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Join in the Celebration of Milestones in Faith!

October Fourth Teller

October 2020

⁵ *"Whenever you enter someone's home, first say,
'May God's peace be on this house.'*

⁸ *"If you enter a town and it welcomes you, eat whatever is set before you.
⁹ Heal the sick, and tell them, 'The Kingdom of God is near you now.'*
Jesus, Luke 10:5, 8- 9



Dear Fourth Avenue UMC Friends,

Last weekend, our church was engaged in Faribault Prays for the third year since its inception in September 2018.

Individuals and teams of people from roughly 17 congregations walked the streets of the neighborhoods of our city to seek the Lord's blessing upon homes, businesses, and institutions. In one to two hour intervals for a 24-hour period from 3 pm on Friday, September 25 to 3 pm on Saturday, September 26, faithful and fervent prayer was being offered for the well-being of our community. Many for whom walking was difficult offered prayers while driving around and from their homes. Our congregation teamed with people from First English and Christ Lutheran Churches to pray blessing over our assigned route. For a world under the siege of the coronavirus and a pall over our country and state these past six months, the Faribault Prays effort unleashed on our community a faith lift.

Faribault Prays taps into a biblical model of *Prayer Evangelism*. I recently was reacquainted with the concept in a book by the same name written by Ed Silvoso. In it, the author makes the case that we Christians have an incredibly powerful spiritual weapon at our disposal. As we seek to engage people with the life-changing, eternity altering, and world transforming gospel of Jesus Christ, the power to win people to Christ will come from our life of prayer. Through prayer, we align ourselves with the loving purposes of God and are endowed with the very power of the Risen Lord.





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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In the book, Silvos introduces the term prayer evangelism. And here is the essence of it. Simply put,

Prayer evangelism is talking to God about our neighbors before we talk to our neighbors about God.

-Beverly Jaime

I really like that. It strikes a deep, hopeful chord inside of me. I don't know about you, but that definition puts my heart at ease as I trust it does yours as well. As Christians, we know that we have a calling to share the gospel and we have a genuine desire to share the message of Jesus Christ to impact our friends and family members, our neighbors and co-workers with this life-giving message.

But the thought of doing so brings up feelings of inadequacy, fear of rejection, and a little birdie whispers in our ear, "Who do you think you are?" or "Why don't you mind your own business and leave them alone?" I've come to believe that little birdie is the Evil One whose aim is to throw cold water on our passion for the Lord. Satan would love to neutralize us and render us ineffective or sidelined in the fight for the souls of people within our reach.

Recently, I began a new soul-stretching adventure. I decided to take up the call to prayer evangelism and live it out in my own neighborhood. I took up the mantle as an ambassador of Jesus Christ and minister of the gospel among my neighbors. I have given myself to prayer evangelism, prayer walking on nearby streets. I leave my cell phone at home and devote myself to seeking God's blessing upon my neighbors.

What exactly am I praying? Blessing upon people. Peace upon each home. Healing for hurting marriages. Reconciliation within families under stress. Healing for minds, bodies, and spirits. God's glory to hover over the neighborhood and God's presence deeply felt. Prompted by political signs on people's lawns, I find myself praying for the country, the upcoming election, and the candidates for office. As I do this, I find prayers rising within me spontaneously and I feel energized. I truly believe God is powerfully at work in and through me.

What is happening? I'm not sure what is happening to my neighbors, but I feel certain God is doing something profound in me. As the weeks have gone by, I have met some of my neighbors and can now call them by name. I am caring about people I don't even know. I am seeking the welfare of my neighborhood and a deep love for my neighbors is growing in my heart. Through this adventure, I find my heart and soul expanding.



Prayer Evangelism. Talking to God about our neighbors before we talk to our neighbors about God. Simple, yet profound. Why not try it and see what God's does in you? And through you? Won't you commit to pray for family and friends, neighbors and co-workers to seek God's blessing for them? Consistently. Fervently. Daily. Lovingly. Pray peace. Declare blessing. Simply pray. And watch God bless and move and amaze and heal and transform you and those for whom you pray.

For the power of God released through prayer to give our nation, state and community a faith lift, I am sincerely yours,

Pastor Greg

30th Annual Faribault Area CROP Walk 2020

On **Saturday morning, October 3, 2020**, the Faribault Area CROP Walk will take place.

Registration starting at 8:30 AM in the cloister of the Cathedral of Our Merciful Savior; 25% of funds will be going to St. Vincent de Paul, and the remaining donation to the CROP Walk Organization.

Location:

Cathedral of our Merciful Savior
101 6th Street NW
Faribault, MN 55021

The walk starts at 9:00 AM with prayer.

"What will matter is the good we did, not the good we expected others to do." Elizabeth Lesser

"CROP Hunger Walks are community-wide events sponsored by Church World Service and organized by religious groups, businesses, schools and others to raise funds to end hunger in the U.S. and around the world."

(website crophungerwalk.org/faribaultmn)

Anyone interested in joining Team Fourth Avenue or donating money, please contact Deb Jindra-Pope, 952-237-9693, if you have questions.

Worship Servers

October Ushers

Jacob Kandakai &
Joe Purfeerst



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.

Memory Verses for October John 3:16-17 New Revised Standard Version

¹⁶ “For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.”

¹⁷ “Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.”

October Birthdays

Jill Stenbakken	02
Brody Kucera	02
Jackie Luedke	06
Elaine Nagel	11
Dorothy Fischer	14
Chloe Kucera	16
Gordon Minshall	17
Julie O’Rara	17
Hadley O’Malley	17
Mardea Sonpon	18
Don LaCanne	19
Ron Swartwoudt	19
Debra Jindra-Pope	22
Clara Osmundson	23
Christian Shimmin	23
Ruth Stewart	24
Darrell Goede	27
Julie O’Malley	28
Brandon Kern	29
Kaylee Kern	29
Kelsey Kern	29

October Anniversaries

Kelly & Karen Shimmin	01
Wayne & Audrey Quiggle	01
Ron & Kelly Landsverk	04
Ben & Ali Speiker	06
Zachary & Cortney Waterston	07
Brett & Sonja Bossmann	07
Dale & Karen Hauptli	08
Matthew & Sara DuChene-Boyd	10
Gary & Angie Kuhlman	14
Ricky & Kate Steinberg	15
Dana & Cheryl Tilseth	26



Calendar of Events

Worship

October 4—World Communion Sunday with Holy Communion

October Events

October 1—Trustees; 6:30 PM

October 3—CROP Walk; Cathedral of Our Merciful Savior;
8:30 AM Registration

October 13—Church Council, 6:30 PM

October 20—Finance meets 6:30 PM

October 24—Rice County Piecemakers

October 27—SPRC meets 6:30 PM



Our Sympathies



Our sympathy to Ricky (Kate) Steinberg, Angie (Gary) Kuhlman and Brenda (Myron) Kamrath and families on the passing of their mother and sister, Darlene A. Steinberg. Darlene was born on January 12, 1939 in Albert Lea, MN. and passed away on September 16, 2020 at the Homestead Hospice House in Owatonna at the age of 81.

She was employed as a PCA with REM Woodvale Group Home for over 20 years and worked as a bartender at the Venture Bar. Darlene enjoyed spending time with all of her family, having garage sales, going to auctions and flea markets.



Our sympathy to the family of Debra (Joseph) Mueller on the passing of her father Carroll R. Carlson. Carroll was born on January 26, 1928 in Kanawha, Iowa and passed away on September 5, 2020 in Owatonna, MN at the age of 92.

He worked with the U.S. Soil Conservation Service throughout southern Minnesota, retiring in 1985 with 30 years of service. He then worked for the Steele County Soil and Water Conservation in Owatonna for 20 years. Carroll was a kind man with strong character and a great sense of humor. His favorite pastime was participating in life with his wife Beverly and their five children.



St. Vincent de Paul Center Divine Mercy

Please help the Society of St. Vincent de Paul to bring the love and mercy of Jesus to those in need in our community. Due to increased need for our services, we are in need of volunteers to help in the office, light maintenance, truck driver to the metro, food shelf and clothing room. Flexible hours are available to accommodate anybody who is interested. Please call 507-334-2100 or stop by on Monday, Wednesday or Friday between 9 AM and 3 PM, 617 3rd Ave NW, Faribault.



CONGRATULATIONS – ELIZABETH PRANGE !

The Faribault Area Chamber of Commerce has recently announced four outstanding employees through their annual Customer Service Awards. “This award honors a few of the hardworking, often lesser-known employees who make local businesses tick.”

ELIZABETH PRANGE has been honored for more than two decades on the job at South Central College. She is an academic advisor at the Faribault Campus and has seen South Central grow into a college with nearly 5,000 students. Elizabeth has spent her career working with students, parents, prospective students and high school counselors to help area residents pursue their educational and career dreams. “Customer service has certainly changed over the last five to six months said Elizabeth. It’s something I really enjoy doing, but I miss seeing my students in person.”



FOURTH AVENUE IS PROUD TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR ELIZABETH! The multi-generational Hartman – Prange – Waterston families are a vital part of our church.

(Information taken from Faribault Daily News article of September 29, 2020)

Last Sunday a small group went to home of **George Smith** to wish him a **HAPPY 90TH BIRTHDAY**. While we are enjoying the moment, we discovered that it was he and his late wife Sandi’s 69th wedding anniversary, so it turned into a double celebration. It was great! Pictured below are Deb Jindra-Pope, Kim Bossmann, George, Kelly Landsverk and Pastor Greg.



**HAPPY
BIRTHDAY
&
ANNIVERSARY
GEORGE**



Rice County
Habitat
for Humanity®

Hello Habitat Supporters.

It was such a pleasure to see some of you this past month.

I wanted to give you all a little update as we approach the end of September here.

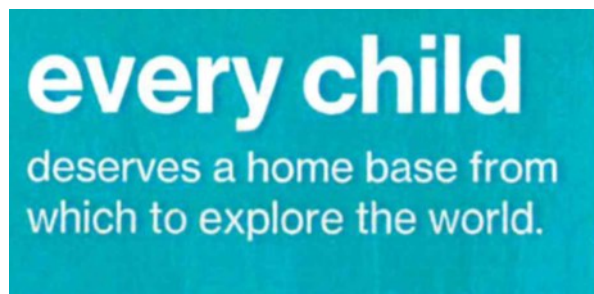
We have had a few false starts and some rescheduling but it looks like the crew will be back starting this Saturday. We will be working with only about 1/2 of the usual crew but we are excited to get back to some semblance of normalcy.

I know that some of you have already signed up to bring a meal or two. Thank you so much. I have also received some gift cards from local restaurants and we really appreciate that as well. I am asking you all to help me with other things you might know about. I found out today the Faribault Cathedral is serving meals again. If you hear of anything such as that in the community, please let me know. I know you all have a real pulse in the communities. I would like to reach out to some new people this fall. Maybe you are part of a civic group that could help with lunches or maybe your favorite business you think might help Habitat. If you have any new contacts that you would like to pass along to me that would be wonderful. I always get my best contacts from our loyal supporters.

Thank you so much for all of your support. Our lunch sign up is on the website.

God Bless,
Jodi

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A Faith Lift for Faribault

By Greg Ciesluk

Last weekend, Faribault got a faith lift. For 24 straight hours (from 3 pm Friday to 3 pm Saturday), Christians from roughly 17 congregations walked the streets of the city covering every neighborhood in prayer, seeking God's blessing upon homes, businesses, and institutions while giving thanks for the beauty and goodness and riches evident in the town. Many for whom walking was difficult offered prayers while driving around or from their homes. Others found themselves stopping to pray at the Adoration Chapel on the campus of Bethlehem Academy. The effort was a bold expression of the unity of the Church of Faribault in its various expressions and backgrounds and the love they have for the city.

What a sight to behold in Central Park on Saturday afternoon! The Faribault Prays event culminated in a great worship gathering at 3 pm. Christians from nearly every tradition, color, and language in town were united in their love for God and neighbor. The spirit of celebration was so palpable that mask wearing and social distancing could not dampen the hand clapping and arm waving and soul soaring prayers and toe tapping music in a diversity of language, style, and ethnic backgrounds.

The Faribault Prays event has now completed its third year. The multi-denominational event is held every September with other smaller events throughout the year.



An e-mail from Pastor Sharon

I had a prayer for the circumstance of our assigned territory. Robert's son and family were here to help with flooring on the deck and since I'm the one actually building it I needed to be here.

So, Stephanie took the baby out for a stroller ride and had quite a hike in our area. She prayed for each household — for health, safety, love, and peace in Jesus name. She was thrilled to be part of something significant to her faith journey, and to be out walking where she felt safe by herself.

Also, my brother is having his 2nd dose of chemo today (been in the hospital for about 2 weeks not feeling well) We've been praying for the almighty healing hand of God to go to battle with hairy cells, for the glory of God, and after his first dose on Monday he was out of bed and dressed. So keep praying church — God is working in his life!

A Special Thank You

Good afternoon Brothers and Sisters in Christ,
We want to thank each and every one of you for the many prayers we know are being said for Kinsley Marie.

I also wanted to give you all an update on her health.

As you may or may not know, Kinsley was born on 1-25-20 with Aperts Syndrome. Aperts syndrome is rare 1 in 88,000 births. Kinsley was born with webbed hands and feet, fused elbows, her front cranial suture was closed and she had no internal holes (nares) in the back of her nose.

To date, she has had 13 surgeries, 8 on her nose, 1 to open her front cranial suture, 2 for a deviated septum, 1 for a tracheostomy and 1 to start the process of making fingers.

In the middle of August after a sleep study Kinsley was diagnosed with Severe Obstructive Sleep Apnea, in fact she had 42 apneic episodes in one hour. Because of this diagnosis Kinsley had a tracheostomy on August 26. She remains in St Mary's hospital in Rochester MN as her mom, dad and myself learn to care for her and as we wait to find home nursing.

Last Monday Kinsley had a nine hour surgery which will be the first of at least two surgeries to separate her fingers. She is in casts covering both hands up to her shoulders. Even with the casts she is finding ways to "hold hands" and play with her toys.

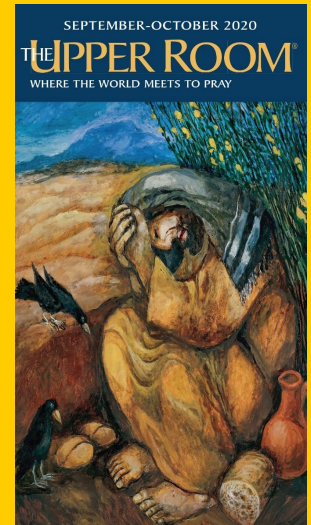
Kinsley is the strongest person I know, she always has a smile and has become a favorite of the doctors and nurses at St Mary's. If a staff member needs a lift, they stop for a Kinsley smile.

Again our family, Andrew- Daddy, Momma -Amanda, Half sister - Tayler, Grandpa- Ken, myself, her Aunties, Uncles and cousins THANK YOU all for your prayers. God hears BIG prayers and is keeping our little miracle girl in his arms.

Submitted by Tena Harren



Upper Room
September/
October



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. 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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Church Gatherings Amid the Covid Crisis

With the Covid-19 crisis, the church seeks new ways to gather in a safe way and break out of our social isolation. In recent weeks, groups of church members have gathered outside in driveways, in parks, and around bonfires. These gatherings include time to tell faith-filled stories, share celebrations and prayer requests, join in prayer, and receive Holy Communion. The picture to the left is from a recent gathering of Fourth Avenue UMC Friends hosted by Irene Eiler at Central Park on a beautiful fall day. The picture to the right is from a gathering of the choir at the home of Dan and Shari VanDerVeen around a bonfire, notice all the smiling faces. The gatherings have given a spiritual lift to all who have participated. Pastor Greg is very interested in reconnecting with church members in the wake of the pandemic and months of isolation. If you are willing to host an out of doors gathering at a park or your driveway or you have another idea, please contact Pastor Greg at 218-310-8813.



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