



Faith in Action

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

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February &
March 2018

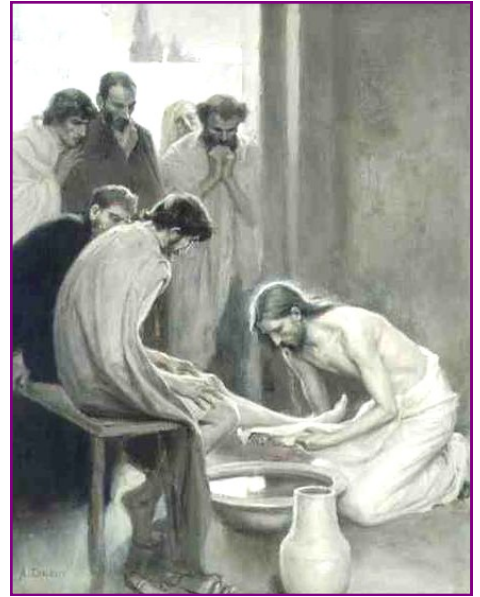
LENT BEGINS FEBRUARY 14

Lenten Midweek Supper & Worship during the Wednesdays of Lent February 14 — March 21

Lent begins Wednesday, February 14 — Ash Wednesday. We will have supper and worship each Wednesday evening during Lent here at Faith. Supper will begin at 5:15 p.m. and worship will begin at 6:15 p.m. Our Wednesday evening worship times will focus on prayer and the relationship between prayer and service to others. Come and join us.

Sunday Lenten Class 10:50 a.m. Feb. 18 — Mar. 25

The Lenten Class will continue looking at the connection between prayer and other spiritual practices. We will use George Hovaness Donigian's book "A World Worth Saving: Lenten Spiritual Practices for Action."



HOLY WEEK

MAUNDY THURSDAY March 29 • 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 March 30 • 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 1

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 & March Birthdays

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2/2 — Colleen Spadaccini	2/14 — Fred Knutson, Jr.	3/ 13 — Bernice Killian
2/2 — Stephen Larsen	2/23 — William Bonkowske	3/ 17 — Patricia Fjerstad
2/4 — Brian Sielski	2/24 — Mackenna Emery	3/ 18 — Laura Kropp
2/4 — Rebecca Hovey	2/28 — Carie Otto	3/ 20 — Mike Hovey
2/7 — Roxanne Napier	2/28 — Macenzie Worden	3/ 21 — Corey Worden
2/8 — Alana Sielski	3/1 — Barbara Schroeder	3/ 24 — Jeffrey Cox
2/9 — Paul DeNardo	3/ 3 — Kaitlyn Cox	3/ 24 — Katie Lyn Sieberer
2/10 — Jill Vanderhoff	3/ 4 — Gil Kinnunen	3/ 26 — Ruth Campion
2/11 — Jeffrey Boelter	3/ 8 — Victoria Stehr	3/ 27 — Isabelle Pippert
2/14 — Sheryl Watchorn	3/ 11 — Ryan Mohr	3/ 31 — Michael Pate

- 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, Collette Peterson, Dianne Mens, and the Pipperts
- **Liturgists:** Judy Pfenning, Carol Schuldt, Bruce Opp, and Randy Davis
- **Serving refreshments:** Judy Turk, Paul & Pat Williams, and Dan Miller
- **Communion Steward:** Sharon Yekaldo
- **Thank you** to the following people who finished their terms on team and committees: Randy Davis (Staff Parish Relations Committee), Bonnie Dick (Lay Leadership Committee), and Lynn Mens (Memorial Committee)
- **Thank you** to the fantastic team that helped take down the Christmas decorations on January 13: Gil & Dawn Kinnunen, Dan Miller, Pat Williams, JoAnn Loutsch, Bill Bonkowske, Pastor Gail, Bruce Opp, Bill Short and Judy Turk. It's appreciated.
- **Dear Friends** at Faith United Methodist Church: Our sincere thank you for the generous donation you made to us during January 2018. Your donation of 23 pounds 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! —*Neighbors, Inc.*



“Don’t make a commitment that you know you can keep. Make a commitment that you would like to keep, and trust God to help you keep it.”



Congregational Care Concerns:

- ♦ **Phil Phipps** was hospitalized; he is now in rehab.

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

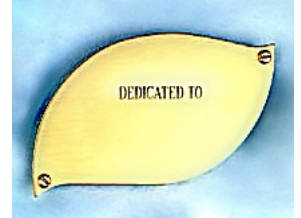
We Extend our Sympathy:

- ♦ Our sympathy to the family of **Sonja Beguhl** who died on January 12. We will be notified when a memorial service date is set.

*Pray during
Lent*

Memory Tree

Several new leaves have been recently added to the Memory Tree in the church lobby. The memory leaves remind us of the past, and the people who have helped and supported us in our journey:



IN LOVING MEMORY OF
DORIS C. JOHNSON
1923-2016
A LIFELONG MEMBER

•
KATHRYN ALFVEBY
OUR GRAMMIE,
“BUDDY OLD PAL, OLD
PAL, OLD BUDDY”

•
IN LOVING MEMORY OF
DOROTHY JORGENSEN

•
IN MEMORY OF
JUNE DAHLBERG

•
IN LOVING MEMORY OF
HELEN & ART PELLETIER
AND ALL THE GIFTS
THEY GAVE

•
IN LOVING MEMORY OF
MARYANNE MAURER
FOR THE GIFTS SHE
SHARED WITH 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.

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 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.



Steps on the Journey

**“PRAYER IN ACTION IS LOVE.
LOVE IN ACTION IS SERVICE.”**
– Mother Teresa –

When I found the above quote it fit our Lenten message for this year. During Lent we are going to talk about how prayer supports our service. All of us talk about being of service to others and all of us talk about prayer. But I am not sure we always put the two together.

It is my understanding that prayer is our conversation/communication with God. It is a matter of listening as well as speaking. It is what undergirds our life as individuals as well as a community. It is God who gives us the strength, the insight, the wisdom to know where and who we are called to be and what we are called to do.

Service is the result of our prayers. It is how we show that we have been listening to God and it is what gives us strength when we are feeling weary, when answers do not come immediately or easily. Service is our prayers in action.

When the Renewal, Dream and Visioning teams were meeting I asked the teams to pray for this congregation and the team that we would have the wisdom to hear where God was calling us to go. I have continued that practice every evening as part of my daily prayers.

And now I am inviting everyone in the congregation to join together on **Wednesdays at 6:16 p.m.** to pray the following prayer. **“Holy God, in these days help us to love you, to see each other, and to hear where you are calling us. In the name of the Christ who shows us the way. Let it be so. Amen.”** We will begin each Lenten worship with this prayer and if you cannot be with us I invite you to pray this prayer wherever you are, pause, pray and begin to make it part of your life.

I believe that God calls us to a life of service but we need the power of prayer and the direction of God to move us closer to God and to each other. I believe God has great plans for us if we continue to listen and be faithful to the God who leads us.

Come and join me, the adventure continues. It is one more step on our journey together.

*Peace in Christ,
Gail*



Coming Events

February 14 – Ash Wednesday
February 17 – River Bend Chili Cookoff
March 29 – Maundy Thursday
March 30 – Good Friday Prayer Vigil
April 1 – Easter Sunday
April 7 – Auction
April 30 – Time of Service & Potluck

Afternoon at the Movies — February 25

Our February movie will be "To Say Goodbye" at **4:00 p.m. on Sunday, February 25**. *To Say Goodbye* is the story of what happens to a family and the people around them when a suicide happens.

Our March movie will be "Up" at 4:00 p.m. on Sunday, March 25. *Up* is the story of Carl who is looking for an adventure and discovers that sometimes life's biggest adventure is the one you set out looking for. Afterwards we will have supper together. For all ages.

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 4**. White Lily plants with 5-8 blooms will be **\$9.50 each**. Please indicate if you wish to include a dedication for your flower.

Facebook Page

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

Men's Breakfast

The Men's Breakfast Group will meet on the Saturdays of **2/24, 3/10, 3/24, and 4/7** 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.

Extra Help Rolling Into, Rolling 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.



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 612-703-1296 if it is an emergency and you need to reach her.

Heinemann Fund

The Heinemann Fund was established many years ago from money received the estate of the Heinemann family. The money was set aside to help provide income for paying the apportionments (connectional giving). In 2016 money was added to the Maurer estate. Today the base in the fund is \$50,000. In 2017 we were able to take market gains and interest income from the fund twice to pay for 3 months of apportionments (close to \$6,000). This fund is available to receive gifts at any time whether through an estate or a gift. The goal is to keep the principle intact and use only money from the market gains and the interest. For more information talk to someone on the finance committee or Pastor Gail.

Gifts of IRA Assets

Good news for taxpayers over the age of 70½. Congress has voted to make permanent the exclusion from income of up to \$100,000 per person, per year, for Individual Retirement Account (IRA) distributions which are given directly to charities. This money can be given to the church and you will receive a donation credit on your giving. For more information, contact your financial planner or Pastor Gail.

Pastor's Information

Reminding you that Pastor Gail has a new email and phone number. Her new email is citymaple1953@gmail.com. Her new phone is 612-703-1296. (If you call the old number you will get Dennis, Pastor Gail's spouse).

♥♥♥ **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!

Daylight Savings Time

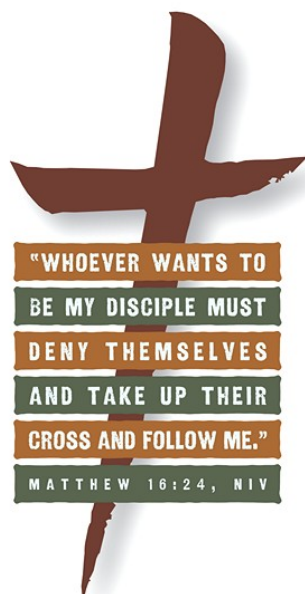
Reminder that Daylight Savings Time begins Sunday, March 11.

Book of Reports

Sunday, Jan. 28 after worship we held our annual church conference. The Book of Reports for 2017 is available on the table between the offices. You are welcome to take a copy.

Welcome Bags & Cards

The Welcome Team has information cards and welcome bags available in the narthex/lobby. Please feel free to take either or both if you have a new neighbor or a friend as a welcome from the church.



MAKE A DIFFERENCE

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Global Ministries



The offering you make empowers 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 shape leaders to be more effective instruments of God's love and reconciliation in their ministry settings. Through our connectional giving, we make possible the ministry of healing and wholeness that happens in settings of particular need, such as the ministry provided by Earnestine Varnado, a parish nurse at the St. Andrew's Mission free medical clinic in McComb, Mississippi. The mission offers the free clinic with eight volunteer physicians, a nurse, and a receptionist.

It also offers community Health fairs, blood drives, health screenings and other ministries in the community. Our United Methodist missions body, **Global Ministries**, works with and supports church and community workers like Deaconess Varnado, thanks to the generous support of United Methodists like you. Thank you once again for giving generously as we worship God through the sharing of our gifts, tithes, and offerings.

Photos by St. Andrew's Mission and Mike Dubose, UMNS



February & March 2018 Calendar

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Sat., 2/3	9:00 a.m.	Confirmation		7:00 p.m.	Choir Rehearsal
Sun. 2/4	9:30 a.m.	Worship		7:00 p.m.	Confirmation
	9:45 a.m.	Youth & Children's Sunday School	Thurs., 3/1	6:00 p.m.	Finance Committee
	10:30 a.m.	Fellowship Time		7:00 p.m.	Church Council
	10:50 a.m.	Adult Sunday School	Sun., 3/4	9:30 a.m.	Worship
Mon., 2/5	10:00 a.m.	Craft Group		9:45 a.m.	Youth & Children's Sunday School
	12 noon	Bible Study		10:30 a.m.	Fellowship Time
Wed. 2/7	6:00 p.m.	Worship Committee		10:50 a.m.	Adult Sunday School
	7:00 p.m.	Choir Rehearsal	Mon., 3/5	10:00 a.m.	Craft Group
	7:00 p.m.	Confirmation		12 noon	Bible Study
Sat., 2/10	8:00 a.m.	Men's Breakfast	Wed. 3/7	5:15 p.m.	Supper
Sun., 2/11	9:30 a.m.	Worship		6:15 p.m.	Lenten Worship
	9:45 a.m.	Youth & Children's Sunday School		7:00 p.m.	Choir Rehearsal
	10:30 a.m.	Fellowship Time		6:00 p.m. & 7:00 p.m.	Confirmation Meeting with Mentors
	10:50 a.m.	Adult Sunday School	Sat., 3/10	8:00 a.m.	Men's Breakfast
Mon., 2/12	10:00 a.m.	Craft Group	Sun., 3/11	9:30 a.m.	Worship
Wed., 2/14	5:15 p.m.	Supper		9:45 a.m.	Youth & Children's Sunday School
	6:15 p.m.	Ash Wednesday Worship		10:30 a.m.	Fellowship Time
	7:00 p.m.	Choir Rehearsal		10:50 a.m.	Adult Sunday School
	7:00 p.m.	Confirmation		10:00 a.m.	Craft Group
Sat., 2/17	5:30 p.m.	River Bend Chili Cook-Off	Mon., 3/12	5:15 p.m.	Supper
Sun., 2/18	9:30 a.m.	Worship	Wed. 3/14	6:15 p.m.	Lenten Worship
	9:45 a.m.	Youth & Children's Sunday School		7:00 p.m.	Choir Rehearsal
	10:30 a.m.	Fellowship Time		6:00 & 7:00 p.m.	Confirmation Meeting with Mentors
	10:50 a.m.	Adult Sunday School		9:30 a.m.	Worship
	10:50 a.m.	Outreach Committee	Sun., 3/18	9:45 a.m.	Youth & Children's Sunday School
Mon., 2/19	10:00 a.m.	Craft Group		10:30 a.m.	Fellowship Time
	12 noon	Bible Study		10:50 a.m.	Adult Sunday School
Wed. 2/21	5:15 p.m.	Supper		10:00 a.m.	Craft Group
	6:15 p.m.	Worship	Mon., 3/19	12 noon	Bible Study
	7:00 p.m.	Choir Rehearsal		11:00 a.m.	Mobile Meals
	7:00 p.m.	Confirmation	Thurs., 3/22	8:00 a.m.	Men's Breakfast
Thurs., 2/22	11:00 a.m.	Mobile Meals	Sat., 3/24	9:30 a.m.	Worship
Sat., 2/24	8:00 a.m.	Men's Breakfast	Sun., 3/25	9:45 a.m.	Youth & Children's Sunday School
Sun., 2/25	9:30 a.m.	Worship		10:30 a.m.	Fellowship Time
	9:45 a.m.	Youth & Children's Sunday School		10:50 a.m.	Adult Sunday School
	10:30 a.m.	Fellowship Time		7:00 p.m.	Choir Rehearsal
	10:50 a.m.	Adult Sunday School	Wed. 3/28	6:00 & 7:00 p.m.	Confirmation Meeting with Mentors
	4:00 p.m.	Afternoon at the Movies		7:00 p.m.	Maundy Thursday Worship
Mon., 2/26	10:00 a.m.	Craft Group	Thur., 3/29	11:00 a.m.	Prayer Vigil
Wed. 2/28	5:15 p.m.	Supper			
	6:15 p.m.	Worship			



The 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. You can put money in the money pot in the church lobby/narthex.

The February money goes to the Center for Victims of Torture.

Center for Victims of Torture (CVT) rebuilds the lives and restores the hope of people who survive torture and war atrocities. CVT trains local mental health staff in the countries it serves. These counselors contribute to the long-term mental health needs in their countries. CVT provides technical assistance and training to torture survivor rehabilitation centers in the U.S. and around the world to strengthen each center's mental health services, organizational management and financial stability. CVT conducts research on and evaluation of rehabilitative care for survivors to determine the effects of torture and successful treatment approaches. CVT engages in [public policy and public education initiatives](#) to end torture and to increase government support for torture rehabilitation programs in the U.S. and abroad. CVT directs the [New Tactics in Human Rights](#) project and manages the [HealTorture.org](#) website.

The March money goes for Minnesota Food share through Neighbors, Inc.

During the month of March, our congregation is joining people of good will from across the state to help alleviate hunger. Minnesota FoodShare's March Campaign is the largest food drive in the state, and congregations like ours are the heart of the campaign.

Last year the campaign raised more than 8 million dollars and 4.7 million pounds and dollars for Minnesota's food shelves.

This year our congregation will be collecting both food and cash contributions throughout the month of March for Neighbors Inc local food shelf.

Minnesota FoodShare is a program of the Greater Minneapolis Council of Churches and co-sponsored by:

- Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of St. Paul and Minneapolis
- Jewish Community Relations Council of Minnesota and the Dakotas
- Minnesota Catholic Conference
- Minnesota Council of Churches
- Minnesota Rabbinical Council
- Interfaith Action of Greater St. Paul Area

We have set a congregational goal of raising 1,500 pounds during the month (\$1 equals one pound of food). If we reach our goal, there will be a special treat available one Sunday in April for everyone.

Chili Cook-Off

Be the Tool/River Bend Missions will hold their **annual chili cook-off on Saturday, February 17** here at Faith in the Fellowship Hall. **It will begin at 5:30 p.m.** If you are interested in providing a chili for the event, contact Rod Scofield at 651-705-8072 or email rod@bethetool.org

New people for mailing list

We are looking for additional people to place on our mailing list. Maybe you have a neighbor, friend or family member you would like to receive the Faith newsletter. Leave the name and address in the church office. This will help us continue to be able to send the newsletter out at a bulk rate (we need 200 addresses for this rate).



Last Chance to Submit Your Nominations



Do you know a volunteer that goes above and beyond with their service? Nominate them for one of Neighbors' Volunteer Recognition Awards! Awarded annually, this year's awards will recognize individuals and groups who have given their time to Neighbors in 2017. Award categories and descriptions can be found on the downloadable form at: https://gallery.mailchimp.com/f3ab79432a7b149c7c9962a05/files/8841931b-eceb-4642-85c4-d30ee7843d26/Neighbors_Volunteer_Recognition_Awards_Form.pdf

Send completed forms to volunteer@neighborsmn.org by February 28, 2018. Winners will be recognized at the Annual Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon this April!

Plan, Protect & Share: Making the Most of Your Money for Yourself and Others



Our next Continuing Education Lunch & Learn will be held on **Thursday, March 8 from 12 pm-1 pm** in the Neighbors Conference Room. Paul Hassing from Edward Jones and Beth Skwira from Neighbors will be on hand to present details and answer questions on donor advised funds, charitable beneficiary designations and more. They will also address the new tax laws and how they impact charitable giving.

A light lunch will be provided for this event. Please RSVP by contacting Dylan at [651-272-1133](tel:651-272-1133) or dylan@neighborsmn.org.



The annual Minnesota FoodShare March Campaign is almost here!

Our biggest food and fund drive of the year, it not only helps us stock the shelves for the busy summer months ahead, but helps us secure funding distributed later in the year – meaning a donation between February 26 and April 8 goes even further!

For more information on how you can help, please visit:

www.neighborsmn.org/mnfoodshare.



**Emma Norton
Annual Event and
Silent Auction
MAY 7, 2018**

We're serving up a new name for our annual dinner and silent auction! And we kindly ask you to "save the date" for this great event. United Methodist Church and United Methodist Women – count on truly enjoying a lively evening of dinner and philanthropy. Plus, you'll have the chance to bid on a fantastic selection of silent auction items. We hope you can join us on May 7!

Silent Auction: 4:00 – 6:00pm • Dinner: 5:30 – 7:30pm

RSVP & Directions: Please visit ENOpeningDoorsDinner.eventbrite.com for more information or to purchase tickets. Location: Minneapolis Marriott Northwest 7025 Northland Drive North, Brooklyn Park, MN 55428

February 2018 Worship Schedule

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February 4 — 5th Sunday after the Epiphany — *Sacrament of Holy Communion*

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

Sermon title: "Good News Free of Charge"

Greeter: Taffy Storck

Lay Reader: Angela High-Pippert

Fellowship Time host: Judy Turk

Communion Steward: Sharon Yekaldo

February 11 — Mardi Gras Sunday (Transfiguration Sunday)

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

Sermon title: "The Brightness of the Day"

Greeters: Gil & Dawn Kinnunen

Lay Reader: Ann Beardshear

Fellowship Time Hosts: Gil & Dawn Kinnunen

February 18 — 1st Sunday in Lent

Scripture Readings: Genesis 9:8-17; Psalm 25; I Peter 3:18-22; Mark 1:9-15

Sermon title: "The Wilderness of Our Lives"

Greeter: Pat Giorgini

Lay Reader: George Brown

Fellowship Time host: Dan Miller

February 25 — 2nd Sunday in Lent

Scripture Readings: Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16; Psalm 22; Romans 4:13-25; Mark 8:31-38

Sermon title: "What are we Ashamed of?"

Greeter:

Lay Reader: Dana Scopatz

Fellowship Time host: Dan Miller

"What Do I Have?"

What do I have, Lord, that you would need me as a servant?

Eyes, he said, to see the beauty in all that I've made — and my children as they travel life's highway.

Hands, he said, to reach out and touch hurting souls, to give a hug or encouraging pat on the back.

Feet, he said, to lead my children through this world of strife and to help them run from sin and follow me.

Mouth, he said, to lift up your voice and sing praises to me so others may hear the joy in your heart.

Ears, he said, to listen to my still, small voice of love and to hear my children when they cry for help.

Heart, he said, so you may know the full love of my Spirit and love my children as I have loved you.

—Thomas Butler

March 2018 Worship Schedule

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March 4 — 3rd Sunday in Lent — Sacrament of Holy Communion

Scripture Readings: Exodus 20:1-17; Psalm 19; I Corinthians 1:18-25; John 2:13-22

Sermon title: "God's Wisdom"

Greeter: Taffy Storck

Lay Reader: Bill Bonkowske

Fellowship Time host:

Communion Steward:

March 11 — 4th Sunday in Lent

Scripture Readings: Numbers 21:4-9; Psalm 107; Ephesians 2:1-10; John 3:14-21

Sermon title: "Darkness or Light – Mercy or Disobedience "

Lay Reader: Gil Kinnunen

Fellowship Time Host:

March 18 — 5th Sunday in Lent

Scripture Readings: Jeremiah 31:31-34; Psalm 51; Hebrews 5:5-10; John 12:20-33

Sermon title: "The Power of Covenant"

Lay Reader: Charles Beardshear

Fellowship Time host:

March 25 — Palm/Passion Sunday

Scripture Readings: Isaiah 50:4-9; Psalm 118; Philippians 2:5-11; Mark 11:1-11

Sermon title: "When Do We Say Hosanna?"

Lay Reader: Carol Schuldt

Fellowship Time host:

March 29 — Maundy Thursday

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.

March 30 — Good Friday Prayer Vigil

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.



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



neighbors, inc.

**Great Neighbors'
Food Fight**

The Great Neighbors' Food Fight is Underway!

The 2018 food competition & Neighbors, Inc. fundraiser will feature burgers from seven local restaurants. Punch cards will sell for \$35 each and will be available to purchase starting mid-January! The competition will run from February through March, with all proceeds benefiting the emergency and supportive services at Neighbors.

Contact Heidi at 651-306 2154 or
Heidi@neighborsmn.org if you would like to
sell punch cards on behalf of Neighbors.

ADDRESS SERVICE REQUESTED

COMING VERY SOON!

Our **14th** annual Live/Silent Auction
Saturday, April 7, 2018

AUCTION DONATIONS NEEDED!

Do you have an item or items
you would like to donate to the
Apr. 7 auction? If so, please
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