

Fourth Avenue United
Methodist Church
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Faribault, MN 55021
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November Fourth Teller

Step Out with Confident Faith

*You know the generous grace of our Lord Jesus Christ.
Though he was rich, yet for your sakes he became poor,
so that by his poverty he could make you rich.*

-2 Corinthians 8:9

November 2022



Dear Fourth Avenue UMC Friends,

On October 23, we had a day of great rejoicing and celebration as we declared our allegiance to God and presented our *Estimates of Giving for 2023*. We had a great crowd, a vibrant spirit, energetic music from the Choir and Praise Band, and there was rejoicing throughout. Afterwards, we enjoyed a Continental Breakfast with a great time of fellowship. I want to express my gratitude to everyone for their part in a great day in the life of our church and for stepping out with confident faith.

On that day, the Praise Band sang “**Eye of the Storm**” The refrain goes like this:

*In the eye of the storm You remain in control
And in the middle of the war You guard my soul
You alone are the anchor when my sails are torn
Your love surrounds me in the eye of the storm.*

The Psalmist echoes the conviction of these lyrics with this confident proclamation, “God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in time of trouble, we will not fear- Psalm 46:1-2a. I don’t know about you, but I sure need to know that God is with me in the eye of the storms that come in and out of my life and I am *so* grateful that I do know that.

Do you know how I know that? I know that because of the ministry of the Church, this church and all of the churches I’ve been a part of since the day I was born. In little and big ways, the Church has been teaching me that God is bigger than my brokenness and has answers to what ails me and is a solid foundation on which to build a life of significance. And down deep, we all know this to be true.

No matter what happens today or tomorrow or next week or next year or some years down the road, we can be confident of this. Nothing can ever separate us from the love of Christ. We are more than conquerors through Christ who loved us. What we do as the Church of Jesus Christ and the gospel we proclaim is an astounding gift and vitally important *for the Church is the hope of the world*. My dear brothers and sisters, never, ever forget that.

Recently, Rebekah and I faced one of life’s storms and it hit us like a ton of bricks. A routine bank transaction on my phone turned into a tumultuous, spirit churning, take your breath away kick in the gut when I discovered my debit card had been hacked and a significant amount of money was stolen from our bank account.

It was quite an ordeal over the next ten days or so. Imagine my joy and relief when I went to the app on my phone a few hours later and found my account was completely restored. The deficit has been turned into a credit. What had been stolen from us was returned. There were deep breaths of relief and peace, joy and deep gratitude. I texted the good news to Rebekah and she texted me an exuberant “Hallelujah!” I keep checking my balance every couple of hours to make sure nothing has changed. And with each time I check, the joy and gratitude is renewed.

As wonderful as the restoration of a bank account is, we celebrate every Sunday and live in a new reality every day that is far better than the good news of a restored bank account. We celebrate and live in the reality of the good news of a restored life, an abundant life, and an eternal life in Jesus Christ. God has looked upon us, his beloved children, caught in the vice grip of sin, and delivered us from sin's dominion and power over us. Our identity as the children of God and our eternal destiny of eternal life in God, once stolen by the corrosive power of sin and the deception and wiles of the devil, has been returned to us. God in his mercy has acted in a decisive way through the death and resurrection of his Son, rescued us from the kingdom of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of God's marvelous light. By God's sheer, unmerited and undeserved grace, we have been saved through faith. And he has dug us out of the quicksand where we were sinking deep in sin and set our feet down on solid ground of Christ's righteousness. And God continues to lavish his love and grace upon us day after day after day.

And now, we live in the abundance of God's choicest blessings and in the confidence of God's loving and eternal care. And the only way that you and I know this is to be true and live in this new reality is because of the ministry of the Church where this good, life-changing and eternity-altering news is proclaimed. Make no mistake about it and never forget: What we do as the Church of Jesus Christ and the gospel we proclaim is an astounding gift and vitally important *for the Church is the hope of the world*. My dear brothers and sisters, we must never, ever forget that.

And this is ultimately why we faithfully give. As recipients of God's grace, giving is a joy and a privilege. In closing, let me thank you for the stepping up you have done in this past year. And thank you for the stepping up you will do going forward. It's vitally important. It's necessary. And, I hope we will all come to see, it's a joy and privilege.

Building with you a confident faith, I am sincerely yours,

Pastor Greg

Advent Adventure Workshop

Sunday, November 27

10:15 am

Fellowship Hall

Bring your family downstairs after church and join us! We'll be sharing in great fellowship together and even get some help explaining Advent to our little ones from our Freedom Kids Safari animals!!!

Each family will be able to make their own Advent log to take home for the season!

A light lunch will be served.

All are welcome!

Watch for the sign up sheet in the annex.



Celebration Sunday



Prayer Chain

We're always looking for people willing to join us in our ministry of intercession, especially in moments of crisis.

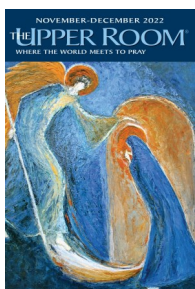


When a need becomes known, email alerts are sent out and people pray. What a difference our prayers make!

YOU can join the growing ranks of Fourth Avenue UMC's prayer chain.

Please know you can be an important part of this ministry without having email. Phone calls can be made.

To join, please contact our Coord., **Carole Evans** at caroleannjean@gmail.com or 507-210-6971



The Upper Room devotional booklet includes a daily reading of the scriptures & a brief life story.

The Nov./Dec. issue is now available. Stop by the information center to pick one up, or call the church office and we will send you one.

Donation - \$1.00.

Memory Verse

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-2 Corinthians 8:9

Calendar of Events

November ~ 02	Choir, 6:00 pm in Choir Room
November ~ 02	Confirmation, 7:00 pm - 8:15 pm
November ~ 03	Veggie Prep, 12:30 pm and 5:30 pm. in FH
November ~ 03	Trustees, 6:30 pm in Parlor
November ~ 03	Operation 23 to Zero, 7:00 pm in Library
November ~ 04	Soup Luncheon, 11 am – 1 pm in FH
November ~ 05	Jesus Food, 10 am - 12 noon Fbo West Mall
November ~ 06	All Saints' Worship Celebration
November ~ 07	Rotary Blood Drive, 1 - 6 pm
November ~ 08	SPRC, 1:30 pm in Parlor
November ~ 08	Ad Council, 6:30 pm in Parlor
November ~ 09	UWF, 1:00 pm in Parlor –Thank Offering
November ~ 09	Choir, 6:00 pm in Choir Room
November ~ 09	Confirmation, 7:00 pm - 8:15 pm
November ~ 10	Veggie Prep, 12:30 pm and 5:30 pm. in FH
November ~ 11	Soup Luncheon, 11 am to 1 pm in FH
November ~ 13	All Church Conference, 10:15 am, Sanctuary
November ~ 15	Renewal Task Force, 1:30 pm in Parlor
November ~ 15	Finance, 2:45 pm in Parlor
November ~ 16	Choir, 6:00 pm in Choir Room
November ~ 16	Confirmation, 7:00 pm - 8:15 pm
November ~ 17	Veggie Prep, 12:30 pm and 5:30 pm in FH
November ~ 17	Rice County Piecemakers, 7:00 pm in Parlor
November ~ 18	Soup Luncheon, 11 am to 1 pm in FH
November ~ 20	Pastor Orde preaching
November ~ 23	No choir rehearsal
November ~ 27	Advent Adventure Workshop, 10:15 am in FH
November ~ 29	Congregational Meeting 7:00 pm in Parlor with Susan Nienaber. At 6:30 pm Susan will offer a review of what was presented at the first two meetings.
	** Invitation to ALL who are part of FAUMC**
November ~ 30	Choir, 6:00 pm in Choir Room
November ~ 30	Confirmation, 7:00 pm - 8:15 pm
November ~ 7, 14, 21, 28,	Lakelanders, 7:00 pm in Choir Room

November Birthdays

Maxine Dusbabek	01
Brenda Kamrath	01
Betty Harmsen	04
Ronn Kotsmith	05
Whitney Hagberg	05
Marlys Rossow	08
Carolyn Minshall	09
Joyce Buresh	10
Peter Grunnet	11
Tom Bossmann	15
Alta Holling	15
Ben Speiker	15
Marcia Grundman	17
LuAnn Heyer	18
Linda LaCanne	19
Wayne Quiggle	22
Suprise Sonpon	22
Dave Hanson	22
Hunter O'Malley	26
Jacob Kandakai	26



November Anniversaries

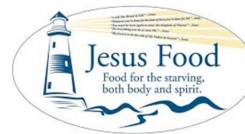
Don & Linda LaCanne	09
Robert & Phyllis Ford	14
Allen & Sheila Wolkenhauer	22
David & Audrey Eiler	29



Jesus Food Packing Event Saturday, November 5, 10 am - 12 noon at Faribo West Mall

Join us **Saturday, November 5, 2022 from 10 am - 12 noon** at the Faribo West Mall to pack food for individuals in need.

Be a part of this fellowship and make a difference in many lives. Please bring a friend to share in this meaningful experience.



United Women In Faith

The United Women in Faith will meet in the parlor on Wednesday, Nov. 9, 2022 at 1:00 pm. Please note change of date.

Carolyn Minshall will present our "Thank Offering" program. **Linda Hellevik** and **Jean Vincent** will be serving treats.

Remember to bring your thank offering along with your regular monthly offering.

Hope to see you there!



United
Women
in Faith

Help Wanted!!

Looking for someone to take pictures on Sundays during church and coffee time for an exciting project!

If you can help, please contact Tena Harren at 507-384-2612.

Our Annual All Church Conference Meeting Sunday, November 13th 10:15 am

Please put this event on your calendar! We will meet in the sanctuary after worship on Sunday, November 13th for Fourth Avenue's annual all church conference meeting.

There are two items of business on the agenda:

The first being a presentation by Jan Barbo, SPRC Chair, with the work the Committee has done this year and a recommendation for the pastor's salary package for 2023. All church members are eligible to vote on this item.

The second item on the agenda involves a report from the Lay Leadership (Nominations) Committee regarding the individuals who have agreed to serve on committees.

A handout will be provided listing the current members and also those new to the group. All church members are eligible to vote on this item. Thank you to those who have graciously agreed to serve our church.

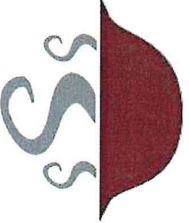
See you on November 13th.

Welcome to Our 2022 Community Fall Soup Luncheons

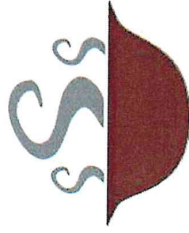
Serving 11:00 AM to 1:00 PM

Adults: \$10.00 / Children 12 & Under: \$5.00
 Family Plan \$25.00

All you care to eat soup served with bread, crackers, milk, coffee, water and 1 piece of dessert



Take Out: Quart of Soup \$9.00 Pint of Soup \$6.00



For takeout orders, call 334-4308 Tuesday - Thursday 9 AM – Noon

Friday, November 4	Turkey Noodle	Hamburger Vegetable	Turkey Wild Rice	*Corn Chowder
Friday, November 11	Turkey Noodle	Hamburger Vegetable	Split Pea with Ham	*Cream of Potato
Friday, November 18	Turkey Noodle	Hamburger Vegetable	*Cream of Tomato	*Broccoli Cheese

* Meatless soups



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Sunday Worship Service: 9:00 AM Fellowship: 10:15 AM

Please help support the Community Action Center by bringing a non-perishable food item

Join us November 29 For Church Values Discussion

On Wednesday, October 12th the second meeting with Susan Nienaber, designed to enrich our communication skills, was held. The focus of the meeting was values and behaviors and how one impacts or supports the other. Those attending were divided into groups and asked to list how/what do we, the FAUMC congregation, spend most of our time and/or resources. We then were asked to identify how our specific behaviors reflect our values. An example of how values determine behaviors is we care about fellowship so therefore we offer coffee in a relaxed and inviting setting before and after worship. Or a congregation values the importance of ensuring a younger generation has the opportunity to learn about Jesus so they support projects that will provide scholarships to send young people to church camps.

Value conflict can occur when our behaviors don't reflect what we claim is important. An example would be we say we're friendly and welcoming but when someone new attends our service we just hand them a bulletin then continue with the conversation we were having with another church member.

It is important for a church to identify their congregational values so even during times of conflict they can focus on the values that unite them. We should not make the mistake in thinking everyone has the same values, however congregational values should be those that are shared by all, whether they are a young person or a senior.

After the discussion we enjoyed birthday cake and ice cream provided by Irene Eiler in celebration of her recent 95th birthday. Our next meeting will be held on **Tuesday, November 29th at 7 pm**. This is a day earlier than previously announced, and the change is to accommodate those who are now involved with confirmation on Wednesdays. Anyone who has not attended the previous meetings are still welcome to come earlier, at 6:30 pm, and Susan will be there to review with you the information to date.

Our Sympathy



We extend our sympathy to **Deb Mueller and family** on the death of her husband, **Joseph T. Mueller**.

Joe was born April 22, 1950 in Blooming Prairie, MN and passed away on October 5, 2022 at St. Mary's Hospital in Rochester at the age of 72. Joe worked as an auto mechanic until his health told him it was time to retire. He was an active member of the United Methodist Church and joined Fourth Avenue UMC on June 5, 2022.

A memorial service was held at 11:00 am on Monday, October 10, 2022 at Michaelson Funeral Home in Owatonna with Pastor Greg officiating. Cards can be sent to Deb Mueller at 854 SE Escalade Lane, Owatonna, MN 55060

FAUMC Annual Community Christmas Dinner Discontinued

Several years ago FAUMC felt moved to provide a Christmas dinner on Christmas Eve or Day to people in the community who had no place to go or family to be with for the Christmas holiday. After awhile it became difficult to get workers away from their own holiday plans so the dinner was moved to a Sunday before Christmas, and has continued on that schedule for several years.

The funding for the Christmas dinner was sponsored in large by Bequest and Gifts. After reviewing how the Christmas Dinner has evolved since it's inception several years ago Bequest and Gifts felt it no longer served the group of people it was originally intended for. As they looked out at the community, they found other areas that would better benefit from the money that had been used for the Community Christmas Dinner. The committee proposed to the Ad Council to redirect the funds to another project.

Upon further discussion at the recent Ad Council meeting, it was agreed to approve the new project and forego hosting a Christmas Dinner. Factors which contributed to the decision were the cost, difficulty of getting workers so close to Christmas and the fact the project no longer served the original targeted group of people. Additionally, with the work involved in having the upcoming soup lunches it was felt the congregation would be overwhelmed to plan a large community meal so soon after working those three lunches.

Thank you to all who have participated in the Christmas Dinner over the years. We know times and circumstances change and it can be sad to say goodbye to a beloved tradition, but it was felt it was time to make this change. There will be further information regarding the new project in a separate article.

Deb Jindra-Pope
Ad Council Chair

Crop Walk Raises Over \$15K

Thank you to everyone who provided a contribution supporting the FAUMC Crop Walk Team in this year's Crop Walk. The walkers were **Kelly Landsverk, Audrey and Wayne Quiggle, Shari VanDerVeen, Pastor Greg and Deb Jindra-Pope**. Your support helped make this year's walk an overwhelming success. The competition is strong among the participating churches to be one of the top three fundraisers and the effort resulted in over \$15,000 being raised this year. Below are the totals from each church:

First English Lutheran Church	4,510.00
Hope United Methodist Church	3,977.00
Our Savior's Lutheran Church	3,216.52
4 th Avenue United Methodist Church	1,670.00
The Cathedral of Our Merciful Saviour	1,506.00
The Baha'I	140.00
Christ Lutheran Church	100.00
Total	\$15,119.52

Mark your calendars for the 2023 Crop Walk on Saturday, October 7th.

Deb Jindra-Pope

Fall Soup Luncheons

We are getting excited about our fall soup luncheons scheduled for **Fridays, November 4, 11 & 18**. Posters are being distributed around town and in work places.

There are many ways to help:

Maybe you like to bake: We are in need of many pies and desserts every week.

Maybe you would like to help with veggie prep.

There are opportunities for this on Thursdays, November 3, 10 & 17 at 12:30 pm and 5:30 pm in FH.

We also need individuals to help with cleanup.

If you aren't physically able to help but would like to donate money to help us buy milk, soup ingredients, etc., please make your check payable to Fourth Ave UMC, and put soup donation in the memo. Please check out the sign up sheets during the week or on Sunday mornings in the annex. We'd love to have you with us!

The soup luncheons have become a signature ministry of our church and a great service to our community. They have also become a source of revenue for the ministries of our church.

We look forward to seeing you. Please direct any questions to Kathy in the church office until Kelly is available again. Thank you!

Kathy DuChene



If the Son sets you free, you are truly free.
John 8:36

Freedom Kids is our new children's ministry to launch in January 2023 under the direction of Rebekah Ciesluk. It will meet on Wednesday nights at a time yet to be determined. To launch, we will need some people to step up to be teachers and teacher's helpers.

We will take children ages 4-12 on safari as we explore God's earth and animals!

We all need to step boldly to support this vision to share the joy of faith in Jesus with children and their families. Imagine the energy they bring into our church!

Please pray for me, the servants, the children and their families. Seek the Lord to know how God is calling you personally to help support this dynamic emerging ministry.

There's lots to do, yet sharing the load will ease the burden.


Trusting in God and the 4th Ave UMC family,


Rebekah Ciesluk
Director of Children's Ministries

Children's Outreach

Fourth Avenue UMC was represented at the recent Scary at Harry's Event at Harry Brown Family Automotive. Pictured here (L-R) are **Rebekah Ciesluk, Elizabeth Prange, and Julie Orara** at our church's booth handing out goodie bags to 356 children. Facepainting, temporary tattoos, and stickers were also available. Each goodie bag had Christian sayings on them and contained a postcard announcing our new children's ministry Freedom Kids. The goodies were provided and packed by our church family. Thanks to everyone who had a hand in this outreach effort.






American Association of University Women
SCHOLARSHIP BENEFIT


HALLOWEEN
OMELET BREAKFAST
Sunday, October 30, 2022
8:00 AM – 12:00 PM
Faribault American Legion
 Prepared by the Sons of the American Legion
Made-to-Order Omelet with Choice of Meats and Vegetables
Muffins, Breakfast Potatoes, Cheese Sauce, Salsa
Milk, Juice, Coffee
BAR WILL BE OPEN
 Presale tickets can be purchased until October 28th at the
 American Legion and from AAUW members

Presale: Adult	\$13.00	Children (9 & under)	\$6.00
Door: Adult	\$15.00	Children (9 & under)	\$8.00

Lost and Found

These items were found in the annex/sanctuary area. Might they belong to you? If so, contact the church office at 334-4308 or see Kathy on a Sunday morning.




Walk to Emmaus - February 2023

Are you looking for a way to energize your faith and equip yourself to be a more effective Christian disciple? The Walk to Emmaus provides a life-giving 72 hour retreat experience that many have found to be an experience of a lifetime.

The Walk to Emmaus experience begins with the prayerful invitation from a sponsor or someone who has walked the journey before you. You are expected to be a member of a local church, have a desire to strengthen your spiritual life; and willing to dedicate your life to God in an ongoing manner.

Men's Walk is February 16-19, 2023.
 Women's Walk is February 23-26, 2023.

Both walks will be held in Fairmont, Minnesota. Interested persons may contact Pastor Greg at 218-310-8813; Sharon Nelson at 507-923-0587; or Carole Evans at 507-210-6971 to find out more information.



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- ◆ **Sunday Worship 9:00 am**
- ◆ **Coffee Gathering 8:30 am & 10:05 am**

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

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Nursery Attendant: Kim Luedke
Custodian: Ken Harren
Secretary: Sue Allen
Office Volunteer: Kathy DuChene
Tech Volunteers: The Lammins



Our Church's Breakthrough Prayer

O God, our God, we praise and magnify Your Name!
Great are You, Lord, and greatly to be praised
With you, all things are possible.
We know that you are *with us* and *for us*
and Your plans are for our good,
for a future and a hope.
Breakthrough into our lives and into our church.
Stir up afresh our faith.
Set our hearts aflame with the fire of your love.
Open our eyes to new, fresh possibilities
and fill us anew with the power of your Spirit.
Usher us into a new season of faithfulness
and fruitfulness for your Kingdom;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.