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November 2016

Day of Service November 27

Sunday, November 27 after worship we will have a day of service and then a potluck. We will be making cards for the Mobile Meals program that operates out of our building. We will be making 3 kinds of kits (school bags, birthing and health kits) for United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR) that will be delivered to the Midwest Mission Distribution Center in Chatham, Illinois. We will be making Christmas shoebox gifts for Spirit Lake Ministry Center which serves the reservations in the Dakotas and Red Lake in Minnesota.

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** — receiving blankets
- **School kits** — ruler, eraser (2" or larger), pads of paper, crayons
- **Shoebox gifts** — small toys or gifts for various ages, candy, hat, mittens, Christmas wrapping paper, shoeboxes (either paper or plastic with separate tops)

► Please bring the items to church prior to November 20 if possible and place them under the money pot in the Narthex or outside Pastor Gail's office. Thank you for your help.

Basket & Book Sale

Saturday, Nov. 19 • 9:00–3:00

You are INVITED ...

to come and shop for that unique gift basket or good book to give to that someone special in your life ... or keep for yourself to enjoy!

Various basket sizes, prices, & themes.



Lunch Available:

Hot Turkey Supreme on a bun with chips, dessert & drink — Only \$6.50 plus FREE COFFEE while you shop!

Coming Events

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November Birthdays

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11/3 — Louis Eberly Vesta Latch Thoren Grotjohn	11/14 — Lynnette Bonkowske Dana Scopatz	11/21 — Michael Bougie
11/4 — Catherine Espeseth	11/16 — Alexi DeNardo Mfon Jonathan	11/23 — Susan Filter
11/6 — Bruce Opp Austin Suchecki	Roland Hunter Angela Kaiser	11/26 — Janessa DeNardo
		11/29 — Alice Walsh 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, Laurel Venhuizen, Karen Cohoes, Judy Pfenning, and the Pippert family
- **Liturgists:** Tim Pippert, George Brown, Pat Giorgini, Sharon Yekaldo, and Ann Beardshear
- **Serving refreshments:** Randy Roberts & Carmen Lutgen, Joel Kranz, and Fred & Bonnie Dick
- **Communion Steward:** Gloria Gurtin
- **Thank you** to Bonnie Dick for helping assemble the October newsletter
- **Thank you** to Bruce & Lee Opp for all their fine work on the memorial garden and front yard this summer.
- **Thank you** to Chip Schuldt for planting the hosta plants on the west side of the sanctuary (they are from Ruth & Phil Phipps' garden)
- **"Dear Donors** from Faith UMC: Our sincere thanks for the generous donations you made to us in September of 2016. Your donation of 37 lbs. of food items, 5 bags of clothing and school supplies and 166 lbs. of garden produce is greatly appreciated. Many of our neighbors will benefit from these gifts from your heart. — Neighbors, Inc. Staff & Volunteers
- **Thank you!** "Thank you to everyone who donated delicious salads, soups and cookies for the Soup and Salad Luncheon on October 15. Also thanks to the awesome "luncheon staff" on the day of the event: Rose & Steve Larsen, Dawn & Gil Kinnunen, JoAnn Loutsch, Bonnie Dick, Lynn & Bill Bonkowske, Dan Miller, Lynn & Fred Mens, John Kemp, Sharon Yekaldo, Bill Short & Judy Turk. Again this year, it was a great success ... we made \$950 for our church" — Judy Turk

THANKSGIVING BEATITUDES

- *Be thankful that you don't already have everything you desire. If you did, what would there be to look forward to?*
- *Be thankful when you don't know something, for it gives you the opportunity to learn.*
- *Be thankful for the difficult times. During those times you grow.*
- *Be thankful for your limitations, because they give you opportunities for improvement.*
- *Be thankful for each new challenge, because it will build your strength and character.*
- *Be thankful for your mistakes. They will teach you valuable lessons.*
- *Be thankful when you're tired and weary, because it means you've made a difference.*

—Author unknown

Congregational Care Concerns:

- ◆ **Doris Johnson** is coping with pain in Hospice.
- ◆ **Joyce Ecker** continues in Hospice here in W. St. Paul.

Care Centers:

- ◆ **Doris Johnson** – *Hilltop Manor, Mendota Hgts.*
- ◆ **Elsie Brown** – *Norris Square, Cottage Grove*
- ◆ **Beulah Hanvelt** – *Inver Glen Senior Living*
- ◆ **Colleen Spadaccini** – *White Pine, Mendota Hgts.*

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 goes **to the family of Bev Nielsen, who died October 5.**

November Money Pot

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. November's money pot donations benefit the **Walk to End Hunger** event highlighted below. For more information, please talk to John Kemp. The money pot is located in the church lobby.

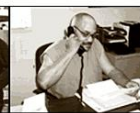


THE WALK TO END HUNGER IS COMING



The **Walk to End Hunger** is a family-friendly 5K fun walk presented by The Mosaic Co. held on Thanksgiving morning, **November 24, 7:00 a.m.-10:00 a.m.** in the Mall of America, and is a great way to

start the holiday off right – giving back before you give thanks! 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 the partner organizations. To register, visit us on the web at www.walktoendhunger.org or via the Neighbors, Inc. website for info and links. Registration is \$25 for adults & free for youth. Raise \$100 in funds and you'll receive an official "Walk to End Hunger" t-shirt. Sign-up today! Join the team from Faith!



The Prayer Chain is active. If you have a prayer concern, please contact the church office. If unable to reach Susan or Pastor Gail in the church office, please contact Sharon Yekaldo, 651-455-4770. If she is not available, contact Carol Schuldt, 651-306-0542. Please make sure the pastor knows so she can respond to pastoral care needs, and knows what is going out over the telephone prayer chain so it can be sent to the e-mail prayer chain as well. If you wish to be involved in this ministry by being either on the telephone chain or the e-mail chain, please speak to 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 this Fall:

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.

2017 Finance Campaign "Rebuilding the House of God"

"We are the servants of the God of heaven and earth and we are rebuilding the house that was built many years ago."

We are not only rebuilding our physical plant but we are looking at how we have done things in the past and figuring out new ways to be in relationship with God, each other and the world. 2017 is a significant year for us and we continue to be the people of God here in West St. Paul but also beyond our borders.

What is the gift you will be giving to help Faith Church continue its ministry? **On Sunday,**

November 13 we will bring our commitments for 2017 and dedicate them during worship. Afterwards we will move to the Fellowship Hall for a catered turkey dinner. If you can attend please contact the office, 651-457-5686 or faithumc@usfamily.net with reservations for the meal (we want to give the cater an approximate number by Wednesday, Nov. 9) be watching for more information in the mail in early November. The first event on our new floor in the Fellowship Hall will be this meal in celebration of the gifts God has given us.

Legacy Giving

Early this year when Maryanne Maurer died we were all saddened by her death. But Maryanne was generous and gracious to this congregation that she called her second home. In her will, Maryanne left a significant gift to the congregation. The finance committee made a recommendation to the Trustees about how to invest the money. The Trustees have placed part of the money in the Heinemann Fund (for apportionments), the majority of the money was placed in the Legacy Fund (to support the ongoing ministry of Faith Church), part of the money was used to establish the capital improvement fund and part of the money is being used as a cash reserve for the current operating budget. Maryanne even in death remembered the congregation that she was a part of and the place where people called her sister and friend. She sets for us a wonderful model of what it means to live a generous life.



Choir Director's Retirement

John Kemp has notified Pastor Gail and the Staff Parish Relations Committee that it is his intention to retire as the choir director on August 31, 2017. This will complete 30 years as the choir director for John. Staff Parish has accepted his retirement notice and will begin the search for a new music director after the first of the year. The hope is to have someone in place by July 1, 2017, so he/she can work with John for two months before the fall season begins. We understand John's decision and will honor his request. Over the next few months you will see information about the hiring process as well as the ways we will honor John's service as choir director.

Visitor Corp/ Parish Visitor

For the past six years we have had a dedicated group of volunteers who have visited and stayed in contact with people in the congregation who are homebound or who have health difficulties. Because of health issues and other changes in people's lives we are going to re-think how we care for those in the congregation who have health issues that do not allow them to participate in worship on a regular basis. **Thursday, November 10 we will have a celebration** for the work the visitor corp has done. We will have dessert and a chance to talk about the future.

To help with this transition, Rev. Dana Scopatz will be doing visiting for us. Dana is part of the Faith congregation and will serve as a parish visitor until June, 2017. This will give us time to think about how we will offer care in the future.

If you have any questions, please contact Pastor Gail.

How Does Our Garden Grow?



We've nearly come to the end of our gardening season, but not quite. The garden itself is all cleaned up for the winter, but green tomatoes are still ripening in boxes and bags. Through October, our Faith UMC Neighbors' Food Shelf Garden has produced nearly 500 pounds of vegetables.

With the addition of eggplants, cucumbers, squash and tomatoes from a few members' and non-members' "satellite" gardens, we have delivered 530 pounds of vegetables with a market value of \$1,330—and we're not done yet!

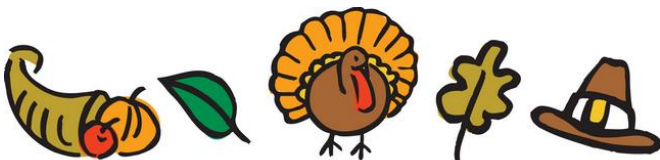
Church Office Hours

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.

Confirmation

After Christmas we will be starting the next confirmation class. Confirmation is a time for teenagers to begin to claim their faith for themselves. We spend time learning some of the history of the church, Bible stories and other aids to help us grow in faith. Confirmation is open to anyone from 6th grade up. **There will be an information meeting for students and their parents/guardians on Sunday, November 13 at 5:00 p.m.** We will talk about what will happen, and work out a schedule. For more information please contact Pastor Gail, 651-457-5686 or citymaple@earthlink.net



SO MANY BLESSINGS

UMC Market

The UMC Market website is waiting for you!

If you shop online, you can go through the UMC Market portal/website, where a percentage of your purchase can be designated to Faith UMC. Signing up is free. Most churches are already listed on UMCmarket. When you go to UMCmarket.org, you will click on the get "Get Started" button. You will then simply sign-up with your email, or through Facebook, find your church, and start shopping and donating. Giving couldn't be easier. Try it today!



Christmas with Faith Church and Neighbors, Inc.

Faith Church will again be sponsoring individuals through the Neighbors Christmas program. We will be getting our kids and seniors names soon, so be watching for ways to help. I will also be looking for help with Breakfast with Santa on December 3rd. One thing Santa asks is for food donations to our food shelf. Thank you, Karen Cohoes, 651-456-0388



Hanging of the Greens

Come help decorate the church for the Advent and Christmas seasons! Come join in the fun on **Saturday, November 26. We will begin at 9:00 a.m.** and plan to finish around noon. We hope you can join us! For more info contact Judy Turk at 651-343-8027 or judyturk123@gmail.com.



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Help Wanted!

The **Basket Sale**/Book Sale fundraiser is right coming soon, **on Saturday, November 19**, and we ask for help with assembling the baskets. Come join the fun Thursday evenings starting at 6:00 p.m. and stay to help assemble baskets as long as you want. We also welcome "new" donation items and baskets; For more information, contact Judy Turk at 651-343-8027 or Lynn Bonkowske at 651-455-6542



Need a day brightener or thought provoker?

Dial up *Ideas for Positive Living!* Every Thursday Gil Kinnunen provides an uplifting phone message. So call 651-602-2176 each Thursday for a weekly picker-upper!

**Give a meaningful gift this holiday season.
Donate blood.**

Faith United Methodist Blood Drive

**Wednesday, December 14
Noon – 6:00 pm**



MAKE A DIFFERENCE

Walk to End Hunger and Neighbors, Inc.



Dawn Kinnunen, John Kemp, Gil Kinnunen

Give Back Before Giving Thanks

The Walk to End Hunger is a family-friendly 5K fun walk presented by The Mosaic Company.

Held on Thanksgiving morning in the Mall of America, it's a great way to start your holiday off right - giving back before you give thanks!

Read more on page 3 of this newsletter!



Facebook Page

Remember to like the Faith Facebook page at:
<http://tinyurl.com/FaithUMCmn>

November 2016 Calendar

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Wed., 11/2	6:00 p.m.	Board of Trustees	Mon., 11/28	10:00 a.m.	Craft Group
	7:00 p.m.	Choir Rehearsal	Tues., 11/29	7:00 p.m.	Staff Parish Relations Committ
Thurs., 11/3	11:00 a.m.	Mobile Meals	Wed., 11/30	7:00 p.m.	Choir Rehearsal
	6:00 p.m.	Basket Assembly	Thurs., 12/1	11:00 a.m.	Mobile Meals
	6:00 p.m.	Finance Committee	Sat. 12/3	8:00 a.m.	Men's Breakfast
	7:00 p.m.	Church Council		9:30 a.m.	Breakfast with Santa
Sat., 11/5	8:00 a.m.	Men's Breakfast	Sun., 12/4	9:30 a.m.	Worship
Sun., 11/6	9:30 a.m.	Worship		9:45 a.m.	Children's & Youth
	9:45 a.m.	Children's & Youth			Sunday School
		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., 12/5	10:00 a.m.	Craft Group
Mon., 11/7	10:00 a.m.	Craft Group	Wed., 12/7	7:00 p.m.	Choir Rehearsal
	6:30 p.m.	Welcome Team	Sun., 12/11	9:30 a.m.	Worship
Wed., 11/9	6:00 p.m.	Worship Committee		9:45 a.m.	Children's & Youth
	7:00 p.m.	Choir Rehearsal			Sunday School
Thurs., 11/10	1:00 p.m.	Visitor Corp		10:30 a.m.	Fellowship Time
	6:00 p.m.	Basket Assembly		10:50 a.m.	Adult Sunday School
Sat., 11/12	10:00 a.m.	Setting Up Fellowship Hall	Mon., 12/12	10:00 a.m.	Craft Group
Sun., 11/13	9:30 a.m.	Worship	Wed., 12/14	1:00 p.m.	Blood Drive
	9:45 a.m.	Children's & Youth		7:00 p.m.	Choir Rehearsal
		Sunday School			
	10:30 a.m.	Celebration Meal & Program			
	5:00 p.m.	Confirmation Meeting			
Mon., 11/14	10:00 a.m.	Craft Group			
Wed., 11/16	5:30 p.m.	Memorial Committee			
	7:00 p.m.	Choir Rehearsal			
Thurs., 11/17	6:00 p.m.	Basket Assembly			
Sat. 11/19	8:00 a.m.	Men's Breakfast			
	9:00 a.m.	Basket & Book Sale			
Sun., 11/20	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., 11/21	10:00 a.m.	Craft Group			
Sat., 11/26	9:00 a.m.	Hanging of the Greens			
Sun., 11/27	9:30 a.m.	Worship			
	9:45 a.m.	Children's & Youth			
		Sunday School			
	10:30 a.m.	Fellowship Time			
	10:50 a.m.	Day of Service & Potluck			



Men's Breakfast

The Men's Breakfast Group will meet on the Saturdays of **11/5, 11/19, 12/3, and 12/17** 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@whitebeartownship.org or 651-552-0736.

2017 Calendars are Here

2017 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 planning 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!

November 2016 Worship Schedule

November 6 — All Saints' Sunday — *Sacrament of Holy Communion*

Scripture Readings: Haggai 1:5b-2:9; Psalm 145; Ephesians 1:11-23; Luke 20:27-38

Sermon title: "Receiving Our Inheritance"

Litany of Remembrance & Dedication of Memorials

Greeter: Taffy Storck

Lay Reader: Isabelle Pippert

Fellowship Time host:

Communion Steward: Rose Larsen

November 13 — Celebration Sunday

Scripture Readings: Isaiah 65:17-25; Isaiah 12; II Thessalonians 3:6-13; Luke 21:5-19

Sermon title: "Saying Thank You to God"

Dedication of 2017 financial commitments

Greeter: JoAnn Loutsch

Lay Reader: Angela High-Pippert

Celebration Lunch

November 20 — Thanksgiving Sunday

Scripture Readings: Jeremiah 23:1-6; Psalm 100; Colossians 1:11-20; John 6:25-35

Sermon title: "Living a Thankful Life"

3rd Graders receive their Bibles

Greeter: Dianne Mens

Lay Reader: Charles Beardshear

Fellowship Time host:

November 27 — 1st Sunday of Advent

Scripture Readings: Isaiah 2:1-5; Psalm 122; Romans 13:11-14; Matthew 24:36-44

Sermon title: "Opening Your Eyes"

Greeter: Karen Cohoes

Lay Reader: Mike Schwendinger

Fellowship Time host:



THE WALK TO END HUNGER IS COMING.
Thanksgiving Day, November 24. Mark Your Calendar.



This 'n' That

Breakfast with Santa



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



Fellowship Hall Floor

Work has begun on the Fellowship floor, kitchen and back hallway. Saturday, October 22 we moved **EVERYTHING** out of the Fellowship Hall, kitchen and back hallway including all the closets. The stoves were moved by professionals but everything else was our responsibility. Please be patient, items are stored around the church. The week of October 24 the old floor was removed (this was done carefully because the tile is made with asbestos). The week of October 31 and November 7 the new floor will be put down. **Saturday, November 12 at 10:00 a.m.** we will be returning everything to where it belongs. We will need your help to make this work. Come for an hour or more on either day. We will find something for you to do. Thank you.

Worship CD

CDs of each worship service are available in the bookcase outside Pastor Gail's office. Please find the date you are interested in and borrow it. If you have questions talk to Steve Larsen or Pastor Gail.

Capital Campaign

This year along with our 2017 Finance Campaign, we will be raising money for a new floor in the Fellowship Hall and for a new sound system in the sanctuary. We will need approximately \$30,000 for the two projects. A generous donor has come forward and will donate a dollar for dollar match for the floor and the sound system. So we need to raise \$15,000 (\$10,000 for the floor and \$5,000) for the sound system before the end of the year and it will be matched with \$15,000. If you would like to buy a piece of the floor, it figures out to \$10 per square foot. If you would like to buy a piece of the sound system, it will be \$10 per piece. There is a chart in the Narthex/Lobby for us to keep track of how much we have raised. As of October 30, 2016 we have raised \$5640 and it has been matched so we have raised \$11,280 towards our \$30,000 goal.



Happy Thanksgiving!



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Sunday Worship Schedule

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

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

ADDRESS SERVICE REQUESTED

Thanksgiving Blessings



Sunday, November 13
is when we will celebrate
the generosity of this
congregation related to
our financial stewardship.
We will enjoy a wonderful
lunch and program
after worship.