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FaithBytes

# February 2025





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#### **Faith Family**

## **Awana Grand Prix**

- Coming to the Faithbridge Fellowship Hall

SAVE THE DATE: Sunday - March 9th - 6 PM

Workshop day for those who need help -Saturday, February 15th. 9 - 11:30 AM At Eischens Wood Products (700 East River Dr)

**THANK YOU!** Marya, Greg and the hospitality crew for all the weekly treats during fellowship time and all the special events that have come throughout the year. Your ministry is much appreciated.

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Submission Deadline for the March 2025 issue is: **Monday, February 24th** 

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Feedback is always welcome.



#### **All Church Information**

#### Worship Schedule 8:15 AM Worship Service



- **9:00 AM** Fellowship Time in the Gym
- **9:45 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 YO to 1st grade. Faith Kids Jr. at 10:45 AM in the Cubbie Room (West Side) Parents, please sign in your child at the West Check-In Desk.

#### FAITH FORCE

Seniors are invited to join our monthly potluck on February 24. We meet monthly at 11:45 am in the Fellowship Hall for a time of fellowship, a potluck meal and a short program. We look forward to hearing a presentation from Sue Tomte on "The Birds and Gulls of Fish Hook Lake" as she weaves in her life story. Invite a friend and bring a dish or two to share.

#### FAITH MISSION CIRCLE

Faith Missionary Circle will be meeting in the Fellowship Hall on Monday, February 17, at 1:30. Please come and join us for prayer and for encouragement for missionaries!

"Devote yourselves to prayer, being watchful and thankful. And pray for us, too, that God may open a door for our message..." Colossians 4:2-3

# **SUMMIT**

#### 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 (\$10) Calendars (now \$5)

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

Feb.	Welcome Desk	Greeters	Welcome Desk	Greeters
	8:00 AM	8:00 AM	10:30 AM	10:30 AM
2	Haroldson	Jim & Julie T.	Kriens	Youth Youth
9	Trottier	Doug & Mary B. Nick T.	Amber L.	Lynda S. Sandra L.
16	Henderson	Drew & Sarah M. Ray & Barb K.	Diane J.	Don & Sue G.
23	Gail W.	Mike & Dee R. Brian & Wendy K.	Vredenburg	Pam K. Dan & Pat McG.

Feb.	8:00 Door Openers					
	N1	N2	E1	W1	S1	
2	Becky M.	Help Needed		Help Needed	Steve M.	
9	Dave V.	Help Needed		Help Needed	Ken & Evie O.	
16	Frank S.	Help Needed		Help Needed	Diane S.	
23	Becky M.	Help Needed		Help Needed	Steve M.	
Feb.	10:30 Door	Openers				
	N1	N2	E1	W1	S1	
2	Youth	Youth		Youth	Youth	
9	Matt K.	Help Needed		Help Needed	Sue P.	
16	Bev S.	Help Needed		Help Needed	Denny S.	
23	Munson Family	Help Needed		Help Needed	Munson Family	

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	Feb.	8:00	9:15	10:30
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NURSERY	9	Sue P. Bev S.	Amber L. Liz A.	Trever & Piper V.
N	16	Sarah & Drew M.	Sandra L. Schauer Teen	Lydia G. Ava R.
	23	Rita B. Kiana S.	Rita B. Brooke N.	Taliea H. Lydia G.

	2025
	Galatians 6:9–10
And let u	s not grow weary of doing good, for in due
season w	e will reap, if we do not give up. So then, as
we have o	pportunity, let us do good to everyone, and to those who are of the household of faith.
especially	to those who are of the household of faith,

Paul has urged the Galatian Christians not to grow tired of doing good, through the power of God's Spirit. It will pay off when the "crops" come, he has assured them. The most obvious crop is their own eternal life in Christ. Paul perhaps also has other positive results in mind, including the eternal lives of others who will come to Christ. And, perhaps he has in mind the rewards given by God to those Christians who serve well in this life (Matthew 6:19–20).

In any case, a planting season only lasts so long. It must eventually come to an end. Paul says this, spiritually speaking, is the planting time. As long as we have the opportunity to do good, to invest our lives by the power of God's Spirit in doing what is right, we should take it. This includes doing good to everyone but being especially intentional about doing good to and for other believers.

Paul describes all of us who are in Christ as belonging to the "household of faith." In Christ, we are siblings, and God is our Father. Doing good to others in our household is an investment that will pay off for them and for us both now and for eternity.

www.bibleref.com



#### Faith Student Ministry



FSM - students 7th-12th

Sundays - 9:45 AM - Faith Class Wednesday - 7:00 PM - FSM Group

February 5, 12, 19, 26 - 7 PM - FSM in the Upper Room

### Students and Parents - Calendar Meeting for FSM Held in the Upper Room on Sunday, February 9th from 12-1 PM Important Information

Check out the Website: www.faithbridgepr.org/events Or join the Facebook Group: FSM UPPER ROOM (Faithbridge Church) for upcoming youth events.



#### MOMCO (Mom Community)

Calling all Moms!

Meeting on the first and third Tuesdays of each month at Faithbridge at 9:00 AM All Moms are welcome!

February 4th - Bev and Denny Sleen speaking about marriage. February 18th - Homeschool Panel

This year's theme is "Wild Hope."

# DEACON OF THE MONTH Denny Sleen

I chose to follow Christ at age 16 and graduated from a private church school. I attended Pillsbury Baptist Bible College for 3 1/2 years where I met and fell in love with my wife, Beverly. We have been married for 43 years and have three daughters and 11 grandchildren.



We have been in the Park Rapids area for 27 years and have made Faithbridge our church home for that entire time. We enjoy bicycling, hiking, camping, cross country skiing and hosting families and groups on our sliding hill in the winter.

I worked for 17 years as an industrial technician before moving to Park Rapids. I worked for seven years as a steam engineer at RDO, two years as a long-term substitute at the high school, one year at Teamworks as a Welding instructor, and three years at Park Rapids Aviation before spending 13 years teaching industrial tech at the high school, retiring in 2024. I coached girls hockey in Park Rapids for eight years and girls Fastpitch softball for four years.

A verse that means a lot to me is John 10:10 "The thief comes only to kill, steal, and destroy, but I am come that they might have life and have it abundantly. "

Board of Deacons	Ken Osterberg - Chr	Denny Sleen	David Lindquist
	Bud Kading	Drew Maninga	Seth Holte
	Mike Ritter	David Wolff	Charlie Schmidgall



#### **Library Search**

We are still looking for a library coordinator to manage the library. I would like to work with someone who loves books to help them learn more about our library and its workings and eventually be the lead librarian. If you love books and reading, are computer literate and detail orientated and would like to encourage others to read, you meet the qualifications to share in a very satisfying ministry! Come and talk to me, Joyce Killmer, or give me a call (at 218-252-1659) or talk to Kelly Maninga.

#### PLAN FOR A POWER OUTAGE

Are you prepared to get through a day or two with no electricity without risking your health and safety? Winter weather can portend severe problems and strike an area without much advance notice. Frozen and downed power lines can severely im-



pact your life and safety— especially when temperatures drop to negatives with wind-chill factors added. Plan ahead by following these easy steps:

- Stock the basics Keep a cushion of nonperishable food in your pantry that doesn't require cooking. Options include canned goods, nuts, peanut butter and dried fruit. Keep a few gallon jugs of water in storage. Have battery-powered LED flashlights available with fresh batteries on hand.
- Keep the fridge closed Left shut, it will keep cool for about 4 hours without power. A full freezer will maintain its temperature for around 48 hours (24 hours if half-full) if the door remains closed. If you have temperature-sensitive medications, note the total power outage time and if the medication has previously been used or is unopened. Then contact your pharmacist to determine if the drug needs to be replaced.
- Guard against carbon monoxide poisoning Never heat your home with your oven or run a generator, grill or other outdoor device inside your home. Have at least one working carbon monoxide detector, and test its batteries twice a year.
- Have a plan for electricity-dependent medical devices The Food and Drug Administration has a booklet designed for people to record relevant information about their devices, so they're prepared in case of a power outage. View and print the booklet at <u>www.fda.gov/media/80782/</u> download.
- Know your community Stay aware of community safe spots to go to for heat, air-conditioning, food and lodging. Keep a paper contact list of people and places you can turn to for help; leaving your contacts on your phone will only help as long as your phone stays charged.

Staying aware of changing weather patterns and special alerts so that you can make the necessary preparations is what will keep you safe and healthy during the short-term inconvenience. A change: Juan and Elena Felipe had been planning to retire and move to Texas where they have some relatives. But now they are thinking of staying in Min-





nesota, not retiring, with Juan continuing as Pastor of the Spanish speaking church that meets at Faithbridge! We did not learn of their decision until after the budget for 2025 was set, so it was too late to increase their support for 2025.

In the past, individuals have given to them by giving through Faithbridge church with a designation for them written in on the offering envelope. If any of you feel led by God to give to them this way, it would help them with financial needs this year.

**Looking ahead**: A snack drive for Red River Youth for Christ is planned for March 9-23 at our church. The snacks are used as rewards for the teens for memorizing Scripture. Here's a photo of the last time we had a snack drive for them. Lets do it



again and bless these young people. Start looking for sales this month on snack items!

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.

**SUNDAY** 

#### MONDAY 1

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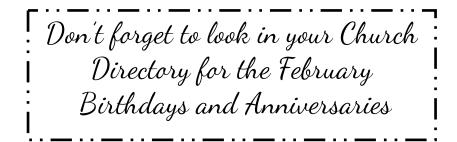
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		2:00 PM May 60th Anniversary Celebration

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9:45 AM Faith Classes		9 AM Gym use	8:30 AM Release Time	10:30 AM Pickleball		
10:45 AM Worship Service		9 AM Fireside use	9:30 AM Fellowship Hall			
10:45 AM Livestream			12:00 PM Sanctuary use			
			3:30 PM Gym use			
4:30 PM Hispanic Svc-Chapel		2:00 PM Gym use	5:30 PM Chapel use			
5 PM Basketball			6:55 PM AWANA	1 PM BSF use		
	3:30 PM Gym use	3:30 PM Heritage Comm	7 PM Room to Breathe	1 PM Gym use		
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Library is open on Sunday mornings: 9:15-10:45 and 11:50-12:15



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.

#### **NEW DONATED BOOKS:**

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- Why Israel Matters, Past, Present, Forever by Mathew D. Staver Seven decades after its miraculous rebirth, Israel is a global high-tech leader playing a vital role in the world economy. And yet the Jewish state remains fixed in the cross-hairs of global controversy. What generates so much fascination, frustration, and fury over one small and densely populated nation? This lavishly illustrated guide to all thigs Israel reveals why Israel is so significant to the Muslim world, the global economy, America, the church, and you. Most of all, it gives insight into why Israel matters to God and shares a glimpse of what's ahead for God's still-chosen people.
- A six disk,13-episode DVD series of **Why Israel Matters** is also available. Full of moving stories, thought-provoking questions and inspiring takeaways, this original series will strengthen your faith and empower you to thoughtfully engage in the global conversation. Approximately 350 minutes.
- **Countdown,** book 4 in the *Extreme Measures* series by Lynette Eason, has arrived and is available for you to finish this series of romantic suspense novels about FBI Special Agents and their lives.
- When Faith Is Forbidden 40 Days on the Frontlines with Persecuted Christians - For more than 20 years, Todd Nettleton (host of The Voice of the Martyrs Radio, VOMradio.net) has traveled the world and interviewed hundreds of Christians who've been persecuted for the name of Jesus. Now he's inviting you to come along and meet bold believers whose faith will inspire you to a deeper walk with Christ. They took a stand for their Savior, even when it was costly. Their stories can help us do the same.
- Around the World, *Letters from Children Across the Nations* by Stefanie Boyles is a book written for kids and their parents to help them become strategic in cultivating a global outlook. It is to inform parents and children

## **Thank You**

**Ben and Sharon Drabant** want to thank each of you for your prayers, calls and visits. They were comforted by the outpouring of love and know that the prayers have been answered. Ben's tests showed some improvement. Pray for Sharon as she pursues some treatment options. alike that there are many people around this world today who have never heard the good news of Jesus Christ. It is a way to invite families to pray for these unreached people groups and pray for those serving them, now and in the future.

- **The People of God** *God's Plan for His Church by Sarah Morrison* -This children's book is designed to introduce children to God's plan for His church. The book has beautiful and engaging illustrations to teach children about the joy of being a part of the people of God. Use this book to start conversations and discussion on why we go to church.
- **Created With Emotions** by Aubrey Coleman We know God gave us all our emotions as a way to glorify Him, but big emotions can be a lot to handle as a little kid. This children's book walks through each of our emotions and what they are. With easy-to-read words and biblical illustrations, this book is great for young readers.

UNABRIDGED AUDIOBOOK ON CD – Sent by mistake, but sounds interesting! What I Promise You - *Echoes of the Past* by Liz Tolsma

A family forever changed by the tragedies of WWII. Hannah Elfenbein, a young, pregnant Jewish woman, is arrested in 1942 and sent to the Camp de Rivesaltes transit camp in Southwest France. Drawn to helping other young women escape, she seeks refuge for herself and others at a maternity hospital. But nothing is simple in occupied France, and she finds herself doing the unimaginable to save one precious life.

Eighty years later, Caitlyn Laurant takes a break from training to be a missionary nurse in Spain to visit nearby France, hoping to find her grandfather's birthplace. But what she uncovers are secrets long buried by WWII atrocities.

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#### Awana

Feb. 12th at Awana is Fashion Disaster (wear the craziest mix of colors shapes and styles one can come up with) theme night!



Looking forward to the Grand Prix (3/9) and the T&T Overnights (3/21 & 3/28) that are coming in March. Clubbers, keep up with your memorization with the goal

of finishing your books. We appreciate all the parents who faithfully encourage their child in learning and memorizing God's Word.

## Grief Share

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

GriefShare - in the chapel.

 13-week sessions continue through Apr. 12. All Saturdays from 10 am -12 pm.
For information, contact Becky A. directly or by email <u>Grambecky1023@gmail.com</u> or phone 218-252-3500
You can register online at https://www.griefshare.org/

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#### **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.

"I the Lord search the heart and examine the mind, to reward a man according to his conduct, according to what his deeds deserve." Jeremiah 17:10

#### Faith Military Connections

Josie Carter Maggie Kay Carter Chasity Bohman Brian Evink Jared Lange Chase Lodl Malachi Martin Sean McGaffey Patricia Pfeifer Matthew Schommer

Jim Sleesman Davita Taylor Owen Van Batavia Ryan Vredenburg

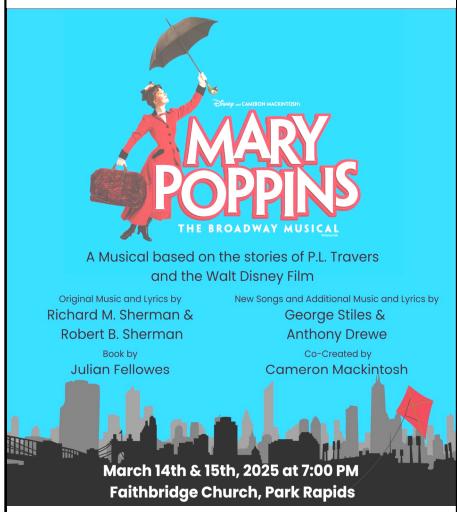
Thanks for praying for our servicemen; for their safety and for their families.

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!

## **Homeschool Spring Play**

# Save the Date

Firethorn Theatre & PRAHSA JR/SR High Production of



#### Tickets: Adults \$8 Students \$6

Cameron Mackintosh and Disney's Mary Poppins Is presented through special arrangement with Music Theatre International (MTI). All authorized performance materials are also supplied by MTI. www.mtishows.com

## **Arctic Adventure**

22 FSM youth attended Arctic Adventure at Camp Lebanon the end of January. Sponsored by Venture Church Network. 280 youth, several speakers, including our own Mike Tackett, lots of games, small groups and lots of practice walking the "HILL".



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#### **Community Happenings**

LISTINGS BELOW ARE COURTESY ANNOUNCEMENTS - NOT NECESSARILY FBC ENDORSED

#### LIVING AT HOME



Caregiving support group - 1st Wednesday of each month from 1:30 - 3:00 PM at Riverside Church.

An Afternoon Out is for those experiencing memory loss and their caretakers. Thursdays, 1-2:30 PM at Riverside United Methodist Church. SOLOS - 1st Monday of month 10:30-Noon at Northwoods Bank.



Menahga High School February 15th, 8 - 10 AM \$25 cash donation Open to everyone.



Pregnancy Re-Pregnancy Resource source Center of Center Park Rapids is look-

ing to hire an Executive Director. The primary areas of responsibility will be administrative, development and community/public relations. The duties will include the implementations of policies and procedures, oversee the budget, book/record keeping, and leadership to staff and volunteers.

Application/job description at 218-732-5212 or email diecor@prcparkrapids.org.



Food Shelf Remember our A Park Rapids Food Shelf

308 Pleasant Ave. S, Park Rapids. Food and monetary donations are welcomed, now more than ever.

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

**Headwaters Center for Lifelong Learning** meeting in the Event Room at 1104 Park Ave. S (old J&B) 1:00 - 2:30 PM February 24: "Treaties and Tribal Government" by Don Wedll, instructor at Central Lakes College.



Always looking for Mentors to work with our kids on a one to one basis. Call 732-0058.

Kinship of the Park Rapids Area is seeking a passionate and experienced Executive Director (ED) to lead our mission of fostering positive mentorships between adult volunteers and children in our community. Inquiries are welcome at kinshipparkrapids.org

### Faith Missionaries of the Month

## , Nathan and Jen

Asia with IBMGlobal

Training Nationals to plant healthy churches (Bible college & seminary, internship program. conferences. orphan care)

• Pray for good health. Prav for the stamina

> needed to accomplish the day to day tasks and demands (ministry, homeschool).

- So thankful that Jen's dad, Mark Remiger could come with a group to help with construction needs.
- Pray for Nathan as he works with new church plants to mentor and train young pastors.

# Erickson, Mark and Hannele

Finland with YWAM Bringing His healing to the Nations of Finland.

 Praise God for the open door for Mark to speak to "Men - only" gathering from all the

churches in the city of Joensuu, close to the Russian border. God is bringing unity and prayer in these times of threat of war.

- Pray for this unity and prayer to spread into all Finland.
- Pray for our Prayer School that will be starting again the first week of February.

## Felipe, Juan and Elena

Eglesia Cristiana Bautista Cristo La Roca *Hispanic ministry held at Faithbridge* Church on Sunday evenings.

• Thanking the Lord for His direction in our lives.



• Praying for provision as

> we continue to minister to the Spanish ministry in Park Rapids.

 Pray for the Latinos in the PR area that need to hear the gospel and grow in Christ.

## Hoglund, Karen

Uganda with WorldVenture Coordinating short-term teams and mentoring mid-term missionaries in Uganda.

• Pray for wisdom in organizing, hosting and helping

visiting groups to get a glimpse of mission life in Uganda.



- Pray for safety in travel and for good health.
- Pray that the unexpected breakdowns and hindrances in daily life will not hamper the ministry and serving of others.
- Praise for the privilege of working with fellow Christians and Ugandans in reaching out with the Gospel.