



Faith in Action

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

March 2019

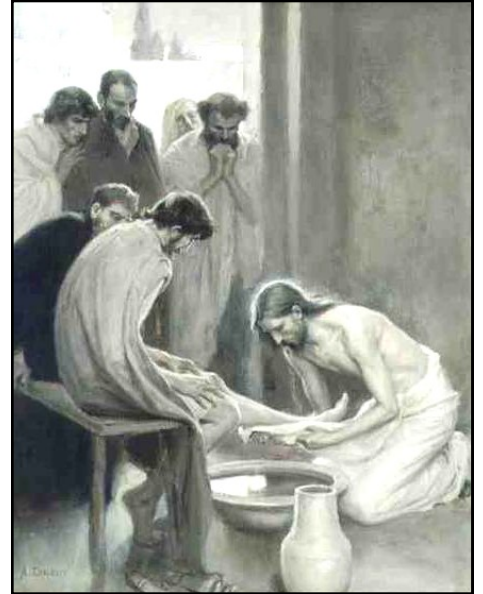
LENT BEGINS MARCH 6

Lenten Midweek Supper & Worship during the Wednesdays of Lent March 6 — April 10

Lent begins Wednesday, March 6 — 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 theme is "Busy: Reconnecting with an Unhurried God";
we will find out what it really costs to be so busy. Please join us.

Sunday Lenten Class 10:50 a.m. Mar. 10 — Apr. 14

The Lenten Class will look at the last week of Jesus' life. Using
the videos "Jesus: Countdown to Calvary" and "Last Days of
Jesus", we will look at the Passion Week stories in light of the
archeological, historical and gospel information.



HOLY



WEEK

MAUNDY THURSDAY April 18 • 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

April 19 • 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 21

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.

March Birthdays

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3/1 — Barbara Schroeder
3/3 — Kaitlyn Cox
3/4 — Gil Kinnunen
3/8 — Victoria Stehr
3/11 — Ryan Mohr
3/13 — Bernice Killian
3/17 — Patricia Fjerstad
3/18 — Laura Kropp

3/20 — Mike Hovey
3/21 — Corey Worden
3/24 — Jeffrey Cox
3/24 — Katie Lyn Sieberer
3/26 — Ruth Campion
3/27 — Isabelle Pippert
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 February...

- **Greeters:** Taffy Storck, Bonnie Dick, Paul & Pat Williams, and Bill Short
- **Liturgists:** John Kemp, Judy Pfenning, Tim Pippert, and Marsha Spatafore
- **Serving refreshments:** Dan Miller, and other volunteers
- **Communion Steward:** Karen Cohoes
- **Thank you** to Dawn Kinnunen, Gil Kinnunen, and Carol Schuldt for helping assemble the February newsletter
- **GRAPE SALAD:** We had received many inquiries for the recipe for a delicious purple grape salad that was donated at our Soup & Salad event last October. Collette Peterson was willing and happy to share the recipe! (Thank you, Collette!)

GRAPE SALAD:

2 lbs. green grapes and 2 lbs. red grapes

Cream together the following four ingredients and stir into grapes:

8 oz. cream cheese ▪ 1/2 cup sugar ▪ 1 tsp. vanilla ▪ 8 oz. sour cream

Pour mixture into 9"x13" pan, and top with brown sugar and pecans. Cover and chill.

Be the Tool is Calling all Chili Connoisseurs, Cultivators and Companions!

You are invited to participate in deciding who gets the Golden Chili Cup! We need attendees to come and try a variety of chili. Do you think you have the taste buds to decide world class chili and good ol' Hormel? Come and prove it! Voting for the Golden Chili Cup happens while you enjoy live music and peruse the items for auction. Admission is \$15 with a family cap of \$45. You will receive admission, a tasting spoon, and 10 tickets to vote for your choice for the Golden Chili Cup.

Do you think your chili has what it takes to win the Judges Cup? Does your chili have the gumption to take home the prestigious Golden Chili Cup? Now is your chance to prove it! Does your chili have what it takes to bring down last year's champion? All money raised will go to Be the Tool's Spring trip. If you want to challenge our champion or donate auction items, let us know! Rod Scofield — (rodscofield@gmail.com)

WHEN: Saturday, March 23 5:00 P.M.

WHERE: Faith United Methodist Church

Congregational Care Concerns:

- ♦ **Marianne Young** had rotator cuff surgery
- ♦ **Kathy Johnson** has begun hospice
- ♦ **Arlene Remley** died Dec. 10 in Princeton, MN.
If you would like to contact the family, call Deb at 651-600-2715

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

Baptism:

- ♦ We welcomed **Natalie Gackstetter** in baptism on Feb. 10, daughter of Allen & Jennifer Gackstetter.

Mission Well Offering

The Mission Well welcomes your change! If you have loose change, take it off your hands on Sunday or any time during the week and help support the offering of the month.



Mission Well donations during March support Minnesota FoodShare through Neighbors.

The annual MN FoodShare March Campaign is Neighbor's biggest food and fund drive of the year. It not only helps Neighbors stock the shelves for the busy summer months ahead, but helps secure funding distributed later in the year – meaning a donation during the campaign goes even further! The Mission Well is located in the church lobby.



For more information on how you can help, please visit: www.neighborsmn.org/mnfoodshare

Wednesday 6:16 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 Christ who shows us the way. Let it be so. Amen.



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 at 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 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.

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.

Garage Sale Heads Up

We are planning to have a garage sale next summer. Will you please start to save items for the sale. You can bring items to the church on June 1 and after. If you need to bring them sooner, ask Roxanne Napier or Judy Turk where to store them in the church.

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.

Men's Breakfast

The Men's Breakfast Group will meet on the Saturdays of **3/9, 3/23, 4/6, and 4/20** 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.short26@gmail.com or 651-552-0736.

Book of Reports

Sunday, January 27 after worship we held our annual church conference. The Book of Reports for 2018 is available on the table between the offices. Please feel free to take a copy.

Facebook Page

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

COMING EVENTS

March 2 – Game Night

March 6 – Ash Wednesday

March 23 – *Be The Tool* Chili Cook-off

April 6 – Live & Silent Auction

April 18 – Maundy Thursday

April 19 – Good Friday Prayer Vigil

April 21 – Easter

April 28 – Time of Service & Potluck

★ 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!

New Directory

We will be working on a new directory for the church this spring. If you have a new e-mail address or a new phone number (include cell phones) please send them to the church office by March 31. Church office – 651-457-5686 or faithumc@usfamily.net

RESCHEDULED from February: FAMILY GAME NIGHT

Join us Saturday, March 2 for a game night at church! We will have table games, board games and cards, or bring your own game. We will start at 4:00 p.m. and have supper around 5:30. The welcome team will furnish hot dogs, chips and drinks. You can bring snacks or desserts. We will finish around 8:00 p.m. Come and see who is the best at air hockey or Take 5. Be sure to bring a friend for a fun-filled evening.

HELP with Auction Donations!

We are looking for donations for our Live/Silent **Auction on April 6**. If you have items you can contribute, please bring them to church as soon as possible with either Lynn Bonkowske or Judy Turk's name on them. Items should be new or nearly new. Also, we are looking for help to make follow-up calls and pick up donations from businesses in the W. St. Paul area. Please let Lynn Bonkowske (651-455-6542) or Judy Turk (651-343-8027) know if you can help. Thank you!

Community Boards

Help us expand our advertising for church events! Keep your eyes open for community boards, and tell Judy Turk. She is looking for places where we can hang posters for church events.



Who has the best burger around?

The 2019 Great Neighbors' Food Fight competition and fundraiser features delicious burgers from 5 local restaurants. Purchase a \$30 card, try the burgers and then cast your vote to help decide who wins. All Proceeds from card sales go towards Neighbors, Inc. emergency and supportive service programs.

- Contest runs through March 31, 2019
- Cards are \$30 each and include one designated burger at each of the five participating restaurants, including:

B-52 Burgers & Brew: *The Hangover Burger.*

BLVD Bar + Grille: *BLVD Bourbon Bacon Burger.*

Jersey's Bar & Grill: *Cheesiest Burger in MN.*

Kaposia Club: *Stockyards Burger.*

Mississippi Pub: *All American Burger.*

*Reserve your Card from John Kemp.
Checks payable to Neighbors Inc.*

MAKE A DIFFERENCE

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Minnesota FoodShare

The March Mission Well
donations support **MN FoodShare 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.

In 2018, over \$8.1 million dollars and 5.5 million pounds of food were raised by Minnesota food shelves and Minnesota FoodShare. 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 2019 congregational goal of raising 1,500 pounds during the month — (\$1 equals one pound of food).** Our money and food items will go to the Neighbor's Food Shelf located in South St. Paul.



March 2019 Calendar

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Sat., 3/2	4:00 p.m.	Game Night	Mon., 3/25	9:00 a.m.	Craft Group
Sun., 3/3	9:30 a.m.	Worship	Wed., 3/27	5:15 p.m.	Supper
	9:45 a.m.	Youth & Children's Sunday School		6:15 p.m.	Lenten Worship
	10:30 a.m.	Fellowship Time		7:00 p.m.	Choir Rehearsal
Mon., 3/4	10:50 a.m.	Adult Sunday School	Sun., 3/31	9:30 a.m.	Worship
	9:00 a.m.	Craft Group		9:45 a.m.	Youth & Children's Sunday School
	12 noon	Bible Study		10:30 a.m.	Fellowship Time
Wed., 3/6	5:15 p.m.	Supper		10:50 a.m.	Adult Sunday School
	6:00 p.m.	Board of Trustees	Mon., 4/1	9:00 a.m.	Craft Group
	6:15 p.m.	Lenten Worship		12 noon	Bible Study
	7:00 p.m.	Choir Rehearsal		6:30 p.m.	Welcome Team
Thurs., 3/7	6:00 p.m.	Finance Committee	Wed., 4/3	5:15 p.m.	Supper
	7:00 p.m.	Church Council		6:15 p.m.	Lenten Worship
Sat., 3/9	8:00 a.m.	Men's Breakfast		7:00 p.m.	Choir Rehearsal
Sun., 3/10	9:30 a.m.	Worship	Sat., 4/6	8:00 a.m.	Men's Breakfast
	9:45 a.m.	Youth & Children's Sunday School		5:00 p.m.	Auction
	10:30 a.m.	Fellowship Time	Sun., 4/7	9:30 a.m.	Worship
	10:50 a.m.	Adult Sunday School		9:45 a.m.	Youth & Children's Sunday School
Mon., 3/11	9:00 a.m.	Craft Group		10:30 a.m.	Fellowship Time
	6:30 p.m.	Staff Parish Relations Cmte.		10:50 a.m.	Adult Sunday School
Wed., 3/13	5:15 p.m.	Supper	Mon., 4/8	9:00 a.m.	Craft Group
	6:15 p.m.	Lenten Worship	Wed., 4/10	5:15 p.m.	Supper
	7:00 p.m.	Choir Rehearsal		6:15 p.m.	Lenten Worship
Sun., 3/17	9:30 a.m.	Worship		7:00 p.m.	Choir Rehearsal
	9:45 a.m.	Youth & Children's Sunday School	Sun., 4/14	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
Mon., 3/18	9:00 a.m.	Craft Group		10:50 a.m.	Adult Sunday School
	12 noon	Bible Study	Mon., 4/15	9:00 a.m.	Craft Group
Wed., 3/20	5:15 p.m.	Supper		12 noon	Bible Study
	6:15 p.m.	Lenten Worship			
	7:00 p.m.	Choir Rehearsal			
Thurs. 3/21	11:20 a.m.	Mobile Meals			
Sat., 3/23	8:00 a.m.	Men's Breakfast			
	5:00 p.m.	Be the Tool Chili Cook Off			
Sun., 3/24	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			

Daylight Savings Time

Reminder that Daylight
Savings Time begins

Sunday, March 10.



March 2019 Worship Schedule

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March 3 — Transfiguration/Mardi Gras Sunday — Sacrament of Holy Communion

Scripture Readings: Exodus 34:29-35; Psalm 99; II Corinthians 3:12-4:2; Luke 9:28-6

Sermon title: "Hope in the Midst of Brightness"

Greeter: Taffy Storck

Lay Reader: Sharon Yekaldo

Fellowship Time host: Judy Pfenning

Communion Steward: Sharon Yekaldo

March 10 — 1st Sunday in Lent

Scripture Readings: Deuteronomy 26:1-11; Psalm 91; Romans 10:8b-13; Luke 4:1-13

Sermon title: "When We Come Up"

Greeter: Gil Kinnunen

Lay Reader: Carol Schuldt

Fellowship Time Host:

March 17 — 2nd Sunday in Lent

Scripture Readings: Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18; Psalm 27; Philippians 3:17-4:1; Luke 13:31-35

Sermon title: "Making and Keeping Covenant"

Greeters: Gloria Gurtin

Lay Reader: Isabelle Pippert

Fellowship Time host:

March 24 — 3rd Sunday in Lent

Scripture Readings: Isaiah 55:1-9; Psalm 63; I Corinthians 10:1-13; Luke 13:1-9

Sermon title: "God's Way"

Greeter: Pat Williams

Lay Reader: Bill Bonkowske

Fellowship Time host:

March 31 — 4th Sunday in Lent

Scripture Readings: Joshua 5:9-12; Psalm 32; I Corinthians 5:16-21; Luke 15:1-1-3, 11b-32

Sermon title: "A New Creation"

Greeter: Rose Larsen

Lay Reader: Ann Beardshear

Fellowship Time host:



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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.



ADDRESS SERVICE REQUESTED

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 17.**

White Lily plants with 5-8 blooms will be **\$10. each.**

Please indicate
if you wish to
include a
dedication
for your flower.



Time of Service – Spring Needs

This spring we will again be making kits at our time of service.

The following items are what we will be needing for the kits:

- receiving blankets • 8 oz. soap •
- shampoo • hand towels •
- wash cloths • deodorant •
- multi notebooks • scissors – 8" •
- eraser for white board

Next fall we will again be making Christmas boxes for Spirit Lake so keep your eyes open for items that might go in the boxes (handheld games, drawing items, books, jewelry, small toys). You can bring them to church and we will store them.