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Humble Saints, Heavenly Sent

[Jesus] chose Twelve, whom he also named apostles. -Luke 6:13



Dear Fourth Avenue UMC Friends,

All Saints' Sunday will be celebrated this coming Sunday, November 1. The annual observance reminds us that the Christian faith is proclaimed and passed down from one generation to another mostly by "little people." What I mean by "little people" are the multitude of precious souls who will never be considered as "movers and shakers" in the Church and certainly not on the world stage. They will never be written about in the history books, yet their lives are of great significance in God's economy.

And so, the Church remembers these saints (meaning *holy ones*) because each of them revealed the light of Christ along their earthly pilgrimage and impacted people with whom they rubbed shoulders for Christ with the gospel. And now, we rejoice in their (and our) hope of eternal life through Jesus Christ. By faith, we believe they now rest from their earthly labors in the fullness of God's eternal presence. They now surround us as a great cloud of witnesses encouraging and cheering us on to run with perseverance the race of faith ever proclaiming Christ and living for him until our last breath.

On Sunday, we will remember the dearly departed souls who were part of our Fourth Avenue UMC family and died this past year. We will also lift up many treasured departed souls connected with members of our church family. Like many of you, I have lost loved ones during this stretch where Covid-19 circumstances have delayed many funerals, dampened many celebrations of life, and made travel difficult. I am thinking about my Uncle Richard, my mother's cousin Phyllis, one of my parents' dear friends Paul Ash, and a woman named Ann Horn of Brainerd who died unexpectedly in her sleep last week at the age of 55. We all keep in our memory precious souls who by God's grace made a difference in our lives. Their lives pointed us from life on earth to the promises of heaven. Most



Prayer Chain

If you need prayer for any reason, there is an active group in our congregation committed to praying for you.

Contact **Carole Evans** at 507-210-6971 or e-mail her at caroleannjean@gmail.com.

You are welcome to join the prayer chain. Just call Carole.



If you notice a need for building maintenance, contact the trustees at: **Trustees.fourthaveumc@gmail.com**

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will never be remembered in the annals of human history, yet will forever be remembered by the Author of life and the faithful people of God.

In 2012, a group of historians in Washington, DC, wanted to honor Abraham Lincoln for President's Day by building a tower of books written about the famous American president. When completed, the tower, displayed in the lobby of Ford's Theatre, was eight feet wide and three stories high—and still, it contained less than half of the books written about Lincoln.

Impressive as that may be, there is one person who has been the subject of more books than Lincoln: Jesus. And do you know why we even know anything about Jesus? It's because of his apostles, whose testimonies formed the basis of the four Gospels.

Considering Jesus' importance, you'd think we would know a lot about his apostles. But in fact, we know very little. Take, for example, Saints Simon and Jude, apostles remembered by the Church this week on October 28. If we wrote down everything we knew about them, we could maybe fill a short paragraph or two—not even close to a tower of books!

And yet, consider the effect that these two men had. Tradition holds that they traveled to Persia to spread the gospel. There, they told people about Jesus, and those people told others, who told others, and so on. The seeds they planted took root, grew, and spread throughout the region, long after they were martyred. Together with the other apostles, Simon and Jude took the message of the gospel far and wide. In fact, each of us can trace our faith, like a family tree, through the "apostles sent to us" eventually back to these early apostles.

All Saints' Sunday calls us to give thanks for the early apostles and saints as well as for the "humble saints, heavenly sent apostles" in our own lives. We will remember our parents who took you to church, the coworker who prayed with you, and the friend who encouraged you to return to the faith. We'll remember the pastor, the teacher, the mentor at school or the author of a book that helped you grow closer to Jesus. Some of these people may be remembered by history, but most won't. And that's okay. They—and you—are all important in God's plan for building his kingdom.

Here's to all of God's "little people" who in every generation have made a big difference for Christ and in our lives.

For a Church of saints, I am sincerely yours,

Pastor Greg

All Saints' Sunday Celebration

We will celebrate *All Saints' Sunday* on **Sunday, November 1st**. As a part of this annual celebration, we will remember the saints connected with the Fourth Avenue UMC congregation who have gone on to their eternal rest in the last year. The celebration of All Saints' proclaims that though we now experience the grief that comes with the death of a loved one, the bond of fellowship between the living and the dead in Christ remains intact. We continue to be inspired by the example of their lives, strengthened by their prayers, and encouraged to persevere as we contemplate their eternal reward and rest in God. This annual celebration has been a great source of consolation and comfort to Christian believers across the years. This year we will remember

Members

Phyllis J. Borchert
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Howard A. Dokken	Delphine Charlton



November Memory Verse Hebrews 12:1-2

Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a huge crowd of witnesses to the life of faith, let us strip off every weight that slows us down, especially the sin that so easily trips us up.

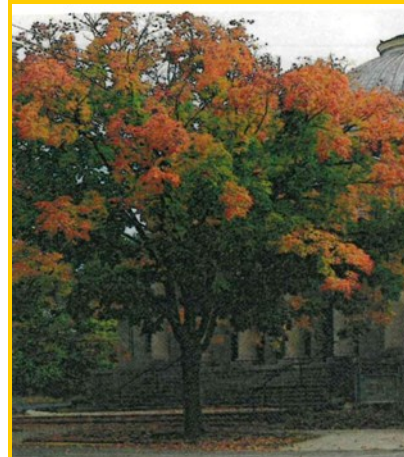
And let us run with endurance the race God has set before us.

² We do this by keeping our eyes on Jesus, the champion who initiates and perfects our faith.

Hebrews 12:1-2

November Ushers

Jean Vincent and
Dale Hauptli



Worship services online!

- www.fourthaveumc.org
- Click on the "VIDEO" menu—
- OR on HOME page
- Scroll down right side - see options for the worship service.

OR go to

YouTube and search for 4th Avenue UMC to find several videos—choir, special music, and entire worship services.



November Birthdays

Maxine Dusbabek	01
Brenda Kamrath	01
Betty Harmsen	04
Don Michel	05
Ronn Kotsmith	05
Whitney Hagberg	05
Carolyn Minshall- (80th Birthday)	09
Joyce Buresh	10
Tom Bossmann	15
Alta Holling	15
Jerry Moen	15
Benjamin Speiker	15
Marcia Grundman	17
LuAnn Heyer	18
Linda LaCanne	19
Wayne Quiggle	22
Surprise Sonpon	22
Hunter O'Malley	26
Jacob Kandakai	26



November Anniversaries

Don & Linda LaCanne	09
Bob & Bonnie Hammer	12
Robert & Phyllis Ford	14
David & Audrey Eiler	29



Calendar of Events

Worship

November 1—All Saints Day

November Events

November 1—Breakthrough Brain Storming Session 10:15 AM

November 1—Reopening Task Force—Council at 4:00 PM
via Zoom

November 1—Daylight Savings (turn clocks back)

November 3—Vote 2020

November 5—Trustees; 6:30 PM

November 10—Church Council, 6:30 PM

November 11—Veterans Day

November 13—Girl Scouts 5:00 PM to 7:30 PM, Fellowship Hall

November 17—Finance meets 6:30 PM

November 23—Red Cross Blood Drive 12:00 PM to 6:00 PM

November 24—SPRC meets 6:30 PM

November 26—Thanksgiving

November 27—Girl Scouts 5:00 PM to 7:30 PM, Fellowship Hall

30th Annual Faribault Area CROP Walk 2020

"The 30th Annual Faribault Crop Walk is in the books. To keep everyone safe the walk itself was a bit different than other years as we did not walk as a group but instead chose our own routes. Fourth Avenue United Methodist was represented by walkers Liz Hartman and her dog Rupert and Deb Jindra-Pope. Thanks to all who generously donated to help make this year's fundraising very successful. We came in third in contributions, just slightly behind second place Hope United Methodist. Below are the results:

First English Lutheran Church	\$3,220.10
Hope United Methodist Church	\$2,850.00
Fourth Avenue United Methodist Church	\$2,635.00
The Cathedral of Our Merciful Saviour	\$1,440.00
Divine Mercy Catholic Church	\$ 500.00
Our Savior's Lutheran Church	\$345.00
Christ Lutheran Church	\$210.00

Grand Total: \$11,200.10

Mark your calendars for 2021, the 31st Annual Faribault Crop walk will take place on Saturday, October 2."



Rice County Day Activity Center

The DAC is once again picking up recycled newspaper. The Box is in the east side parking lot entrance.



We have several Fourth Avenue young adults attending colleges and universities.

Brandon Kern
Junior—Mankato State University
1905 W. 230th Street
Faribault, MN 55021

Andy Prange
2nd year U of M Duluth
16 W. College St. Lower Unit
Duluth, MN 55802

Kaylee Kern
Junior—Mankato State University
1801 Monks Avenue Apt 231 A
Mankato, MN 56001

Suzi Quigg
Junior— Boston College
Thayer Hall
140 Commonwealth Avenue
317 Chestnut Hill, MA 02467

Kelsey Kern
Junior— Hamline University
1536 Hewitt Avenue
St. Paul, MN 55104

Maggi Quigg
Freshman at Loyola Management in
Los Angeles, California
1114 Newhall Drive
Faribault, MN 55021
She will be going to California in January

Brody Kucera
Junior— Hamline University
1546 Engelwood Avenue Apt 2
St. Paul, MN 55104

Chloe Kucera
Freshman— Hamline University
14788 Cabot Avenue
Faribault, MN 55021

Faith Jameson
Freshman— South Central College Faribault
922 Newhall Drive
Faribault, MN 55021

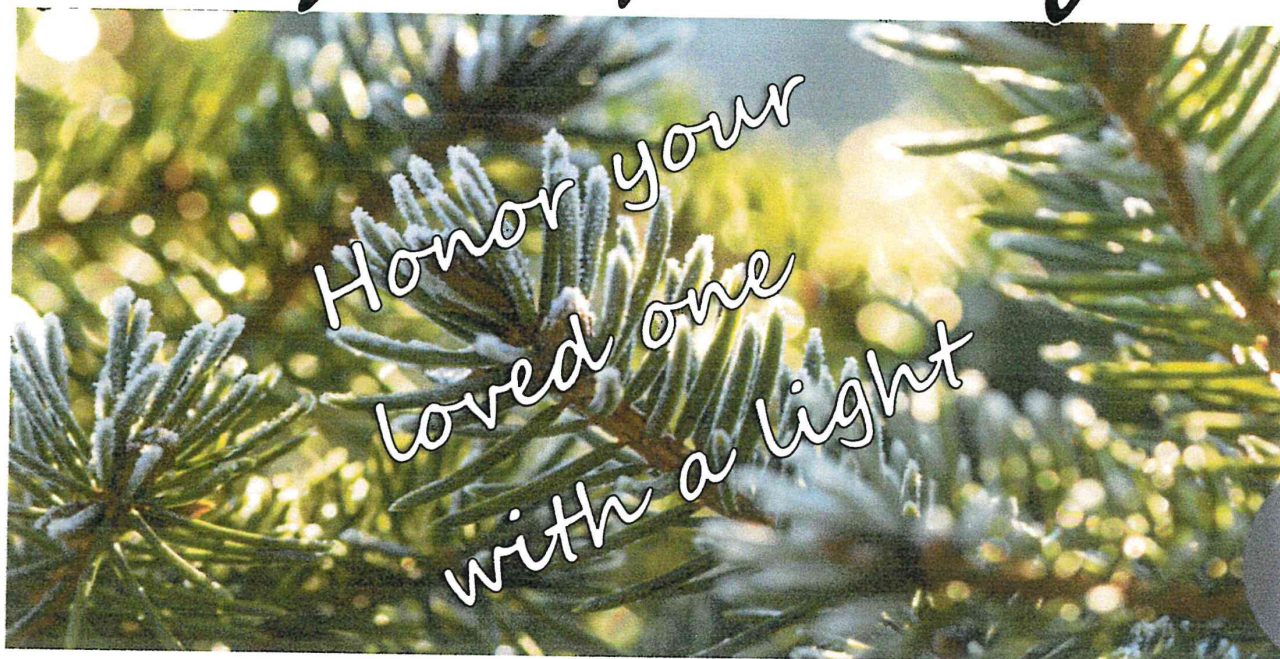
Sarah Ciesluk
Junior—Winona State University
420 W. Sarnia
Winona, MN 55987

Lets keep these young adults in our thoughts and prayers. Please keep this page so you can send notes to them throughout the year. Everyone likes to receive mail and words of encouragement from home.

If I have missed anyone or have a wrong address, please call Donna at 331-7929 or the church office at 334-4308.



Light Up A Life



Outdoor tree lighting ceremony

Socially distance program including a
live stream of the ceremony.

*35th
Annual*

Monday, December 7th, at 7 p.m.

*Featuring Bear
Chant Choir
Recordings*

District One Hospital Surgery Center

Your gift of \$5 will light up a bulb on the hospice memory tree in honor of your friend or loved one. Donation forms are available at grocery stores, area banks and at District One Hospital Lobby.

Names are displayed in the *Light Up A Life* memorial book displayed in the hospital lobby. Donations received by December 31 will be included in the memorial book. Proceeds will benefit Hospice patients and families in the Faribault Area.

The Faribault Area Hospice Foundation was formed in 2014 to provide additional comfort therapies and financial support to area patients in hospice programs. Please call 866-506-7049 with any questions or go to faribaultareahospicefoundation.org.



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HOSPICE FOUNDATION

Community Thanksgiving Meal

On Thursday, November 26, 2020, the Community Thanksgiving Meal will take place in a different format: home delivered and curbside pick-up.

The tentative schedule is:

10:30-12 Noon	Home Delivery
12:00-1:30	Curbside Pick-up

This year, recruited volunteers from the community will only assist with home deliveries to reduce person-to-person contact as much as possible. Julie Fox said volunteers can simply show up at the Legion on Thanksgiving Day between 10:30 a.m. and noon and deliver as few or as many meals as their schedules allow.

Those who want to pick up their own meals can do so between noon and 1:30 p.m. Thanksgiving Day on the south side of the Legion off of Ravine Street.

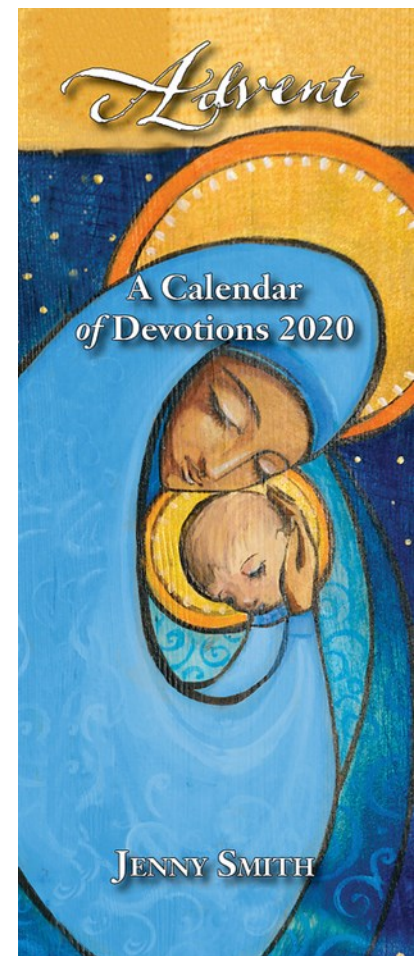
Buckham West senior center is currently taking reservations for home delivery orders. Volunteers will pick up meals at the Legion from 10:30 a.m. to noon Thursday, Nov. 26. The deadline for reserving a home delivery order is Monday, Nov. 23. To reserve a meal please call 332-7357 (senior center).

A Calendar of Devotions 2020

The season of Advent begins on Sunday, November 29. As the beginning of the Christian year, it is a great time to re-establish our daily patterns of scripture reading and prayer. The Church is pleased to provide every family with a simple resource to assist in this important discipline of faith. *A Calendar of Devotions 2020* written by Jenny Smith will guide you through the anticipation of Advent.

With Covid-19 isolating us and making other church activities difficult to plan and execute, we have a wonderful opportunity to return to core spiritual exercises. The resource provides a scripture reading for each day from the First Sunday in Advent to Christmas Day and a devotional reading for Christians as they prepare to celebrate Christ's birth, and a brief prayer.

Come, Lord Jesus, come!



Hello Past Bell Ringers

We start soon and will ring each Friday and Saturday, as well as, the week of Thanksgiving and Christmas.

Please join us in giving your spirit a lift by spending 2 hours of your time to those in need in Rice County.

Thanks for continued support and I wish you a happy holiday season!

Jim Dale

Kettle Campaign Coordinator



Rice County Salvation Army Red Kettle Campaign Bell ringers needed!

Dates: Ringing begins November 6th

Ringin Locations: Cub, Walmart, Family Fare, HyVee, Fareway, Mackenthun's

Shifts: Select 2 hour shifts. Ring alone or invite friends/family/work colleagues.

Bells and aprons are supplied (sanitized between shifts). You provide the enthusiasm!

Sign up is easy: www.registertoring.com, enter zip code: 55021, 55057 or 55046

Or Call: Jim Dale at 715-733-0575

Proceeds benefit ALL of Rice County
Also, you can donate through Counter Kettles placed throughout Rice County

Or mail donations to:
Salvation Army of Rice County
617 3rd Ave NW Faribault 55021

Upper Room
November/
December



The Upper Room devotional booklet includes daily reading of the scriptures & a brief life story. Stop by the Annex or church office to pick one up.

Donation - \$1.00.



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♦ Sunday Worship/9:00 AM

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Join us at 2:42 PM daily as we pray our church's Breakthrough Prayer.

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**Faribault Community
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**Sponsored by Faribault
Rotary Club**

Fourth Avenue United Methodist Church
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Faribault, MN 55021

November 23 in the Fellowship Hall 12:00—6:00 PM. Please enter building through lower ramp door (NW corner of building). Please call 1-800-733-2767, or visit redcrossblood.org and enter Faribault Rotary Club for an Appointment.