



Faith in Action

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

February 2015

LENT BEGINS

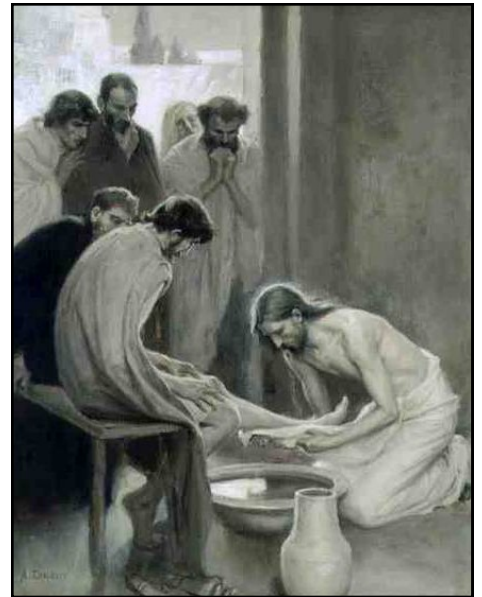
Lenten Midweek Supper & Worship during the Wednesdays of Lent Feb. 18 — Mar. 25

Each week our worship series will use one of the "I am" statements of Jesus to help us understand who Jesus is and the difference he makes in our lives. The theme on

Wednesday evening will be further explored on the following Sunday. There will be music, prayer, Scripture and a skit for all ages with the theme "The I AMs of Jesus".

Sunday Lenten Class 10:50 a.m. Feb. 15 — Mar. 29

During Sunday class we will continue to examine who God is through the "I Am" statements of Jesus. We will be using "The God We Can Know: Exploring the 'I Am' Sayings of Jesus" by Rob Fuquay.



HOLY WEEK



MAUNDY THURSDAY

April 2 • 7:00 p.m.

We remember the last supper of Jesus and the disciples as we celebrate holy communion in a Tenebrae style of worship with light and darkness.



GOOD FRIDAY

April 3 • 11 a.m. – 3 p.m.

We will have a 4 hour prayer vigil. You are invited to join in prayer for 30 minute intervals at church or where you are. The church sanctuary will have music and resources available for people to use.



EASTER SUNDAY

APRIL 5

Breakfast • 8:00 a.m.

Worship • 9:30 a.m.

Easter breakfast will be served in the Fellowship Hall starting at 8:00 a.m. Then we will celebrate the resurrection in the sanctuary with the choir singing, and our worship concluding with the singing of the "Hallelujah Chorus" from Handel's Messiah.

February Birthdays

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| 2/2 — Colleen Spadaccini | 2/11 — Jeffrey Boelter |
| — Marie Geist | 2/14 — Sheryl Watchorn |
| — Stephen Larsen | — Fred Knutson, Jr. |
| 2/4 — Brian Sielski | 2/19 — Ray Bell |
| — Rebecca Hovey | 2/20 — Doris Johnson |
| 2/7 — Roxanne Napier | 2/23 — William Bonkowske |
| 2/8 — Alana Sielski | 2/24 — Mackenna Emery |
| 2/9 — Paul DeNardo | 2/28 — Carie Otto |
| 2/10 — Jill Vanderhoff | — Macenzie Worden |

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

Thank you to and for during January...

- **Greeters:** Taffy Storck, and Maryanne Maurer
- **Liturgists:** Sharon Yekaldo, Mike Schwendinger, Ann Beardshear, and Pat Giorgini
- **Serving refreshments:** Judy Turk, and Paul & Pat Williams
- **Communion Steward:** Sharon Yekaldo
- **Thank you** to all those who helped take down the Christmas decorations: Laurel Venhuizen, Judy Pfenning, Sharon and Christina Yekaldo, Bill & Lynn Bonkowske, Gil & Dawn Kinnunen, Bruce Opp, Steve & Rose Larsen, Barb Schroeder, and Carol Schuldt — *Judy Turk*
(And a special **thank you** to Judy Turk for organizing the event)
- **Thank You** to Bonnie Dick and Carol Schuldt for helping assemble the January newsletter.
- **Thank you** to the following people who have finished their terms of office: Linda Cox – Board of Trustees & Fellowship Time Coordinator; Lori DeNardo – Staff-Parish Relations Committee; Karen Cohoes – Lay Leadership Committee; Angela High-Pippert – Lay Leadership Committee; Colleen Spadaccini – Memorial Committee; Judy Turk – Chair of Stewardship Committee

Loafing on Saturday Morning

A Breakthrough Bread-Baking Experience

Saturday, February 28 • 9 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. • Faith UMC Kitchen
Led by Gil Kinnunen (aka The Crusty Loafer)

Do you have a bread machine that's slightly used and hiding in your closet? Or if you use your bread machine, do you only bake bread with pre-packaged ingredients or always rely on a recipe? Or does each loaf always have a hole in the bottom?

Bring your bread machine to Faith UMC on Saturday morning, February 28, and learn how to think about bread and add your personality and imagination to the loaves that you create. You'll leave the workshop with a conceptual understanding of the "staff of life," a list of tried and true guidelines and valuable tips for making bread, and a delicious loaf (baked in the oven) to serve for dinner.

The workshop will be limited to ten participants. All tools and ingredients will be provided (a fee of \$5 will cover the cost of ingredients). Please contact Gil Kinnunen (651-428-3959, gilogram@gmail.com) to make a reservation.



Congregational Care Concerns:

- ♦ **Bev Nielsen** is in hospice care.
- ♦ **Ruth Campion** is receiving treatment for cancer.
- ♦ **Dianne Mens** is receiving treatment for lymphoma.
- ♦ **Laurel Venhuizen** suffered a fall and is recuperating.
- ♦ **Liz Chun** is recuperating from cataract surgery.
- ♦ **Bernice Killian** is recuperating from cataract surgery.

Care Centers:

- ♦ **Bev Nielsen** – *Augustana Emerald Crest of Victoria*
- ♦ **Eloise Barnes** – *Arbor Lakes Sr. Living, 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

Remembering in Sympathy:

- ♦ We extend our sympathy to **John Kemp** on the death of his wife, Marti. Her memorial service was on Friday, January 16.

The Money Pot

The Money Pot welcomes your change to help support the offering of the month. During February the money donations will support campus ministries here in Minnesota. On Sunday, February 15, Rev. Cody Nielsen, the campus pastor at the University of Minnesota will be here to preach and talk about his work on campus.



Prayer Group

We are looking for people who would be interested in praying for the congregation—people who would be willing to pray each day for members of our congregation. Every four months the person praying will receive a list with the date and a group of 7-9 people to pray for each day. People will then pray for the individuals on the list on the assigned day. Over the course of a month, everyone in the congregation will have had someone pray for them. Our hope is to begin this in March. There are no meetings except your personal prayer time with God. If you are interested or have questions, please contact Pastor Gail.

Prayer changes things



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 this Winter:

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 month we begin the season of Lent. Lent is the time of the year when we intentionally pause and examine our lives in light of our relationship with God. When have we made mistakes we need to take responsibility for, when have we forgotten to do or say something, when have we sinned and need forgiveness. All of this and more is part of our responsibility during Lent but all through the year.

Forgiveness is what puts us back in right relationship with God. God is always willing to forgive if we are willing to “repent” or acknowledge what we have done wrong. It seems for most of us admitting what we have done wrong is difficult. We want to be viewed as perfect, never making a mistake. But the truth is we make mistakes and sin on a regular basis. The good news is that God is always there willing to forgive us and help us move in the right direction. This is good news worth sharing. God loves us and forgives us and helps us move into relationship with God.

This Lent we are going to be looking at the various aspects of who God is through the “I Am” statements of God. On Wednesday evening we will introduce each of the aspects of God, on Sunday in worship will continue to examine each aspect of God and then during the adult Sunday School class we will go deeper into what the “I Am” statement means for us. I hope you will join us on Wednesday evenings and Sunday mornings for worship and class.

Lent is the journey that helps us get ready for Easter and the resurrection. Join us as we prepare our hearts and our lives for the next step on the journey.

Peace in Christ,

Gail



Annual Book of Reports

Copies of the Book of Reports for 2014 are available on the table between the church office and the pastor's office. Please feel free to pick one up.

Church Office Hours

Susan will be in the office Mondays, Thursdays and Fridays from 11:30 a.m. until 5:00 p.m.

Pastor Gail is in the office Mondays, Wednesdays and Thursdays most weeks. Tuesdays and Fridays are Pastor Gail's regular days off. Please call her at home (612-722-3001) if it is an emergency and you need to reach her. Pastor Gail will be on vacation from Thursday, January 29 until Wednesday, February 4.

New Directory

Over the next few weeks we will be creating a new church directory for Faith. Please submit any address changes, name changes, e-mail address, cell phone numbers, etc. to the church office by Wednesday, February 25.

Men's Breakfast Group will meet on the Saturdays of **2/14, 2/28, 3/14 and 3/28** at the Fireside Lounge, 1288 S. Robert Street starting at 8:00am. All men are welcome to join us! For more info., please contact Bill Short at 651-552-0736 or bill.short@ci.white-bear-township.mn.us

*Easter
Lilies*



If you would like to purchase a lily to help beautify our sanctuary on Easter morning and then take home with you, the **Easter lilies need to be ordered through the church office by Sunday, March 8.** White Lily plants with 5-8 blooms will be \$8.50 each. Please indicate if you have a dedication for your flower.



Shop the United Methodist *Imagine No Malaria* gift shop for your Valentine's Day gifts this year and help the cause. *Imagine No Malaria* receives 100% of each purchase. Visit and shop at: <http://shop.umc.org/giving/imagine-no-malaria/gifts-that-keep-on-giving>

► **The River Bend Mission Team and Be The Tool** would like to invite you to the 3rd Annual Chili Cook Off fundraiser! It will be held on Saturday, Feb. 21 starting at 5:30pm at First Covenant Church in St. Paul (1280 Arcade St., St. Paul 55106). There will also be a silent auction. If you want to compete and put your chili up against last year's winner, call or email Rod Scofield (see below). OR just come and taste the amazing chili being offered! Vote on which one you think is the best! The cost to get in is \$10/person. Kids under 13 are free. Please come. And invite your friends! This is a fun night with good music and good food. Proceeds go to the River Bend Mission Team, which is going to New Orleans to continue to rebuild homes damaged by disasters (Hurricane Katrina and subsequent storms) For more information about this chili cook off or the mission trips that River Bend Mission Team and/or Be The Tool undertake, email rod@bethetool.org or call 651-248-8495. (Gil is competing again this year!)

MAKE A DIFFERENCE

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CAMPUS MINISTRIES

The Minnesota annual conference in relationship with local congregations supports ministry at most of the public institutions in Minnesota. Most of the "Wesley Foundations" as they are known are done through the work of local churches.

The Gopher Wesley Foundation at the Univ. of Minnesota Twin Cities campus is an organization that began 4 years ago with the appointment of Rev. Cody Nielsen as the campus pastor. Since his appointment Cody with his board of directors has overseen the development of the Gopher Wesley Foundation to where they are today.

The Wesley Foundation, a United Methodist related campus ministry at the Univ. of Minnesota is dedicated to welcoming all persons. They are a community who seeks to practice justice, cross faith traditions, and create a world of tolerance and compassion for all persons, including those who do not wish to practice a religious or spiritual identity.

It is easy for campus ministry to look like just another club on campus, but they are a community of faith, grounded in our belief of Jesus as our saving one who goes before us and leads us down the path of just living and righteousness. They believe that as a community, they seek the forms of Christianity through relationships, fellowships, and justice in our communities and in our world. They expect that the kingdom of God is breaking forth and seek to be persons through whom they can help to break forth such kingdom in ourselves and in the world.

For more info, visit: <http://gopherwesley.com>



February 2015 Worship Schedule

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February 1 — 4th Sunday after the Epiphany— *Sacrament of Holy Communion*

Scripture Readings: Deuteronomy 18:15-20; Psalm 111; I Corinthians 8:1-13; Mark 1:21-28

Sermon by Rev. Greg Renstrom

Greeter: Taffy Storck

Lay Reader: Tim Pippert

Fellowship Time host: Judy Turk

Communion Steward: Karen Cohoes

February 8 — 5th Sunday after the Epiphany

Scripture Readings: Isaiah 40:21-31; Psalm 147; I Corinthians 9:16-23; Mark 1:29-39

Sermon Title: "Healing Hands"

Greeters: Paul & Pat Williams

Lay Reader: Carol Schuldt

Fellowship Time host: Pat Williams

February 15 — Transfiguration Sunday

Scripture Readings: II Kings 2:1-12; Psalm 50; II Corinthians 4:3-6; Mark 9:2-9

Sermon by Rev. Cody Nielsen

Greeters: Gil & Dawn Kinnunen

Lay Reader: George Brown

Fellowship Time hosts: Dawn & Gil Kinnunen

February 18 — Ash Wednesday — *Imposition of Ashes*



Scripture Readings: Joel 2:1-2, 12-17; Psalm 51; II Corinthians 5:20-6:10; Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21

February 22 — 1st Sunday in Lent

Scripture Readings: Genesis 9:8-17; Psalm 25; I Peter 3:18-22; John 6:41-51

Sermon Title: "What Do We Eat?"

Greeters: the Pippert family

Lay Reader: Lucy Schwendinger

Fellowship Time host:

February 2015 Calendar

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| Sun., 2/1 | 9:30 a.m. | Worship | Sun., 3/1 | 9:30 a.m. | Worship |
| | 9:45 a.m. | Youth & Children's Sunday School | | 9:45 a.m. | Youth & Children's 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., 2/2 | 10:00 a.m. | Craft Group | | 4:00 p.m. | Movie Night |
| Wed., 2/4 | 7:00 p.m. | Choir Rehearsal | Mon., 3/2 | 10:00 a.m. | Craft Group |
| Sun., 2/8 | 9:30 a.m. | Worship | Wed., 3/4 | 5:15 p.m. | Supper |
| | 9:45 a.m. | Youth & Children's Sunday School | | 6:15 p.m. | Lenten Worship |
| | 10:30 a.m. | Fellowship Time | | 7:00 p.m. | Choir Rehearsal |
| | 10:50 a.m. | Adult Sunday School | Thurs., 3/5 | 6:00 p.m. | Finance Committee |
| Mon., 2/9 | 10:00 a.m. | Craft Group | | 7:00 p.m. | Church Council |
| Wed., 2/11 | 5:30 p.m. | United Methodist Women | Sun., 3/8 | 9:30 a.m. | Worship |
| | 7:00 p.m. | Choir Rehearsal | | 9:45 a.m. | Youth & Children's Sunday School |
| Sat. 2/14 | 8:00 a.m. | Men's Breakfast | | 10:30 a.m. | Fellowship Time |
| Sun., 2/15 | 9:30 a.m. | Worship | | 10:50 a.m. | Adult Sunday School |
| | 9:45 a.m. | Youth & Children's Sunday School | Mon., 3/9 | 10:00 a.m. | Craft Group |
| | 10:30 a.m. | Fellowship Time | Wed., 3/11 | 5:15 p.m. | Supper |
| | 10:50 a.m. | Adult Sunday School | | 6:15 p.m. | Lenten Worship |
| Mon., 2/15 | 10:00 a.m. | Craft Group | | 7:00 p.m. | Choir Rehearsal |
| Wed., 2/18 | 4:00 p.m. | Bible Reading | Sat. 3/14 | 8:00 a.m. | Men's Breakfast |
| | 5:15 p.m. | Supper | Sun., 3/15 | 9:30 a.m. | Worship |
| | 6:15 p.m. | Ash Wednesday Worship | | 9:45 a.m. | Youth & Children's Sunday School |
| | 7:00 p.m. | Choir Rehearsal | | 10:30 a.m. | Fellowship Time |
| Sun., 2/22 | 9:30 a.m. | Worship | | 10:50 a.m. | Adult Sunday School |
| | 9:45 a.m. | Youth & Children's Sunday School | | 10:50 a.m. | Outreach Committee |
| | 10:30 a.m. | Fellowship Time | | | |
| | 10:50 a.m. | Adult Sunday School | | | |
| Mon., 2/23 | 10:00 a.m. | Craft Group | | | |
| | 7:00 p.m. | Staff Parish Relations Committee | | | |
| Wed., 2/25 | 5:15 p.m. | Supper | | | |
| | 6:15 p.m. | Lenten Worship | | | |
| | 7:00 p.m. | Choir Rehearsal | | | |
| Thurs. 2/26 | 6:30 p.m. | Balcony Team | | | |
| Sat., 2/28 | 8:00 a.m. | Men's Breakfast | | | |
| | 10:00 a.m. | Bread Making | | | |



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Valentine's
Day!*



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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



LENT BEGINS
ASH WEDNESDAY,
FEBRUARY 18



Refocus for Lent

Give up complaining — focus on gratitude.
Give up harsh judgments — think kind thoughts.
Give up worry — trust God to provide.
Give up discouragement — be full of hope.
Give up bitterness — turn to forgiveness.
Give up hatred — return good for evil.
Give up anger — be more patient.
Give up pettiness — become mature.
Give up jealousy — pray for trust.
Give up gossiping — control your tongue.
Give up sin — turn to virtue.
Give up giving up — persevere.

—Author unknown