

ADAM & EVE BROKE GOD'S HEART

**DID
YOU
KNOW?**

**THE PRIMARY INFLUENCE
IN A PERSON'S FAITH
DEVELOPMENT IS
PARENTS FIRST, AND
THEN OTHER
SIGNIFICANT MENTORS
IN THE CHURCH.**

WHO DO YOU INFLUENCE?

**PLAN NOW TO SPEND FIVE DAYS BUILDING
FAITH-FILLED INFLUENCE**

Join us
for **LUNCH**
Sun. April 2
To learn more!



**FIVE STARRY
NIGHTS TOGETHER**

SAVE THE DATE!

JUNE 25 - 29 | 5:30 - 8 PM



YOU'RE INVITED ...

HYMN SING ALONG

APRIL 2 & 9

CHOIR ROOM | 9 - 9:45 AM



All ages invited.

Lent & Resurrection Hymns.

Different hymns each Sunday.

Led by Sandy Dopkins.



with Children's Palm Processional-No class for kids



A stylized, abstract graphic of a crucifixion. The cross is formed by overlapping, angular shapes in shades of brown, tan, and gold. The figure of Christ is represented by a series of overlapping, angular shapes in shades of brown, tan, and gold, positioned on the cross. The background is a dark, textured purple.

good friday

IT IS FINISHED

April 14, 2017

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6:30 pm



Easter Service

April 16

10:00 am

If you would like to order a flower to be displayed in honor of a loved one at our Easter service, please call Janelle 257-4673.

BLESS! That was God's original program for witnessing to our faith. It started with Abraham who was called to believe he and his family would "bless" the world. Each Sunday until Easter we are encouraging you to pray specifically for people God puts on your heart and in your life's journey.

B.L.E.S.S. – seek to be a blessing to those you pray for by...Listening, Eating, Serving and telling your stories to each other.

Listen to them by paying attention to them as God leads, which may be as simple as asking God to create an opening for conversation.

Eat with them by asking them to share a meal or just share a cup of coffee.

Serve them in some way, even small ways, any number of random acts of kindness like the open-ended, "is there anything I can help you with?"

Story...ask them their story, a bit of it or all of it, how they came to be in Minnesota, what they like to do when not working, then tell them your story and how God has been working in your life.

We have been *diving into* (notice the pun) the book of Jonah this past month in Youth Group. We have had such fruitful conversations about things we have never noticed since Sunday School. If you see a youth around, ask them about it! Confirmation has been in full swing in March as well; we loved having the mentors join us for a special mentor game night. Who knew how much fun a room full of middle schoolers and baby boomers could be?

We were busy in March with our high schooler's Dig Deeper huddle, Open Swim Night at YMCA, and picking up trash & prayer walk down 5th Avenue and in Barden Park for SERVE youth group. We have also had a BLAST putting flamingos in many "victim's" yards! Although we got caught *multiple* times; thank you to everyone who so graciously participated in our fundraiser and acted surprised! We will use the Flocking Fund to help with school year retreat scholarships for the kids.

In case you missed out on supporting our youth with flamingo flocking...you are all invited to Palm Sunday Breakfast to support the youth who are going to CHIC next summer. We will also have a larger Coffee Bar on Easter morning during the Sunday school hour as well.

We are looking forward to the District Blitz retreat in Duluth that we will be attending April 21-23rd. We have 19 kids coming and 4 adult chaperones! We are planning to rent two 12-passenger vans to safely transport our precious cargo (aka...kids) to Duluth. We would appreciate your prayers for this retreat - for safety, youth group bonding, and opportunities for the kids to get away from life's routines and have a special time to meet with God. Also, no cell phones are being brought along, so pray that the "unplugging" process isn't too rough.

As always, thank you for your prayers, encouragement to our youth, and support!

With joy, Rachel



Memorial Day Family Camp is approaching fast!

Dates are May 26 - 29.

LAKE BEAUTY BIBLE CAMP is located by Long Prairie (about an hour from St. Cloud). Our Family Camp weekends are full of friends, family, wonderful guest speakers, and a variety of fun activities for all ages. Family Camp at Lake Beauty has become a tradition for hundreds of people each year, many with 2 or 3 generations sharing the time together in the campground, cabin or retreat center. From inspiring Chapel worship to cozy evening campfires, here is a time and place to reconnect with the ones you love, meet new friends and enjoy time in God's beautiful space. We hope to see you this summer at Family Camp!

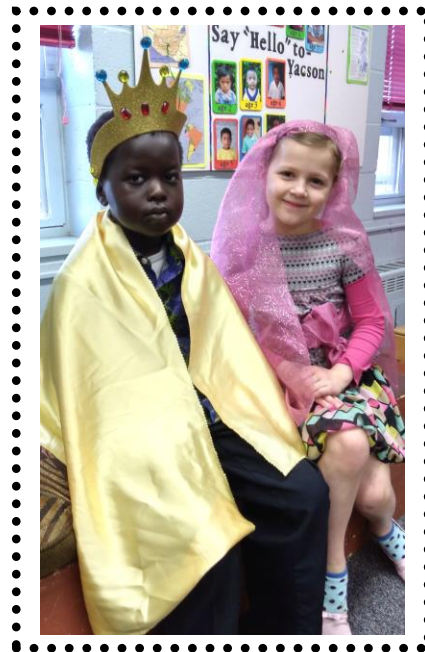
Here is the link to get to Lake Beauty's website to learn more and to sign up.

<http://lbbc.com/memorial-day-family-camp.html>

Early Bird Discount for all camps: deadline is April 1.



The Kindergarten-Frist Grade
Class Celebrating
the **"The Wedding Banquet"** from
Matthew 22.
Teacher: Kathy Dosch



Join us as we start and end the **Walk for Life** at the
Pregnancy Resource Center
located at 305 5th Ave. S. You may park at Hope Covenant
Church.

Register today at PregHelpFriends.com/WALK



Parenting the Love & Logic Way

*April 3 & 10 (2 session class) 5:30-9pm

*bonus, follow-up class April 24, 7-9pm

June 3 (1 session class) 8:30-4pm

Resource Training & Solutions

www.resourcetraining.com

Community Furniture Program.

Gently used furniture.

Contact: Patrick cfp@cmnrp.org

1121 Lincoln Ave. S-Sauk Rapids

Kathy's Library Notes

Hearts of Fire: Eight Women in the Underground Church and Their Stories of Costly Faith

by Voice of the Martyrs

Eight women from eight very different backgrounds. Yet the struggles they each faced rang with eerie similarity. These courageous women from across the globe-Pakistan, India, Romania, Former Soviet Union, China, Vietnam, Nepal, Indonesia-shared similar experiences of hardship, subjugation, and persecution, all because of their faith in Christ. Yet all of these women have emerged from adversity as leaders and heroines. The eight modern-day pilgrims featured in *Hearts of Fire* are the hidden jewels in the church universal. They are worthy role models of faith and passion, and women of every age will gain new strength and hope for their own times of crisis and trial as they read these inspiring stories. Each story concludes with thoughtful self-reflection questions for the reader.

Lion of Babylon by Davis Bunn

Marc Royce works for the State Department on special assignments, most of them rather routine, until two CIA operatives go missing in Iraq--kidnapped by Taliban forces bent on generating chaos in the region. Two others also drop out of sight--a high-placed Iraqi civilian and an American woman providing humanitarian aid. Are the disappearances linked? Rumors circulate in a whirl of misinformation. Marc must unravel the truth in a covert operation requiring utmost secrecy--from both the Americans and the insurgents. But even more secret than the undercover operation is the underground dialogue taking place between sworn enemies. Will the ultimate Reconciler between ancient enemies, current foes, and fanatical religious factions be heard?

Club56



for 5th-6th

graders will be

April 14 ~ 6:30 pm

We will be participating in the Good Friday Service. Questions? Contact Kathy Armbrust 257-4673.

April Birthdays

2 – Gretta Rowen
5 – August Kerwin
5 – Lisa Scheevel
7 – Julie Johnson
7 – James Schwegel
9 – Delia Kerwin
10 – Stephanie Ramos (Missionary)
10 – Rachael Kaczor
10 – Kaleb Neupauer
12 – Susan Heysse
12 – James Schirmers
14 – Roger Eriksson
16 – Kristen Bauer
17 – Kathy Dosch
20 – James Kaczor
20 – David Kaczor
21 – Heidi Boeckel
21 – Wilma Jean Schwegel
23 – Eva Bauer
23 – Faith Taylor
24 – LuAnn Brown
24 – Larry Wasmund
26 – Jack Forsell
26 – Cindy Koubsky
27 – Simon Granberg
27 – Pouch Pouch
27 – Genevieve Schirmers
27 – Logan Schmidt
27 – Lilah Sutherland
28 – Sean Geurkink
29 – Lowell Larson



April Anniversaries

12 – Keith & Beth Krueger
26 – John & Sandra Theis

Women-at-the-Lake Retreat

Save the Date!
June 14-17(noon)

For more info. contact
Cindy Kousky
320-309-6255



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BURN 24-7

CENTRAL MINNESOTA

Worship & Prayer
9am-9pm Saturday April 15th

Hosted At: **Hope Covenant Church**

All ages welcome. Use this opportunity to set aside time to worship through music and stations.

Come when you can.
Stay as long as you like.

APRIL VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE

-- USHERS --

Date	Greeter/Usher North Door	Greeter/Usher East Door	Usher West Door
April 2	Andy Anderson	Marshall & Lori Engevik	Carol Ervasti
April 9	Jeremy & Erin Forsell	Keith & Jan Olson	Bobbie Ziebol
EASTER April 16	Mark & Limei Danzeisen	Jerry & Rosie Lommel	Kirsten & Henry Wagenius
April 23	Russ Simmons Scott Bjorklund	Jake & Jessica Olson & Family	Kelly Warzecha & Claudia
April 30	Dale & Shirley Hubert	Dave & Kristi Laliberte	Deborah Owen

Thank you for serving during our worship. Please find a substitute, if needed.

-- NURSERY --

April 2	Geurkink Family
April 9	Linda & Kami Ziebarth, Hahn Overby
Good Friday April 14	Cheryl Larson & Mackenzie Neupauer
EASTER April 16	Julie Toole Georgia Noble & Isaac Engevik
April 23	Jessica & Stella Kerwin & Maja Noble
April 30	Sharalyn & Autumn Snavelly & Kira Salner

-- JAM --

April 2 – Elena Ronnei
 April 9 – Jessica Kerwin
 April 16 – No JAM - EASTER
 April 23 – Sharon Scuteri
 April 30 – Jessica Rowen

-- POWER POINT --

April 2	Gary Noble
April 9	Ben Back
April 14	Good Friday
April 16	Shaun Westrup
April 23	Bares
April 30	Gary Noble

Men's Breakfast

2nd Sat.

April 8

8-9 am

Fellowship Hall



What is a “good death?”

Have you ever heard someone suggest the notion of a “good death?” Have you ever heard yourself uttering the words “I would never want to die like that,” or “I hope I leave this world like he did.” Maybe you have been involved in difficult end-of-life decisions for a loved-one in a hospital setting wondering if you are doing the right thing. End-of-life decisions can be difficult, but they don’t need to be as difficult as they often are. There are things we can do to plan-ahead. There are conversations we can have to make our passing from this world to the next less traumatic for our loved-ones. St. Cloud Hospital (Spiritual Care) invites you to come to an event to begin that discussion.

The Convenings is based on a series of remarkable broadcast conversations Minnesota Public Radio’s Cathy Wurzer had with University of St. Thomas Dean Bruce Kramer and their book, “*We Know How This Ends: Living while Dying.*” Kramer died in 2015 after living with ALS.

Join Cathy and special guests for an evening of music, storytelling, and meaningful conversation about living and dying well.




St. John’s University
Stephen B. Humphrey Theater~Collegeville
April 18
6:30-8 pm

To register or for more information:
www.honoringchoices.org/the-convenings
or call 612-362-3724

Free and open to the public.



April 2017

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
						1 8-1pm ARC Sanctuary/ Fellow. Hall
2 9:00 am Class 10:00 Worship Communion/ Benev. Fund 11:30 LUNCH "Summer Experience" 6-8 Confirmation	3 5-7pm Gymnastics 6pm American Heritage Girls 6:30 pm Women's Bible Study	4 6-8p N/A 6:30pm Elder Meeting 7-9pm Men's BSF	5 6:30p Men's Bible Study 7pm Youth Group Choir	6 9 am Women Bible Study Rm 209	7 6-8pm Club 56—	8 8-9am Men's Breakfast Youth Prep for Sunday Breakfast Napal Night at SCSU
9 Palm Sunday 8:30 Breakfast 9:00 am Class 10:00 Worship 	10 5-7pm Gymnastics 6pm American Heritage Girls 6:30 pm Women's Bible Study	11 6-8p N/A 7 pm Men's BSF	12 6:30p Men's Bible Study 7pm Youth Group Choir	13 9 am Women Bible Study Rm 209 6pm ARC	14 6:30 pm Good Friday Service 	15 9am-9pm BURN
16 EASTER N O Class Coffee 10:00 Worship 	17 5-7pm Gymnastics 6pm America Heritage Girls 6:30 pm Women's Bible Study	18 6-8p N/A 7 pm Men's BSF	19 6:30p Men's Bible Study 7pm Youth Group Choir	20 9 am Women Bible Study Rm 209	21 Youth District Blitz-Duluth	22 10-2 pm Com Meal Youth District Blitz-Duluth 6pm NewsBoys St Cloud Civic
23 9:00 am Class 10:00 Worship Youth District Blitz-Duluth 30 9:00 am Class 10:00 Worship 6-8 Confirmation	24 5-7pm Gymnastics 6pm American Heritage Girls 6:30 pm Women's Bible Study	25 6-8p N/A 7 pm Men's BSF	26 6:30p Men's Bible Study 7pm Youth Group Choir	27 9 am Women Bible Study Rm 209	28	29
Northwest Conference Covenant Annual Meeting-Maple Grove Cov. 9350 Upland Ln N. ~ Osseo, MN						

*Happy is the nation whose God is the Lord, the people he chose for his very own.
Psalm 33:12*

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April 2017

RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

following Jesus into God's love

STAFF

Lead Pastor: Keith Meyer

Christian Ed: Kathy Armbrust

Worship/Youth: Rachel Lassen

Facilities: Pam Schirmers/Jessica Kerwin

Office: Janelle Rudningen

Leadership: Pastor Keith Meyer

Chair: Gary Noble

Vice Chair: Roger Eriksson

Treasurer: Glenn Scuteri

Recording Secretary: Beth Krueger

Elder Chair : Barb Scheevel

Members at Large: Michelle Nelson & Jake Olson

Elders: Keith Krueger, Barb Scheevel, Keith Olson, Audrey Kamphenkel

Christian Education Hour 9:00 am

Worship Schedule 10:00 am

Office Hours 9-3 pm Tuesday through Friday

April 2 – **Lunch**

11:30am-all invited:

Summer Experience

April 9 –**Breakfast**

Youth Fundraiser:

8:30-9:30am

