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This was my devotional for today and I wanted to share it with you and encourage all of us to be more mindful of serving each other in any way we can to the glory of God. Enjoy! Pastor Victor

July 20: Serving the Glory of God

2 Samuel 5:1-6:23; 1 Peter 4:1-11; Psalm 136:1-26

When we avoid community, we may develop an inflated opinion of our own character. It's easy to think we're kind people when we're not held accountable to others. It's easy to think we're always right when no one disagrees with us. Conversely, it's in our relationships that our true selves are often revealed. When we're actively involved in a community, we face hundreds of instances where we need to make choices. These choices either serve others or they serve our own desires.

When Peter states, "Above all, keep your love for one another constant, because love covers a large number of sins" (1 Pet 4:8), he's saying that choosing to love often sets all motives in the right place. It dispels our own pride and puts issues into perspective. *When we are truly loving others, it's not about our pride or "being right." It's about helping others grow in faith by using our God-given gifts.*

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INSERT LETTER

Please note the letter enclosed with this newsletter outlining the need for additional financial support and requesting your help through the 2015 Special Ask campaign. We have included it with this newsletter to save the cost of a special mailing to all church members. Please bring your response form (on page 7) by August 16 to a church service or mail it to Faith Church at 801 4th Ave NE.

Prayer Requests

Remember our church members & friends who are less mobile and are unable to join us as often as they would like, including:

Colony Court Memory & Care Suites: Ann Swenson,
Rosalind Peterson, Gerri Peterson

Colony Court: Millie Groh , Ardella Draheim, Nina Youngberg,
Leona Quast, Muriel Jenkins, Paul Krause

Lakeshore Inn: Florence Gutknecht, Hazel Henkensiefken, Don Lohse

Latham Place: Liz Corchran, Deloris Asmus

Morrow Home, Sparta, WI: Marlene Rietfort

Oaklawn Health Care Center: Jim Keller, Bill Brooks

Tower Light, St. Louis Park: Darlene Lynch

Those who also need our prayers: Willie Mahler[Home Hospice]

Prayer Requests from Sunday Worship: Bruce and Deb Hering, Leona Quast, Dave and Joann Egeness, Kookie Kukacka, Peter and Verna Fog, the Floyd Lamont family, Marilyn Possin, Marlin Olson (Patrice's dad), Adeline Buss, Ralph and Bert Dyer, Douglas Muesing, Alvin and Shirley Groskreutz, David and Tammy Vendt, Timothy Steoring, Brenda Westrum, Berts Walker, Joe Tollefson, Riley Robers.



Thank You

Thank you to all the choir members for remembering me at the end of our choir season. What a delightful group of dedicated musicians! I will think of you when I use the Waseca Bucks. Have a great summer. See you in the fall. Marlys Garness

Thank You

Peter and I wish to extend our thank you to all members of our Faith United Church family who have helped us so much during my illness the past months.

Blessings to you all for the prayers, cards, food, and for lending a hand when we needed it.

We are grateful for God's mercy for my recovery and support you have given. God's blessing on you all! Sincerely,

Verna Fog

Faith Crafters and Stitchers

Faith Crafters and Stitchers **will not** meet in August.

Thank You

Thank you to everyone for your thoughts, prayers, cards, food items and visits following my surgery. I appreciate your thoughtfulness and I'm so blessed having such a great 'church family'.
Roberta Walker

Memory Club

We have formed a memory club support group. It starts Thursday, August 6th from 12:45-1:45. There is a \$5 facilitator fee. Please contact Kelly Adams at Waseca Area Caregiver Services by phone 507-461-3820 or email at wasecacs@outlook.com for further details. Thank you.

Thank You-Camp

Thank you for giving me money for church camp. From, Devin Stankiewicz. PS, I learned a lot about God.

Thank You

Dear FUMC,

Thank you so much for sending me to church camp this year. Every year it gets better and better and my faith grows stronger and stronger. I hope to become a counselor in training next and then eventually become a counselor. Koronis has made such an impact on my life and I can't wait to go back next year. Much thanks,

Beth Stankiewicz

Thank You

To Our FUMC Family,

We just want to thank each and every one of you for your love and support you've shown to us during our dad's illness and passing.

We feel truly blessed to have so many prayers surrounding us. We look forward to your continuing support in the days ahead as our father is greatly missed. Thanks again for your support and friendship.

The family of Floyd LaMont Jr.

Faith UMW Notes for August

Our next UMW meeting will be held on **Monday, August 17th at 2:00 p.m.** Please note this is a change in time from our previous meetings. Our program will consist of a report on Mission U, which was held July 14 – 17 and Mission U Too, held on July 18th at St. Johns. We will also be discussing the upcoming Fall Mission Bazaar. We are hoping that by having our meetings in the afternoon instead of the evening, it will allow more women to attend. From now on instead of having a meal prior to the meeting, a dessert and beverage will be served.

Upcoming Events:

September 12 – This is the date for the Southern Prairie Annual Gathering. It will be held in Worthington, MN this year. Please contact Barbara Friedl if you are interested in attending.

September 22 – Guest Night! Be sure to mark your calendars for this special event and spread the word to your friends and neighbors! Our guest speaker will be Mark Seeley, a climatologist and meteorologist from the University of Minnesota. A little background information for you:

Mark Seeley is a professor in the Department of Soil, Water, and Climate, where he has worked since 1978. He has done weekly commentary for Minnesota Public Radio and written the weekly newsletter "Minnesota Weather Talk" since 1992. His extension educational programs relate weather/climate impacts to Minnesota agriculture, transportation, energy, tourism, and natural resources. Mark edited a successful series of children's books called the "Amazing Science Series" and has published two books about Minnesota's weather and climate. He has been awarded the Sigma Xi Science Communication and Education Award, the Mn/DOT Research Partnership Award for his work with the deployment of living snow fences, the Extension Director's Award for Distinguished Faculty, and most recently the University of Minnesota President's Award for Outstanding Service.

The UMW is in the process of organizing a scrapbook with pictures from past UMW events here at Faith and district gatherings. If you have any photos you would like to contribute, please bring them to our August meeting. We are also asking for 'nickel size' buttons in red or green for a craft project for our upcoming bazaar.

Nurse's Notes

"Being Mortal"

I just finished the book Being Mortal by Atul Gawande, M.D. On PBS a few months ago, there was a program by the same name. I thought it was very insightful so I ordered the DVD and book. The book is even better. It grapples with the impact modern medicine has on the last stage of life. "Shows how the ultimate goal is not a good death but a good life-all the way to the end."

Here are some of those difficult questions that family needs to ask but are reluctant to bring up. Make it easier on them and yourself by providing them direction. Please think about and answer these questions thoughtfully. Give your questionnaire to your loved ones. There may be a time when you won't be able to speak for yourself.

Consider if you have about one year to live.

What are your medical problems?

What is your understanding of what is happening to you?

What are your fears?

What trade-offs are you willing to make and not willing to make to try to stop what is happening to you?

What are your priorities for the last year of your life?

Here are examples from the book. A man with a spinal cord tumor said if he could still watch football on TV and eat chocolate ice cream, that was good enough for him. But another said, "Being with people and interacting with them was what he cared about most."

We will be presenting the DVD "Being Mortal" with discussion after fellowship on Sunday, September 20th in the Lakeview Room. Hope you will come. The book is available through me. It's actually an easy read. Let me know and I'll get it to you.

Peace, Hope, and Joy,

Sherry Scholljegerdes, RN, Parish Nurse

Serving the Glory of God

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Peter goes on to show just what this looks like: “Be hospitable without complaining. Just as each one has received a gift, use it for serving one another, as good stewards of the varied grace of God. If anyone speaks, let it be as the oracles of God; if anyone serves, let it be as by the strength that God provides, so that in all things God will be glorified through Jesus Christ” (1 Pet 4:9–11). *When we love others and use our gifts for their benefit, our actions do more than serve the other. Since they find their origin in Christ’s love, they serve to honor and glorify Christ.*

Living in community with others may often be difficult. We’ll meet with challenging people and situations that will require us to continually pray to the giver of gifts for renewed strength and the ability to serve. We’ll face conflict that needs to be met with wisdom and love. *Through prayer and the work of God in our lives, we can love and serve others with the love of Christ.*

How are you exerting your own pride in your relationships with others? How can you serve them with your unique, God-given gifts?

REBECCA VAN NOORD

Barry, J. D., & Kruyswijk, R. (2012). *Connect the Testaments: A One-Year Daily Devotional with Bible Reading Plan*. Bellingham, WA: Lexham Press.

Arm Chair Ministry

Yes, it’s true. You can participate in the ministry of church from your armchair. Cup of coffee, leaning back, feet up, talking to old and new friends-now that’s a cushy job.

Calling friends to greet and arranging the schedule for nursery attendants is what the ministry entails. There is a list of greeters and nursery staff available. It doesn’t take long. And you can feel good about serving.

The hope is each person will sign up for three-six months then pass the list on to someone else for the next three-six months and so on. Please call the church office and sign up for September through November. You’ll be happy you did. **So far, there is not anyone that is calling for greeters starting in September.**



2015 Special Ask

I/We want to help close the \$16,000 operating budget shortfall for Faith Church in 2015.

I/We believe Faith Church is making a positive difference in the lives of our church families and in the Waseca and the world communities.

I/We will respond to this Special Ask by contributing an additional \$_____ toward the operating fund.

In addition, I/we will contribute an additional \$_____ beyond my/our earlier pledge for our apportionments.

Those monies will be paid in the following way:

for additional operating

for apportionments

\$_____ by _____

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Name _____

Date _____

Please cut out this form and return it to the church by August 16th.



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MONTHLY MEET-UPS:

Elizabeth Circle

UMW Elizabeth Circle will **not meet**
in August.

Mary Circle

UMW Mary circle will **not meet**
again until **September**.

Ruth Circle

UMW Ruth Circle will meet
Wednesday, August 19th, from
9:30-10:30 a.m. The location is to
be determined.

Men of Faith

Men of Faith will meet
Thursday, August 13th, at **6:30**
p.m. in the **Fellowship Hall**.