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November 2017

2018 Finance Campaign "Live Generously"



"Tell them to go after God, who piles on all the riches we could ever manage – to do good, to be rich in helping others, to be extravagantly generous. If they do that, they'll build a treasury that will last, gaining life that is truly life."

2018 is a year of generosity. How are we going to hear God's call and be instruments of grace to each other, to our community and to the world? What is the gift you will be giving to help Faith Church continue its ministry?

On Sunday, November 12 we will bring our commitments for 2018 and dedicate them during worship. Afterwards we will move to the Fellowship Hall for wonderful meal together.

Be watching for more information in the mail in early November.

Basket & Book Sale

Saturday, Nov. 18 • 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

November 4 – Clean Up Day (November 11 rain date)

November 12 – Celebration Sunday

November 18 – Books & Baskets

November 25 – Decorating for Christmas

December 2 – Breakfast with Santa

December 13 – Blood Drive

December 17 – Blue Christmas

December 24 – Christmas Cantata



November Birthdays

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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 —	Bruce Opp Austin Suchecki	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, Bonnie & Fred Dick, and Vesta Lach
- **Liturgists:** Bruce Opp, Pat Giorgini, George Brown, Judy Pfenning, and Randy Davis
- **Serving refreshments:** Joel Kranz, Judy Turk, and Dan Miller
- **Communion Steward:** Gloria Gurtin
- **Thank you** to Carol Schuldt and Judy Turk for helping assemble the October newsletter
- **Thank you** to our dedicated volunteers who helped maintain the church lawn this year: Dianna and Johnny Gallegos, Steve Larsen, Ward Mens, Dan Miller, Bruce Opp, Katie Peterson, Randy Roberts, Bob Scopatz, Chip Schuldt, and Paul Williams. **Thank you also** to Greg Napier for fixing the mowers and keeping them in working order.
- **A BIG thank you** to everyone who donated items and time for the kits we made on the Day of Service.
We made:
 - 11 personal hygiene kits for Puerto Rico
 - 10 health kits for Puerto Rico, Mexico & Nicaragua
 - 15 school bags for Haiti, Puerto Rico & Mexico
 - 7 cleaning buckets for Houston Florida, Mexico & Puerto Rico
 - 21 greeting cards for Mobile Meals here in North Dakota County
 - 20 birthing kits for Africa & Southeast Asia
 - 21 Christmas Boxes for Spirit Lake Reservation in North DakotaAlso a BIG thank you to Bonnie Dick, Pat Williams, Gloria Gurtin, Dan Miller, Dawn Kinnunen and Judy Turk for helping organize the assembly tables.
- **"Dear Donors** from Faith UMC: Our sincere thanks for the generous donations you made to us in September of 2017. Your donation of 239 lbs. of food items and garden produce is greatly appreciated. Many of our neighbors will benefit from these gifts from your heart. — Neighbors, Inc.
- **Thank you!** "Thank A HEARTY thank you to everyone who donated the delicious salads and desserts for our Soup & Salad fundraiser. We consider it another success and we made \$856 for the church budget. A SPECIAL thank you to the helping hands at the event: Rose & Steve Larsen, Gil & Dawn Kinnunen, Paul & Pat Williams, Bill & Lynn Bonkowske, Dylan & Judy Turk, Bonnie Dick, Ruth Martin, Dan Miller, Sharon Yekaldo, John Kemp, Taffy Storck, Judy Pfenning, and George Brown. If we have missed someone, please know that you are appreciated, as well. — Judy Turk

Congregational Care Concerns:

- ♦ **Caroline Pippert** has been sick for several weeks
- ♦ **Pete DeNardo** was hospitalized
- ♦ **Lori DeNardo** was hospitalized. She is now home recuperating

Care Centers:

- ♦ **Colleen Spadaccini** – *White Pine, Mendota Heights*
- ♦ **Jerry Lach** – *White Pine, Inver Grove Heights*

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 to **Joan Ryan** on the death of her aunt Doris
- ♦ Our sympathy to the family of **Elsie Brown** who died Oct. 8

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, or talk to Gil & Dawn Kinnunen to get started. 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 23, 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. *A big thank you to all of the Faith Walkers from previous years. We hope to see you back this year!*



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.

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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.

How Does Our Garden Grow?



We've come to the end of our 2017 gardening season. Two days before the first measurable snow, we delivered the last harvest—100 peppers and seven bags of herbs—to the Neighbors, Inc. food shelf. The garden itself is almost cleaned up for the winter, a few pole bean vines still clinging to the grid.

This year, our 7th annual Faith UMC Neighbors' Food Shelf Garden produced 452 pounds of vegetables. With the addition of beans, peppers, tomatoes and tomatillos from individual's "satellite" gardens, we delivered 463 pounds of vegetables to Neighbors. While our total poundage was down a little from last year, we set new records with 1,530 units or packages that exceeded \$1,400 in market value. We also set new records for numbers of green onions, herbs, peppers and green beans. Check the poster as you enter the church for photos and statistics. We look forward to a record-breaking 8th year in 2018.



Hanging of the Greens

Come help decorate the church for the Advent and Christmas seasons! Come join in the fun on **Saturday, November 25. We will begin at 9:00 a.m.** and plan to finish by 11:30. Lunch provided after decorating. We hope you can join us! For more info contact Judy Turk at 651-343-8027 or judyturk123@gmail.com.



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! (Last year we received a check in January because of the use of UMC Market!)



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



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.

Adult Education

November 5 – Dr. Tim Pippert will talk about his research and experience with the Bakken oil fields around Williston, North Dakota.

November 12 – Celebration Sunday

November 19 – Minor Prophets led by Bill Bonkowski

November 26 – Advent Study begins – "The Redemption of Scrooge" What do second chances look like? Does Ebenezer Scrooge need a second chance? What happens when we look *The Christmas Carol* through the eyes of faith.

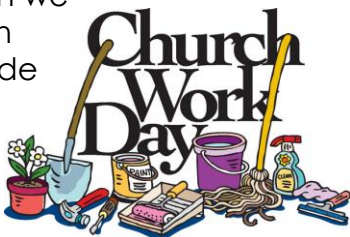
Church Clean Up Day Saturday, Nov. 4

Saturday, November 4th we will be cleaning up both the inside and the outside of the building.

Everything from raking leaves to cleaning stoves and freezers

and more. We will begin

around 9:00 a.m. and work most of the morning. Come when you can and leave when you must. Rain date is November 11th.



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

**Faith United Methodist
Blood Drive**

**Wednesday, December 13
Noon – 6:00 pm**



**American
Red Cross**

MAKE A DIFFERENCE

Walk to End Hunger and Neighbors, Inc.



Give Back Before Giving Thanks

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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 2017 Calendar

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Wed., 11/1	6:00 p.m.	Board of Trustees	Thurs., 11/30	11:00 a.m.	Mobile Meals
	7:00 p.m.	Choir Rehearsal	Sat. 12/2	8:00 a.m.	Men's Breakfast
	7:00 p.m.	Confirmation		9:30 a.m.	Breakfast with Santa
Thurs., 11/2	11:00 a.m.	Mobile Meals	Sun., 12/3	9:30 a.m.	Worship
	6:00 p.m.	Finance Committee		9:45 a.m.	Children's & Youth
	7:00 p.m.	Church Council			Sunday School
Sat., 11/4	8:00 a.m.	Men's Breakfast		10:30 a.m.	Fellowship Time
	9:00 a.m.	Clean-Up Day		10:50 a.m.	Adult Sunday School
Sun., 11/5	9:30 a.m.	Worship		1:00 p.m.	Confirmation
	9:45 a.m.	Children's & Youth	Mon., 12/4	10:00 a.m.	Craft Group
		Sunday School	Wed., 12/6	7:00 p.m.	Choir Rehearsal
	10:30 a.m.	Fellowship Time		7:00 p.m.	Confirmation
	10:50 a.m.	Adult Sunday School	Sun., 12/10	9:30 a.m.	Worship
Mon., 11/6	10:00 a.m.	Craft Group		9:45 a.m.	Children's & Youth
	7:00 p.m.	Staff Parish Relations Committee			Sunday School
Wed., 11/8	6:00 p.m.	Worship Committee		10:30 a.m.	Fellowship Time
	7:00 p.m.	Choir Rehearsal		10:50 a.m.	Adult Sunday School
Sun., 11/12	9:30 a.m.	Worship	Mon., 12/11	10:00 a.m.	Craft Group
	9:45 a.m.	Children's & Youth		12 noon	Bible Overview
		Sunday School	Wed., 12/13	1:00 p.m.	Blood Drive
	10:30 a.m.	Celebration Meal & Program		7:00 p.m.	Choir Rehearsal
Mon., 11/13	10:00 a.m.	Craft Group		7:00 p.m.	Confirmation
	12 noon	Bible Overview	Thurs., 12/14	7:00 p.m.	Meeting with District
Wed., 11/15	7:00 p.m.	Confirmation			Superintendent
	7:00 p.m.	Choir Rehearsal			
Sat. 11/18	8:00 a.m.	Men's Breakfast			
	9:00 a.m.	Basket & Book Sale			
Sun., 11/19	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., 11/20	10:00 a.m.	Craft Group			
Sat., 11/25	9:00 a.m.	Hanging of the Greens			
Sun., 11/26	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., 11/26	10:00 a.m.	Craft Group			
	12 noon	Bible Overview			
	6:30 p.m.	Welcome Team			
Wed., 11/30	7:00 p.m.	Choir Rehearsal			
	7:00 p.m.	Confirmation			



Men's Breakfast

The Men's Breakfast Group will meet on the Saturdays of **11/4, 11/18, 12/2, and 12/16** 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.

2018 Calendars are Here

2018 Calendars with gorgeous pictures and Bible verses are available now! With Christmas coming, 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 2017 Worship Schedule

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November 5 — All Saints' Sunday — Sacrament of Holy Communion

Scripture Readings: Joshua 3:7-17; Psalm 107; I Thessalonians 2:9-13; Matthew 23:1-12

Sermon title: "What Works in You"

Litany of Remembrance & Dedication of Memorials

Greeter: Taffy Storck

Lay Reader: Marsha Spatafore

Fellowship Time hosts: Fred & Bonnie Dick

Communion Steward: Marsha Spatafore

November 12 — Celebration Sunday

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

Sermon title: "Putting Aside Foreign Gods"

Dedication of 2018 financial commitments

Greeters: Pippert family

Lay Reader: Angela High-Pippert

Celebration Lunch

November 19 — 24th Sunday after Pentecost

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

Sermon title: "The Gifts We are Given"

3rd Graders receive their Bibles

Greeter: Dianne Mens

Lay Reader: Ann Beardshear

Fellowship Time host:

November 26 — Thanksgiving Sunday

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

Sermon title: "Loving all of God's People"

Greeter: Bernice Killian

Lay Reader: Carol Schuldt

Fellowship Time host:



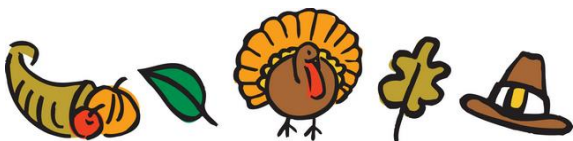
Breakfast with Santa



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

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!



SO MANY BLESSINGS

'It's a Wonderful Life' - Live Radio Play!

Neighbors, Inc. Benefit • Wednesday, December 6, 2016 7:30-9:45 pm

It's a Wonderful Life, based on the classic movie of the same name, is considered one of the most inspirational and best loved holiday stories. George Bailey, a man whose imminent suicide on Christmas Eve brings about the intervention of his guardian angel, Clarence Oddbody, who shows George all the lives he has touched and how different life in his community would be had he never been born. This performance, set as if it were a live radio broadcast of the film from the 1940's, is full of emotion, humor, sound effects, and lots of classic holiday music. It will have you counting your blessings during the holiday season.

Tickets are \$30. Please contact Neighbors, Inc. for reservations.



Happy Thanksgiving!

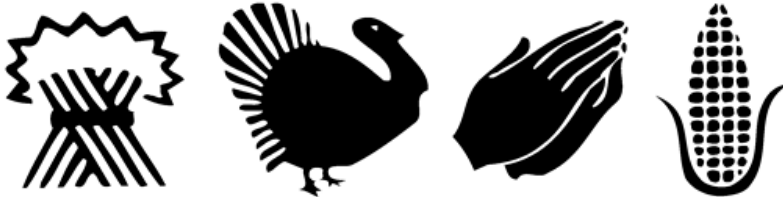
KIDS IN SEARCH



GIVE THANKS TO GOD

God gives us many blessings every day. How can we thank him?

Directions: To complete the Bible verse below, follow the code and fill in the blanks.



A=1, B=2, C=3, D=4, E=5, F=6, G=7, H=8, I=9, J=10,
K=11, L=12, M=13, N=14, O=15, P=16, Q=17, R=18,
S=19, T=20, U=21, V=22, W=23, X=24, Y=25, Z=26.

" _____ will _____
9 16 18 1 9 19 5
_____, _____ name in _____
7 15 4 19 19 15 14 7
and _____ with
7 12 15 18 9 6 25 8 9 13
_____.
20 8 1 14 11 19 7 9 22 9 14 7"

Answer: "I will praise God's name in song and glorify him with
thanksgiving." Psalm 69:30, NIV

Holiday PLACE MATS



Add fall décor to your family's Thanksgiving table by making these festive place mats.

What you need:

- Large pieces of paper
- Several large leaves
- Crayons (fall colors)
- Fine-tip permanent marker

What you do:

1. Working on a flat surface, place the leaves underneath the paper.
2. Peel the wrappers off the crayons. Rub crayons sideways over the paper so the details of the leaves become visible.
3. Use other crayons to add additional details, if desired. With the marker, list what you're thankful for and add a Bible verse about thankfulness.
4. Optional: Laminate the place mats so they're reusable.



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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 12

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.