



Faith in Action

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EASTER SUNDAY, APRIL 5

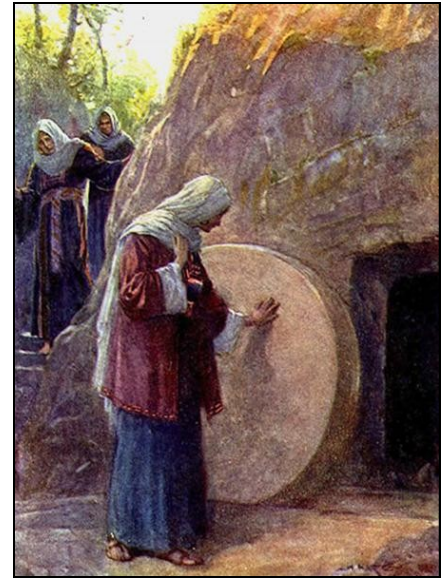
We celebrate the resurrection of our Lord!

8:00 a.m. Breakfast

Pancakes, gluten-free pancakes, sausage, scrambled eggs, fresh fruit, milk, juice, and coffee will be served in the Fellowship Hall until 9:15 a.m.

9:30 a.m. Worship

We will celebrate the resurrection in the sanctuary with the choir singing, and worship concluding with the singing of the "Hallelujah Chorus" from Handel's Messiah



It's THAT Time!

Our 11th annual
Live & Silent Auction
Saturday, April 25, 2015

- 4:30 p.m. — Preview auction items
- 5:00 p.m. — Dinner
(homemade beef stew)
- 6:00 p.m. — Live Auction
- 7:00 p.m. — Silent Auction closes

Tickets: 12-adult \$7.00 • Ages 4-11 \$4.00



April Birthdays

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4/2 — Jan Kostner	4/15 — Ross Kropp	4/25 — Clayton Short
4/7 — Patricia Giorgini	4/16 — Collette Peterson	4/25 — Madison Worden
4/9 — Savannah Buse	4/18 — Kayla Rebischke	4/26 — Kathryn Peterson
4/10 — Donald Seaquist	4/19 — Brandon Adams	4/27 — Leona Opp
4/10 — Nicholas Sielski	4/20 — Melinda Suchecki	4/29 — Noah DeNardo
4/13 — Willmer Binder	4/21 — Bev Nielsen	4/30 — Christina Eberly
4/13 — Liz Chun	4/25 — Joan Ryan	4/30 — Ava Spatafore
4/14 — Evan Emery		

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

Thank you to and for during March...

- **Greeters:** Taffy Storck, Maryanne Maurer, Lynn Mens, and Laurel Venhuizen
- **Liturgists:** Bruce Opp, Caroline Pippert, Charles Beardshear, Sharon Yekaldo, and Bill Bonkowske
- **Serving refreshments:** Dawn Kinnunen, Paul Williams, Bonnie Dick, Judy Turk, and JoAnn Loutsch
- **Communion Steward:** Barbara Schroeder
- **Thank you** to Sharon Yekaldo for coordinating the Lenten dramas.
- **Thank you** to all who provided supper during Lent: The United Methodist Women, the Sanctuary Choir, the Board of Trustees, Karen Cohoes, the Men's Breakfast Group, and the Yekaldo family.
- **Thank you** to the actors in this year's Wednesday Lenten dramas: John Kemp, Judy Pfenning, Claudia Spatafore, Marsha Spatafore, Sharon Yekaldo, Dawn Kinnunen, Gil Kinnunen, Bob Scopatz and John Scopatz.
- "On March 12th I had surgery. All the results came back good, no signs of cancer. I want to thank everyone for your prayers. I feel great and I'm trying not to overdo anything. Thank you again for your cards and prayers" — *Karen Cohoes*
- **Thank you** to everyone for their great help for Neighbors, Inc. food shelf. **On Sunday, April 12 we will have ice cream sundaes** during fellowship time because we met our Minnesota FoodShare goal! Be watching the May newsletter for details.



Congregational Care Concerns:

- ♦ **Bev Nielsen** is in hospice care.
- ♦ **Ruth Campion** is receiving treatment for cancer.
- ♦ **Dianne Mens** is receiving treatment for cancer.
- ♦ **Karen Cohoes** had surgery; she is recovering.
- ♦ **Henry Hovey** had back surgery and is now in rehab.
- ♦ **Chuck Martin** had surgery; he is now recovering.

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



The Money Pot

The Money Pot welcomes your change to help support the offering of the month. The money collected during April will support One Great Hour of Sharing. One Great Hour of Sharing supports the work of the United Methodist Committee on Relief, the emergency relief organization of the church. Read more on page 5 of this newsletter about how UMCOR is working around the world to help those in need.



Prayer Shawl Ministry

A prayer shawl ministry creates prayer shawls for those who are sick, in need of comfort or those who minister to others through prayer. Members of the prayer shawl ministry knit, crochet or sew the shawls as they pray for those who receive the shawls. The craftsperson bathes the shawl in prayer as they make each stitch or step in the pattern. We here at Faith are beginning such a ministry. Sharon Yekaldo has begun for us by making 3 shawls. If you would like to participate or if you have questions please talk to Sharon Yekaldo at 651-455-4770 or see Pastor Gail.



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 personal devotion time:

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

We are moving into Holy Week. The time we must pass through to get to Easter. The time of the Last Supper, the time of the Crucifixion, the time of loss, the time of feeling like everything has changed and it has been for nothing. But then comes Easter and everything does change.

Easter brings the power of the resurrection; the time when God raised Jesus from the dead. The time when everything is changed, the time when hope is reborn. The moment when life is given hope and new possibilities, when dreams become realities. We become Easter people, people of hope, people of good news, people who have something to share. God did an amazing thing and God continues to do amazing things. And the great thing is we are invited to be part of those great things.

We here at Faith share that good news with people around the world whether it is through our financial gifts that help reach people, or bringing food to feed those around us or welcoming the stranger or supplying kits to help

people make a different life. We share it with our words and with our actions. We are Easter people and we are called to act like it. We have a great thing to share.

We have been invited to share the good news in another way. The Minnesota Annual Conference is in the middle of a capital campaign to help fund new congregations and revitalize existing ones. It is a multi-year campaign that invites us to share the good news through reaching new people, renewing our faith and rejoicing in all that God has given us.

The end of April and early May during worship we will talk about the opportunities God is giving to us to reach, renew and rejoice. We will hear about the new possibilities that are before us. On Sunday, May 10 we will take a special offering to help support this capital campaign. In the next few weeks you will receive information in the mail along with an offering envelop for use on the 10th.

I invite you to think and pray about how God is at work in your life and how we can live as Easter people in these days as we continue to take steps on the journey.

*Peace in Christ,
Gail*



MAKE A DIFFERENCE

• United Methodist
Committee on Relief •

When disaster strikes around the globe—Haiti’s 2010 earthquake or Typhoon Haiyan in 2013—so many watching the drama unfold on our living room televisions feel entirely helpless. How could any one person make a difference in the wake of such widespread devastation? As responders around the globe scramble to help survivors, the United Methodist Committee on Relief, UMCOR, is prepared to act.

So don’t be fooled by the word committee.



Since 1940, when UMCOR’s forerunner was established to meet the needs of those suffering overseas at the onset of World War II, we’ve continued to respond to those in desperate need—today

throughout more than eighty countries around the world.

The response of UMCOR isn’t something “they” do, it’s something “we” do.

When You Give You Equip Christ’s Body to Serve in His Name

That’s because your generous giving to One Great Hour of Sharing is what allows UMCOR to act as the arms and legs of Christ’s church, moving toward the most vulnerable in their darkest days. Convinced that all people have God-given worth and dignity—without regard to race, religion or gender—together we are assisting those impacted by crisis or chronic need. Because you give, the United Methodist Church’s compassionate response to human suffering continues today:

- When tornadoes ripped through Oklahoma, we responded
- When children in Zimbabwe lost parents to AIDS, we responded
- When a massive tsunami devastated lives in Japan, we responded
- And when the next mass crisis occurs, we will be prepared to respond

UMCOR will be able to offer aid in Jesus’ name to those who suffer because United Methodists give through One Great Hour of Sharing. In fact, it’s your generous giving that allows us to respond when disaster strikes.

Not “they.”

We.

Ensure the United Methodist Church Can Keep Helping

Will you continue to give to One Great Hour of Sharing? Will you continue to meet the needs of the children, families and communities who’ve experienced devastation in the wake of disaster? When we meet the needs of those who suffer we actually minister to Jesus, who said:

“I was hungry and you gave me food to eat. I was thirsty and you gave me a drink. I was a stranger and you welcomed me. I was naked and you gave me clothes to wear. I was sick and you took care of me. I was in prison and you visited me.” (Mt. 25:35-36, CEB)

As we respond, we recognize Jesus in those who are reeling in the wake of disaster.



✠ Holy Week ✠

Maundy Thursday, April 2 we will gather for worship at 7:00 p.m. and celebrate Holy Communion as we remember Jesus' last supper with the disciples, then we will move into a Tenebrae time as we remember all of the events of the night and the next day that led to Jesus' crucifixion.

Prayer Vigil on Good Friday, April 3

This will be a chance for you to pause from your day to remember Jesus' crucifixion. We will hold the vigil from 11:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. We invite people to sign up for a ½ hour (30 Minute) slot. You can do it at church or anyplace else, just indicate on the sign-up sheet. If you come to the church there will be video and materials available for your time.

Easter Sunday, April 5

We will have Easter breakfast from 8:00-9:15 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Worship will begin in the sanctuary at 9:30 a.m. with the hearing of the Easter story; we will talk about what it means to hear Jesus say "I am the resurrection and the life." We will end worship with the singing of Handel's "Hallelujah Chorus" from the Messiah. Following worship there will be a time of fellowship to greet one another in the light of the resurrection.

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.

Volunteer to Share Handy Person Skills

Help older homeowners, living in the Dakota County area, with simple fixes to make their home safer. Examples are installing grab bars, hand rails or lever door handles. Utilize your skills you already have, or learn new ones! Training and tools provided in partnership with Rebuilding Together. If you're interested in helping with these projects, or even to help with spring yard cleanup, contact Barb Tiggemann at 651-234-2254 or barb.tiggemann@darts1.org.

Spring Day of Service & Potluck

Sunday, April 26 after worship we will have a day of service and then a potluck. We will be making cards for Mobile Meals, health kits, birthing kits, school kits and maybe some surprises. Bring a dish to share and willing hands to be in ministry. Items that are needed to make kits: receiving blankets (need to be no thermal or fleece), bandages, toothbrushes, combs (8 inches long), blunt scissors, 8 ½ x 11 paper notebooks or 150-sheet packs, hand towels (15x25 to 17x27 inches), soap (both 3 oz. & regular size).

We are going to try to make layette kits this time. Layette kits are given to new mothers to help cloth their new infant. To make these we need the following to make these: cloth diapers, undershirts or onesies, infant size washcloths, sleepers or gowns, diaper pins, sweater or jacket, receiving blankets).

We will be dedicating all the kits we have made this year one Sunday in May before they are taken to the Minnesota annual conference to go to the distribution center in Springfield, Illinois.

Blog for the Faith Website

Do you like to write? Are you a poet or a writer of prose? We are hoping to start a blog on the church website this spring. We had had a couple of people who have indicated an interest; we are looking for 2 or 3 more people who would be willing to write 2-3 times a year for the website. There would be a schedule and questions for you to respond to. If you are interested, please contact Pastor Gail.

Join a Community of Gardeners

Order Seeds and Plants at Half the Retail Price.

Connect with gardeners in your neighborhood to share resources at Gardening Matters Local Food Resource Hubs. There are seven hub locations in the Twin Cities. Monthly activities, education events, community meals, and more.

Seed Pick-ups: Distribution events are held March-April at seven hub locations around the metro. For more details, visit gardeningmatters.org/seed-and-plant-distributions.

Graceful Journey

Monday, April 20 we will have a presentation on dealing with issues around death & dying. Representatives from Bradshaw will offer their Peace of Mind seminar here at church. We will talk about issues of what survivors go through, the importance of funerals and how to plan for the memorial service. There will be an opportunity for personal questions. We will begin at 7:00 p.m. and be finished around 8:00 p.m.

This is the first in a series of presentations on issues around death and dying. We will be scheduling them 2 or 3 times a year. In the future we hope to talk about legal issues, financial issues, and assistance programs. Please feel free to invite friends or other family members. The purpose of these presentations is for education and helping us face end of life issues in a gracious way. If you have a particular topic you are interested in or a resource person you think would be willing to speak please contact Bill Bonkowske or Pastor Gail.

PowerPoint

Each Sunday during worship we use PowerPoint to help us with worship by presenting the order of worship on the screen. This is run by an individual in the sanctuary. Over the past few years George Brown has been that person. In a last few months George has not been able to do it because of his wife's health issues. We have had other people handle this on various Sundays – James & Mike Hovey, Marsha Spatafore, Mike Schwendinger, and Bill Short. As we approach summer, people's schedules change and we are in need of some additional people to help with the PowerPoint. If you would be willing to take a Sunday or two beginning in May through the fall, please let the church office or Pastor Gail know. If you would be willing to do it but have never done it before, we would be glad to teach you.

COMING VERY SOON! Our **11th** annual Live/Silent Auction Saturday, April 25, 2015

AUCTION DONATIONS NEEDED!

Do you have an item or items you would like to donate to the April 25 auction? If so, please give them to Lynn Bonkowske or Judy Turk as early as possible.

This event is always tons of fun with our own "lively auctioneer" Gil Kinnunen. Preview is at 4:30pm, dinner at 5:00, live auction at 6:00. Thank you in advance and, of course, we want this to be our best auction ever! Lynn & Judy.



Camping

It's time to begin thinking about summer camp. Brochures for the many camps sponsored by the Minnesota United Methodist

Church are available on the table in the Narthex. **New for 2015:** For each camper new to the UMC camp system who comes to camp with you, your event fee will be reduced by \$25. So - 1 new camper = \$25. off, 3 new campers = \$75. off, etc. New campers get to have a great time at camp and spending time with you, you save some money, and everyone's a winner!

Keys Needed!

If you have old KEYS of any type that you no longer need, please consider giving them to the Craft Group here at Faith. The keys are needed for a Christmas project they would like to make. Contact person is Liz Chun. Thanks!



April 2 — Maundy Thursday — *Sacrament of Holy Communion & Tenebrae*

Scripture Readings: Exodus 12:1-14; Psalm 116; 1 Corinthians 11:23-26; John 13:1-35

April 5 — EASTER SUNDAY

Scripture Readings: Acts 10:34-43; Psalm 118; 1 Corinthians 15:1-11; Mark 16:1-8

Sermon title: "The Power of Resurrection"

Greeter:

Lay Reader: Barbara Schroeder

Fellowship Time host: Bonnie Dick

April 12 — 2nd Sunday of Easter — *Sacrament of Holy Communion*

Scripture Readings: Acts 4:32-35; Psalm 133; 1 John 1:1-2:2; John 20:19-31

Sermon title: "Being Together"

Greeter:

Lay Reader: Angela High-Pippert

Fellowship Time host:

April 19 — 3rd Sunday of Easter

Scripture Readings: Isaiah 60:1-5; Psalm 4; 1 John 3:1-7; Matthew 28:16-20

Sermon Title: "Seeing New Possibilities"

Greeter:

Lay Reader: Marsha Spatafore

Fellowship Time host:

April 26 — 4th Sunday of Easter

Scripture Readings: Jeremiah 29:4-11; Isaiah 40:27-31; Acts 2:1-11; John 10:11-18

Sermon Title: "Seeing the Future"

Greeter:

Lay Reader: Gil Kinnunen

Fellowship Time host:



April 2015 Calendar

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Wed., 4/1	7:00 p.m.	Choir Rehearsal	Mon., 5/4	10:00 a.m.	Craft Group
Thurs., 4/2	7:00 p.m.	Maundy Thursday Worship	Wed., 5/6	6:00 p.m.	Board of Trustees
Fri., 4/3	11:00 a.m.	Prayer Vigil		7:00 p.m.	Choir Rehearsal
Sun., 4/5	8:00 a.m.	Easter Breakfast	Thurs., 5/7	6:00 p.m.	Finance Committee
	9:30 a.m.	Worship		7:00 p.m.	Church Council
	10:30 a.m.	Fellowship Time	Sat., 5/9	8:00 a.m.	Men's Breakfast
Mon., 4/6	10:00 a.m.	Craft Group	Sun., 5/10	9:30 a.m.	Worship
Wed., 4/8	4:30 p.m.	United Methodist Women		9:45 a.m.	Youth & Children's
	6:00 p.m.	Worship Committee			Sunday School
	7:00 p.m.	Choir Rehearsal		10:30 a.m.	Fellowship Time
Sat., 4/11	8:00 a.m.	Men's Breakfast		10:50 a.m.	Adult Sunday School
Sun., 4/12	9:30 a.m.	Worship	Wed., 5/13	5:30 p.m.	United Methodist
	9:45 a.m.	Youth & Children's			Women
		Sunday School		7:00 p.m.	Choir Rehearsal
	10:30 a.m.	Fellowship Time			
	10:50 a.m.	Adult Sunday School			
Mon., 4/13	10:00 a.m.	Craft Group			
Wed., 4/15	6:00 p.m.	Fund Raising Task Force			
Sun., 4/19	9:30 a.m.	Worship			
	9:45 a.m.	Youth & Children's			
		Sunday School			
	10:30 a.m.	Fellowship Time			
	10:50 a.m.	Adult Sunday School			
Mon., 4/20	10:00 a.m.	Craft Group			
	7:00 p.m.	Graceful Journey			
Thurs., 4/23	11:15 a.m.	Mobile Meals			
	1:00 p.m.	Visitor Corp			
Sat., 4/25	8:00 a.m.	Men's Breakfast			
	5:00 p.m.	Auction			
Sun., 4/26	9:30 a.m.	Worship			
	9:45 a.m.	Youth & Children's			
		Sunday School			
	10:30 a.m.	Fellowship Time			
	10:50 a.m.	Day of Service and Potluck			
Mon., 4/27	10:00 a.m.	Craft Group			
Thurs., 4/30	6:30 p.m.	Balcony Team			
Sun., 5/3	9:30 a.m.	Worship			
	9:45 a.m.	Youth & Children's			
		Sunday School			
	10:30 a.m.	Fellowship Time			
	10:50 a.m.	Adult Sunday School			



Church Office Hours

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

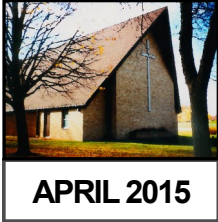
Pastor Gail is in the office Mondays, Wednesdays and Thursdays most weeks. Tuesdays and Fridays are Pastor Gail's regular days off.

Please call her at home (612-722-3001) if it is an emergency and you need to reach her.

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 immediately.

Men's Breakfast Group will meet on the Saturdays of **4/11, 4/25 & 5/9** at the Fireside Lounge, 1288 South Robert Street starting at 8:00 am. All men are welcome to join us! For more info., please contact Bill Short at bill.short@ci.white-bear-township.mn.us or 651-552-0736.



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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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HOLY WEEK *Worship Service*

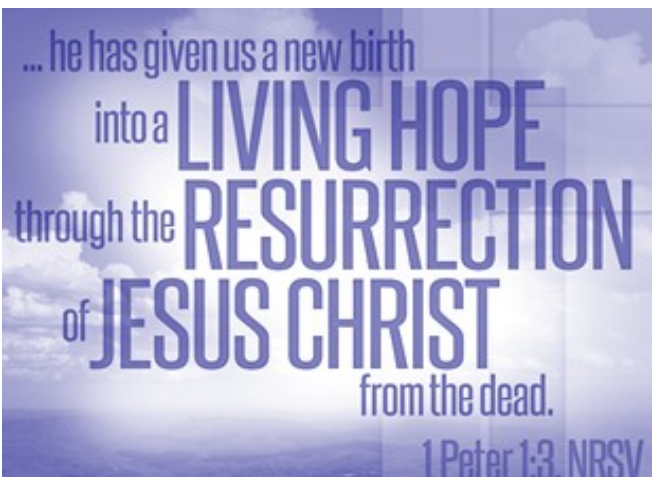
MAUNDY THURSDAY

April 2 • 7:00 p.m.

*We remember the last supper of Jesus and
the disciples as we celebrate the Sacrament
of Holy Communion and a time of Tenebrae.*

EASTER SUNDAY, APRIL 5

Join us on Easter for worship 9:30 a.m.
Easter breakfast will be served at 8:00 a.m.



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