

Faith United Methodist Church

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“Place Faith In Your Heart”

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We welcome you to worship with us!

Sundays

Worship 9:30

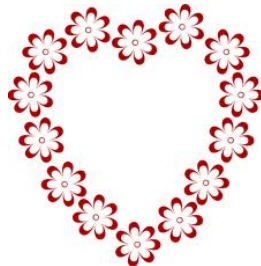
Sunday School 9:30

Pastor's Bible Study 5:00 pm



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Pastor Kevin's Korner

Ildiko, Daniel and I bring you greetings in the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ! May the love of Jesus be with all of you as we continue our journey into a new year.

If you have been following the ebb and flow of American politics as of late, you probably have heard the phrase “we need to change direction” or “we need to change course.” Change is a word that evokes many types of emotions. Change can be good and bad; it can be forced upon us or be invited and welcomed; it means the opening of doors, while the closing of others. Change is an inevitable part of life, as all of us have probably experienced at one point or another in our lives. Jesus Christ is an interesting subject when it comes to the concept of “change.” Matthew 5:17 records Jesus saying during his Sermon on the Mount “*Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I have not come to abolish them but to fulfill them.*” What does this tell us? It tells us that Jesus reflects agreement and continuity with the teachings of

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Please Note:

Our kitchen will be closed the month of February for remodeling. There will be no potluck or dollar dinners.

The money has been raised for new carpet in the sanctuary!!! We hope to get started in the month of February!



February

Sundays

Prayer in Chapel 9:00
Worship 9:30
Sunday School 9:30
Pastor's Bible Study 5:00

Wednesdays

Ladies Bible Study 10:00
Dollar Dinner - not in February
Faith Kids 6:30
Jr/Sr Youth Groups 6:30
Chimes Choir 6:45
Adult Choir 7:00 (8, 15 & 29 only)

2 - SPRC 6:30

5 - Communion

12 - No potluck

Trustees and Finance 11:00
Newsletter Deadline

14 - Valentine's Day

19 - Ad Council 11:00

20 - President's Day

Church Office Closed

22 - Ash Wednesday Service 6:30

LOOKING AHEAD...

March

Sundays

Prayer in Chapel 9:00
Worship 9:30
Sunday School 9:30
Pastor's Bible Study 5:00

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Ladies Bible Study 10:00
Dollar Dinner 6:00
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Jr/Sr Youth Groups 6:30
Chimes Choir 6:45
Adult Choir 7:30

1 - SPRC 6:30

4 - Communion

11 - Daylight Savings Time

Trustee & Finance 11:00

Newsletter Deadline

17 - St. Patrick's Day

18 - Ad Council 11:00

19 - Women of Faith 1:30

The SPRC would like to thank the congregation for their contributions for our staff gifts. Monetary gifts were presented to Pastor Kevin, our secretary, Holly, janitor, Robert and nursery attendant, Leah, on December 22nd.

Remember to stay in touch with and pray for those who are in care centers and homebound.

Eugene Clay

Ethel Holten

Walter Klaus

Jean Olson

Audrey Smith

Darlene Skallerud

Ruth Stapf

Viola Becker

Hazel Pietsch

Phyllis Peterson

Mary Ann Stapf

Dale Switzer

Jean Siple



If you know someone who would appreciate a visit from the pastor or someone whose name needs to be added to the above list, please see Pastor Kevin or contact the church office at (651) 460-6110.

Haiti Info...

Haiti Mission Trip:

February 18-25, 2012

If interested see Jim Switzer or Jacob Champion.

Check your closets, ask your neighbors and friends! We are looking for men's dress

ties and baseball type hats (appropriate logos - no beer advertisements please). We are also in need of embroidery thread.



We always need donations for the pop machine. Diet and Regular Mountain Dew, Diet and Regular Coke, Orange, Sprite and Root Beer!

February 2012 Birthdays:

Emily Price...1	Kyle Betzold...15
Herb Carson...3	Mary Goetsch...16
Twylla Chant...3	Stanley Nymeyer...17
Sharon Thompson...3	Joanne Richardson...19
Mark Tollefson...4	JoAnn Ford...21
Jenny Price...6	Kathy Willhoite...21
Wesley Toensing...8	Jim Markuson...25
Marge Ehlers...11	Mark Hendricks...27
Makenna Lynn Simon...11	Christopher Willhite...27
Jacob Hendricks...12	Michelle Smith...28
Nathan Turner...13	Jim Wetterstrom...28
Kalli Opsal...14	



February Anniversaries:



Chris & Missi Priest...15
 Herb & Barbara Carson...18
 Dale & Cyndy Wetterstrom...27

If you notice anyone missing from these lists,
 please notify the church office.

February Team

Lead: Dee Parker
 Opsal Family
 Terry & Carol Knapp
 Kratz Family

March Team

Lead: Tim and Allison Rausch
 Bob Drewry
 Stan and Sonja Nymeyer
 Stacy and Terry Krei

Moses and the writings of the Prophets (like Isaiah, Jeremiah, Malachi, Micah etc). But when we look at the ministry of Jesus we do see change, something fresh and new. What is it that is new and fresh? What we see is in the person of Jesus Christ the spirit of the living God in human form walking among the messiness of an ever-changing world; walking among those who were broken, down cast, sick, and the marginalized. We see in the Gospels that the “change” that Jesus came to bring upset the religious establishment of his day. What we have here between Jesus and the religious leaders is a “failure to communicate” a failure to navigate the changes that God was bringing about. This failure of communication ultimately led to the cross of Calvary. But we know that it was not the end of the story for we are led to the triumph of the empty tomb when Jesus was “changed” into his resurrected form.

The story and message of Jesus Christ is that all people can come to him to be forgiven their sins, to turn toward a new life, and embrace a transforming change that can and will impact lives. Of course that is not easy. Sin and old habits do not want us to let them go; hence the struggle we face when we try to change and try to embrace a new life in Jesus. Of course there is risk to change, but think about the awesome riches that come when one lives in a changed life for Christ. Our lives become simplified: our focus is on pleasing God, and living to love our neighbors! May God bless and keep you as you prayerfully consider your walk with Him and look to those areas of your spiritual life that need transformation. I am praying for you, remember we are all in this together! Amen!

Pastor Kevin



The Prayer Team of Faith Church invites you to bring the concerns of your heart to the Chapel on Sunday mornings at 9:00-9:15. Please join us in silent prayer with closing prayer by our leaders.

Women's Bible Study, led by Phyllis Betzold, meets at the church Wednesdays at 10:00 am. We are studying "All the Men of the Bible". All are welcome to attend!

Pastor's Bible Study, Sunday nights at 5:00 pm. - Studying the book of Revelation. All are welcome to attend!

2012 Members of the SPRC:

Chris Priest, Derrel Warner, Barb Truitt-Petersen, Allison Rausch, Don Pressnall, Kendie Stroede. Barbara Carson is the Lay Person. These are people that you would contact with any staff issues or concerns.



Teddy Bears: Prayer Hug Ministry

Share a Prayer Hug! Thank you to all of you who have been bringing in teddy bears for our "share a prayer hug" ministry. People have been blest by this ministry! Please feel free to take a prayer bear to someone who might be struggling, having a bad day, or someone whom you wish to say "thank you for blessing my life." Attached to each bear is an encouraging statement as well as contact information for the church. Share a prayer hug, share a part of Faith Church! Thanks!

Reorganization of the Connection We are looking for anyone who has any form of musical talent, especially singing, playing the bass guitar, and running sound equipment. Through God's grace and help, we hope to have the service back up and running early in the new year. Please be in prayer as we seek to fulfill God's call in reaching for Jesus Christ new people of any age! Please see Pastor Kevin for more information.

Upcoming Sermons:

New Series - "Worrier to Warrior"



- 2/5: Live Life as if You're Chosen
- 2/12: Suffer Well
- 2/19: Live Holy
- 2/26: Rightly Relate
- 3/4: Speak Well
- 3/11: Glorify God
- 3/18: Don't Worry

We are still looking for people willing to volunteer an hour of time from 6:30-7:30 on **Wednesday** Nights for our Jr. & Sr. Youth. No experience necessary! They are a great group of kids needing someone to help lead in discussion and activity. Please contact Lisa if you are interested! We need people starting in January!

Before you throw out the old and bring in the new - please remember the Church Garage Sale coming up this spring! More details coming your way!

Vacation Bible School is not far away! If you would be interested in being the Bible School Coordinator this year or would like to be part of our team, please see Pastor Kevin ASAP!

Please call Lisa Schultze if you have any questions about the Youth Activities - my home phone number is [952-431-9951](tel:952-431-9951) or my email address is schultzelisa@hotmail.com. Please feel free to contact me.