

YOUTH

Sunday School PJ Day: February 19th is the date for the Sunday School Pajama Fun Day and PJ drive. Don't bother getting dressed that morning, just come to Sunday School in your pj's for some games, songs, books and snacks. But don't forget about other children in Minnesota and around the rest of the United States that don't have warm cozy pajamas or books to read at night. Start collecting new pajamas or books for all ages of children to donate to the Minnesota chapter Pajama Program. These are then distributed to children in foster care and shelters here in Minnesota. The Sunday School youth will also be singing at the 10:00 service. Pick up a flyer in the narthex.

Sunday School: Our Next Rotation will be The Miracles of Jesus: Feeding of the 5000 and Jesus Walks on Water. The other rotations are Jesus and John the Baptist, The Season of Lent and The Parable of the Sower. Come and join us each Sunday morning at 9:05!

1st Communion: Faith offers first communion class for youth 3rd to 5th Grade (based on parent's choice). First Communion Classes will begin Sunday, March 11th at 9:05. Youth will be commissioned during the 10:00 Service. We will meet the 18th and 25th as well until the youth receive communion on Palm Sunday (April 1st). Please sign up in the narthex or contact the church office at 374-2174 or sld_dewitz@yahoo.com.

Wacky Schedule: Our After School Program on Wednesdays (3rd to 5th Grade) is rolling again. We are drawing a great mix of kids from Faith, other congregations, and those with no church backgrounds. We will be taking a break on Wednesday, February 1st. We will resume on Wednesday, February 8th if we have enough adult volunteers. Come and join us!

Confirmation: (6th to 8th Grade) and Wednesday Night Worship will be off Wednesday, February 1st! Enjoy the night away! We resume worship and small groups Wednesday, February 8th. Remember, all youth are responsible for finding a mentor during the season of Lent which begins February 22nd.

Toddler Time: The nursery is available during the 10:00 worship service each Sunday (after the children's sermon) for those wishing to use it. It will be staffed with at least one adult each Sunday. We are also still looking for more people to help staff the nursery each Sunday. There is a sign up sheet on the nursery door – sign up for the dates that work for you! Any questions, please get in touch with Laurie Essig.

High School Group: The High School will meet February 15th and February 29th at 7:15 in Pastor J's office.

ADULT EDUCATION

New Member Orientation: The next new member orientation will run at 9:05 on February 12, 19 and 26 (please note date changes). Please sign up on the table in the narthex, call the church office at 374-2174 or e-mail sld_dewitz@yahoo.com if you are interested in joining Faith!

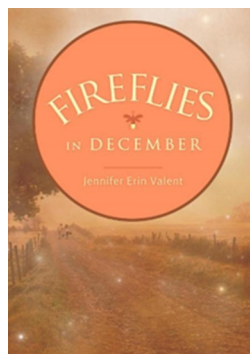
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Financial Peace: Faith once again had a group of highly committed adults sign up for this incredible 13 Week Class. We will offer it again for members of our congregation and the community. Watch upcoming newsletters for more information.

Golden Ticket Update: We have over 80 people reading the New Testament by Easter. Many are supplementing their reading by following Pastor J's blog at pastorjsblog.com.

2/1	John 7-9	2/16	Romans 5-7
2/2	John 10-12	2/17	Romans 8-10
2/3	John 13-15	2/18	Romans 11-13
2/4	John 16-18	2/19	Romans 14-16
2/5	John 19-21	2/20	1 Corinthians 1-4
2/6	Acts 1-4	2/21	1 Corinthians 5-7
2/7	Acts 5-7	2/22	1 Corinthians 8-10
2/8	Acts 8-10	2/23	1 Corinthians 11-13
2/9	Acts 11-13	2/24	1 Corinthians 14-16
2/10	Acts 14-16	2/25	2 Corinthians 1-4
2/11	Acts 17-19	2/26	2 Corinthians 5-7
2/12	Acts 20-22	2/27	2 Corinthians 8-10
2/13	Acts 23-25	2/28	2 Corinthians 11-13
2/14	Acts 26-28	2/29	Galatians 1-3
2/15	Romans 1-4		

Women's Bible Study Resumes: We have resumed the Women's Bible Study again each Sunday morning during the fellowship hour. We are following the same type of study as we did in the fall. It is VERY easy to do, you can find out all the information at www.goodmorninggirls.org. On this site we will be studying the book of Ephesians. Rather than posting the worksheets each week for you, I have compiled all the worksheets into one simple document for you to download and print. Even if you can't always make it on Sundays, please consider being part of the group—we can always communicate via email.



Book Club: February 14th—*Fireflies in December* by Jennifer Erin Valent—Jessilyn Lassiter never knew that hatred could lurk in the human heart until the summer of 1932 when she turned 13. When her best friend, Gemma, loses her parents in a tragic fire, Jessilyn's father vows to care for her as one of his own, despite the fact that Gemma is black and prejudice is prevalent in their southern Virginia town. Violence springs up as a ragtag band of Ku Klux Klan members unite and decide to take matters into their own hands. As tensions mount in the small community, loyalties are tested and Jessilyn is forced to say good-bye to the care-free days of her youth.

March 13th—*The Faith Club: A Muslim, A Christian, A Jew—Three Women Search for Understanding* by Ranya Idliby, Suzanne Oliver and Priscilla Warner

April 10th—*The Girls from Ames*—by Jeffrey Zaslow

May 8th—*A Long Way from Chicago AND A Year Down Yonder* by Richard Peck

THANK YOU

Rodney Myer: Thank you to Rodney Myer for his service as our director of youth and family ministry. Rodney stepped down in mid January due to a need to focus on his studies. Our leaders will take time to discern our future.

Meals on Wheels: Thank you to all the Meals on Wheels volunteers again in the month of January: Mary Head, Carol Johnson, Kim Bowe, Bill Ketchum, Dennis & Diana Vang, Karen & Jerry Ingvaldson and Roy & Kate Henderson. Thank you for your dedication. God Bless you all!

The Center Clinic: Thank you for your role in helping our Dodge County teens and women reach their health care goals. We greatly appreciate your donation of \$500, especially in this time of economic struggle. We are so grateful to you. Without the generosity of our community, this clinic would not be a reality. Again, on behalf of the Clinic and the clients who will be served, thank you!

Seasons Hospice: On behalf of the Seasons Hospice Staff, I would like to thank you for your gift of \$100. Seasons Hospice has been providing care and support to persons facing the end of life for over fifteen years. The support of our donors has enabled us to provide the kind of high quality and compassionate care that Seasons Hospice is known for. A number of our programs receive no reimbursement from Medicare or private insurance so contributions play an important role in our ability to provide these services. Thank you once again, for supporting the mission of Seasons Hospice through your generous donation.

Child Care Resource & Referral: On behalf of the children and families Child Care Resource & Referral supports, we extend our sincere appreciation for your donation of \$100 received on 12/5/11, designated to Crisis Nursery. Your donation will help families during an extreme time of stress and crisis. Families have access to short term child care, overnight care, in home counseling, parent education, and referrals to community resources. In 2010, Crisis Nursery services were provided to 606 children (227 families). Your generous gift will help another child feel safe and secure during a difficult time. Thank you. Thank you for supporting our mission: *ensuring positive beginnings for all young children and their families* through your gift.

Santa Anonymous: We want to take a moment to thank you for your generous contribution of \$250 in support of the Lions Club Santa Anonymous. We provided gifts to 93 children and a John's Super Value gift card for grocery products to the 40 families receiving these gifts. At the time of the gift distribution, when we saw and heard the great expressions of appreciation by the families receiving the gifts, we knew that each and every gift and financial donor had a tremendous impact in making a brighter Christmas for these families. Thank you for helping make this project a success!

DECEMBER FINANCIAL CORNER

General Funds

Dec Gen Income	\$18,387.70
Dec Budgeted Expense	\$13,197.02
YTD General Income	\$184,317.73
YTD Budgeted Expense	\$166,054.45

Dec Building Funds

Income	\$5,840.56
Expense	\$6,564.00

Mission Investment Fund Loan Balance: \$947,049.53

Submitted by: Melissa Pflaum & Jill Hukee 1/8/12

OPPORTUNITIES

WACKY Volunteers Needed: This great mission opportunity is in need of more adults to assist. Please consider helping out with this wonderful group. Being present for even an hour on Wednesdays from 4:00-5:00 on occasion would help out a lot! Contact Pastor Justin (pjboeding@yahoo.com) or Terri Hallaway (terrihallaway23@gmail.com or 507-273-1941).

Communion Assistants: We are going to be making some changes to the way we assign communion assistants every two weeks. In the past we have typically had someone contact people via phone/e-mail until the spots were filled. Beginning February 1st we are going to be using a new system. We are going to assign people to a Sunday who have expressed an interest in serving communion (during your preferred worship time). If you are unable to keep the date/time that you are scheduled for, we ask that you contact someone from the volunteer list (that we will be sending out soon) and find a replacement or make a switch with someone else.

Needed: 40 Mentors! We need roughly 40 adults willing to meet with one confirmation youth throughout the season of Lent on Wednesday Nights. This is a great way to get to know a young people from the congregation and make an impact great than you can imagine. Contact sld_dewitz@yahoo.com or 374-2174 to sign up.

Choir to Resume!: Choir practice will resume on February 5th at 9:20 following coffee cup fills! Please join us and share your voice in song & praise. No try-outs – all are welcome! Share your talent and join us beginning Feb. 5th.

Conference Reps: Zumbro Conference Gathering is Sunday, February 12th at 2:00 in Austin. Pastor Justin is looking for members willing to represent Faith and learn about the exciting ministries happening in & around our synod.

COMMITTEE UPDATE

Stained Glass Window Project: We have received the last \$4,200 needed for our stained glass window project. Rochester Stained Glass is in the process of building the windows now. Our goal is to have the windows installed by Easter Sunday (April 8, 2012). Thank you to everyone for your support in this project.

OPPORTUNITIES

Sunday School Volunteers Wanted and (Greatly Needed ASAP!!): Sunday school volunteers for 1-3 weeks of a time commitment - anytime from now through May. The last day is May 13th. Please email styndl.michele@mayo.edu or jayneboeding@yahoo.com. Thank you to all who keep the Sunday School program in their thoughts and prayers. We appreciate this, and many thanks to those who have volunteered! It is a great joy to see the youth each Sunday singing and having fun learning about God's great love for them.

Are You With the Band?: Faith is looking for instrumental and vocalists to join the Praise Band. Practice begins at 7:15 the 8th and 22nd. People of all abilities are welcome!

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February 2012						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Pastor Justin will be gone January 31 - February 6 doing continuing education.			1 9:45 - Staff Meeting 10:00 - WOW 6:30 - Financial Peace	2 Ground Hogs Day 7:00 - Deborah Circle	3 6:30 - AA Mtg	4
5 8:00 - Worship 9:05 - Sunday School 9:05 - Fellowship 9:05 - Bible Study 9:20 - Choir Practice 10:00 - Worship	6	7 8:00 - Weigh-in 9:00 - WiseGuys 1:30 - Ruth Circle	8 10:00 - WOW 3:15-5:00 - WACKY 6:30 - Worship 6:30 - Financial Peace 7:15 - Confirmation 7:15 - Praise Band	9 1:00-4:00 - Just for Fun	10 3:00-5:00 - Girl Scouts 6:30 - AA Mtg	11
12 Zumbro Conference 8:00 - Worship 9:05 - Sunday School 9:05 - Fellowship 9:05 - Bible Study 9:05 - New Member Orientation 9:20 - Choir Practice 10:00 - Worship	13 6:30 - Faith Night/Council Mtg	14 Valentine's Day 8:00 - Weigh-in 9:00-3:00 - Quilting 6:00 - Boy Scouts 7:00 - Book Club	15 10:00 - WOW 3:15-5:00 - WACKY 6:30 - Worship 6:30 - Financial Peace 7:15 - Confirmation 7:15 - High School Group	16 9:00 - Saddle Lasses	17 Newsletter Deadline 6:30 - AA Mtg	18 6:30-2:30 - Marriage Retreat
19 Pajama Day 8:00 - Worship 9:05 - Sunday School (PJ Day) 9:05 - Fellowship 9:05 - Bible Study 9:05 - New Member Orientation 9:20 - Choir Practice 10:00 - Worship (SS Sings)	20 Presidents Day	21 8:00 - Weigh-in 9:00 - WiseGuys	22 Ash Wednesday 10:00 - WOW 3:15-5:00 - WACKY 6:30 - Lenten Worship 6:30 - Financial Peace 7:15 - Confirmation 7:15 - Praise Band	23 1:00-4:00 - Just for Fun	24 6:00 - Girl Scouts 6:30 - AA Mtg	25
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