your family & friends to shop at our annual **Theme Basket Sale** on Saturday, Nov. 8 from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm. Choose from beautiful baskets themed for the holidays, hostess gifts, birthday, wedding, showers, get-well, children, baby, sports, home décor, and more! You will find baskets in a variety of sizes, shapes, and prices.

Join us for Lunch, too! Hot Turkey Supreme on a bun with chips & a delicious bar. **Only \$6.00!** Enjoy free coffee with your lunch and while you shop!



Celebration Lunch

Sunday, November 16
is when we will celebrate the generosity of this congregation related to our financial stewardship. We will enjoy a wonderful lunch and entertainment after worship.

Please call or email the church office with your reservation.

Birthdays this Month

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11/3 —	Louis Eberly Vesta Latch Thoren Grotjohn	11/16 —	Alexi DeNardo Mfon Jonathan Roland Hunter
11/4 —	Catherine Espeseth		Angela Kaiser
11/6 —	Martha Kemp Bruce Opp Austin Suchecki	11/21 —	Michael Bougie
		11/23 —	Susan Filter
11/14 —	Lynnette Bonkowske Dana Scopatz	11/26 —	Janessa DeNardo
		11/29 —	Heidi Vanderhoff

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

Thank you to and for during October...

- **Greeters:** Taffy Storck, Bill Short, Karen Cohoes, and Maryanne Maurer
- **Liturgists:** Marsha Spatafore, Bill Bonkowske, Ann Beardshear, and Tim Pippert
- **Serving refreshments:** the Pippert family, Bonnie Dick, Judy Turk, and Dawn & Gil Kinnunen
- **Communion Steward:** Laurel Venhuizen
- **Thank you** to Judy Turk, Bonnie Dick, & Ruth Campion for helping assemble the Oct. newsletter.
- **Thank you** to all who helped with the Day of Service. We made 13 birthing kits, 16 health kits, 10 school bags, 24 Christmas boxes for Spirit Lake Ministry Center in North Dakota and 55 cards for Mobile Ministries.
- **We welcome** six youth who were confirmed & joined the Faith church family Sunday, Oct. 26: Alexi DeNardo, Jalen Haom, Victoria Hovey, Isabelle Pippert, Olivia Stehr, & Clayton Van Sichen.

Five Kernels

The Plymouth Pilgrims celebrated the first Thanksgiving Day in fall 1621, but by the next May, their food supply was depleted. The harvest of 1622 was a failure, and the Pilgrims often lived for days on just a few kernels of corn.

Amid a drought in 1623, the people sought divine intervention. After praying for nine hours on a hot July day, they were blessed with a two-week rainfall. Edward Winslow wrote, "It was hard to say whether our withered corn or drooping affections were most quickened and revived." The Pilgrims never went hungry again.

Start a Thanksgiving tradition by placing five kernels of corn at each place setting. Point out a blessing that each kernel represents. For example:

1. God loves us.
2. God provides for all our needs.
3. God gives us friends, just as the Indians befriended the Pilgrims.
4. God hears and answers our prayers.
5. God is preparing a place for us in heaven.

Then have family members share five things for which they're grateful.



Congregational Care Concerns:

- ♦ **Ruth Martin** had hip replacement surgery.
- ♦ **Bev Nielsen** is in hospice care.
- ♦ **Janel Adams** had surgery; she is now home recuperating.

Care Centers:

- ♦ **Bev Nielsen** – *Augustana Emerald Crest of Victoria*
- ♦ **Marti Kemp** – *White Pines of Mendota Heights*
- ♦ **Beulah Hanvelt** – *Westwood Ridge Memory Unit in West St. Paul*
- ♦ **Colleen Spadaccini** – *Ridges Care Ctr., Burnsville*
- ♦ **Eloise Barnes** – *Arbor Lakes Senior Living in Maple Grove*
- ♦ **Marliss Knudson** – *Norris Square in Cottage Grove*

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

The Money Pot welcomes your change to help support the offering of the month. November Donations will benefit the **Walk to End Hunger** event highlighted below. If you would like to participate, please talk to John Kemp.



THE WALK TO END HUNGER IS COMING



The **Walk to End Hunger** is a family-friendly 5K fun walk presented by The Mosaic Co. held on Thanksgiving morning in the Mall of America, and is a great way to start the holiday.

Since its inception in 2008, the Walk to End Hunger has raised over \$1,200,000 to help support hunger relief organizations working to eliminate hunger in the Twin Cities metro area. 100% of the net proceeds of the Walk to End Hunger are distributed to our partner organizations.

We have a lot of fun planned! Our first-floor route will have music, balloon animals, Santa, and a kids craft table. And you can join Bodies by Burgoon on the second-floor route for a workout you can do at your own pace on your own or with your family.

Registration begins at 7am on Thanksgiving morning and ends at 9:30am. There is an official Walk to End Hunger kick-off at 7:30 am. The crowds will be having fun and fighting hunger all morning from 7am until 10am, so feel free to join us at whatever timeline that works for your holiday schedule.

► **Register at:** www.walktoendhunger.org. (Remember to select *Neighbors* as your partner organization.)



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 November:

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

The harvest season is upon us. The frost this past week finished off my tomato plant and many of the flowers in my garden. Most of the leaves are now down off the trees and it is time to gather them up to mulch the garden and turn them into compost. The garden here at church has been cleaned up and made ready for the winter. The time of gathering is almost done.

But in our lives we gather and harvest all the time. We gather our time and our treasure. We gather our hopes and our dreams. We gather our memories and our possibilities. We gather and give throughout the year.

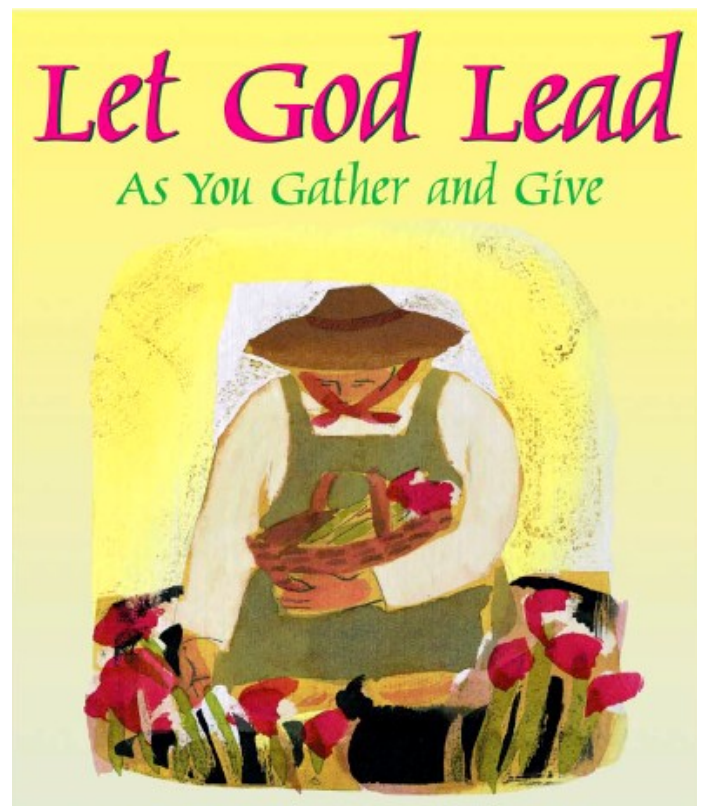
If we are like most people we want to be in charge of this gathering and giving. We want to make decisions about what will happen when. But quite often that is not the case. Sometimes other people are in charge; sometimes events seem to be leading. Sometimes we aren't sure who is leading.

This year our financial stewardship campaign is entitled "Let God Lead as you gather and give." What would happen if we took that saying seriously? What if we let God lead us? Maybe we would be lead in directions we hadn't thought about going. Maybe we would not do things the way we have always done them. Maybe we would be more generous than we thought we could be.

It is a scary and exciting notion to let God lead. It may not be down the path we thought we would take. Maybe it would be even better than we thought it could possibly be. But no matter what when God leads we know that God is there each and every moment giving us what we need.

Take a step on the journey and let God lead.

*Peace in Christ,
Gail*



You shall take some of the first of all the fruit of the ground...and you shall put it in a basket and go to the place that the Lord your God will choose as a dwelling for his name. —Deuteronomy 26:2

Men's Breakfast

The Men's Breakfast Group will meet the Saturdays of **11/8 & 11/22** 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.



New directory

We are trying to get a new church directory ready by the first of the year. Please let us know of any address changes, email additions or telephone number changes as soon as possible. Please email any updated information to the church at faithumc@usfmaily.net or bring any new contact information to the church office.

2015 CALENDARS ARE HERE

2015 Calendars with gorgeous pictures and Bible verses are available now! With Christmas right around the corner, these calendars make a great gift for relatives and friends, or a nice stocking stuffer. The large wall calendars are \$7.⁰⁰ ea., pocket calendars are \$5.⁰⁰ ea. See Judy Turk or Lynn Bonkowske to purchase your calendars, and of course, don't forget to get a set for yourself!



MAKE A DIFFERENCE

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Financial struggles can seemingly come out of nowhere. They could be brought on by the loss of a job, a serious car crash or a health emergency. Individuals who always paid their bills on time can unexpectedly find themselves falling behind.

Thankfully, there are a slew of different groups trying to battle what may be the worst outcome of a sudden financial crisis: homelessness.

One group trying to help families all over the east metro is the St. Paul Area Council of Churches. Its Project Home initiative works with faith communities around the region, including West St. Paul, Maplewood, Roseville and St. Paul, to offer 40 beds of emergency shelter. When the outreach program began in 1997, no one envisioned it would still be needed 17 years later or what a crucial role it would play in the social safety net.

The Ramsey County Department of Human Services and Metropolitan Interfaith Council on Affordable Housing (MICA) now work closely with the St. Paul Area Council of Churches to provide an "overflow" system when the countywide homeless shelters can't house everyone.

When Project Home started, most of the homeless shelters offered single night stays for individuals. Little was available for parents and children who suddenly found themselves homeless. Today there are more facilities geared toward families, but they never seem to have quite enough beds available to serve everyone needing temporary shelter.

Some shelters only house single parents; others only accept female domestic violence victims. While those serve a significant purpose, Project Home is about serving the needs of families.

The Project Home staff work with faith communities to provide overnight, emergency housing in church fellowship halls and school cafeterias, and synagogue classrooms for brief periods of time. Volunteers from the faith groups serve meals and provide overnight supervision. "It is a great opportunity to provide a chance for regular folks and congregations around the community to go face-to-face with homelessness," he said. "...Nothing dispels stereotypes more than just being down (at a temporary shelter) and talking to somebody."

According to the Project Home website, the organization worked with 24 faith communities in 2013 and 4,071 volunteers. It provided overnight shelter to 617 families, with about 60% of the children being age 5 and younger.

Salem Lutheran Church in West St. Paul is the site of Project Home for January 2 until February 2. They are in need of help with the meals in the evening, helping the children and people who would stay overnight. For more information or to volunteer contact Jack at 651-224-9144 (coordinator at Salem).

Material taken from article by Tim Faklis at the Lillie News. He can be reached at 651-748-7814, at tfaklis@lillienews.com, or on Twitter @tfaklisnews



Christmas Family

This year Faith Church will again be sponsoring a family and individuals through the Neighbors' Christmas program. Be watching for the tree to appear in the Narthex with the names, ages and suggestions. For more information contact Karen Cohoes, 651-456-0388



Decorating the Church for Christmas

It's soon time to decorate for Christmas! Come join in the fun on **Saturday, November 29, at 9:30 am**. Many hands make light work ... hope you can join us! We are usually done by lunch time and as usual, you are invited to stay for lunch and more fun! For more info contact Judy Turk at 651-343-8027. Thanks!



Master Calendar for Church

We are in the process of trying to create a master calendar for the church. As more groups are using the building and as we try to keep the calendar in the office up to date we have gone to a master calendar that is kept by Pastor Gail and Susan in the office. If you would like to use the church for an event (i.e. family party) please put it on the calendar in the office on the wall but also leaves a note on Susan's desk or Pastor Gail's box simply stating the event, the date & time and your name. Then we can enter it into the master calendar and make sure there is no overlap. Thank you.

Now is the time to order your Poinsettia to help beautify the Sanctuary for Christmas (and then take the plant home with you). Plants with 5-7 blooms in 6.5" pots are available in **red, white, and pink**, and cost \$10 each. Please contact the church office with your order and dedication **by November 16**.



Breakfast with Santa



Volunteers & food donations are needed to help with Breakfast with Santa. To help, please contact Karen Cohoes at 651-456-0388



Faith Garden Project Update



How does our garden grow?

October's bright blue (and warm) weather kept FUMC's Neighbors, Inc. Food Shelf Garden producing, especially pole beans and tomatoes. The hard frost of Halloween put an end to the growing season, but we picked the green tomatoes and put them in paper bags with a couple of apples to speed up the ripening process. We will have a final production count for the December newsletter. Tomatoes were the star performers last year; this year it was cucumbers.

—Gil Kinnunen

Adult Sunday School

The adult Sunday School class will meet at 10:50 a.m. in the Fireside Room. Beginning Oct. 12 we had 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 welcome to participate.

BEGINNING NOVEMBER 30 (the 1st Sunday in Advent) Gil Kinnunen will begin a 4 week series on the hymns of Advent & Christmas. He will talk about the carols & hymns history and the difference between Advent & Christmas music.

It's A Wonderful Life!

Wednesday, December 10th, 2014

7:30pm Performance • The Saint Paul Hotel
Tickets are \$25 each.

Kick-off your holiday season with this classic tale. Set as if you were watching a live radio broadcast from the 1940's, this performance will make you count your blessings this Christmas. Reserve your seat now at: www.neighborsmn.org.

Phil Callen & The Saint Paul Hotel is sponsoring the Callen-led production of *It's A Wonderful Life*, an annual tradition! The production's proceeds will go to support Neighbors,

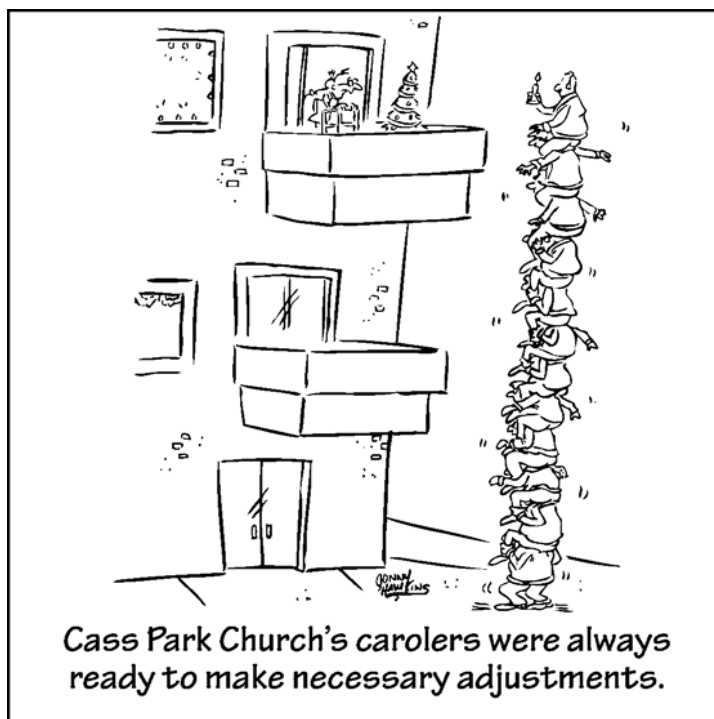


Inc. *It's a Wonderful Life*, of course, is based on the classic movie of the same name, considered one of the most inspirational and best loved stories. George Bailey, a man whose imminent suicide on Christmas Eve brings about the intervention of his guardian angel, Clarence Odbody, who shows George all the lives he has touched and how different life in his community would be had he never been born.

There will be a cash bar available.

A live auction and other opportunities to do a little early holiday shopping will also be provided.

For bulk ticket purchases, contact Heidi Satre at Neighbors.



Cass Park Church's carolers were always ready to make necessary adjustments.

November 2014 Worship Schedule

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November 2 — All Saints' Sunday — Sacrament of Holy Communion

Scripture Readings: Joshua 3:7-17; Psalm 107; I John 3:1-3; Matthew 23:1-12

Sermon Title: "Being Children of God"

Greeter: Taffy Storck

Lay Reader: Mike Schwendinger

Fellowship Time hosts: Judy Turk

Communion Steward: Marsha Spatafore

November 9 — 22nd Sunday after Pentecost

Scripture Readings: Joshua 24:1-3a, 14-25; Psalm 78; I Thessalonians 4:13-18; Matthew 25:1-13

Sermon Title: "Keeping Alert"

Greeter: Bernice Killian

Lay Reader: John Kemp

Fellowship Time host: Bonnie Dick

November 16 — 23rd Sunday after Pentecost

Scripture Readings: Judges 4:1-7; Psalm 123; I Thessalonians 5:1-11; Matthew 25:14-30

Sermon Title: "What Have You Been Given?"

Greeter: Roseanne Larsen

Lay Reader: Bruce Opp

Celebration Sunday Lunch

every day
is **thanks** giving

November 23 — Thanksgiving Sunday

Scripture Readings: Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24; Psalm 100; Ephesians 1:15-23; Matthew 25:31-46

Sermon Title: "Who Do You See?"

Greeters: Bonnie & Fred Dick

Lay Reader: Charles Beardshear

Fellowship Time host:

November 30 — First Sunday in Advent

Scripture Readings: Isaiah 64:1-9; Psalm 80; I Corinthians 1:3-9;

Mark 13:24-37

Sermon Title: "When Do You Stay Alert?"

Greeters: Bonnie & Fred Dick

Lay Reader: Gil Kinnunen

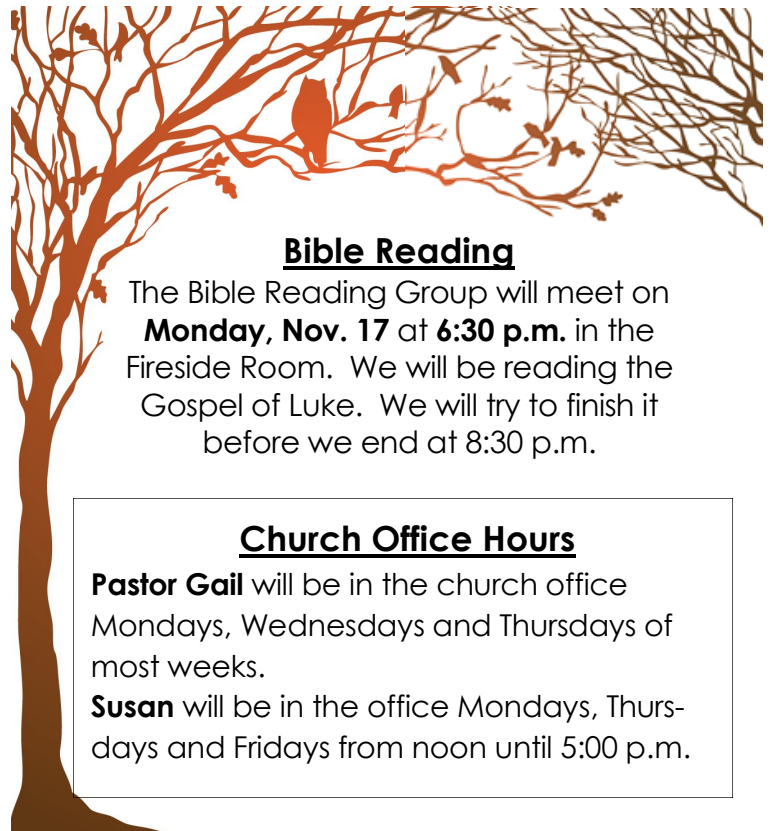
Fellowship Time host:



November 2014 Calendar

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Sat. 11/1	8:00 a.m.	Men's Breakfast	Mon. 12/1	10:00 a.m.	Craft Group
	9:30 a.m.	Clean Up Day	Wed. 12/3	7:00 p.m.	Choir Rehearsal
Sun. 11/2	9:30 a.m.	Worship	Thurs. 12/4	11:20 a.m.	Mobile Meals
	9:45 a.m.	Children's & Youth	Sat. 12/6	9:30 a.m.	Breakfast with Santa
		Sunday School	Sun. 12/7	9:30 a.m.	Worship
	10:30 a.m.	Fellowship Time		9:45 a.m.	Children's & Youth
	10:50 a.m.	Adult Sunday School			Sunday School
Mon. 11/3	10:00 a.m.	Craft Group		10:30 a.m.	Fellowship Time
Wed. 11/5	7:00 p.m.	Choir Rehearsal		10:50 a.m.	Adult Sunday School
Thur. 11/6	11:00 a.m.	Mobile Meals	Mon. 12/8	10:00 a.m.	Craft Group
Sat. 11/8	9:00 a.m.	Basket Sale	Wed. 12/10	5:30 p.m.	United Methodist Women
Sun. 11/9	9:30 a.m.	Worship		7:00 p.m.	Choir Rehearsal
	9:45 a.m.	Children's & Youth	Sat. 12/13	8:00 a.m.	Men's Breakfast
		Sunday School	Sun. 12/14	9:30 a.m.	Worship
	10:30 a.m.	Fellowship Time		9:45 a.m.	Children's & Youth
	10:50 a.m.	Adult Sunday School			Sunday School
Mon. 11/10	10:00 a.m.	Craft Group		10:30 a.m.	Fellowship Time
	7:00 p.m.	Staff Parish Relations		10:50 a.m.	Adult Sunday School
		Committee	Mon. 12/15	10:00 a.m.	Craft Group
Wed. 11/12	5:30 p.m.	United Methodist Women		6:30 p.m.	Bible Reading
	7:00 p.m.	Choir Rehearsal			
Sat. 11/15	8:00 a.m.	Men's Breakfast			
Sun. 11/16	9:30 a.m.	Worship			
	9:45 a.m.	Children's & Youth			
		Sunday School			
	10:30 a.m.	Celebration Time & Meal			
Mon. 11/17	10:00 a.m.	Craft Group			
	6:30 a.m.	Bible Reading			
Wed. 11/19	6:00 p.m.	Worship Committee			
	7:00 p.m.	Choir Rehearsal			
Sun. 11/23	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			
Mon. 11/10	10:00 a.m.	Craft Group			
Sat. 11/29	8:00 a.m.	Men's Breakfast			
	9:00 a.m.	Decorating for Christmas			
Sun. 11/30	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			



Bible Reading

The Bible Reading Group will meet on **Monday, Nov. 17** at **6:30 p.m.** in the Fireside Room. We will be reading the Gospel of Luke. We will try to finish it before we end at 8:30 p.m.

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.



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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

Walk to End Hunger

Help us fight hunger! **Walk To End Hunger – Thursday, Nov. 27, 2014.** This is a charity walk on Thanksgiving morning at the Mall of America that provides an opportunity for the Twin Cities community to participate together and raise awareness for all the local food shelves in our metro area. Would you be willing to help by asking friends and family to walk with you? Speak with John Kemp or Pastor Gail for more info.



Coming
in December



- Saturday, December 6 —
Breakfast with Santa
- Sunday, December 14 —
Sunday School will help lead worship
- Sunday, December 21 —
Blue Christmas Worship time at 6:00 p.m.
- Wednesday, December 24 —
Christmas Eve worship at 4:30 and 10:30

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