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Pastor Office Hours:

Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday
9:00 am - 12:30 pm

Administrative Assistant

Office Hours:

Monday, Wednesday & Thursday:
9:30 am - 1:00 pm

From the Pastor's Desk

In the past few weeks, we have had the wonderful time of experiencing a beautiful partnership in ministry. Tina Kim, a member of Mankato Korean United Methodist Church, has graciously helped us with our Sunday worship service as our pianist. Alongside her, Seungwoo Kim has been leading us with his heart of worship as our lead singer and support for the service. Even though we come from different languages, cultures, and backgrounds, we have come together to serve one another, united by the love of Christ.

This is a beautiful reminder that the Church is not limited by language or race but is instead bound together by a common purpose—to worship, serve, and love one another in the name of Jesus. Our hearts may differ in the way we express ourselves, but in Christ, we are one. As Paul writes in Galatians 3:28, "There is neither Jew nor Greek, slave nor free, male nor female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus." These words remind us that our differences are not barriers but opportunities to celebrate the richness of God's creation in all its diversity.

We are a part of a greater body, the Church of Christ. As we continue to build this relationship, it is my prayer that our connection will not only deepen, but also grow to reflect the love and unity that God desires for us. Just like the body of Christ, each part is unique, yet every part is essential for the whole. Thank you for being a church that welcomes all people, regardless of background, language, or culture, offering help and support when needed, and growing together in faith. Thank you for trying to reflect the love of Christ in everything we do, creating a space where everyone feels included and loved.

Let us continue to pray for one another, for our shared mission, and for God's guidance as we seek to be a faithful Christian. May our worship, fellowship, and service to one another reflect the heart of Christ, who broke down every wall that separated us.

With love and blessings,

Pastor Dong Hun Shin

Prayer Requests

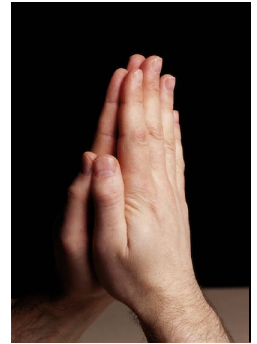
Remember our church members & friends who are less mobile and are unable to join us as often as they would like, including:

Colony Court: Margaret Dahnert

Lakeshore Inn: Peggy Deno, Sandy Voshell

Latham Place: Joe Tollefson, Wally Ruedy

Prayer Requests from Sunday Worship: Sue Baldini, Tim Dahnert, Ron Dahnert, Kathy Dahnert Johnson, Gail Sauer, Les Wells, Margaret Dahnert, Dennis Dahnert, Anna Born, Sherry Scholljegerdes, Sandy Voshell, the Ukraine, the Middle East, health care workers, first responders, those who battle cancer, chronic illness and pain.



Administrative Assistant Hours

Stacy's hours are typically Monday, Wednesday and Thursday 9:30 am to 1:00 pm. Days or hours are subject to change at times. It is best to call ahead if you need to visit the office. **Please note that Stacy will be out of the office on Monday, March 10.**

Prayer Chain

We are in the process of restructuring the Prayer Chain and would like to add more participants. If you are interested in becoming part of this important part of our church, please let me know or call the church office with your name and current phone number. Thank you,

Janet Welch
507-835-4678

Worship Team

At the February 25 Leadership Team meeting we discussed the need to put together a Worship Team. This team would meet periodically with Pastor Dong to assist him in exploring ideas to enhance our worship services and share ideas for special worship services. If you have some ideas and would like to be part of this team, please contact the church office or let a Leadership Team member know.

Youth Group

We will have our next Youth Group meeting on Wednesday, March 26 from 7:00 to 8:00PM. Youth Group is open to all youth ages 10 to 18. Bring a friend!

Faith's Blessing Box

We are continuously collecting donations of non-perishable food items for Faith's Blessing Box. There is a donation box in the Narthex or you may bring your donations into the church office during office hours. Cash donations will also be accepted to purchase items for the blessing box; just make a notation that your donation is for the blessing box. We would like to build up a supply of items so we can keep replenishing the box as needed.

Suggested items at this time are pouched meat (chicken, pork, tuna), ramen noodles, instant mashed potatoes, rice (plain and flavored pouches or boxes), oatmeal, cold cereal.

All Blessing Box items must be: shelf-stable (non-perishable), sealed and not past expiration date, able to withstand hot temperatures during the summer months, and able to withstand cold temperatures in the winter months (e.g. pouched meat instead of canned meat). Please no glass jars.

We are the Hands and Feet of Christ

Faith Church is here for all from birth to death. These words are put into action when we serve family and friends refreshments following a loved one's funeral. This is a gift of time for family and friends to gather, honor and share remembrances of their loved one.

We need volunteers (men and women) for this gift of love. Volunteer opportunities include making phone calls, serving food, making coffee, clearing tables and baking cakes. Food is catered and paper products are used. Generally, about two hours of time is involved.

Please consider adding your name to the funeral volunteer list by contacting the church office or calling Mary Stauffer 507 213 4765.

Many hands make light work.

Joint Worship Service and Potluck

We are pleased to announce we will be having another joint worship service with the Mankato Korean United Methodist Fellowship on **Sunday, March 9 at 10:00am. Please note the time.** To open the service, the Mankato Korean United Methodist Fellowship Praise Band will bless us with their music and lead us in singing.

After the service we will have a potluck. Please bring a dish to pass.

We look forward to everyone enjoying this special time of fellowship.

Please also note that March 9 is daylight savings time so don't forget to "spring ahead".

Ruth Circle

Ruth circle met Tuesday, February 11th in The Gathering Room.

Vada was the hostess. She served strawberry shortcake with the table all decked out to celebrate Valentine's Day.

Nancy showed the valentine gifts that were made for the Nursing Home residents. They were little hats decorated with a piece of candy and a greeting from Ruth Circle. Other business was discussed after the program.

The program was 'Horton Has A Heart'.

Horton Hears a Who is a book written by Dr. Seuss. His books often contain meaningful messages as Horton shows you in this book.

Horton the elephant, with his large ears, hears a tiny voice calling for help from a speck of dust. It was the mayor from Whoville. The other animals in the jungle thought Horton was crazy saying he heard voices and wanted to get rid of the speck of dust. Horton is determined to save the Whos in Whoville.

Horton encourages the Whos to make lots of noise so others can hear them. The Whos try but no one hears. Then the Mayor of Whoville runs around town to see if everyone is trying. He finds Jo-Jo, who is very small, was not making noise. The mayor gets JoJo to join them in making noise and with his help they are heard and saved.

Horton has a generous heart.

A generous heart is a kind of heart that pleases God.

The Bible says the heart is the source of everything a person does. It is the source of a person's speech, faith, service, and love. Luke 6:45: says "What you say flows from what is in your heart" Proverbs 4:23: says "Above all else, guard your heart, for everything you do flows from it"

Behaviors such as acts of love, praise and sharing please God.

So how can we please God? Love Others Love Yourself.

To show love to everyone, treat others with respect and consideration, even if you don't know them well; essentially, try to spread kindness wherever you go.

We live in a world that has horrifying acts of violence, in which entire groups of people are marginalized by virtue of race, class, religion, nationality, sexual preference, and gender identity. You hear about mass shootings. Often, it appears it's mainly because the shooter disagreed with the beliefs of the people harmed.

God wants us to love everyone. Sometimes that's hard.

You think to yourself, "Are you kidding me?" "Love everybody? How can I?"

I think, "how am I to love people I may not care about, not to mention people who do terrible things".

Thinking about things closer to home, what about the people who are not nice to me or the neighbor who cut down my tree. Not to mention those who spike my blood pressure, such as, when they butt in line or pull into parking places that should have been mine.

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How is it even possible to imagine loving them all?

The most widely recognized Bible verse about love is 1 Corinthians 13:4-8, which describes love as patient, kind, not envious, not boastful, not proud, not self-seeking, not easily angered, keeping no record of wrongs, always protecting, always trusting, always hoping; essentially defining the characteristics of true love.

Wow, that's saying a lot!

We must do your best to love and show love to everyone.

Jesus said, Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second one, Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself. (Matthew 22:37-39)

"Loving your neighbor as yourself" where the "neighbor" includes everyone, even those who might be difficult to love.

We can love them by praying for them, acting in a Christian manner and speaking of God's love to them when given the opportunity.

Think about Horton, He loved the people in Whoville and had never seen them. He had a generous heart.

Notes from Elizabeth Circle - February 19, 2025

The afternoon sun was deceptively warm, but outdoor-reality said otherwise. Despite the very COLD temperature, we met inside in the Gathering Room at Faith Church and enjoyed the sunlight coming in the window and the warmth generated by the heater. Due to several factors including the winter cold and some of our ladies dealing with health issues, Elizabeth friends had last met in November of '24...We keep those dear ones in our prayers as they slowly but steadily gain strength and wellness. It was so good to have Roberta, Janette, and Linda Griffin as guests. Which calls for a reminder: any/all women of Faith are eagerly welcomed to come to either Ruth or Elizabeth Circle meetings, anytime. There is nothing better than to need extra chairs pulled up to the table!

Karen read a meditation by Max Lucado entitled *And the Angels Were Silent*, having to do with Worship and what it means. How do we define worship? What things can interfere with it? How can we determine whether our motives are pure? in church? in our daily lives? This reading tells us that after Jesus went to the Temple to worship God, what He found was a group of people using that Holy place as a hideout for robbers. (Matt. 21:12-13). Max writes: ' *He chose to make a point "You cash in on my people and you've got me to answer to." God will never hold guiltless those who exploit the privilege of worship.*' Indeed, we can worship God in so many ways--in church, of course, but also in ordinary daily lives. It is good to be reminded of all the ways we find God, and how our choices honor/worship Him. Or not.

Mary Jane treated us to delicious servings of apple pie along with hot coffee or tea. As we enjoyed that, table conversation centered around the Circles, UWF/UMW, projects--past and possible for the future...It seems to be a growing consensus that our numbers are shrinking . It is a strong conviction that we women of Faith Church have to keep going and reach out to those whose company we miss. We believe that there is much to be gained when we fellowship with each other on a regular basis. With that in mind, a plan is being formed to host a Saturday morning coffee-and-treat hour here at Faith Church. This will not be a meeting per se, rather a gathering of women who can renew acquaintances, meet friends for 'coffee-and', and just enjoy each other's company. Cards will be mailed soon, inviting women to 'Warm Up to Spring...Come Have Coffee With Friends' on Saturday March 15 at 10:00 A M at Faith U M Church fellowship hall. After a long winter we will all be ready for a women's get-together...come and just enjoy the warmth of friends old and new, fellowship, conversation...be our guests--no cost or obligation.

- R. Lerch

Steadfast Love in Jesus

The season of Lent is essential for those who truly seek to be disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world. Because a part of what we learn in this time of self-examination is that we are what might be most in need of transformation. We might find that what might need to grow in faith and discipleship is the church and that the transformation of the world begins with building bridges and gathering up. Through this series of sermons prepared for Lent, I want to prepare you to renew your relationship with the Lord, to build a new connection with Him, to enrich the depth of your heart and soul, and to practice love more broadly with our faith community. I hope you'll join in with us as you seek to be gathered up in Jesus.

Dong Hun Shin, Pastor

Ash Wednesday: March 5

Sermon: The Fast We Choose

Scriptures: Psalm 51:1-17; Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21

First Sunday of Lent: March 9

Sermon: That's the Promise

Scriptures: Psalm 91:1-2, 9-16; Luke 4:1-13

Second Sunday of Lent: March 16

Sermon: Under the Wings

Scriptures: Psalm 27; Luke 13:31-35

Third Sunday of Lent: March 23

Sermon: My Soul Clings

Scriptures: Psalm 63:1-8; Luke 13:1-9

Fourth Sunday of Lent: March 30

Sermon: Steadfast Love

Scriptures: Psalm 32; Luke 15: 1-3, 11-32

Fifth Sunday of Lent: April 6

Sermon: Filled with the Fragrance

Scriptures: Psalm 126; John 12: 1-8

Holy Week

Palm/ Passion Sunday: April 13

Sermon: Open the Gates

Scriptures: Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29; Luke 19: 28-40

Good Friday: April 18

Sermon: Do Not Be Far from Me

Scriptures: Psalm 22; John 18:1-19:42

Easter Sunday: April 20

Sermon: Steadfast Love: Christ is Risen

Scriptures: Psalm 118:1-2,14-24; Acts 10:34-43; Luke 24: 1-12

A Prayer for our Church

Come Holy Spirit, fill our voices with praise, so that all we speak will glorify you.

Come Holy Spirit, give us such faith that we will go wherever you ask us to go.

Come Holy Spirit, help us to be a friend like Jesus.

Come Holy Spirit, warm our hearts, so that as we love our community, they see you.

In the name of Jesus, our Redeemer, we pray. Amen.

Faith UMC Mission Statement

Faith United Methodist Church Serves God through

Worship, Faith, Friendship, Outreach

Leadership Team

Members of the Faith United Methodist Church Leadership Team:

Rev. Dong Hun Shin, Pastor

Dave Baldini, Chair

Clair Voshell, Trustees

Jarod True, Finances, Trustee Treasurer & SPRC

Stacy True, Recording Secretary

Neil Fruechte

Mary Jane Stauffer

Karen Ferch

Mike Morrissey

Linda Griffin

Les Wells

Janet Welch

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact one of the members.

****Copies of approved Leadership Team minutes can be found on the shelf by the bulletin board in the narthex.**

****Copies of church financial statements can be reviewed by church members in the office upon request.**



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MONTHLY MEET-UPS:

Elizabeth Circle

Elizabeth Circle will meet on **Wednesday, March 19** at **2:30** in the Gathering Room.

Ruth Circle

Ruth Circle will meet on **Tuesday, March 11** at **1:00** in the Gathering Room.

Conversation, Bible & Friends

Conversation, Bible and Friends TBD.