



# Faith in Action

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

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**August 2017**

## Evenings at Covington

We have enjoyed serving supper and participating in our fifth summer of intergenerational outreach events monthly at the Covington Court Apartments (364 Marie Ave. E. in West St. Paul). The final event of this summer will be **Friday, August 18.**

The menu is hot dogs, chips, floats and watermelon at 6:00 p.m. The entertainment for the evening will be the Baron of Bubbles. We will be watching and playing with bubbles all evening! This is an opportunity to meet our neighbors. Please join us. If you would like to help, contact Bonnie Dick at 651-442-4166.



## Ice Cream Giveaway

In July we celebrated national ice cream month by giving away ice cream to people in the neighborhood and those getting off the bus. On Wednesday, August 2 we are going to celebrate national ice cream sandwich day giving away ice cream and water again. We will be handing it out from 4 p.m. until 7:00 p.m. If you would like to help contact Judy Pfenning, 651-224-0886 or Carol Schuldt, 651-306-0542.

## All-Church PICNIC

**Sunday, August 27**  
**11:00 a.m. until**  
**3:00 p.m.**



Come enjoy the afternoon! We will start with a potluck lunch—The church will furnish hot dogs and a drink. You bring a dish to share. After lunch we will have some games and a chance for conversation. There will also be an opportunity to go swimming in the Gallegos' pool. We will meet on the south lawn, where you can bring your lawn chair and dish to share. If you would like to help, please contact Pastor Gail.



# August Birthdays

## AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

8/5 — Anthony Yekaldo

8/6 — Kathy Johnson

8/9 — Deborah Pate

8/11 — Daniel Bonkowske

8/12 — Ava Marie Blessing Jonathan

8/13 — Kaden Emery

Greg Nelson, Jr.

8/14 — Rose Marie Nelson

Elizabeth Lukas

Marsha Spatafore

8/15 — Joseph Spatafore

8/17 — Raymond Fjerstad

Claudia Sanchez

8/19 — Kasey Kropp

Linnea Rostad

8/21 — Carol Ward

8/24 — Samantha Kropp

Roseanne Larsen

John Willocks

8/26 — Ronald Brummund

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

## Thank you to and for during June & July...

- **Greeters:** Taffy Storck, Judy Pfenning, Gil & Dawn Kinnunen, Dan Miller, Sharon Yekaldo, Karen Cohoes, Bonnie Dick, and Ward & Dianne Mens
- **Liturgists:** John Kemp, Judy Pfenning, Bill Bonkowske, Randy Davis, Sharon Yekaldo, Gil Kinnunen, George Brown, John Scopatz, and Ann Beardshear
- **Serving refreshments:** Bill Bonkowske, Dan Miller, Bonnie & Fred Dick, and Sharon Yekaldo
- **Communion Stewards:** Sharon Yekaldo, and Judy Pfenning
- **Thank you** to the volunteers who helped assemble the June/July newsletter
- **Thank you** to Judy Turk, JoAnn Loutsch & Kayla for their help in cleaning & organizing the office.
- **Dear Friends at Faith United Methodist Church:** Our sincere thank you for the generous donation you made to us in June 2017. Your donation of 33 lbs. of groceries to our food shelf is greatly appreciated. Many of your neighbors will benefit as a result of these gifts given from your heart. Thank you for being part of the Neighbors' family! —*Beth Skwira, Dir. of Development, Neighbors, Inc.*
- **Dear Friends in Mission,** Thank you for your support of the United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR). Through your gift, you are helping to provide assistance for survivors of human trafficking, funding for health and development projects that alleviate hunger and poverty, holistic community-based health programs, and access to clean water and sanitation. This is just a sampling of the good works that gifts like your make possible. Your gift of \$87.82 was received on 6/28/17. To receive weekly updates about UMCOR's work, sign up on our website for the UMCOR Hotline, a weekly email about the latest happenings at UMCOR.

—General Board of Global Ministries.

## **Congregational Care Concerns:**

- ♦ **Pat Williams** was hospitalized and is home and doing fine
- ♦ **Esther Craine** was hospitalized and is recovering at Westwood Ridge
- ♦ **Laurel Venhuizen** has been hospitalized
- ♦ **Randy Roberts** had a heart attack on 7/17, and is home recovering
- ♦ **Katie Peterson**, Collette Peterson's daughter, was hospitalized

## **Care Centers:**

- ♦ **Elsie Brown** – *Norris Square, Cottage Grove*
- ♦ **Colleen Spadaccini** – *White Pine, Mendota Hgts.*
- ♦ **Jerry Lach** – *White Pine, Inver Grove 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

**The Money Pot** welcomes your donations to help support the offering of the month. **In August**, Money Pot donations go to school supplies for children & youth through Neighbors, Inc. You may place money in the pot or bring school supplies directly to Faith. *We will then give the money and supplies to Neighbors for their distribution process.*



*Prayer changes things*

## **We Extend our Sympathy:**

- ♦ **Our sympathy to Adeline Hardin and Sharon Ruhnke** on the death of their sister, Marilyn Benick.



**The Prayer Chain is active.** If you have a prayer concern, contact Sharon Yekaldo at 651-455-4770. If she is not available, contact Carol Schuldt, 651-306-0542. Please make sure the pastor also knows of the prayer request, so that she can respond to pastoral care needs. Pastor needs to know about telephone prayer chain requests in order to share the concern on the e-mail prayer chain as well. If you wish to be involved in this ministry by being a part of either 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 TIMES OF DEVOTION:** Remember to pick up the **NEWEST issue** of the devotional *The Upper Room* (daily readings in regular or large print). This booklet is found on the table by the parking lot door.

## Park & Ride

Reminder from the Trustees that this summer and into the fall Metro Transit will be using 45-75 spaces in our parking lot to accommodate the Park & Ride that had moved down to the sports complex on Wentworth & Oakdale. They will be using the spaces closest to Schletty Monday—Friday. **When you come, please park farther south in the lot closer to the kitchen doors.** Thank you.



## 2017 Summer Meals Program at Garlough Elementary School

For the ninth consecutive year, Faith UMC participated in the Neighbors, Inc. Summer Meals Program, serving breakfast and lunch to nearly 300 enthusiastic kids attending the Stars Summer Academy at Garlough Elementary School in West St. Paul for four days (July 24-27).

Ten volunteers helped prepare and serve 1,872 meals. Thanks to Dennis Alexander, George Brown, Dawn and Gil Kinnunen, Dan Miller, Steve Larsen, Isabelle and Tim Pippert, Katie Sorenson and Sharon Yekaldo.

One of the highlights of the week is reading the t-shirts messages that many of the kids wear. Some reveal the personalities of the boys and girls wearing them—e.g., *Gotta play, Gonna win; I will never quit; It's not luck; it's skill; I wake up awesome, I make awesome happen, This girl can; I'm not bossy, I'm the boss; Smart, honest and kind and Free hugs.*

Others give advice or recommend behaviors for positive living—good reminders for all of us: *Learn, create, build; Rise and shine, Keep calm and shine on, Hustle hard, Be you, Stay bright, Light up the sky and Yay!* One of the teachers wore a t-shirt with this message: *Good moms have messy kitchens, laundry piles and happy kids.*



## Honoring Dr. Lowell Gess: Celebrating the Work and the Man

On Sunday, August 13, 2017, at 2:00 pm, the childhood church of renowned United Methodist missionary, Dr. Lowell Gess (the Historical Salem Church near Paynesville, MN) will host a special program to honor Dr. Gess and his lifetime of service. Lowell and his family will be there to share stories of experiences and memories. Women from the African Women's Alliance of St. Cloud will sing the songs of our faith and lullabies from their childhood in Africa. Dr. Frank Barnett and Dr. Lynn Davis, both natives of Sierra Leone, will be present to speak to the positive impact of Lowell's work on their homeland, and on them personally. The Historical Salem Church is located 4 miles north of Paynesville, MN, at 28547 – 20<sup>th</sup> Street. A free will offering will be taken with all proceeds going to the Lowell and Ruth Gess Eye Clinic in Sierra Leone.

Gifts should be made payable to **Salem Historical Church** with a clear note of designation to the **Gess Eye Hospital**. If you are not attending, please send contributions to board treasurer: Vicki Jenniges, 38444 – 512 Ave., Paynesville, MN 56362

## Dial-A-Ride from Neighbors, Inc.

Do you need a ride to the doctor or dentist? Do you have an appointment at the County office but no way to get there? Neighbors, Inc.'s **Dial-A-Ride** program is here to help! Volunteer drivers provide FREE rides to and from appointments for individuals living in northern Dakota County— all we need is at least a week's notice. For more information, or to request a ride, call 651-306-2143.





## Some NEIGHBORS, Inc. News

### Extra Help Rolling in & out of Food Shelf

Do you have a large rolling suitcase sitting around picking up dust? Why not donate it to help a family in need. With each family receiving a week's supply of food, it can sometimes be difficult to transport all the food if a client is walking or taking the bus. Help out today by donating your old large rolling suitcase to the Neighbors, Inc. food shelf.



### Hello everyone, From Scott at Neighbors!

We hope you are having a hot and happy summer. Is your garden growing? Remember that if you have extra produce, we can use it here at the food shelf! Most of our clients don't have a space to garden, or they have to move frequently so gardening is difficult. Your home-grown vegetables are the best thing they see all year!

The summer is a "dry spell" for food donations. We are all busy going to the lake or enjoying the warm weather, so it is easy to forget that some folks are still struggling to make it. But the need does not diminish. The food shelf always sees increased visitors in the summer, and this year is no exception.

On August 7<sup>th</sup>, the Boy Scouts will be sponsoring a neighborhood food drive in West Saint Paul. Look for a bag and note a few days before, and then you can just leave your food out and they will come pick it up. They are not covering the entire city of West Saint Paul, but if you get a bag, please put something in it! If you do not live in the food drive area, remember that the food shelf is open for donation deliveries Monday-Friday, 8:15 a.m. - 12:15 p.m. and 1 - 4:30 p.m. We'd love to see your smiling face!

### FOOD SHELF MOST NEEDED ITEMS:

**Toilet Paper**  
**Baking Supplies (Sugar, Flour, Oil, Mixes)**  
**Baked Beans**  
**Tomato Soup**  
**Soap**

### Umbrellas

The welcome team is looking for some large (golf size) umbrellas that we can place by the doors so they are available for helping people to come in when it is raining. If you have one or know where we can buy them for a reasonable price please let the welcome team or Pastor Gail know.

### Overview of the Bible

This fall we are going to offer a class on the overview of the Bible. We will get a feel for the flow of the Bible, how the books relate to each other and briefly what each book is talking about. We have not decided on a time or place to hold this study. If you would be interested please talk to Pastor Gail or let her know by e-mail ([citymaple@usfamily.net](mailto:citymaple@usfamily.net)) your preferences. Thanks.

### Reimbursements

If you purchase anything for the church, please turn in your receipt to George Brown or Pastor Gail to be reimbursed. If you would like to donate the item to church, give the receipt to Bill Short or Pastor Gail and it will be recorded on your giving record.

### Women's Ministry

Are you a woman who would like to engage in ministry with other women? Do you have some ideas to share? Join us Thursday, August 31 at 6:30 for a conversation about women's ministry here at Faith. Our hope is to work this fall on some of the ideas and begin in January, 2018. Dessert will be served. If you are interested but cannot come on the 31<sup>st</sup>, talk to Liz Chun, 651-453-1999 or Carol Schuldt, 651-306-0542.





## How Does Our Garden Grow?

Harvesting has begun at Faith UMC's Neighbors' Food Shelf Garden—mostly cucumbers, squash, peppers, green onions and herbs, plus a few cherry tomatoes. There's an abundance of green tomatoes that should begin ripening by early August. Check the church website for photos of the garden and stay up-to-date on harvest statistics by checking the poster in the church narthex.

If you wish to help tend, harvest or otherwise support this year's food shelf garden, please contact Gil or Dawn Kinnunen in person or by email or phone at [gilogram@gmail.com](mailto:gilogram@gmail.com) or 651-428-3959,

## New Directory

We are working on a new church directory. It will be available in September on the table between the offices.

## End of Life Packet

We have put together a packet of information related to end-of-life issues. It contains basic information as well as information related to Faith Church. There is a section for personal information that you can copy and share with your family and pastor. There are samples of documents to be considered as well as a resource guide for your use. These packets are available on the table outside the offices.

### ★ 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!

## MAKE A DIFFERENCE

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### United Methodist Communications

Each week the offering we make is used for ministry within our congregation and in response to the needs of our community. It also



helped support the work of ministries beyond the local church that reach people who are in desperate need to feel the touch of God's love and reconciliation. Through our connectional giving (apportionments), we engage, train and resource the next generation of disciples who will lead the church and the world!

Through our connectional giving, we support the work of our global agencies such as **United Methodist Communications**. In addition to their responsibility for telling the church's story to the world, they help the churches in the U.S. and abroad use technology tools that can enhance the church's outreach. From equipping people in Africa with texting technology to help control the spread of diseases like Ebola, to helping launch radio stations that help keep people connected, to designing video spots that encourage those without a church connection to visit a United Methodist congregation, they extend our invitation to the discipleship journey in so many ways! This ministry happens thanks to the generous support of United Methodists. Faith has committed to paying 75% of our apportionments in 2017 as we move towards 100% payment in the next couple of years. I invite you once again to give generously as we worship God through the sharing of our gifts, tithes, and offerings.

Learn more about the ministries of United Methodist Communications at <http://www.umcom.org/>  
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# August 2017 Worship Schedule

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## August 6 — 9th Sunday after Pentecost — Sacrament of Holy Communion

Scripture Readings: Genesis 32:22-31; Psalm 17; Romans 9:1-5; Matthew 14:13-21

Sermon by Rev. Dana Scopatz

Greeter: Taffy Storck

Lay Reader: John Kemp

Fellowship Time host: Judy Turk

Communion Steward: Sharon Yekaldo

## August 13 — 10th Sunday after Pentecost

Scripture Readings: Genesis 37:1-4, 12-28; Psalm 105; Romans 10:5-15; Matthew 14:22-33

Sermon by Rev. Dana Scopatz

Greeter: Rose Larsen

Lay Reader: Charles Beardshear

Fellowship Time host: Bill Bonkowske

## August 20 — 11th Sunday after Pentecost

Scripture Readings: Genesis 45:1-15; Psalm 133; Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32; Matthew 15:10-28

Sermon title: "Where is Help When You Need It?"

Greeters: JoAnn Loutsch & Judy Turk

Lay Reader: Angela High-Pippert

Fellowship Time host:

## August 27 — 12th Sunday after Pentecost

Scripture Readings: Exodus 1:8-2:10; Psalm 124; Romans 12:1-8; Matthew 16:13-20

Sermon Title: "Giving God the Benefit of the Doubt"

Greeter: Judy Pfenning

Lay Reader: Randy Davis

Fellowship Time host: Judy Pfenning

### Are you able to help maintain the church lawn?



We are looking for people who are willing to mow the church lawn this summer. We have **two riding lawn mowers** so you and a friend or spouse can mow together if you wish. To volunteer, contact Collette Peterson at 651-224-6819.

# August 2017 Calendar

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Wed., 8/2	4:00 p.m.	Pass out ice cream sandwiches
Sun., 8/6	9:30 a.m.	Worship
	10:30 a.m.	Fellowship Time
	10:50 a.m.	Adult Sunday School
Mon., 8/7	10:00 a.m.	Craft Group
	6:30 p.m.	Summer Read
Thurs. 8/10	11:00 a.m.	Mobile Meals
Sat, 8/12	8:00 a.m.	Men's Breakfast
Sun., 8/13	9:30 a.m.	Worship
	10:30 a.m.	Fellowship Time
	10:45 a.m.	Readers Theater Group
Mon., 8/14	10:00 a.m.	Craft Group
	6:30 p.m.	Welcome Team
Fri., 8/18	6:00 p.m.	Evening at Covington
Sun., 8/20	9:30 a.m.	Worship
	10:30 a.m.	Fellowship Time
	10:50 a.m.	Adult Sunday School
	10:50 a.m.	Worship Committee
Mon., 8/21	10:00 a.m.	Craft Group
	6:30 p.m.	Summer Read
Sat, 8/26	8:00 a.m.	Men's Breakfast
Sun., 8/27	9:30 a.m.	Worship
	10:30 a.m.	Fellowship Time
	11:00 a.m.	All Church Picnic
Mon., 8/28	10:00 a.m.	Craft Group
	7:00 p.m.	Staff Parish Relations Committee
Thurs., 8/31	6:30 p.m.	Women's Ministry Task Group

## Coming Soon...

will be the kickoff of our regular church schedule of programs. Sunday School for youth and children will begin again in September, and the Sanctuary Choir will begin the fall season.



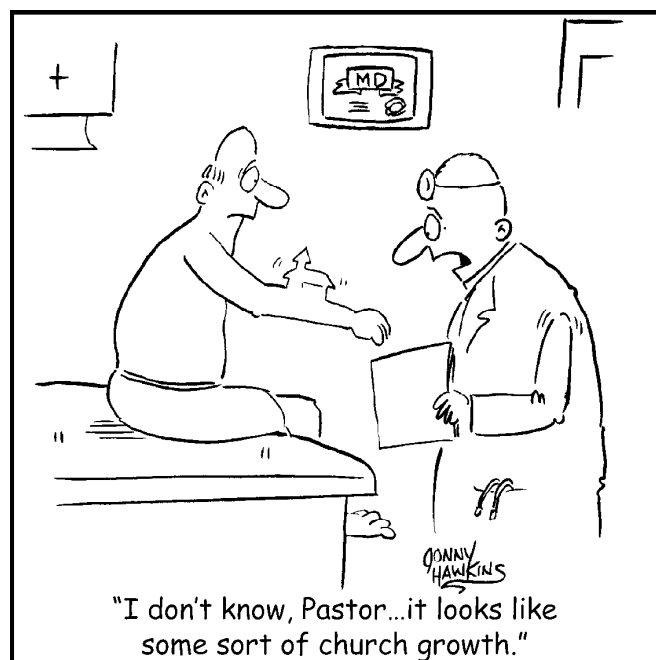
## Church Office Hours

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 will be on vacation** Monday, July 24 through Sunday, August 13; Susan's August plans are not firm yet.

**Men's Breakfast Group** will meet on the Saturdays of **8/12, 8/26, and 9/9** at the Fireside Lounge, 1288 S. Robert St. 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@whitebeartownship.org](mailto:bill.short@whitebeartownship.org)





# KIDS IN SEARCH



## BE HAPPY IN THE LORD

Happiness and joy are frequent themes in the Old Testament book of Psalms.

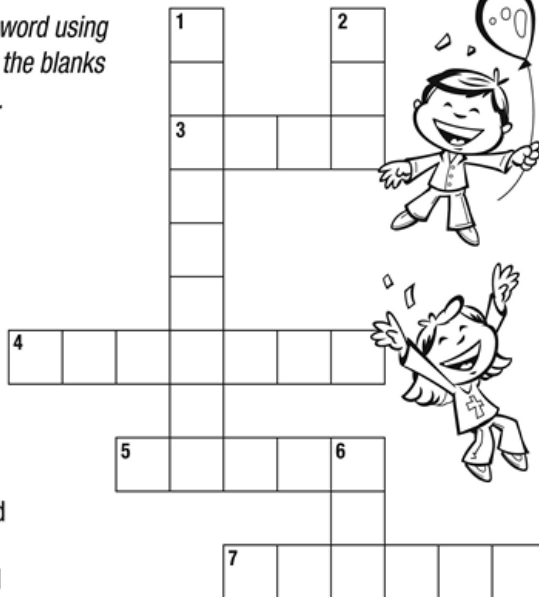
**Directions:** Solve the crossword using the clues below. Then fill in the blanks to complete the Bible verse.

### ACROSS

3. A word for happy (rhymes with had)
4. What you do when you're very happy
5. A song written by David
7. Full of joy

### DOWN

1. People who obey God
2. Our Creator
6. The month after April



"But may the 1. \_\_\_\_\_ be 3. \_\_\_\_\_ and  
4. \_\_\_\_\_ before 2. \_\_\_\_\_; 6. \_\_\_\_\_ they  
be happy and 7. \_\_\_\_\_." 5. \_\_\_\_\_ 68:3, NIV

Answers: (across) 3. glad, 4. rejoice, 5. psalm, 7. joyful; (down) 1. righteous, 2. God, 6. may and joyful." Psalm 68:3, NIV



This summer, put your best foot forward by brightening up a pair of flip-flops.

### What you need:

- Flip-flops in your size
- Metallic permanent markers
- Foam stickers
- Craft gemstones
- Plastic flowers
- Ribbon
- Hot glue gun (and adult help)

### What you do:

Use these ideas to decorate clean, dry flip-flops:

- Draw with markers on the soles.
- Decorate the sides and soles with stickers.
- Glue gemstones along the strap.
- Glue plastic flowers on the strap between your toes.
- Wrap ribbon around the strap and glue in place.



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## *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.
- Adult Sunday School — 10:50 a.m.
- (Children's S. S. will resume in Sept.)

ADDRESS SERVICE REQUESTED

## Facebook Page

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

