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FaithBytes

March 2025





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Sundays @ 10:45

Upper Room Open House March 2nd - 9:30 - 9:45 AM

Come on up and see the remodeled FSM Upper Room. You'll be pleasantly surprised and blessed by what your giving has provided for our youth.

Awana Grand Prix

Sunday - March 9th - 5:30 PM - Fellowship Hall

Concession Stand available. Registration begins at 4:30. Come and cheer on the clubbers as they race the cars they have created.

Newcomers Brunch March 30th at 9:30 AM - Fellowship Hall

If you are new to Faithbridge, you are invited to come to the newcomers' brunch for a time of fellowship and meet the Pastors, staff and deacons.

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Feedback is always welcome.



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

Seniors are invited to join our monthly potluck on March 24. We meet 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

The Faith Mission Circle will be meeting in the Fellowship Hall at 1:00 on Monday, March 17. **Note the time change to 1:00 PM.**

There are new adventures afoot as we consider new ways to encourage and connect with the missionaries and ministries our church supports! And we always welcome new members!



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

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

Mar.	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.		
30	Dave V.						
Mar.	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		
30							

	Mar. Library
2	Joyce Abby
9	Diane
16	Kerry
23	Joyce Nick
30	Debbie

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From Pastor Jeff's Desk

Dear Faithbridge Family,

Considering the recent message from 1 Timothy 2:8-10 where Paul exhorts "that in every place the men should pray, lifting holy hands without anger or quarreling", I thought it appropriate to remind our members and regular attenders that Faithbridge is committed to peacemaking and reconciliation. From our booklet on Relational Commitments we read the following:

Our church is committed to building a 'culture of peace' that reflects God's peace and the power of the gospel of Christ in our lives. As we stand in the light of the cross, we realize that bitterness, unforgiveness and broken relationships are not appropriate for the people whom God has reconciled to Himself through the sacrifice of His only Son (John 13:34-35; Eph. 4:29-32; Col. 3:12-14).

Therefore, we look to the Scriptures and the Holy Spirit for guidance on how we can respond to conflict in a way that will honor God, promote justice, reconcile relationships, and preserve our witness for Christ. As God gives us His wisdom and grace, we are committed to actively teaching and encouraging one another to live out the following principles of peacemaking and reconciliation.

Personal Peacemaking

Whenever we are faced with conflict, our primary goal will be to glorify God with our thoughts, words, and actions (1 Cor. 10:31).

We will try to get the 'logs' our of our own eyes before focusing on what others may have done wrong (Matt. 7:3-5).

We will seek to overlook minor offenses (Prov. 19:11).

We will refrain from all gossip, backbiting and slander (Eph. 4:29). If we have a problem with others, we will talk **to** them, not **about** them to others.

We will make 'charitable judgments' toward one another by believing the best about each other until we have facts that prove otherwise (1 Cor. 13:7).

If an offense is too serious to overlook, or if we think someone may have something against us, then we will go promptly to seek reconciliation (Matt. 5:23-25; 18:15).

When we offer a word of correction to others, we will do so graciously and gently, with the goal of serving and restoring them, rather than beating them down (Prov. 12:18; Gal. 6:1)

When someone tries to correct us, we will ask God to help us resist prideful defensiveness and to welcome correction with humility (Ps. 141:5; Prov. 15:32).

When others repent, we will ask God to give us grace to forgive them as He has forgiven us. (Eph. 4:32).

When we discuss or negotiate substantive issues, we will look out for others' interests as well as our own (Phil. 2:3-4).

Grace and peace, Pastor Jeff

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Faith Student Ministry



FSM - students 7th-12th

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



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

You are invited to the Upper Room Open House Sunday, March 2nd starting at 9:30AM

Students and Parents -**SOS Mission Trip Informational meeting** Held in the Upper Room on Sunday, March 9th from 12-1PM

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



Awana

Coming March 12th! Awana Missionary, Bill Hoppe will be here.

March - Clubbers are invited to bring coins each week for an extra donation to the Hoppe's Ministry and travel expenses.



Looking ahead for next year:

- ◆ Someone willing to coordinate the large group counsel time speakers for Sparks and T&T. It involves organizing speakers for about a 15 minute devotional geared to the elementary age groups.
- ♦ We also need an additional check-in table person.

Anyone potentially interested in these are welcome to come on a Wednesday night and see just what these entail. ©

DEACON OF THE MONTH Mike Ritter

Mike and Dee Ritter have been attending Faithbridge for three years. Mike grew up in Aberdeen, South Dakota and moved to Sioux City, Iowa when he was in Jr High school. "In 1979, I met Dee. "After a few



weeks I invited myself to her Single's Bible study. After attending for a while, I was very confused. Growing up in the Methodist church, I had never heard of the need for a personal commitment to Jesus. One evening I met with the Pastor and invited Jesus into my life. After that I found out how many people in that church were praying for me!!!"

They have been blessed with two sons, Matt and Andy. They have four grandchildren, Milo, Hazel, James and Josephine. Mike retired from a career with Land O'Lakes as a computer programmer and business analyst. They are enjoying their life of "living up North and traveling South to visit the kids."

His verse with special meaning is Ephesians 2:8-9 "For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, not a result of works, so that no one may boast."

Board of Deacons

Ken Osterberg - Chr Denny Sleen Bud Kading

Mike Ritter

Drew Maninga David Wolff

David Lindquist Seth Holte Charlie Schmidgall



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!

March 4th - Homeschool Panel

March 18th - Bronwen Griffin - Talking about Easter to kids

March 27th - Moms Night out at Zorbaz, 6:30 PM

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Preventing Pickleball Injuries

The game of pickleball is surging in popularity across the country. It can be played at any age and skill level. While many might assume that pickleball is a slower, lower-impact sport, experts say it's important to remember that injuries from participating in this game can and do happen.



"P" is for **pickleball.** There are four other **P's** that players should remember in order to avoid injury.

Proper stretching before we begin. When we get on the court, we think it's a smaller court and a slower sport, so we don't have to stretch. That is just not the case. Our main concern shouldn't be hand and wrist injuries, which can and do happen. Proper stretching starts from the feet up and includes the lower extremities, the back, the neck and the upper extremities.

Practice with a **Purpose**, rather than with activity that's repetitive, repetitive, repetitive. This can lead to chronic injuries, chronic use and chronic overuse.

Proper equipment that's in good condition and used effectively is important. Is the paddle appropriate? Is the grip thick enough? As we get older, for example, when we pinch, that puts further areas of stress on the hand. When you're squeezing too hard, it can lead to increased pressure on the wrist.

Proper body mechanics is most important because the ball doesn't bounce as high as it does in tennis, so going after the ball may actually seem more violent. Pay attention to the position of your whole body with each thrust.

For more detailed information and videos visit usapickleball.org



The Snack Drive for Red River Youth For Christ in Fargo will begin on Sunday March 9, and the last day to bring snacks to church will be Sunday, March 23. Look for totes in the foyers, with signs. Thanks so much for supplying snacks that are giv-

en when the teens memorize Scripture!



Bruce and Anita Paden, recently retired missionaries who were supported by Faithbridge Church for many years, have been in communication with Chantal at **New Hope Center/Center for Grieving Children in Goma, DR Congo,** and with the Missions Ministry Team here at Faithbridge Church.

Since the takeover by M23, there is need for food in the area. There is a way to help financially through World Venture. Bruce and Anita Paden still receive money in their Ministries Account and there is also a special project account for New Hope Center. All of that money goes to advance the work of New Hope Center and sometimes to help with other needs that Chantal knows about - like the present need for food. They will be sending money to help people in need who have had some connection with the New Hope Center in Goma.

However, with the situation in the area as of February 24th, there is not a way to send money as the banks are not functioning. When Chantal has a functioning bank account, Padens will let us know. Look to a future FaithBytes for a way to donate for the New Hope Center in Goma through WorldVenture. Please keep these fellow believers and this "nightmarish" situation in your prayers.

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Some **Adult Mission Trips** are being considered. More info to come in the future.

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.



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March Birthdays & Anniversaries

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



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.

WE HAVE A NEW LIBRARY COORDINATOR! Nick Thelen has met with Pastor Jeff, Kelly Maninga, and Joyce Killmer and is excited about the library and some new ideas to promote and increase library usage. Nick and Joyce are meeting regularly as Nick learns more about our library and its workings. Thank you for your prayers!

NEW FICTION THIS MONTH:

Guilty Until Innocent is the latest novel by Robert Whitlow. Joe Moore has been in prison for twenty-five years. And he believes he is just where God intends him to be. As more evidence is found and his case is re-opened, Joe and his attorney must determine if the cost of proving one man's innocence is too great when the lives of many others would be placed in mortal danger.

Cornered - three romantic suspense novellas in one volume by *Lynette Eason*, Lynn Blackburn and Natalie Walters. Prepare for three times the thrills with these page-turners from some of your favorite romantic suspense authors.

Tracie Peterson and *Kimberley Woodhouse* are co-authors of The Hearts Choice and With Each Tomorrow, the first two novels in the Jewels of Ka*lispell*, a historical romance series set in Montana in the late 1800s and early 1900s. The first female court reporter in Montana and a male librarian are the main characters in the first book while the second book has the formation of Glacier National Park and the departure of the Great Northern Railway drawing together Ellie and Carter on a daring journey that tests their faith in God.

The Naturalist's Daughter is by Tea Cooper, an established Australian historical fiction author, new to our library. Two fearless women – living a century apart – find themselves connected by a notebook. A breathtaking examination of women and science.

What I Would Tell You and What I Promise You are two books in the Echoes of the Past series by Liz Tolsma. In Book 1, determined to resist the invading Nazis, a Greek Jewish woman's greatest dream has become her worst nightmare. Eighty years later, an American college student wants to discover where she belongs and which God demands her allegiance. In Book 2, a family's history is lost to the ravages of WWII in Southwest France and a young nurse in training travels to France and her search for family reveals secrets that no one alive has ever heard. **Book 2** is also available on audiobook.



Adult Faith Classes - from yellow bulletin insert

Adult Faith Classes for March 2nd through May 18th

If you haven't tried out one of our Adult Faith Classes, you are missing out on great learning while having great fellowship! The time between our two morning services is dedicated to assisting your continuous walk with our Lord and Savior. You can take the goodies you get in the gym, and eat them in class while you listen and learn and discuss topics important to our everyday lives as Christians. Read and decide which one you will try for the next ten weeks. (No Adult Classes April 20 & 27.)

Continued by popular demand - With Christ in the School of Prayer - Matt & Christa Munson and Charlie & Cathy Schmidgall - Man Cave

This book, With Christ in the School of Prayer by Andrew Murray, is too good to put down without finishing it!!! Nothing else may be more important in our spiritual lives than an accurate understanding of prayer. There is so much to discover. We will continue the study of key lessons and how to apply them to our lives. You don't have to have been in the previous classes to join. Books will be available for purchase at \$10

Cold Case Christianity by J. Warner Wallace - with Dave Lindquist -Fireside Room

A journey through Christianity using the analytical lenses of a former atheist and L.A. County homicide detective! Christianity could easily be described as a case for which insufficient evidence exists to make any conclusions about its truth claims. However, in Cold-Case Christianity, J. Warner Wallace uses his nationally acclaimed skills as a homicide detective to look at the evidence and eyewitnesses behind Christian beliefs. He includes stories from his career and the visual and interrogation techniques he developed while a police officer. Along the way, he uses examples to examine the powerful evidence that validates the claims of Christianity.

Everyday Questions: (Are you ready for the conversation?) - facilitated by Barry Munson - South Room

This video series wants to give you more confidence as you answer questions about your faith. You will learn listening techniques and how to ask the right questions. This will help you share the good news of Jesus in meaningful conversations that build strong friendships.

Prayer Warriors – John Parks – Lower Room Please join us if you believe God hears and answers prayers. Spend time praising God, thanking Him, confessing sin, asking for His blessings, and praying for His changing work in our own and other's lives. We will be praying together and encourage prayer requests.



Feb. 12th at Awana was **Fashion Disaster Night!** (wearing the craziest mix of colors, shapes and styles one can come up with) This is some of the craziest!

Awana





Grief Share



GRIEF 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 Grambecky1023@gmail.com or phone 218-252-3500 You can register online at https://www.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.

"You will not have to fight this battle. Take up your positions; stand firm and see the deliverance the Lord will give you...Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged. Go out to face them tomorrow, and the Lord will be with you." 2 Chronicles 20:17



Faith Military Connections

Josie Carter Chase Lodl Jim Sleesman Maggie Kay Carter Malachi Martin Davita Taylor Chasity Bohman Sean McGaffey Owen Van Batavia Brian Evink Patricia Pfeifer Ryan Vredenburg Jared Lange Matthew Schommer

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!

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Homeschool Spring Play

Firethorn Theatre & PRAHSA JR/SR High Production of



A Musical based on the stories of P.L. Travers and the Walt Disney Film

Original Music and Lyrics by
Richard M. Sherman &
Robert B. Sherman

Book by

Julian Fellowes

New Songs and Additional Music and Lyrics by

George Stiles & Anthony Drewe

Co-Created by

Cameron Mackintosh

March 14th & 15th, 2025 at 7:00 PM
Faithbridge Church, Park Rapids

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

SAVE THE DATE



April 11 & 12, 2025 Tickets: Adult \$6

Students \$4

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Faith Happenings

The Faith Kids classes made Valentine cards to send to some shut-ins and those struggling with health.







The 7th and 8th grade girls had a Valentine's party. We decorated cookies, played a few games and had a short devotional on who they are in Christ.







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Community Happenings

LISTINGS BELOW ARE COURTESY ANNOUNCEMENTS - NOT NECESSARILY FBC ENDORSED



LIVING AT HOME

Exciting News! We have moved into our building at 218 Industrial Park Rd.

The following events will be 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 caretakers. Thursdays, 1-2:30 PM

SOLOS - 1st Monday of month 10:30-Noon

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



Menahga High School March 15th, 8 - 10 AM \$25 cash donation Ope n to everyone.



Pregnancy Resource Center source Center of 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.

MARCH IS FOOD SHELF MONTH Remember our Park Rapids Food Shelf!

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

Headwaters Center for Lifelong Learning meeting in the Event Room at 1104 Park Ave. S (old J&B) 1:00 - 2:30 PM

3/4 - Detroit Lakes Trolls

3/11 - Great Highland Bagpipe

3/18 - PRAHS speech Students

3/25 - MN Hooded History



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

Hoppe, Bill and Cindy

AWANA Missionaries to E, N Central & NE MN & NW WI.

- ◆ Thank you for prayers for safety as I/we drive across 3 states.
- Every Wednesday in March is booked to visit an Awana Club in MN/WI. (March 12 we will be at Faithbridge.)
- ♦ One church I have been building relationship with for 2 ½ years registered to do Awana first time ever on February 4th.
- Our daughter-in-law Jessica, in much pain with Chronic Lyme & mold, is moving at end of Feb. to San Diego (climate/medical access.)



Brazil with DNA Global Network Serving in south Brazil by using God's gifts to make disciples, plant churches, and send missionaries to the world.



- Praise and pray for the growth and development of our grandchildren, Olivia and coming birth of "Sam or Samantha".
- Pray for the discipleship of new believers we hope will choose to be baptized soon.
- Pray that the new house church gatherings at homes of four families will grow spiritually.

Mitchell, Paul and Gloria

Oak Hills Christian College Director of the Mokahum Ministry Center.

- Pray for replacement of vehicles that were damaged by deer hits.
- Pray that the Mokahum students would continue to grow in their understanding of who they are as followers of Jesus.
- Pray that we would find more teachers and mentors to come alongside our students.
- Praise and pray for the opportunity to present BUILD top the Flathead reservation in March.

Parks, Larry and Jane

Spain with ABWE Church planting and working with local believers in outreach ministries to community.



- Praise for the influx of Gospel seekers attending the Toledo mother church.
- ◆ We rejoice in the Gospel calendar distribution of 2,000 calendars in the outreach area of the Mora church.
- Pray for the new contacts for both churches and for wisdom in following them up.
- Please pray for the final preparations for the 5th annual Hispanic Regocijo Women's Conference which is 100% online and free. March 29, 2025 at 10 AM Spain time. May God use it for His glory.

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