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FaithBytes

August 2026



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"KIDS UNDER CONSTRUCTION"



August 9-12 from 5:30-8 PM
Kids in K—6th Grades

The "Kids Under Construction" crew will learn how to build a strong house on the firm foundation of Jesus. Each night will include crafts, games, snacks and memorization of the Bible.

Register at faithbridgepr.org/events.

Volunteers sign up on the events page also. More Crew leaders are needed. List of supplies that are needed can be found there also.

Training for everyone will be Saturday, August 8th at 11:00 am.

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FaithBytes

Issue 8 August 2026

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Submission Deadline for the September 2026 issue is:

Monday, August 24th



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Feedback is always welcome.



The weekly bulletin and monthly FaithBytes can be viewed online at www.faithbridgepr.org/resources

Worship Schedule

8:00 AM Worship Service
9:15 AM Fellowship Time in the Gym
10:00 AM Faith Kids and Faith Kids Jr.
10:00 AM Worship Service and Livestream

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

LIVESTREAM
SUNDAYS AT 10:00 AM

faithbridgepr.org



"Cookin' With Jesus", Faith Kids Summer program during the Second Service, takes place in the West Classroom for youth ages 3 - 6th grade.



It is a time of crafts, learning, worship and games. Preschoolers may be picked up from the Cubbies Room and older kids from the West Classrooms after service by presenting the Guardian Receipt.

Member Meeting in Sanctuary at 6:00 PM, August 2nd

FAITH SENIORS

Seniors (50+) are invited to our Monthly Potluck on Monday, August 24 at 11:45 AM. We look forward to a great time of fellowship, good food and a presentation by Jill Dickinson, Director of Community Education in Park Rapids. We look forward to hearing of the opportunities available in our area. Invite a friend and bring a dish or two to share.

FAITH MISSION CIRCLE

Faith Mission Circle will meet on Monday, August 17th at 10:00 AM in the Conference Room off the Gym. Please come and join us as we meet to pray, to learn and to serve!



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)

Aug.	Welcome Desk	Greeters	Welcome Desk	Greeters
	7:45 AM	7:45 AM	9:45 AM	9:45 AM
2	Haroldson	Mike & Dee R. Jim & Julie T.	Vredenburg	Youth Steve & Deb A.
9	Folkestad	Doug & Mary B. Miguel P.	Amber L.	Lynda S. Sandra L.
16	Lundstrom	Drew & Sarah M.	Becker	Don & Sue G.
23	Trottier	Brian & Wendy K.	Diane J.	Pam K. Dan & Pat McG.
30	Henderson	Charlie & Judy P. Ray & Barb K.	Kriens	Sandy C. Tracee L.

Aug.	7:45 Door Openers				
	N1	N2	E1	W1	S1
2	Becky M.	Help Needed		Can You Help? Contact Tracee in Office.	Steve M.
9	Frank S.	Help Needed			Ken & Evie O.
16	Dave V.	Help Needed			Diane S.
23	Becky M.	Help Needed			Steve M.
30	Dave V.	Help Needed			Can you help?
Aug.	9:45 Door Openers				
	N1	N2	E1	W1	S1
2	Youth	Help Needed		Can You Help? Contact Tracee in Office.	Youth
9	?	Help Needed			?
16	?	Help Needed			Sue P.
23	Munson Family	Help Needed			Munson Family
30	Bev S.	Help Needed			Denny S.

Aug.	Library
2	Arianna Emerson
9	Judy Abby
16	Diane
23	Joyce Nancy
30	Kerry

NURSERY

Aug.	7:45	9:45
2	Liz A.	Karen L. Lahana L.
9	Bev S.	Lydia G. Jennifer O.
16	Sarah M.	Rita B. Ava & Phillip R.
23	Sue P.	Tammy P. Teresa R.
30	Brooke N.	

Dear Faithbridge Family,

Intentionality – a noun that means the quality or state of being intentional. Intentional – an adjective that means being done by design or intention. Intention – a noun that means what one intends to do or bring about. Intend – a verb meaning to have in mind as a purpose or goal or to design for a specified use or future.

What do these words all have in common? Purpose, focus, design, a plan. As apprentices of Jesus Christ we are called to be **intentional** in how we live out our relationship with Him. As apprentices of Jesus Christ we should intend on growing in the grace and knowledge of Him, **intentionally** reflecting Christ to the people and the world around us as we are growing in Him.

What is the opposite of **intend** or **intention**? Neglect or ignore or aimless or presume or disregard or dismiss. None of which should characterize an apprentice of Jesus Christ. Maturing in Christ, trusting in God, growing in our knowledge and understanding of God's Word does not happen outside of you and me being **intentional** about those things. We might want to grow in our relationship with Jesus and be more like Him, but we don't wake up one morning all of a sudden mature in Christ. It is a lifelong process and pursuit; a process of which we must be **intentional**.

Being **intentional** carries risk as people who are not intentional often criticize those who are as being rigid, inflexible, legalistic and even judgmental and harsh. Those accusations can be true of some people. But often those criticisms are defensive mechanisms used by critics who are either afraid or unwilling to develop a plan, work the plan, and make the necessary changes in their life needed for the plan to work. The truth is they are likely too comfortable with their life and don't want to be inconvenienced with any change(s) despite their indication to want to change and grow.

The challenge to that mentality and attitude is God's Word. If we have placed our faith in Christ for salvation, then not changing or growing in Christ is not an option. We cannot have Jesus and then just live our lives the way we've always lived them. We necessarily must grow in Christ. Peter puts it this way, *"...make every effort to supplement your faith with virtue, and virtue with knowledge, and knowledge with self-control, and self-control with steadfastness, and steadfastness with godliness, and godliness*

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with brotherly affection, and brotherly affection with love. For if these qualities are yours and are increasing, they keep you from being ineffective or unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ” (2 Peter 1:5-8, ESV).

Making every effort to supplement our faith with the virtues that Peter lays out requires **intentionality**. As apprentices of Jesus we must intend to make every effort. Not half-heartedly. Not just a little bit. But EVERY EFFORT. Otherwise, says Peter in verse 9, *“For whoever lacks these qualities is so nearsighted that he is blind, having forgotten that he was cleansed from his former sins.”* Peter goes on to reaffirm what he said in verse 5 in verse 10, *“Therefore, brothers, be all the more diligent to confirm your calling and election, for if you practice these qualities [the virtues Peter already mentioned] you will never fall.”*

Brothers and sisters of Faithbridge Church, let us be the kind of apprentices of Jesus that live our life in Christ with **intentionality**. May we be the kind of people that Peter was commending in his second letter so that we will be fruitful and effective in our knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ. May we do this not for our glory but for His glory alone!

Grace and peace,

Pastor Jeff

Level Up Reminder...

Upward - Joyful Apprentice

Inward - Generous Friend

Outward - Compassionate Neighbor

Forward - Courageous Investor

Are you an obedient apprentice?



FSM - students 7th-12th

Mark Your Calendar! - FSM Wednesdays begin September 9th @ 7 PM



Pray for the summer camps at Camp Lebanon.

For open hearts to receive the Gospel.

Pray for physical protection and good health of the campers and staff.

Pray for wisdom for the counselors as they share the Truth so the young campers can understand.

Junior High 3 August 2-7

Super Kids 4 August 9-13

We praise the Lord for the 44 youth that have attended this summer. Pray for their continued spiritual growth.



VBS week is approaching and many kids will descend onto our campus.

We need your help!

#1 We need more men and women who will step up and be a Crew Leader. This is your chance to love on some kids and share with them how they are loved by Jesus.

#2 We need your help in securing supplies. There is a list on our Website of items that are needed. Look under the “Get Involved” and the “events” tab and click on VBS 2026. Sign up for needed items you can donate. Thank you for helping.

Come, Join Us

Saturday, August 8th at 8:00 AM

Come and help us decorate the church for Vacation Bible School. We need to construct a Construction Zone! Many hands make light work.

Saturday, August 8th at 11:00 AM

Training Session for **all** Volunteers. Please attend so you will be ready for Sunday Evening, the start of VBS.

Snacks Provided

**You've never been to Camp Lebanon?
WOW, do we have an opportunity for you!**



Camp Lebanon is one of the many Missions we support and it's not far from us, only a little under two hours away. Camp Lebanon has been known as “A Meeting Place with God” since its founding in 1947. Camp is dedicated to helping the Church do the work of Christ. Our students from Faithbridge experience camp every summer from ages 6 to 18. Every year our students look forward to their week at camp.

And this summer you have the opportunity to experience camp too!!!

CAMP LEBANON IS HOSTING A FUNDRAISER FOR A DAY!

Come as a family and experience camp for yourselves! It's a free day event on **Sunday, August 16th.**

2:00 PM	Check-In & Activities Open
5:00 PM	Dinner
6:00 PM	Closing Rally
7:00 PM	Departure

.....unlimited activities, fellowship, and giving—all to support scholarships for kids who otherwise couldn't attend Camp.

1) Play - Your FREE “**All-FUNclusive Passport**” includes one meal per person and gives you access to activities from **2:00 – 7:00 PM**. All ages welcome—bring the whole family!

Activities include: Zipline, Laser Tag, Climbing Wall, Pontoon Rides, Basketball, Gym Activities, Frisbee Golf, Carpetball, Octoball, Wiffle Ball, Camp Trails, Fishing, Turtle Bay Coffee Co., Hub Fire, & More!

2) Donate - We hope everyone who attends will make a donation of some kind throughout the day. **What impact is the Lord leading you to make?** Every dollar helps make Camp possible for kids!

Suggested Giving Levels: *

\$50	= 1 Day of Camp for 1 Kid
\$125	= 1/2 of 1 Week for 1 Kid
\$250	= 1 Week of Camp for 1 Kid
\$2,500	= Full Cabin of Campers (10 kids!)

** Giving levels based on the average scholarship awarded for summer youth campers in 2025*

3) Celebrate! - Just like we do for every youth summer session at the end of the week, we'll come together in a closing rally to celebrate our time at the **Funnest Fundraiser** at the end of our day together! Join us for worship and fun as we celebrate what the Lord has done.

4) Volunteer! - Another way you can support came without financially supporting is being the hands and feet and spending a day volunteering.

Camp Lebanon would not be the same without the help of its volunteers. Whether putting in docks in the spring, taking them out in the fall, raking leaves, cleaning cabins, or folding brochures – we LOVE our volunteers! We do ask that you contact us and make a reservation. Meals and overnight housing may be possible depending on the volunteer.



The SOHI trip that was originally planned for this summer has been canceled and rescheduled for September 10-October 3. Due to the Ebola outbreak airlines have canceled flights, however we are prayerfully asking the Lord to make a way so that our team can make the trip in September to share the love and care of Jesus, and Spread the Gospel.

Continue to pray for our missionaries, Kyle and Lara, who have returned to the Middle East. Pray for their safety and protection during the war in the area.

Remember to pick up a Missionary Letter Packet at the East or West Kiosks. Keep abreast of what is happening around the world.



Please be in prayer about your role with AWANA at Faithbridge this fall. Leader/Listener registration open on web now.

Kids AWANA Online Registration Available August 9th
www.faithbridgepr.org/events

September 9th - 5 PM Parent Orientation and

Open House in the Fellowship Hall

Get your books and supplies, too!

September 16th - 6:55 PM - First Night of Awana

Note: - Keep your eyes open as you browse clearance aisles this summer for fun/appropriate T&T store items to donate!

Awana Leaders / Listeners—Previous and New...We Need YOU!

Sign-up/register on the web under events—volunteers

You are invited to the Awana Kick-Off Mtg. on August 26 at 5:30 PM.

Look for details soon!

Sermon on Prayer...

T: Thanksgiving for Who He is

A: Adoration – Blessings and attributes

C: Confession — Admit sins – repent of sins

O: Others – illness, salvation, needs, etc.

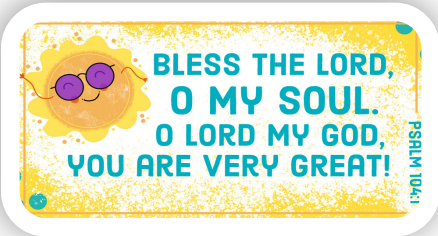
S: Self – humbleness, spiritual growth, our needs

Pray without ceasing – The posture of our heart

Pray that you will know Him better.

Pray to shine His light thru us

Pray to feel His pleasure

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
AUGUST 2026 						1
2 Communion Sunday 8 AM MnTC Choir 10 AM MnTC Choir 10 AM Faith Kids 10 AM NO Livestream 4:30 PM Spanish Speaking Svc 6 PM Members Meeting Jr High #3 to Camp	3 6 PM Trustee Brd Mtg 7 PM Deacon Brd Mtg	4 9 AM Gym use 3:30 PM Heritage Comm 5 PM Pickleball	5 5:30 PM Chapel use 6 PM FSM Summer @ Lange's	6 9 AM Gym use 10:30 AM Pickleball 1 PM Gym use 6 PM Praise Team	7 Office Closed	8 8 AM VBS Decorating 11 AM VBS Training
9 8 AM Worship Service 10 AM Worship Service 10 AM Faith Kids 10 AM Livestream 4:30 PM Spanish Speaking Svc	10 5:30-8:00 PM Faithbridge VBS	11 9 AM Gym use 5 PM NO Pickleball	12 5:30 PM Chapel use	13 9 AM Gym use 10:30 AM Pickleball 1 PM Gym use 6 PM Praise Team	14 Office Closed	15
SK #4 to Camp		5 PM NO Pickleball	5:30 PM Chapel use	1 PM Gym use 6 PM Praise Team	21 Office Closed	22
16 8 AM Worship Service 10 AM Worship Service 10 AM Faith Kids "FK Waterslide Sunday" 10 AM Livestream 4:30 PM Spanish Speaking Svc	17 10 AM Mission Circle 6:30 PM Missions Team	18 9 AM Gym use 5 PM Pickleball 6 PM Fellowship Hall use	19 9:30 AM Staff Meeting 5:30 PM Chapel use 5 PM FSM @ Lundstrom's	20 9 AM Gym use 10:30 AM Pickleball 1 PM Gym use 6 PM Praise Team	21 Office Closed	22
23 8 AM Worship Service 10 AM Worship/Livestream 10 AM Faith Kids 4:30 PM Spanish Speaking Svc	24 11:45 AM Faith Seniors 31	25 9 AM Gym use 5 PM Pickleball 6 PM Man Cave use	26 5:30 PM AWANA Kick-off Mtg 5:30 PM Chapel use	27 9 AM Gym use 10:30 AM Pickleball 1 PM Gym use 6 PM Praise Team	28 Office Closed	29 10 AM - 12 PM FaithMoms Clothing Swap - Gym
30 8 AM Worship Service 10 AM Worship/Livestream 10 AM Faith Kids 4:30 PM Spanish Speaking Svc	31	5 PM Pickleball 6 PM Man Cave use	5:30 PM AWANA Kick-off Mtg 5:30 PM Chapel use	1 PM Gym use 6 PM Praise Team		

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



**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.

Junior Readers:

- **Window on the World Prayer Resource** by Molly Wall--A revised edition of this book takes a look into the lives of children around the world; their culture, history and their hopes and dreams. Along with each story, comes maps and prayer points, helping the new generations to reach out to other people and praying for those around the world.
- **Treasures of the Snow** by Patricia St. John-- Annette gets Lucien in trouble at school and he retaliates by threatening to hurt her little brother, Dani. When Dani becomes crippled by a terrible accident, Annette determines to make Lucien's life terrible. Will they ever be able to see eye-to-eye, or be able to forgive one another?
- **Beautiful Girlhood** by Karen Andreola-- A book written for pre-teen and teenage girls, teaching godly "character development, moral virtues and manners."
- **Wisdom and the Millers: Proverbs for Children** by Mildred A. Martin-- A devotional for children in which Mr. & Mrs. Miller teaches their children (and the reader) a passage from Proverbs and illustrates each with a story.

Adult Books:

- **Ben-Hur: A Tale of the Christ** by Lew Wallace--One of the most influential and well-liked Christian books (and films), the story follows that of Judah Ben-Hur from Jerusalem after being enslaved by the Romans. As he struggles with his life's meaning, he becomes a charioteer, then a Christian. We follow the story of Jesus along with Judah's. The two soon overlap, bringing betrayal, conviction and a "revenge plot" that makes the story so memorable.
- **For the Temple: A Tale of the Fall of Jerusalem** by George Alfred Henty Follow John of Gamala, growing from a boy to manhood when he becomes the leader of the guerrilla band of patriots fighting for the Tem-

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Check out the Library Bulletin Board for more story details!

ple. He is brought into slavery in Alexandria, but is able to return to his home later.

- **Across the Crying Sands** by Jane Kirkpatrick (Book 1 in the Cannon Beach Series)-- "In this inspirational historical Christian novel, a pioneer female mail carrier lives a life of resilience, including grappling with grief and the loss of a child and facing the challenges of frontier life."
- **The Incredible Winston Browne** by Sean Dietrich-- A "nostalgic tale of a small-town sheriff, a mysterious little girl, and a good-hearted community pulling together to help her."



Bible Study Fellowship

Still time to sign up for the Children's Program

An opportunity for **MOMS & GRANDMAS** who are caring for young children but would also like to attend an in-depth Bible Study.



Park Rapids BSF announces
BSF Children's program beginning this Fall!

We are looking for **Moms and Grandmas** who are interested in attending BSF with their preschool children or grandchildren, ages 6 months through Kindergarten. It is not too early to make plans.

We will be studying the book of Romans. Our first meeting will be Thursday, September 17th continuing through April 2027, with Christmas and Spring breaks. We meet on Thursday mornings from 10-11:30 at Faith-bridge Church.

We, (and the kids - at their level) will be studying the book of Romans: From Guilt to Grace. Romans speaks to our deepest struggles--doubt, pride, fear, and guilt - and leads us to God's grace. Written for ordinary people, it offers real hope for real life.

If you have an interest or want more information before joining BSF, please contact Sue Parks (218-732-4731) or Joyce Killmer (218-252-1659) with questions.

Please Note:

You can also register through this BSF link www.mybsf.org

We need at least 8 children before the children's leaders can continue with their training. That is why we need to know soon if there are those who are interested in participating. Now would be very helpful!



Grief Share



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

If you've **grieved the death of a loved one**, you know the grief process is overwhelmingly painful, lonely, and confusing – and **if you've found healing through God's comfort and the help of others**, you may have a desire to help grieving people, but you're not sure how.

GriefShare is a video-based support group that **equips people like you to help the bereaved**. It helps grieving people make sense of their suffering. The GriefShare videos, workbook exercises, and small group discussions give participants useful information and helpful perspectives that help them heal from grief. If you have a **desire to help and care for grieving people**, **GriefShare may be the ministry for you** to serve in.

**Fall Session begins September 12th through December 19
Saturdays from 10 AM to 12 PM in the Chapel**

(Registration coming)

For information, contact Becky A. directly by phone
218-252-3500 or email: grambecky1023@gmail.com
or the web: <https://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.**



Faith Military Connections

Josie Bohman	Jared Lange	Patricia Pfeifer
Alek Briceno	Chase Lodl	Hunter Schommer
Esther Meva-Briceno	Sonny Lodl	Jim Sleesman
Maggie Kay Carter	Malachi Martin	Owen Van Batavia
Brian Evink	Sean McGaffey	

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 Drew Maninga

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



Financial Report



Faith Moms

FAITH MOMS
Invites you to a

KIDS FALL/WINTER CLOTHING SWAP



SAT. AUG. 29TH, 10 AM-12 PM

In the Faithbridge Gym

Take as many items as you bring
to swap (i.e. bring 10 items take 10)

Kids clothing, snow clothes, and shoes only

Please bring clothes in good condition.



FAITH MOMS
Summer

WE HAD A GREAT TIME IN JULY! Join us in August!
Aug. 11th—Spirit Lake in Menahga (10 am)
Aug. 25th—Beach Day at Karen's Beach,
21530 County 80 (10 am)



In June, members from the Faith Missionary Circle and the Missions Team enjoyed a meal and great conversation with Kyle and Lara S., sharing stories and learning about changes in their family and in their ministry after their recent move to the Middle East. Lara also joined us for prayer at our monthly meeting. What an encouragement to spend time with them!



Jane Parks joined us at our July meeting. We were updated on her life since the passing of her husband, Larry. After serving for decades in Spain, Jane still has plenty of plans for the future. She gave an inspiring talk, encouraging us never to settle for less than what God has in mind for us.

Join Mark and Miri Larson...
Tapestries of Life Mission Trip
January 9-16, 2027

An introductory meeting will be held in the Fall for those who are interested in going. Pray about your participation in this great opportunity.

If you have questions, please talk to Larsons at church or call Miri at 218-255-5043



E. coli Infection

Escherichia coli (E. coli) bacteria normally live in the intestines of healthy people and animals. Most types are harmless or cause relatively brief intestinal symptoms, but a few serious strains can cause severe stomach cramps, bloody diarrhea and vomiting. Anyone who ingests these strains of E.coli bacteria can develop problems; however, children and the elderly are especially vulnerable to complications, such as having a greater risk of developing a life-threatening form of kidney failure.

The main causes of exposure come from contaminated water or food— especially raw vegetables and undercooked ground beef. The E. coli strain with the designation O157:H7 belongs to a group that produces a powerful toxin that damages the lining of the small intestine. This can cause bloody diarrhea, which can then lead to a host of serious and life-threatening complications. A person only needs to ingest a small amount of this type of bacteria to become infected.

Contaminated foods include: ground beef, unpasteurized milk and fresh produce. When cattle are slaughtered and processed, the E. coli bacteria in their intestines can get on the meat and run-off from cattle farms can contaminate fields where produce is grown. Certain vegetables such as spinach and lettuce are particularly vulnerable to this type of contamination. Also, the milking equipment may contain the bacteria from the udders of infected cows.

Contaminated water from human and animal feces may spread from surface water, streams, rivers, lakes and water used to irrigate crops. Some outbreaks have even been linked to municipal water supplies or private wells and also from swimming in polluted waters. Once infected, the bacteria can easily travel from person to person if thorough hand washing is not routinely practiced. Petting zoos and animal barns at county fairs can also be a source of outbreaks.

Prevention tips include: avoid swallowing water from lakes or pools, wash your hands often, avoid risky foods, and watch out for cross-contamination. Hamburgers should be cooked thoroughly and tested with a meat thermometer to a temperature of 160 degrees F. Drink pasteurized milk, juice and cider only. Wash raw produce thoroughly, especially leafy greens. Wash utensils, cutting boards and countertops thoroughly with hot soapy water. Make sure children wash their hands before eating, after using the bathroom and after contact with animals. ***Safely enjoy all your Summer picnics and activities!***

LISTINGS BELOW ARE COURTESY ANNOUNCEMENTS - NOT NECESSARILY FBC ENDORSED

Coffee with Kinship

of the Park Rapids Area
4th Thursday of the Month
3rd Thursday in Nov & Dec

Starting at 8 am

Bella Caffé
116 3rd St W, Park Rapids



Kinship of the Park Rapids Area is actively seeking new board members to help guide our organization. As a community-driven nonprofit agency, we depend on the passion, skills, and experiences of local individuals to serve on our Board of Directors. Board members provide oversight, governance, and advocacy to keep Kinship strong and thriving so we can continue serving youth in our community.

If you or someone you know is interested in serving, please visit kinshipparkrapids.org to learn more and apply.

SAVE THE DATE - You are

invited to the Pregnancy Resource Center's 30th Anniversary Celebration, Thursday September 24, 2026 at Faithbridge. Pam Stenzel, our keynote speaker has been described as "one of the country's most established abstinence-only lecturers."



Papifut at Faithbridge is over for the summer but we look forward to seeing you when the fall activities begin again.

Park Rapids Food Shelf

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



Eastside Church,
Thursdays, 6:30pm
No advance sign-up necessary.
Celebrate Recovery is open to anyone dealing with hurts, hang-ups or habits.



You are invited to join the Crystal Brook Bible Study group on Wednesdays at 2:30 PM. Ray DeLaurier and Steve Criswell are sharing the leadership.

Kyle and Lara Middle East with Pioneers

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

1. Praise God we were able to spend time with our parents who are healing up from serious illness and surgeries.
2. We returned to the Middle East after many goodbyes. Pray for safety as the war continues in the Middle East.
3. Please pray for us as we return to learning Arabic and for the two trainings coming up starting in August.



Straubel, Paul and Michele Oak Hills Christian College

Director of the Center for Indian Ministries

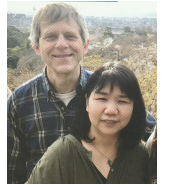
1. Pray as they seek new leadership at Mokahum and for the Community Bible classes starting in the fall.
2. Pray for the summer ministry at New Life Bible Camp near Red Lake. Praise for the children from Red Lake who have given their lives to Christ.
3. Pray for church planting and youth ministry initiatives on the White Earth reservation.



Swenson, Greg and Asa Japan with WorldVenture

Serving in evangelism, discipleship and worship ministries in partnership with the church in Japan.

1. Praise that their travels back to Japan went smoothly and they are settling in.
2. Praise that House of Grace team has been understanding so they can slowly resume ministry activities.
3. Pray for the House of Grace weekend retreat (8/22-23). Greg will be speaking and pray for the time to be encouraging and refreshing.
4. Pray for Ellen as she heads back for her sophomore year at Wheaton. Pray that Karin will find employment in Japan or back in the Wheaton area.



Other Supported Ministries:

Camp Lebanon: Praise and Prayer for the 44 youth that attended Camp Lebanon from Faithbridge. We pray that they truly "met God at Camp" this summer and will continue to grow spiritually.



Sisters of Hope International (SOHI) covets your prayers and support for our small team that is headed to Kampala, Uganda this coming September to encourage the staff and the women through the *ministry of presence*, modeled in Jesus' own life (Jn 1:14) and rooted in the idea that God's presence is most powerfully expressed through intentional, compassionate presence with others—especially those overlooked, struggling, or in need.

