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# FaithBytes

April 2026



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Good Friday Noon Community Service at Assembly of God Church



Good Friday Observance and Communion  
6:00 PM at Faithbridge Church



Regular Service at 8:00 and 10:30 am  
Brunch served by the Youth starting at 9:15 AM in the Gym. Baskets will be on tables for donations to FSM Mission Trips.  
NOTE: Muffins are needed. May be dropped off at the Good Friday Service in the South kitchen or Saturday morning during brunch set up.

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### FaithBytes

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Submission Deadline for the May 2026 issue is:  
**Monday, April 27th**



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*Feedback is always welcome.*



The weekly bulletin and monthly FaithBytes can be viewed online at [www.faithbridgepr.org/resources](http://www.faithbridgepr.org/resources)

### Worship Schedule

- 8:00 AM** Worship Service
- 9:15 AM** Fellowship Time in the Gym
- 9:30 AM** Faith Classes
- 10:30 AM** Faith Kids JR
- 10:30 AM** Worship Service and Livestream

Sundays @ 10:30  
LIVESTREAM  
[www.faithbridgepr.org](http://www.faithbridgepr.org)

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



Faith Kids JR (3 Yr-1st grade) will meet in the Cubbies Room during the 10:30 AM Service. Be sure to sign-in your children at the West Check-In Desk and pick up your children at the Cubbies Room immediately after the second service.

### FAITH FORCE SENIORS

Seniors are invited to our Monthly Potluck on Monday, April 27 at 11:45 AM. We look forward to a great time of fellowship and good food. Leah Peitala, adopted from Russia, will share her Faith Story. Invite a friend and bring a dish or two to share. We look forward to seeing you.

### FAITH MISSION CIRCLE

All ladies are welcome to join us! Faith Missionary Circle will be celebrating April birthdays at Heritage Living Center on Monday, April 13. We'll have cake, ice cream, music and fancy hats! PARTY TIME is 1:30, but please come at 1:00 to prepare. We will also have a short meeting after the party, right at Heritage.



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". Scholarships help send a young person to the Summer Summit Ministry Conference, held in Colorado each year.

Available during the week in the East Foyer: Cards & Calendars (\$10) Notepad (\$3)



## Connection (H.U.G.) Schedule

Apr.	Welcome Desk	Greeters	Welcome Desk	Greeters
	7:45 AM	7:45 AM	10:15 AM	10:15 AM
5	Haroldson	Ray & Barb K. Jim & Julie T.	Vredenburg	Youth Steve & Deb A.
12	Trottier	Doug & Mary B. Miguel P.	Amber L.	Sandy C. Sandra L.
19	Lundstrom	Mike & Dee R. Brian & Wendy K.	Diane J.	Lynda S. Don & Sue G.
26	Folkestad	Drew M. Sarah M.	Kriens	Pam K. Dan & Pat McG.

Apr.	7:45 Door Openers				
	N1	N2	E1	W1	S1
5	Becky M.	Help Needed		Help Needed	Steve M.
12		Help Needed		Help Needed	Ken & Evie O.
19	Frank S.	Help Needed		Help Needed	Diane S.
26	Becky M.	Help Needed		Help Needed	Steve M.
Apr.	10:15 Door Openers				
	N1	N2	E1	W1	S1
5	Youth	Youth		Youth	Youth
12	Munson Family	Munson Family		Munson Family	Sue P.
19	Bev S.	Help Needed		Help Needed	Denny S.
26	Help Needed	Help Needed		Help Needed	Help Needed

	Apr. Library
5	Judy Abby
12	Diane
19	Arianna Emerson
26	Debbie

NURSERY

Apr.	7:45	9:15	10:15	FaithKids Jr
5	Liz A.	Help Needed	Karen L.	Kelly Y. Kristen B.
12	Bev S.	Liz A. Amber L.	Lydia G. Jennifer O.	Sabina T. Kelly Y.
19	Sarah M.	Help Needed	Rita B.	Sabina T. Charlie/Cathy S.
26	Sue P.	Ava & Phillip R.	Tammy P.	Jennifer O. Laura B.



## From Pastor Jeff's Desk

Dear Faithbridge Family,

Holy Week seems like it is early this year. Easter is such an exciting time for us to celebrate the hope of the resurrection of Jesus Christ our Lord. Without His rising from the dead on the third day according to the Scriptures our faith and hope has no basis. In fact, according to the Apostle Paul, we who believe in a resurrection are the most to be pitied if there is no resurrection (1 Corinthians 15:12-19).

However, Paul goes on to say, ***“But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep. For as by a man came death, by a man has come also the resurrection of the dead. For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ shall all be made alive”*** (1 Corinthians 15:20-22, ESV). In fact, Christ has been raised from the dead. In fact. Not opinion. Not feeling. Fact. Christ is risen. He was once dead and buried; now He is alive again and ascended to the right hand of the Father where He awaits the order to return to claim His Bride.

But, in order to get to the resurrection, Jesus had to pass through Good Friday and His crucifixion on the cross. And in order to get to Good Friday, Jesus had to enter Jerusalem riding on the colt of a donkey so that the prophecy of Zechariah 9:9 might be fulfilled. Everything that Jesus did was out of obedience to the Father and in fulfillment of prophecy. Nothing was left undone that He set out to do. Similarly, we, the Church and Bride of Christ, are awaiting the completion of His mission when He comes again.

As we wait for His return, and celebrate His resurrection, and hope for the day when we see Him face to face, may we be faithful to Him. May we *“make every effort to supplement our faith”* (2 Peter 1:5) and *“be all the more diligent to confirm [our] election and calling”* (2 Peter 1:10) so that we *“will never fall.”* *“In this way there will be richly provided for [us] an entrance into the eternal kingdom of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ”* (2 Peter 1:11, ESV). There is no greater way to celebrate the resurrection of Christ than to grow in the grace and knowledge of Him, today and every-day!

Grace and peace,  
Pastor Jeff



**FSM - students 7th-12th**



**Upper Room**  
**Sunday's - 9:30 AM**  
**Wednesday's - 7:00 PM**  
 Come and bring a friend

- # Wednesday, April 1st - FSM Seder Meal - A time to learn what the Passover Meal entailed and its deeper meaning.
- # Saturday, April 4th - preparation for the Easter Brunch (Don't forget to bring Muffins.)
- # Sunday, April 5th - Help serve at the Easter Brunch starting at 9:15 AM



Summer Camp registration is underway...don't delay!  
 Scholarship Forms are available on the web:  
[faithbridgepr.org/get-involved/forms](http://faithbridgepr.org/get-involved/forms)

- Dads N Lads (& Grandpas) April 24-26
- Mother/Daughter/Grandma - May 1-3 and 8-10
- Spring Senior Day, May 12th - RSVP at [CampLebanon.org/retreat](http://CampLebanon.org/retreat)



Summer Ministry Volunteers Needed  
 Sundays, May 24th - August 30th  
 9:45 - 11:15 AM



Sign up online at [faithbridgepr.org/events/](http://faithbridgepr.org/events/)  
 or turn in the blue bulletin insert  
 to the office or Welcome Desk

**1** Helping present their first VBS in their community!

**2** Open to FSM 7th Graders – Graduates **NO LIMIT**

**3** Sign-up from the Faithbridge Events Page! **FREE**

**FSM VBS Mission Trip Opportunity #2**  
 June 21st – 25th  
**River City & Redemption Church**  
 St. Paul, MN

**FSM VBS Mission Trip Opportunity**  
 July 25th – 30th  
**Spring Valley Bible Camp**  
 Muscatine, IA

**1** Working alongside their staff to impact 3rd & 4th graders lives!

**2** Only 20 spots available. Open to FSM 7th Graders – Graduates

**3** Sign-up from the Faithbridge Events Page if you're serious! **\$50/student**

Moms of any age—you are welcome to come and join us on the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of each month at 9:15 AM. Fun and Fellowship Gym Days are on the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays at 10:00 AM.



April's theme will be, "How does your garden grow?" How do we grow "mini" disciples in our homes and practical tools for parenting.

**FAITH MOMS**

Meetings: April 14<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup>.

Gym Days: April 7<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup>.

Last meeting will be May 5.



The purpose of Child Dedication is for parents to present their child before God and the church, committing to seek after His grace and wisdom in carrying out their responsibilities.

We extend the opportunity to parents for this dedication on Mother's Day, May 10<sup>th</sup>, in either service. If you would like to participate, please fill out the form found under Get Involved on the website at [www.faithbridgepr.org/forms](http://www.faithbridgepr.org/forms)

**Awana:** With the retirement of the Hoppe's, we now welcome our new Awana Missionary, Brenda Cole! Brenda has worked in Awana for over 25 years. She has worked as a Leader, a Cubbie Director, as well as many years as a Commander before answering the call to be an Awana Missionary in 2015.



She brings years of practical experience and a passion for reaching kids with the Gospel. Brenda has two grown children and lives in Hastings, MN, with her husband Brian. She serves all of Minnesota and Iowa, as well as 20 churches in Wisconsin. Brenda had supper with some of our Missions Team members and then visited the Faithbridge Awana program on March 18th. She was a delight!

**Pregnancy Resource Center:** Faithbridge has supported PRC for many years and continues to support them monthly.

PRC provides confidential services, referrals, and support to anyone facing an unplanned or unsupported pregnancy. This past year PRC was able to serve 347 women and families in our community, providing pregnancy tests, ultrasounds, parenting classes/education, adoption information, material assistance, and practical support—all completely free of charge. Without the help of donors, this ministry would not exist.

The Executive Director of PRC, Sheryl Zibrowski, recently shared by email with past donors that they are experiencing significant budget shortfall. They currently have an urgent financial need. They have a \$110,000 budget and need to raise \$10,000 a month for the next six months to stabilize funding and keep their doors open. Sheryl shared that every day women continue to walk through their doors that need support, guidance, and hope.

If you were considering giving, but have not yet done so, please prayerfully consider helping them today - **the need is great!** Every gift helps ensure that the next woman facing an unexpected pregnancy has a safe place to come for help!

If you would be interested in volunteering at PRC or would like a tour of the center, call Sheryl at 218-732-5212. You can give through their website [www.prcparkrapids.org](http://www.prcparkrapids.org) or you can mail your donation to Pregnancy Resource Center, PO Box 759, Park Rapids, MN 56470.

The Pregnancy Resource Center is thankful for Faithbridge's ongoing faithful support!

**GOD’S PROVISION FOR OUR SPIRITUAL HUNGER**

Most of us are blessed to be able to enjoy three meals a day, with snacks in between. We live in a ‘land of plenty’. Our bellies are routinely satisfied, but do we still feel another kind of hunger inside of us? There are three types of hunger that all of us should be concerned with: physical, psychological and spiritual.



**Physical hunger** occurs when your stomach is empty and your brain signals that it needs to be satisfied with food— stomach growling, thoughts about food and feelings of irritability, tiredness or poor concentration.

**Psychological hunger** causes us to eat due to our emotions— boredom, stress, sadness or loneliness.

**Spiritual hunger** is a type of hunger created by God within each of us— a hunger for Himself. This is often a feeling that we’re lacking or missing ‘something’. We may feel incomplete or unsatisfied with our lives. This type of hunger can only be satisfied by His Word. In Matthew 4:4 Jesus quotes from the Old Testament, saying “Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.” Later in the book of John 6:35, Jesus says, “I am the bread of life; whoever comes to me shall not hunger, and whoever believes in me shall never thirst.”

I wonder if we have considered that our main spiritual meal is to be enjoyed at church when we gather with our church family. Many of us may think of Bible reading and studying only as an individual activity, but we are called to gather together and ‘feast’ on His Word. We are corporately nourished by hearing the Word preached, reading the Word together, praying through the Word and singing the Word through music. It’s a time of fellowship and celebration that truly feeds our souls and keeps us spiritually healthy. Snacking is okay, but we need bigger meals in order to go deeper in our study of the Word.

The church is the body of Christ and it needs (*we need*) a full, well-rounded meal of God’s Word in order to grow and thrive together. There is no limit to the amount of *this* food you can consume— so eat it to your heart’s content!



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

For information, contact Becky A. directly or by email or phone 218-252-3500  
<https://griefshare.org/>






- 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.**

“And God is able to make all grace abound to you, so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work.”  
 2 Corinthians 9:8

Josie Bohman	Chase Lodi	Patricia Pfeifer
Maggie Kay Carter	Sonny Lodi	Hunter Schommer
Brian Evink	Malachi Martin	Jim Slesman
Jared Lange	Sean McGaffey	Owen Van Batavia

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!

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<h1>APRIL 2026</h1>			1 1 PM Sanctuary use 1 PM Release Time 5 PM Conference Room use 5:30 PM Chapel use 6:55 PM AWANA 7 PM Room to Breathe 7 PM FSM	2 9 AM Gym use 10 AM BSF 10:30 AM Pickleball  1 PM Gym use 6 PM Praise Team 6 PM Papi Fut	3 <b>Office Closed</b> 11 AM Gym use  6:00 PM Service	4 No GriefShare
5 Communion Sunday 8:00 AM Easter Service <b>9:30 AM Easter Brunch</b> 10:30 AM Easter Service 10:30 AM Livestream  4:30 PM Spanish Speaking Svc	6 Homeschool use  6 PM Volleyball	7 9 AM Gym use 10 AM FaithMoms Gym  2 PM Gym use 3:30 PM Heritage Comm 5 PM Pickleball	8 1 PM Sanctuary use 1 PM Release Time 5 PM Conference Room use 5:30 PM Chapel use 6:55 PM AWANA 7 PM Room to Breathe 7 PM FSM	9 9 AM Gym use 10 AM BSF 10:30 AM Pickleball  1 PM Gym use 6 PM Praise Team 6 PM Papi Fut	10 <b>Office Closed</b> 11 AM Gym use	11 7 AM Camp Lebanon Work Day  10 AM GriefShare
12 8:00 AM Worship Service 9:30 AM Faith Classes 10:30 AM Worship Service 10:30 AM Livestream  4:30 PM Spanish Speaking Svc	13 Homeschool use  1 PM FMC @ Heritage 5:30 PM Finance Mtg 6 PM Volleyball 6 PM Trustee Board Mtg 7:00 PM Deacon Mtg	14 9 AM Gym use 9:15 AM FaithMoms  2 PM Gym use 5 PM Pickleball	15 9:30 AM Staff Meeting  1 PM Sanctuary use 1 PM Release Time 5 PM Conference Room use 5:30 PM Chapel use 6:55 PM AWANA 7 PM Room to Breathe 7 PM FSM	16 9 AM Gym use 10 AM BSF 10:30 AM Pickleball  1 PM Gym use 6 PM Praise Team 6 PM Papi Fut	17 <b>Office Closed</b> 11 AM Gym use  <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; text-align: center;">FSM Spring Retreat</div>	18 10 AM GriefShare
19 8:00 AM Worship Service 9:30 AM Faith Classes-Yth 9:30 AM Quarterly Mtg 10:30 AM Worship Service 10:30 AM Livestream  4:30 PM Spanish Speaking Svc 6:30 PM HS Choir Concert	20 Homeschool use  6 PM Volleyball 6:30 PM Missions Team	21 9 AM Gym use 10 AM FaithMoms Gym  2 PM Gym use 5 PM Pickleball	22 1 PM Sanctuary use 1 PM Release Time 5 PM Conference Room use 5:30 PM Chapel use 6:55 PM AWANA 7 PM Room to Breathe 7 PM FSM	23 9 AM Gym use 10 AM BSF - Chapel 10 AM Sanctuary use 10:30 AM Pickleball  1 PM Gym use 6 PM Praise Team 6 PM Papi Fut	24 <b>Office Closed</b> 11 AM Gym use  7 PM Homeschool Play  <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; text-align: center;">Dads N Lads - Camp Lebanon</div>	25 8 AM Chapel use  7 PM Homeschool Play
26 8:00 AM Worship Service 9:30 AM Faith Classes 10:30 AM Worship Service 10:30 AM Livestream  4:30 PM Spanish Speaking Svc	27 11:45 AM Faith Force  6 PM Volleyball	28 9 AM Gym use 9:15 AM FaithMoms  2 PM Gym use 5 PM Pickleball	29 1 PM Release Time 5 PM Conference Room use 5:30 PM Chapel use 7 PM AWANA Awards Night 7 PM FSM	30 9 AM Gym use 10 AM BSF 10:30 AM Pickleball  1 PM Gym use 6 PM Praise Team 6 PM Papi Fut		

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

The **Host—Usher—Greeter Team** is looking for volunteers willing to welcome our visitors by becoming Door Greeters, Ushers and Welcome Desk Hosts. Contact Tracee in the Office.



**Wednesday, April 29<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM**

Parents, Grandparents, Friends

You are invited to this special night when we celebrate the hard work that our clubbers have done throughout the year.

**April 8th** is Fashion Disaster Theme night.

Our last regular club night for Awana is **April 22.**

Girls T&T overnight was a great success!



Grand Prix was also a smashing success in the gym this year! See the results on page 16.

Thank you to all the fun and dedicated volunteers who helped to make these events happen!



**Library is open on Sunday mornings:  
9:00 am - 12:00 pm**

*Access to the library is also available during the week when the church office is open. Someone from the office will let you into the library and check out instructions are available.*

**If the Tree Could Speak: The Story of the Cross That Saw it All** by Tim Tebow with Wyatt Kenton Edwards - A tree becomes a cross and discovers its divine purpose when it holds Jesus during the crucifixion, transforming from shame to a symbol of hope for humanity.

**The Hudson Collection** by Jocelyn Green - Elsa catalogs a deceased patron's estate, uncovering secrets and forming unlikely bonds while searching for a missing relic.

**The Warmth of Other Suns** by Isabel Wilkerson - Pulitzer Prize-winning author Isabel Wilkerson chronicles the mass exodus of six million Black Americans from the South to northern and western cities between 1915-1970, following three individuals' journeys toward better lives.

**Where We Belong** by Kim Vogel Sawyer - A widow takes in orphaned children from New York City, while their father journeys across the country to reunite with his daughters after getting back on his feet.

**Nero & Paul: How the Gospel of Grace Defeated the Ruler of Rome** by Kathie Lee Gifford with Bryan M. Litfin - A historical account contrasting Emperor Nero's pursuit of power and pleasure with Paul's mission to spread Christianity throughout the Roman Empire.

**The Women of Easter: Encounter the Savior with Mary of Bethany, Mary of Nazareth and Mary Magdalene** by Liz Curtis Higgs - This book is about three women named Mary who played a vital role in the life and ministry of Jesus.

Check out the Library Bulletin Board for more story details!

And the winners are...

- Design - Sparks**  
 1 Emery Maninga  
 2 Rachel Solomonson  
 3 Wesley Becker

- Design - T&T Girls**  
 1 Hartlyn Tackett  
 2 Emerson Lange  
 3 Kaycie Floyd

- Design - T&T Boys**  
 1 Winsten Gartner  
 2 Jaydon Kruchowski  
 3 Jayson Kruchowski

- Design - 7th-12th Grade**  
 1 Wesley Gartner  
 2 Peyton Schneider  
 3 Clara Holte

- Design - Adults/Cubbies**  
 1 Justina Kruchowski  
 2 Rosa Maninga  
 3 Arthur Doll

And the winners are...

- Speed - Sparks**  
 1 Novah Donatelle  
 2 Larkin Donatelle  
 3 Wesley Becker

- Speed - T&T Girls**  
 1 Freya Lewis  
 2 Charlotte Lange  
 3 Ava Johnson

- Speed - T&T Boys**  
 1 Ezra Johnson  
 2 Jaydon Kruchowski  
 3 Thomas Becker

- Speed - 7th-12th Grade**  
 1 Gabe Savage  
 2 Isaiah Savage  
 3 Connor Lewis

- Speed - Adults/Cubbies**  
 1 Archer Gust  
 2 Owen Nilson  
 3 Jaclyn Kruchowski

## Overall Champion - Novah Donatelle



## DEACON OF THE MONTH

Drew and Sarah Maninga have been married for 10 years and have three beautiful daughters, Emery (6), Rosa (4) and Hilda (1).

Drew grew up in Menahga and has attended Faithbridge since 1998. His Sunday School teacher, Dave Vocelka, pointed the way to Christ in class and while riding home with his mom, Becky, he prayed to ask Jesus into his heart. He was baptized by Pastor Russ Paulson in Spirit Lake. At Faithbridge he has also served on the Trustee Board. In his "spare" time he enjoys farming and hunting when not working for the City of Sebeka Public Works.

His favorite verse is Hebrews 12:1-2 "Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God."

Board of Deacons	Ken Osterberg - Chr	Denny Sleen	David Lindquist
	Bud Kading	Drew Maninga	Charlie Schmidgall
	Matt Munson	David Wolff	Steve Criswell



## Save the Date

Itasca State Park Couples Retreat will be June 12-14.

Pastor Jeff and Jessica will be our speakers.

Contact Denny or Bev Sleen for more information.  
218-252-2092

Sign-ups begin April 19th  
Cost: \$75 per couple



## Graduation Information Needed



Parents: If you have a son or daughter that is graduating from a college or trade school this year, please pass the information on to Jan Henderson. We are looking for the degree earned, from what school of learning and what their future plans may be.

High School graduates are reminded to complete the Google form about your graduation. Thank you for being prompt.



## Concert Dates



PRAHSA Spring Choir Concert  
Sunday Night, April 19th 6:30 PM

**"This Land Is Our Land—America"**

**Celebration of  
America's 250th Birthday**

**You are encouraged to wear red,  
white and blue colors to celebrate.**



**Piano & Voice  
Senior Recitals**

Wyatt Parthun: Bemidji State University Senior  
Vocal recital: Thursday, April 23rd at 6 pm,  
Bangsberg Recital Hall, Bemidji State University  
Piano recital: Friday, May 1st at 5 pm, Bangsberg  
Recital Hall, Bemidji State University.  
Performances last approximately one hour.

FIRETHORN THEATER AND PRAHSA STUDENTS PRESENT

Roald Dahl's  
**Willy Wonka JR.**

**April 24th & 25th, 2026**  
**7:00 PM**  
Doors open 30 minutes before showtime

**Tickets: Adults \$10 - Students \$5**

Faithbridge Church, Park Rapids, MN

Words and Music by Leslie Bricusse and Anthony Newley  
Adapted for the Stage by Leslie Bricusse and Timothy A. McDonald  
Based on the book Charlie and the Chocolate Factory by Roald Dahl  
Roald Dahl's Willy Wonka JR. is presented through special arrangement with  
Music Theater International (MTI). All authorized materials  
are also supplied by MTI. [www.mtishows.com](http://www.mtishows.com)

**On another note:** Christa Munson (252-0805) is looking for someone who enjoys silk flower arranging to help arrange flower decorations for the Homeschool Senior Celebration. Also, looking for some "Night Owls" who can chaperone the After-the-Party party.

**Transform a life by your generous donation.**



There is no substitute for blood. It is essential for life. It carries oxygen and nutrients throughout the body, fights infections and helps heal wounds. Blood donors are amazing. When you roll up your sleeve to donate, you make an immeasurable difference.

Faithbridge Church is honored to partner with Vitalant (formerly United Blood Services) to provide a facility that gives a convenient place for blood donor volunteers to access, as they donate their blood to those in need of transfusions.

**We are looking for volunteers to help before and during the Donation Drive. Please Contact Kelly Maninga.**

The dates and times we have set for our annual summer event are:

**Monday, July 27<sup>th</sup> 12:30pm-5:45pm**

**Tuesday, July 28<sup>th</sup> 12:30pm-5:45pm**

**Wednesday, July 29<sup>th</sup> 8:00am-2:00pm**

Our staff typically arrive 45 minutes early to get the equipment unloaded and set up.

We are looking for the following volunteers

- **Advertising/recruiting** – this is the “heart” of the event. Materials and tips/tricks to plan for a successful event will be provided a few weeks prior. Recruitment efforts typically take place 7-10 days prior to the event. A list of eligible regular donors to call will also be provided. It would be helpful to have **2-5 volunteers** to help with this task.

- **1-2 volunteers the day-of to help sign in donors.** This is also a task that youth can assist with!

We have an online scheduling portal that some donors pre-book their own appointments and that those helping contact donors would have access to.

***It's the blood on the shelves that saves lives*** when tragedy strikes and it's not something we or our loved ones can plan on. With your help, we can educate those who have never donated and invite potential NEW donors to roll up their sleeves! With most of the population eligible to donate blood, only 3% are.

LISTINGS BELOW ARE COURTESY ANNOUNCEMENTS - NOT NECESSARILY FBC ENDORSED

**LIVING AT HOME**

218 Industrial Park Rd.



The following events are held there.  
**Caregiving support group** - Monthly, 1st Wednesday from 1:30 - 3:00 PM  
**An Afternoon Out** is for those experiencing memory loss and their care-takers. Thursdays, 1-2:30 PM  
**SOLOS** - 1st Monday of month 10:30-Noon  
**Parkinson's Caregiver Group** meeting every 2nd Wednesday of the month at 1:00 PM in the Caregiver Activity Room.

**Caregiver Closet** - Tues./Wed. 1-3pm / Thurs. 10-noon



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.



Menahga High School  
 April 18th, 8-10 AM  
 \$25 cash donation  
 Open to everyone.

**Headwaters Center for Lifelong Learning**

American Legion  
 Tuesdays, from 1-2:30 PM



- April 7<sup>th</sup> - Park Rapids Speech Students
- April 14<sup>th</sup> - David Hakensen - Helen Hoover story
- April 21<sup>st</sup> - AnnMarie Erickson - Life as a spouse of dementia patient
- April 28<sup>th</sup> - Fay Dickey - Refugee from Czech to America

**Park Rapids Food Shelf**

308 Pleasant Ave S  
 Park Rapids  
 Food and monetary donations are welcomed.



**Papi Fut**, a popular Central American, small-sided, fast-paced version of association football (soccer), is going strong with a regular attendance of 12-15 players on Thursday evenings here at Faithbridge. We play from 6-8 PM. All skill levels are welcome, 14+ male and female. It is a delightful time together playing a fun sport that is usually limited to fairer weather! Join us!

**Polley, Ken and Lorelei** *Ministry Developers Network*  
 Ken: Church intervention and development, mentoring pastors and ministry leaders.

Lorelei: STS Trainer (oral inductive Bible Study) and discipleship of women.



- Grateful to God for 40 years of marriage as of March 22 .
- Praise that God is blessing the discipleship component of Ken's ministry, meeting regularly with several young men, including some pastors, to help them advance in godliness and ministry. Pray as he stays available for the next church interim assignment including consulting, resourcing, training and encouraging pastors and congregations.
- Pray for good internet connection as Lorelei does online training with those learning the STS Bible study method.

**Schmoll, Luke and Kristina** *Neighbors, a Strategy of CRU*  
 Direct ministry to reach nonbelievers in their neighborhood and city, especially immigrants and refugees.

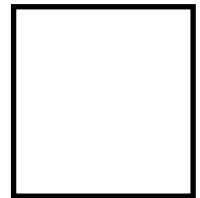


- Pray for our family to continually connect with our heavenly Father and for our love for Him to grow and also, for love toward our neighbors to grow. Pray for the salvation of souls in our neighborhood and city.
- Pray for fear to be properly expressed to the Lord as need and turned into petitions and faith in God, rather than internalized as anxiety, (for us and all believers in Minnesota, especially those ministering in Minneapolis during this season)
- Pray for government leaders to make wise decisions and lead with integrity. Pray for just and fair policies to be made and upheld that affect society.

**Kyle and Lara**

Reaching out to Muslim refugees by partnering with Asian families to plant churches among the refugees.

- We haven't heard from them but please pray for their protection during this time of Middle East tensions. Pray that their peace from God would be an example to those around them and that it would bring opportunities to share the Gospel.



**Straubel, Paul and Michele** *Oak Hills Christian College*  
 Director of the CIM, Center for Indian Ministries



- Please pray for Mokahum Discipleship Ministry as we are in the midst of a leadership transition. Pray for wisdom for staff and leaders as they determine the next steps.
- Pray for the ministry of the BUILD on the Flathead reservation in Montana. Pray for safe travels, good turnouts, and growth in the students' lives.
- Pray for the upcoming summer camp ministry at our new (donated) camp facility near Red Lake. Pray for the CIM missionaries working on recruiting summer staff and planning the program, and for the kids who will come.