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FaithBytes

April 2024



"Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! According to His great mercy, He has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead..."

1 Peter 1:3



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Congratulations to...

Kyle and Kelly Yoder on the birth of their son, Reid Mitchell born March 7.



Dennis and Teresa Rockensock on the birth of their grandson, Waylon James born to Jeffrey and Amber on March 14. Great Grandparents are Larry and Rilla May. Great Grandma is Pam Kellner.

Isaiah and Ellie Phillippi on the birth of their son, Jace James born March 18. Grandparents are Jim and Janna Phillippi and Trevor and Sarah Gwiazdon. Great Grandpa is Steve Mickelson.

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FaithBytes Issue 4 April 2024

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Submission Deadline for the May 2024 issue is: **Monday, April 22nd**



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Feedback is always welcome.





All Church Information

Worship Schedule

8:15 AM Worship Service



9:30 AM Faith Classes for all ages

10:45 AM Worship Service and Livestream

A staffed nursery is available in the West Wing for infants though 2 years.



Calling all kids ... ages 3 to 5 years old. Faith Kids Jr. at 10:45 AM in the West side nursery. Parents, please sign in/sign out your child at the Nursery.

9:30 AM in the FLC Gym

April 14 - Quarterly Family Meeting April 21 - Tackett Welcome during Fellowship Time (Youth classes at 9:30 AM - Adult Faith Classes at 10 AM)

FAITH MISSION CIRCLE

Faith Missionary Circle will host the April birthday party at Heritage on April 15 at 1:30, with cake, ice cream, fancy hats, and music.
A brief meeting will follow the party at Heritage.

FAITH FORCE

Sundays @ 10:45

Seniors are invited to the monthly potluck on Monday, April 22nd at 11:45 AM in the Fellowship Hall.

Mark and Miri Larson will share about the Mexican Mission trip they participated in earlier this year.

Invite a friend and bring a dish or two to share.



Summit Scholarships

Thank you for your ongoing support of Summit Ministries Scholarships.

When you purchase the following items, the monies go into the Scholarship Fund. You may also donate by designating on the offering envelope to "Summit Scholarships". A scholarship will help send a young person to the Summer Summit Ministry Conference, held in Colorado each year.

Available during the week in the East Foyer: Notepads (\$3) Cards (\$10)



Connection (H.U.G.) Schedule

Apr.	Welcome Desk	Greeters	Welcome Desk	Greeters
	8:00 AM	8:00 AM	10:30 AM	10:30 AM
7	Haroldson	Jim T. Julie T.	Wilmot	Pam K. Youth
14	Trottier	Ray & Barb K. Nick T.	Kriens	Don & Sue G.
21	Lundstrom	Doug & Mary B. Sarah G.	Lindquist	Lynda S. Sandra L.
28	Folkestad	Drew & Sarah M. Cindy E., Lorraine E.	D. Johnson	Amber L. Dan/Pat M.

Apr.	8:00 Door	Openers					
	N1	N2	E1	W1	S1		
7	Dave V.	Help Needed		Help Needed	Steve M.		
14	Steve M.	Help Needed		Help Needed	Ken & Evie O.		
21	Becky M.	Help Needed		Help Needed	Diane S.		
28	Becky M.	Help Needed		Help Needed	Help Needed		
Apr.	10:30 Door Openers						
	N1 N2		E1	W1	S1		
7	Peter W.	Help Needed		Help Needed	Dan & Linda K.		
14	Munson Family	Munson Family		Munson Family	Munson Family		
21	Matt K.	Help Needed		Help Needed	Sue P.		
28	Bev S.	Help Needed		Matt K.	Denny S.		

Apr. Library
7
Judy 14
Diane
21 Debbie
28 Ruby

NURSERY	Apr.	8:00	9:15	10:30	10:30 3-5yo
	7	Christa M.	Liz A. Marnie S.	Sue P. Tammy P.	Hannah N. Jordan N.
NUR	14	Bev S.	Amber & Grant L.	Trever V. and V. Teen	Kiana S. S. Teen
	21	Sarah & Drew M.	Bethany H. Teens	Lydia & Cyrus G.	Kiana S. S. Teen
	28	Jessica L.	Ava & Phillip R.	Cassie & Casey D.	Kiana S. S. Teen



From Pastor Jeff's Desk

Dear Faithbridge Family,

As we reflect on the cross of Christ and His resurrection this Easter season, I want to invite you into a devotional reading from the *Minister's Prayer Book* by John Doberstein. In the anthology, a collection of readings divided into the seven days of the week, one of the readings from Wednesday is as follows:

"The insincerities and the hypocrisies and the basenesses in our own characters take their true name, when we see them in the presence of Him in who God was reconciling the world unto Himself. We do not really know ourselves until we see ourselves before the cross of Christ.

When that self-revelation comes to you, do not shrink from it. [With your life] you will be preaching repentance to others; how shall you preach it unless you have made trial of it yourselves? And the cross, which brings you self-knowledge, bitter and unwelcome though that self-knowledge may be, is the emblem, the pledge and the token, of the reconciling love of God. It shows your sin, but in the self-same moment it holds out to you the hope—nay, the certainty, if you will have it so—of forgiveness and a new life in God." — Charles Michael Jacobs

O God, holy and eternal, You permit us to enter into the fellowship of that holy suffering by which Your dear Son, our Savior, conquered sin and death. Grant that we may celebrate the remembrance of His passion with true devotion, accept the cross as His disciples, and thus fulfill Your holy will; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen!

He is risen!

Pastor Jeff



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Grief Share



Grief Share is a grief support group for help and healing after the death of a family member or friend.

If you wish to find out more information regarding this group, please contact one of our Faith Nurses, Rebecca Anderson, through the church office or visit the website - https://www.griefshare.org/



Faith Prayer Ministry

- Requests can be phoned/emailed to the Church Office or to the Compassion Coordinator, Jan Henderson (732-4522), who will forward them to the Prayer Group or Prayer Chain, as you direct.
- Prayer Warriors: A weekly prayer list, can be delivered to your FBC mailbox or emailed upon request.

Isaiah 23:3-4

"You keep him in perfect peace whose mind is stayed on You. Trust in the Lord forever, for the Lord God is an everlasting rock."



Faith Military Connections

Josie Carter Brian Evink Sean McGaffey
Chase Bohman Jared Lange Jim Sleesman
Chasity Bohman Aaron Lemke Davita Taylor
Malachi Martin Ryan Vredenburg

Thanks for praying for our servicemen; for their safety and for their families.

We need your help: If the status of any of the following military personnel has changed, please inform the office so we can update this list. Thank you!

DEACON OF THE MONTH Steve Criswell

Greetings church family. Steve Criswell here. My wife Lucy and I have been married 46 years and we have 4 wonderful kids. Lacey, Stacey, Kacey and Ryan. We also have 4 'perfect' grandkids in Montana. Madison (18) Wes (14) and Margo (2) and Evie (infant) in the Cities.



I grew up in western Montana and moved to Minnesota in 1985. Over the years I have been a CPA, Pastor, but for 27 years was a store owner in Park Rapids. We are both retired now. Lucy and I have attended Faithbridge for 26 years.

My life verse is Romans 5:8. "But God demonstrates His own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us!"

My spiritual journey has been influenced through the Cubbies ministry of Awana. A 5 year-old girl brought me back to Christ. It is a story I love to share.

It is a honor to serve as a deacon at Faithbridge.

Because He Lives!



Faith Kids JR April Lessons

Parents of Preschool children, ages 3-5.

The following is the April Curriculum for the class held in the nursery during second service. Parents are welcome to check out the **Parent Cue** app. It has a plethora of information for all grades to utilize for fun or for home study. When you see this image, you will know you have the right app.



PARENT CUE

April verse: "Let your light shine." Matthew 5:16

Bottom Line: I can do what Jesus says.

April 7 - Light of the World

April 14 - Great Commission

April 21 - Early Church

April 28 - Shine like the Stars

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Mission Team News



This is a photo of three Mokahum students taken on March 21st. They are Erik, who recently returned to Austria, Cip and Tyson. Class that day and all week, was on Native church history and was taught by Huron Claus, president of Christian Hope Indian Eskimo Fellowship (CHIEF). He comes from the Mohawk tribe of New York State and the Kiowa tribe of Oklahoma. Please pray for these students and Lyric.

We thank Charlie Schmidgall for framing and hanging this milled steel plate map of the world. It was a gift from Karen Hoglund serving in Uganda. It was made by Ugandan youth in an NGO training class for Bible/Welding/Carpentry.





God has given us more opportunities to be the hands and feet of Jesus. Let's answer the call.

Be sure to read the latest news from our missionaries - letters are located in the East and West foyer kiosks.



MOPS Fundraiser



MOPS women are selling Hafner flower baskets during April.

Cost is \$25 for an 11 in. basket voucher.

Call Cora @ 218.252.2652 if you are interested.



Men's Ministry

Men, you are invited and encouraged to join us for Work Day at Camp Lebanon, Saturday, April 27th. We will leave from Church at 7 AM. We plan to help put on outside siding and/or putting tongue and groove on the inside of the new Gym.



Camp will provide the tools. Contact Dave Lindquist or Drew Maninga if you can help.



Awana Grand Prix Results

Congratulations to ALL the racers.

Design Awards... Sparks:

- 1. Juneau Van Batavia
- 2. Norah Holte
- 3. Bruce Henderson

T&T Girls:

- 1. Clara Holte
- 2. Leah Larson
- 3. Abby Holte

T&T Bovs:

- 1. Aden Munson
- 2. Nathan Henderson
- 3. Wesley Gartner

7th-12th Grade

- 1. Fin Van Batavia
- 2. Isaac Henderson
- 3. Katelynn Henderson

Adults/Cubbies

- Alice Holte
- Waylon Gartner
- 3. Ian Holte

Speed Awards... Sparks:

- Larken Donatelle
- 2. Harlan Newhouse
- 3. Freya Lewis

T&T Girls:

- 1. Kalli Rockensock
- 2. Peyton Schneider
- Grace Martin

T&T Boys:

- 1. Isaiah Savage
- 2. Jayden Romosz
- 3. Logan Schneider

7th-12th Grade

- Conner Lewis
- 2. Gabe Gust
- 3. Fin Van Batavia

Adults/Cubbies

- 1. Jocelyn Kruchowski
- 2. Erik Lewis
- 3. Reed Henderson

Overall Champion - Larkin Donatelle







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Family of Faith Nurses

FACTS ABOUT ANTACIDS

If you suffer from frequent heartburn you should consult your doctor. While antacids can provide some relief, they're not the best choice for frequent heartburn. Many doctors believe that using antacids improperly could lead to undertreating symptoms or missing a more serious condition. For example, people with GERD (gastroesophageal reflux disease) can develop an inflammation of the esophagus, which is the tube that leads from the throat to the stomach. This can cause bleeding or constriction of the esophagus, making it difficult to swallow.

You might also be trying to treat something antacids won't cure, like a stomach ulcer, gallstones or a problem of the pancreas. Upper abdominal discomfort could even be caused by a serious heart issue.

Overuse of antacids can also lead to abnormally high blood levels of calcium or magnesium— especially if you have kidney problems. Finally, antacids may interfere with absorption of your other medications.

Treating acid reflux, heartburn and indigestion requires a balance of healthy lifestyle and medication. Fried and fatty foods can worsen acid reflux, as can caffeine and acidic foods like lemons or tomatoes. Consuming a large meal shortly before bedtime can also contribute to problems with the esophagus. Making smart lifestyle choices can help keep your digestive system running smoothly while helping you avoid long-term antacid use.

Harvard Women's Health Watch



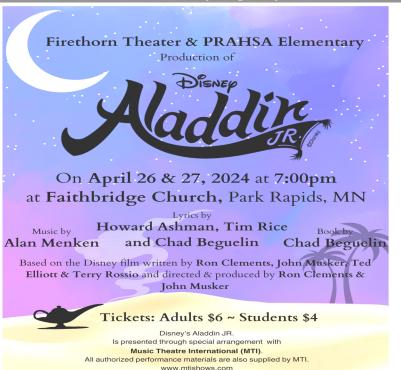
Don't forget to look in your Church
Directory for the April
Birthdays and Anniversaries



Searching for Graduates

If you are a parent of a student graduating from high school or has/will be from a college or tech school (either in December of 2023 or May of 2024) please contact Jan Henderson as soon as possible. janhenderson@faithbridgepr.org or 218-732-4522

PRAHSA Spring Play



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VBS Registration - Volunteers and Students



"This year at VBS, we will explore Biblical answers to everyday questions (Why do bad things happen? Why do I need to be saved? Can I trust the Bible?) as we set off on an epic adventure from Genesis to Revelation. The fun jungle cruise will stop at 7 ports of call, the 7 C's of History: Creation, Corruption, Catastrophe, Confusion, Christ, Cross

and Consummation. The kids will discover how these events shape our world, and they will learn to reconnect the Bible to their everyday lives." VBS dates: August 11-15

Sign-up: <u>faithbridgepr.org/events</u> (after April 4) (Optional T-Shirts (\$10) can be paid for on the first night).



Faith Student Ministry



FSM - students 7th-12th grade



April Schedule:

April 3 - 7 pm - Expo Night in the Gym April 10 - 7 pm - FSM in the Upper Room April 17 - 7 pm - FSM in the Upper Room April 19-20 - SPROG

April 24 - 7 pm - FSM in the Upper Room

Sunday Faith Class "Forgotten God" Facilitators: Kiley Lange and Tracee Lindquist

Check out the Website:

www.faithbridgepr.org/ministries/student-ministry/
Or join the Facebook Group: FSM UPPER ROOM (Faithbridge Church)
for upcoming week by week youth events.



MOPS



Calling all Moms!

Looking for that VILLAGE that everyone says it takes?

You found us! Join MOPS and MOMSnext for encouraging fellowship and mentorship, prayer and devotion, brunch and coffee and so much more! Motherhood can be hard. But it doesn't have to be lonely.

We invite you to join us every first and third Tuesday of the month from 9-11 am.

April 2nd - Health Day (walk or video) April 16th - Tea and Testimony April 23rd - Play Date TBA



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Library

Library is open on Sunday mornings: 9:15-10:45 and following the second service

Behind the desk in the library are a couple of shelves of often overlooked *Oversized Books.* I'd like to draw your attention to three books with high reviews: The Rose Book of Bible Charts, Maps and Timelines; The Rose Book of Bible Charts, Vol. 2; and Deluxe Then and Now Bible Maps. These books contain thousands of facts that will enrich your understanding and study of the Bible and will be a great resource as you teach others about the Word of God, including your children. From an overview of each book in the Old and New Testaments, to maps of Bible lands in Old Testament periods, to the time of Jesus and the disciples, to Paul's missionary journeys, to illustrations of Noah's Ark, Solomon's Temple, the Tabernacle, to key people and events, prophecies and to so much more. "This book is amazing. Never have I seen so much material presented in such an easy-to-access, right-at-hand format." Come take a look for yourself!

NEW FICTION

One Final Target by Janice Cantore - Every police officer knows it's dangerous to serve a warrant---but *no* one expects an IED to detonate, killing four officers in one deadly explosion. Now it's up to the lone survivor, Sergeant Jodie King, to solve the case. And new detective Sam Gresham fears Jodie may be the intended target! A contemporary romantic suspense about overcoming grief and learning to trust again.

The Yada Yada Prayer Group Gets Tough by Neta Jackson - Prayer is a powerful spiritual weapon. The women of the Chicago-born Yada Yada Prayer Group have developed a strong sisterly bond. They've had a wild year full of joy, sorrow, and a healthy dose of laughter. But just when life gets comfortable, things get shaken up. A white supremacy hate group targets a local university and viciously attacks Nony's husband, barely sparing his life. With their loved one balancing between life and death, the mismatched sisters get tough and their prayer group becomes much more than just a Bible study. It becomes a lifeline.

Water From My Heart by Charles Martin - Left to survive on his own as a teenager, Charlie grows up fast---earning a scholarship to Harvard and learning to survive on the outskirts of privileged society. But when his streetwise East Coast business sense leads to disastrous consequences for

a faraway mother and child, will a trip to Nicaragua soften his jaded heart? A breathtaking novel of love and redemption.

Thunder and Rain by Charles Martin - A Texas Ranger with a tough exterior but kind heart is given a second chance at love in this action-packed romance where good triumphs evil. Tough Texas Ranger Tyler Steele never could understand why his marriage failed. And now the cowboy hero is a retired single dad who doesn't know how to rebuild his own life---but he does know how to help two on-the-run innocent strangers in danger! Will Ty confront his weaknesses and become the man he needs to be?

And another DVD from Joyce's Top Twelve – Gifted Hands – the story of Ben Carson, who through his mother's encouragement learned the importance of education and reading and at the age of 33 became the director of pediatric neurosurgery at John Hopkins Hospital, successfully separating conjoined twins joined at the head. Rated PG-13 for one scene of violence.



A Kinship Thank You

"The Kinship of Park Rapids youth mentoring program recently enjoyed a friendly competition on the pickleball courts at Faithbridge Church. Mentors, youth and friends bonded over the fun and fast-paced game, promoting teamwork and healthy activity. The supportive atmosphere provided a space for mentees to learn new skills and build confidence, all while having a blast with their Kinship peers."









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Community Happenings

LISTINGS BELOW ARE COURTESY ANNOUNCEMENTS - NOT NECESSARILY FBC ENDORSED



Menahga High School April 20th, 8 - 10 AM \$25 cash donation Open to everyone.

The Caregiver Closet is located in Unit B of the new Climate Storage PR Furniture Center - 1104 Park Ave S. Park Rapids.
Open Tues. 1-3pm / Thurs. 10-noon

Food Shelf Remember our Park Rapids Food Shelf!

308 Pleasant Ave. S, Park

Rapids. Food and monetary donations are welcomed, now more than ever.



Taco Feast Fundraiser Friday, April 19th American Legion 4:30 - 6:30 PM \$10 per person



Eastside Church on Thursdays, 6:30 pm. No advance sign-up necessary.

Celebrate Recovery is a group open for anyone dealing with hurts, hang-ups or habits.



Living At Home offers a **caregiving support group** that meets the 1st Wednesday of each month from 1:30 - 3:00 PM.

An Afternoon Out is for those experiencing memory loss, their Caregivers, Partners, Family & Friends to socialize, engage in music and other fun activities in a safe and supportive environment.

FREE of charge - Thursdays - 1 - 2:30 PM - Riverside United Methodist Church



Camp Lebanon

Check the Camp Website www.camplebanon.org

Always a fun time away, a time in the Word and a time of fellowship!

Coming up:

April 26-28 - Dads N Lads (& Grandpas)

May 3-5 & May 10-12 - Mother/Daughter & Grandmas I & II

May 14 - Spring Senior Day





Faith Missionaries of the Month

Beyer, Danielle Red River Youth for Christ Special Projects Coordinator.

Pray that we will find a female replacement staff member who will work with our growing parent life ministry.

Pray for our summer 'Peach' fundraiser - for crops to be plentiful and volunteers will be found to help with the sale. I will be out this summer on maternity leave!

Praise for the 18-26 high school kids that attend a Friday afternoon program at a local Moorhead church each week.

Praise for two "young missionaries" at the Juvenile detention center who have been encouraging their peers to read their Bibles, pray, and continually point them to Christ.

Blake, David and Rita Southeast Asia with Wycliffe Management of Bible translation programs.

Pray for David - first half of 2024 is a busy travel season with international trips almost every month. Please pray for safe travels and productive meetings and training events.



Praise for the good time with all four daughters, our son-in-law and our granddaughter at various times in recent weeks.

Borstad, Mike and Sherry Argentina with Cardón Ministries

Leadership development in NW Argentina, especially rural church seminars, mentoring long distance and on-site.

Praise for the opportunity to provide solid Biblical video teaching for believers in South America.

Pray for Mike as he presents a class on the "Introduction to the Old Testament" in San Diego, CA. early in April.

Pray as he prepares a class on Old Testament Prophets to be taught in Columbia in July.

Camp Lebanon, Bill and Lisa Abeler *Camp Directors Ministering to churches through Camp ministry.*

Summer Staff Search – 21 of 45 positions left to fill (D3 Leaders, male counselors).

Leadership Transition - Executive Director, Women's Ministries, Registrar.

Gym Progress – April/May will be exciting! Seeking volunteers. **Summer Camps** filling fast (youth 75%, family 90%!)

