



# Call of Faith

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## Church News

### *Easter Season Schedule*

<b>March 29</b>	<b>Palm Sunday</b>	10:30 a.m.	Palms for all. Children's Processional & Singing
<b>April 2</b>	<b>Maundy Thursday</b>	6:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	Meal Service & Communion
<b>April 3</b>	<b>Good Friday</b>	7:00 p.m.	Service
<b>April 5</b>	<b>Easter Sunday</b>	9:00 a.m. 10:30 a.m.	Both Services: Choir with Cello, Faith Praise Band
<b>April 12</b>	<b>Easter II</b> Choir Cantata	10:30 a.m.	"Out of the Shadows"



#### **Easter Offering**

In this season when we remember the great self-giving of God for us, may we also give beyond ourselves to strengthen the lives of others. Your gift helps make possible the ministries of Faith United Methodist Church. You may place your gift in the offering plate at worship or mail to the church. Thank you!

#### **Worship Schedule**

<b>Sundays:</b>	9:00 AM	Adult Christian Education
	10:00 AM	Fellowship Time
	10:30 AM	Worship Service
	10:30 AM	Christian Education for Children

**If you need nursery care for your children during Adult Christian Education on Sunday morning please contact the church office at 612-781-3167 by Wednesday.**

#### **Church Contacts**

##### **Faith UMC Staff**

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## Over the Coffee *by Rev. Leigh Brown*

Earlier this year the Northeast clergy (Max, Sarah, Susan and myself) met to discuss our Wednesday night Lenten worship at Coffee Shop Northeast. Coffee fuels our creativity! We decided on the theme *Bodies* to reflect on our (and Christ's) embodied nature, and to focus the five services on body awareness, diversity, aging, intimacy and community.

Pastor Max agreed to lead the service on aging. I wondered where he would go with this subject. The importance of learning to love wrinkles and dry skin? The assurance that God is with us as we live with new aches and pains? The fact that aging is like nature's Sabbath – slowing us down to enjoy what we have created in our lives?

But the focus of Max's message was far more wonderful. He talked about the importance of relationships in the church across all ages – how many of us were encouraged and mentored in the faith by someone older than ourselves, and how all of us have that opportunity to be that mentor today for someone new to the faith. Max pointed out that church is one of the few places where all generations still gather together. And generations need to gather together – this has been true throughout the centuries. We have something different and essential to offer each other in all the stages of our lives.

This is the nature of our Faith Church community – we are a neighborhood church for folks of all ages. Isn't that great? This is the perfect place for intergenerational community! We are small enough to know one another, and to know each of our children and youth. We are strong in character, wise in experience, and inclusive in spirit. We can, individually and collectively, serve as friends and mentors to others in the Christian way of life. Children, youth and young adults need our love and support in this complicated and conflicted world, and we need their hopes and dreams for the future.

We have lost a part of our nature over the years. From 2005 until 2012, the number of children in our Sunday School decreased by 73%. Part of the reason for this is demographic – in the 2010 census, St Anthony had the highest per capita senior population in Minnesota for communities of 5,000 or more. Part of the reason is cultural – fewer people are attending church. And part of the reason is comfort – when we are comfortable we are slow to change. We want church to be like it was when we were young, even though in our hearts we know that our world is always changing. Needs and preferences, including those in worship and Christian education, change with each generation.

For the last two years a mission and vision team, guided by our lay leader Janet Johnson, has met to lift up our strengths and our dreams for this church. The strengths were easy to see; the dreams at first were vague. But the Holy Spirit was moving and one vision became clear – we are called to be an intergenerational church. It's our nature. Out of this vision a new passion and commitment to reach out to children and families is growing at Faith Church, and we are calling it **Project Future!** Our community is changing. New families are moving in. We have the opportunity to be intergenerational once more. We long for it, and we *need* it. Families (including church families) look after each other through the generations, and the way we hold on to our faith is to share our faith. We can reach out to be a church family for so many people who have never known what it means to be the Body of Christ – to listen to each other, pray together, lift and encourage each other, help out in times of need and celebrate in times of joy.

You are an important part of this community. **Project Future!** is about *all* of us, and there will be plenty of ways to be a part of it. This summer we will host a cookout as part of the community Feed My Starving Children event for all ages. From August 3-7 Northeast UM churches will host Eco-Kids Camp again for grades 3-5, and we are making room for even more kids! The camp base will be at Faith Church this year. Other outreach events for children and families are in the works as well. The refreshing, energizing breeze of the Holy Spirit is moving through Faith Church!



# Church News (continued)

## Wednesday Evening Schedule



Wednesday dinners and Contemplative Services will resume on Wednesday, April 8 and will continue through May 20. Dinner is at 5:45 and open to all, no reservations required! The Contemplative Service is from 6:30-7:00. During these services we light candles, sing songs, and listen to readings. Our readings always include Scripture, and often include more contemporary poetry or prose that help us to experience the Scriptures in new ways. And we pray. We pray out loud for our world, our community, and ourselves. And we pray or meditate silently. We begin at 6:30 and end at 7:00. We would love to have more people join us. Come and see!



## Eco Kids Camp News

Eco-Kids Camp is scheduled for August 3-7, 9:00-4:00 Monday through Thursday, and a half day on Friday. This camp is for all children entering grades 3-5. Brochures and registration forms are available on our website: [www.faithumchurch.com](http://www.faithumchurch.com) and brochures and fliers are available in the Commons. **You can help** by posting fliers in your apartment building, coffee shop, library, or any other public building that will let you post a flier. Also invite families that you know, especially families in the St. Anthony/New Brighton/Northeast Minneapolis/Columbia Heights area. Our theme this year is the story of the mustard seed – How the small actions that we take together can make a big difference. This camp is free! It is one way that we reach out to our neighbors and provide a valuable service for our community.

## Carbon Footprint Reduction



Here is an update on what we are doing to reduce our carbon footprint in trying to meet the goals set forth by the Annual Conference in their resolution approved last year.

We have upgraded the main lighting in the Sanctuary with LED lights last December. The carbon footprint reduction team with the approval of the Trustees is exploring installing solar panels at Faith. We will also be exploring other opportunities to reduce energy use at Faith.

The team is looking for additional people to join. If you are interested in joining the carbon footprint reduction team, please contact Susan Mullin.

## Art & Soul Happenings



### “Craft for a Cause II”

April 18, 2015 1:00-8:00 pm

Guest Speaker: Amber Pettit-Batie,  
time TBD

We have received another grant from Thrivent Financial to do this fun event. Stay for an hour or the whole day, but we need a LOT of people to write letters to military personal. You can make the card yourself or use one already made. In addition to this project, we will be making survival bracelets for military members, blankets for Project Linus and a surprise project. All supplies are provided, bring yourself and a friend!

### Summer Projects

May 16, 2015 10:00 am—3:00 pm

If you have questions, please contact Denise Wells at [thetruffelady@msn.com](mailto:thetruffelady@msn.com) or Teresa Krinke at [tkrinke@minter.net](mailto:tkrinke@minter.net).

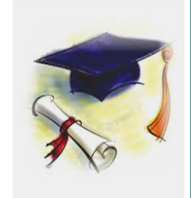
## Faith Needs Photos



Faith is looking for photos to share on its web site. If you have photos from an event at Faith, or plan to take any at an upcoming event, please think about sharing a few with us.

You can email them to [photos@faithumchurch.com](mailto:photos@faithumchurch.com).

## Jerry Hanson Scholarships



Scholarships are available to eligible applicants seeking to achieve advancement in their college education, career, or current employment. Funds may be used to pay for tuition, books, uniforms, necessary tools or other materials to advance one's career. Anyone living within the communities served by Faith United Methodist Church is eligible to apply. There are no limitations based on age, marital status, or educational accomplishments. Application forms will be available April 1<sup>st</sup> at the Welcome Center. Deadline for submitting applications is May 1<sup>st</sup> and awards will be announced on June 1<sup>st</sup>.



The Reconciling Committee is hosting the second annual Rainbow Sunday, celebrating Faith's commitment to Inclusion and Diversity.

**Sunday, May 3, 2015 \* 10:30-1:15pm**

### **Inclusion-Diversity**

That means you all can come.

And you can count on one thing; it will be a lot of

**Fun.**

It starts with **Sunday worship** and some stories will be told. **Sunday school** with lessons will unfold.

**Lunch** will be **delicious, baked potatoes** on the plates.

We have the toppings, you will decorate.

Following our meal a **concert** will be take place.

And it will surely render a smile upon your face.

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*We will be entertained by **Ovation**, an a cappella ensemble of 12 singers uniting people to create social change by raising their voices in song. Numerous folks in our church have heard them perform and they can tell you this choir is terrific.*

**OVation's music is fun and fantastic. Don't miss it!**

# What is a Deacon? *by Rev. Susan Mullin*



What is a deacon?

God willing, I will be ordained as a deacon on May 28<sup>th</sup>. The bishop will lay his hands on my head and tell me to “take authority as a deacon to proclaim the Word of God, and to lead God’s people in ministries of compassion and justice.” There will be four elders ordained in the same service, and the bishop will say to them, “Take authority as an elder to preach the Word of God, to administer the holy sacraments, and to order the life of the Church.”

Through ordination, both elders and deacons are set apart for servant leadership in The United Methodist Church and represent Christ in their work and in their life. This does not mean they are without flaws, as you well know! It does mean, however, that they have been called by God, the church has affirmed that call, and the church authorizes the ordained deacon or elder to lead the people of God in their ministry and mission in the world.

Most people in the church are familiar with the work of the elder. Elders are typically pastors of congregations, called to preach the Word of God, administer the sacraments, and order the life of the church. Deacons are called to ministries of compassion and justice, creating a bridge between the church and the world. Deacons that serve in the church are looking outward to the needs and hurts of the world. And deacons that serve in settings outside the church represent the church in the world and witness to the presence of Christ in that place. Often deacons have a specialized ministry such as faith formation, community organizing, counseling, music, etc. There are currently approximately 230 elders in the Minnesota Annual Conference, but only 19 deacons. (And three of us have served at Faith UMC!)

## **Frequently Asked Questions:**

**Aren’t you already ordained?** No. In the United Methodist Church, the journey to ordination is a long process of discernment! In 2012 I was commissioned as a deacon and licensed for that ministry. During this three-year “probationary” period, the church has continued to evaluate me and my ministry.

**Does this mean you will get your own church?** No. Deacons rarely serve as the sole pastor of a congregation. Pastoring a church is the role of the elder who is authorized to administer the Holy Sacraments and order the life of the church.

**Does this mean they will move you to another congregation?** Probably not. Unlike elders, deacons are responsible for finding their own work. We then request that the bishop appoint us to that place.

**Does this mean that you will lead communion?** No. Elders are tasked with administering the sacraments, including baptism and holy communion. Deacons (and lay people) assist elders with the sacraments. Deacons can officiate at weddings and funerals.

# Christian Education

## Children's Sunday School

Sunday Mornings  
10:30-11:30 am in Room 115

The children will be singing in worship on Palm Sunday, March 29. Then they will head down to the classroom, where they will be finishing their unit on the Last Supper. On Easter Sunday, children should join their parents or grandparents in worship for our Easter Celebration. After Easter, we will begin a unit on the Four Friends (Luke 5:17-26). This is the story of four friends who get very creative about how to bring a paralyzed man into the healing presence of Jesus. I am sure your children will have fun with this story. Be sure to ask them about what they are learning.



## Adult Bible Study

Sunday Mornings  
9:00-10:00 am in Room 219

After Easter, the Adult Bible Study class will be studying *Parables from the Backside*, taking a look at one parable each week from the viewpoint of one of the minor characters in order to get a fresh perspective. Whether you are an experienced Biblical scholar or have never cracked open the Bible, whether you have read the lesson in advance or had a busy week and didn't get to it, you are welcome to join in the discussion! Please let Rev. Susan Mullin know if you would like a copy of the book.

## Faith Forum

Sunday Mornings  
9:00-10:00 am in the Ebenezer Room

March 29 – Healing Minnesota Stories, Rev. Jim Bear. Rev. Bear will discuss the depiction of American Indians in the art at the Minnesota State Capitol.

April 05 - no class

April 12 - TBD

April 19 – Preparing for Our Funerals. Pastor Leigh

## What are you Praying About?

Sunday Mornings  
9:00-10:00 am in the Conference Room

Bring your coffee and share what you are praying about. We discuss a variety of topics as determined by the group. It's a great way to get to know other people from Faith church in a casual setting.

# Extend and Serve

## Hamline-McVay Snacks



We are in need of more snacks for the Hamline-McVay Youth Partnership. Please place them in the bin under the Outreach table.



## NE Community Meal

Outreach team will be preparing and serving the N.E. Community Meal on Saturday, March 21 and Saturday April 18. If you are able to help, sign-up is in the Commons.

## SignUp Genius.com

SignUp Genius is an online scheduler used to recruit Faith members to sign up for helping others in our congregation. Since its start up in the summer SignUp Genius has been used to secure rides for individuals, provide meals when needed, etc. It also is being used for the sign-up to prepare the Wednesday evening meal.

To use the site and volunteer,  
visit: <http://www.signupgenius.com>

or

Sign-up sheets are on the "volunteer table" at church.

Reggie McCarthy is the organizer of this valuable service!

# Community Connections



## LEAFs

LEAFs (Life Enrichment Adult Forums) is an ecumenical adult experience. Enrollment and participation is open to anyone who has interest. This series provides opportunity for adults to enjoy life-long learning, creative expression and interfaith fellowship.

This spring's series of educational and entertaining sessions are scheduled for the following dates:

March 30 and April 13 at Christ the King Lutheran Church, New Brighton.

April 27 and May 11 at Abiding Savior, Mounds View.

Each session is on a Monday and begins at 9:00 AM with worship, followed by breakout sessions on topics of spirituality (travels of Paul, spiritual wills, grand parenting) health (safe driving, diabetes, mental health, long term care), and other topics of interest (bald eagles, Romania). Each forum concludes with entertainment or topic of interest to all, followed by lunch.

Adults of all faiths and ages are encouraged to attend. Additional information is available by visiting the LEAFs website at [leafsforums.org](http://leafsforums.org). Also feel free to call Dean McGrew 763-755-3370 or Ron Seekamp 763-571-7824.

## Cemetery Lots Available from Northeast United Methodist Church

Northeast UMC owns 13 cemetery lots at Hillside and Sunset. They would like to make some of them available to our congregation at a reduced price. If you are interested please contact their church office at 612-789-7462 or email to [northeastumc@gmail.com](mailto:northeastumc@gmail.com). Their office will put you in touch with the Trustee in charge of the properties.



## Senior Expo 2015

### *"Celebrate Healthy Living"*

Saturday, April 11, 2015; 9:00 am—noon  
Lord of Life Church  
14501 Nowthen Blvd.  
Ramsey, MN

Free Event for senior citizens and their families. Activities include information booths, free pancake breakfast, blood pressure checks, mini massages and entertainment.

Sponsored by the Alliance for a Violence Free Anoka County and Anoka County Human Services. Contact Mary at 763-323-6042 with any questions.



## Emma Norton Services Annual Dinner and Silent Auction

Monday April 20, 2015; 5:30—8:30 pm  
Minneapolis Marriott NW  
7025 Northland Drive North  
Brooklyn Park, MN 55428

Emcee is Dr. Mark Seeley, University of MN Climatologist, Meteorologist for MN Public Radio.

Special Guest is Bishop Bruce Ough, Bishop of the Dakotas-Minnesota Area UMC

Cost is \$35 per individual or \$500 for a reserved table of 10. RSVP at [emmanorton.org](http://emmanorton.org) or 651-251-2632 by April 3, 2015.

# Church Calendar - April 2015

Date	Event	Time	
Wed 04/1	Mary Martha/EB	9:30 AM	
	Pastoral Staff Meeting/CR	1:00 PM	
	Organist Rehearsal/WC	4:00 PM	
	Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal/WC	7:30 PM	
	Centennial Handbells/217	7:30 PM	
Thurs 04/2	Lectionary Group/CR	12:00 PM	
	Meal/FH	6:00 PM	
	Maundy Thursday Service	7:00 PM	
Fri 04/3	Good Friday Service	7:00 PM	
Sun 04/5	Easter Service/WC	9:00 AM	
	Fellowship Time	10:00 AM	
	Easter Service/WC	10:30 AM	
Mon 04/6	Cub Scouts 115	6:30 PM	
	Boy Scouts/Webelos II/FH	7:00 PM	
Tues 04/7	Administrative Council/CR	6:30 PM	
Wed 04/8	Pastoral Staff Meeting/CR	1:00 PM	
	Organist Rehearsal/WC	4:00 PM	
	Meal/FH	5:45 PM	
	Reconciling Meeting/FH	5:30 PM	
	Confirmation/Community UMC	6:30 PM	
	Contemplative Service/WC	6:30 PM	
	Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal/WC	7:15 PM	
	Centennial Handbells/217	7:30 PM	
	Thu 04/9	Lectionary Group/CR	12:00 PM
		500 Card Group/EB	1:00 PM
Trustees Meeting/EB		7:00 PM	
Fri 04/10	Planet Home School/Downstairs	8:45 AM	
Sat 04/11	Ebenezer Room in use	5:30 PM	
	Men's Breakfast/Perkins	8:00 AM	
Sun 04/12	Setup for Court of Honor/FH	3:00 PM	
	Adult Faith Formation Classes	9:00 AM	
	Fellowship Time	10:00 AM	
Mon 04/13	Worship Service/WC	10:30 AM	
	Children's Sunday School	10:30 AM	
	Court of Honor /WC/FH/ Commons	2:00 PM	
Wed 04/15	Cub Scouts 115	6:30 PM	
	Boy Scouts/Webelos II/FH	7:00 PM	
Wed 04/15	Mary Martha/EB	9:30 AM	
	Pastoral Staff Meeting/CR	1:00 PM	
	Organist Rehearsal/WC	4:00 PM	
	Meal/FH	5:45 PM	
	Contemplative Service/WC	6:30 PM	
	Confirmation Pizza Party	6:30 PM	
	Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal/WC	7:15 PM	
	Centennial Handbells/217	7:30 PM	

Date	Event	Time	
Thu 04/16	Men's Work Group	9:00 AM	
	Lectionary Group/CR	12:00 PM	
Fri 04/17	Planet Home School/ downstairs	8:45 AM	
Sat 04/18	Women's Breakfast/Perkins	9:00 AM	
	Art and Soul/FH	1:00 PM	
Sun 04/19	NE Community Meal		
	Community UMC's Confirmation		
	Adult Faith Formation Classes	9:00 AM	
	Fellowship Time	10:00 AM	
	Worship Service/WC	10:30 AM	
Mon 04/20	Children's Sunday School	10:30 AM	
	Cub Scouts 114-117/KI	6:30 PM	
Tues 04/21	Boy Scouts/Webelos II/FH	7:00 PM	
Wed 04/22	Communications/CR	6:30 PM	
	Pastoral Staff Meeting/CR	1:00 PM	
Wed 04/22	Organist Rehearsal/WC	4:00 PM	
	Meal/FH	5:45 PM	
	Contemplative Service/WC	6:30 PM	
	Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal/WC	7:15 PM	
	Centennial Handbells/217	7:30 PM	
	Thu 04/23	Lectionary Group/CR	12:00 PM
		500 Card Group/Commons	1:00 PM
	Fri 04/24	Planet Home School/ downstairs	8:45 AM
	Sat 04/25	Confirmation Breakfast /Rehearsal	10:00AM
	Sun 04/26	Confirmation Sunday	
Adult Faith Formation Classes		9:00 AM	
Fellowship Time		10:00 AM	
Worship Service/WC		10:30 AM	
Children's Sunday School		10:30 AM	
Cub Scout Committee meeting/FH		4:00 PM	
Mon 04/27		Cub Scouts/115	6:30 PM
Tues 04/28	Boy Scouts/Webelos II/FH	7:00 PM	
	Finance Meeting/CR	7:00 PM	
Wed 04/29	Mom's Club/115	9:45 AM	
	Pastoral Staff Meeting/CR	1:00 PM	
	Organist Rehearsal/WC	4:00 PM	
	Meal/FH	5:45 PM	
	Contemplative Service/WC	6:30 PM	
	Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal/WC	7:15 PM	
Thu 04/30	Lectionary Group/CR	12:00 PM	
	Rain Garden meeting/EB	7:00 PM	

**Abbreviation Key:**

CR = Conference Room; EB = Ebenezer Room  
 FH = Fellowship Hall, KI = Kitchen  
 WC = Worship Center (Sanctuary)

**Classical Music Academy— Winter Schedule:**

Mondays 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM (Instructor: Alex) Room 218  
 Tuesdays 12:00 PM - 9:00 PM (Instructor: Alex) Room 218  
 Tuesdays 3:00 PM - 9:00 PM (Instructors: Tina, Dz) 116, 121  
 Thursdays 2:30 PM - 9:00 PM (Instructor: Tina, Dz) 116, 121

**Childbirth Education (Sarah Beth Seguin):**

Sunday 2:00 - 4:00 PM, in the Nursery