



Connecting Everyone, Everywhere,
Everyday with the love and message of
Jesus Christ.

YOUR CONNECTION

Easter at the Theatre

Community Celebration
Easter Morning, April 17, 10:00

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Connecting with Pastor Matt

Together as a Family

My mind has been drawn to Acts 2:42-47 lately. The passage reads:

⁴² They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer. ⁴³ Everyone was filled with awe at the many wonders and signs performed by the apostles. ⁴⁴ All the believers were together and had everything in common. ⁴⁵ They sold property and possessions to give to anyone who had need. ⁴⁶ Every day they continued to meet together in the temple courts. They broke bread in their homes and ate together with glad and sincere hearts, ⁴⁷ praising God and enjoying the favor of all the people. And the Lord added to their number daily those who were being saved.

I can't help but notice the repetition of the word "together". What a great word this is. It implies so much, not the least is that, we need each other, and we need all to be the family God desires. There is no dynamic in the Bible of a lone ranger mindset. We see this in verse 43 "everyone" and in verse 44 "All believers were together...". Not simply geographically, but even more, spiritually together in Christ.

The early church wasn't perfect, and neither are we here at Faith. This reality emphasizes the truth we need each other. An important part of the early church's evangelistic efforts is what they were before a watching world. We demonstrate Christ in our midst by the way we are "together". Our bond is Christ. The love we share is from Christ. Our hope is Christ. Every gift in the church is from Christ. We exist together so He would increase, and we might decrease. Let us never forget the corporate aspect of our witness.

Lesslie Newbigin states in his book, *Strange Days: Life in the Spirit in a Time of Upheaval*, "all the statistical evidence goes to show that those within our secularized societies who are being drawn out of unbelief to faith in Christ say that they were drawn *through the fellowship of the local church.*"

That is the togetherness of being in Christ that has that type of impact.

There is another element that must be embraced as well. We live in a cold, cynical, evil, and divided world. We are surrounded by lonely people both outside and inside the church body. God has made a place where every believer can find warmth, shelter, support, friendship, strength, and hope. It is the togetherness of His church where this is found. Every believer is a part of this. Every believer has a responsibility toward one another. As we care for each other God brings a great warmth to our relationships and gatherings.

In my many years of ministry I have encountered those far more critical of others' failures to love than their own. This has created a "come and serve me" mindset that undermines the togetherness Jesus created and calls us to build up. When we consider the question, "whose job is it to care for those in the church?" The biblical answer is for each of us to say, "I am". When we each love on each other the warmth among us is unmatched in our communities! The elder board is reading a book together called "Feels Like Home" by Lee Eclov. Lee seeks to help churches rediscover the church as a family. We have been greatly encouraged and challenged. I would like to end this with a quote from Lee's book, he says it better than I how important the impact of us being together as God's family.

"When God's household loves one another. There is no place better, no place safer, for a storm-tossed soul than among us."

Considering that let us continue to seek ways to love, serve, care, and encourage each other so together we become the family God desires.

Love in our Savior,
Pastor matt

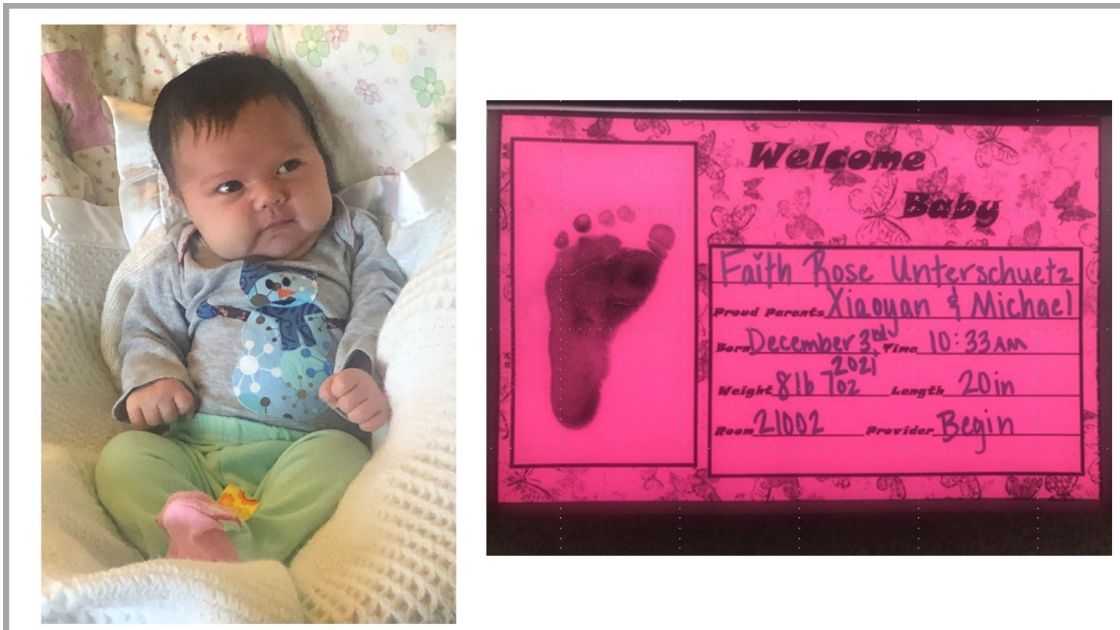
Connecting with Pastor MP

I know it's hard to believe right now, but spring is just around the corner! After the cold winter that we've had, I know that is something that we are all looking forward to. One of the best parts of Spring is watching flowers bloom. Over the past few months I've had the privilege of watching the faith of our students bloom much like the flowers of the Spring. You're probably thinking to yourself "wow Pastor MP that is a really cheesy analogy" and you'd be right. I make no apologies for that, haha.

Over the past two months I've seen a desire amongst our students to dig deeper into their faith and understand what it really means to follow Jesus. Not only that, but they have shown a yearning to share their faith with their friends! God is doing big things through our young people!

Matt Peters (Pastor MP)

Baby Dedicated to our Lord



Faith Rose Unterschuetz dedicated to our Lord, Sunday, February 20, 2022. Faith is the daughter of Michael and Xioayan Unterschuetz and sister of Benji, Joy and Esther. We all praise God for this precious gift from God. To God be the glory. She is precious and very much loved.

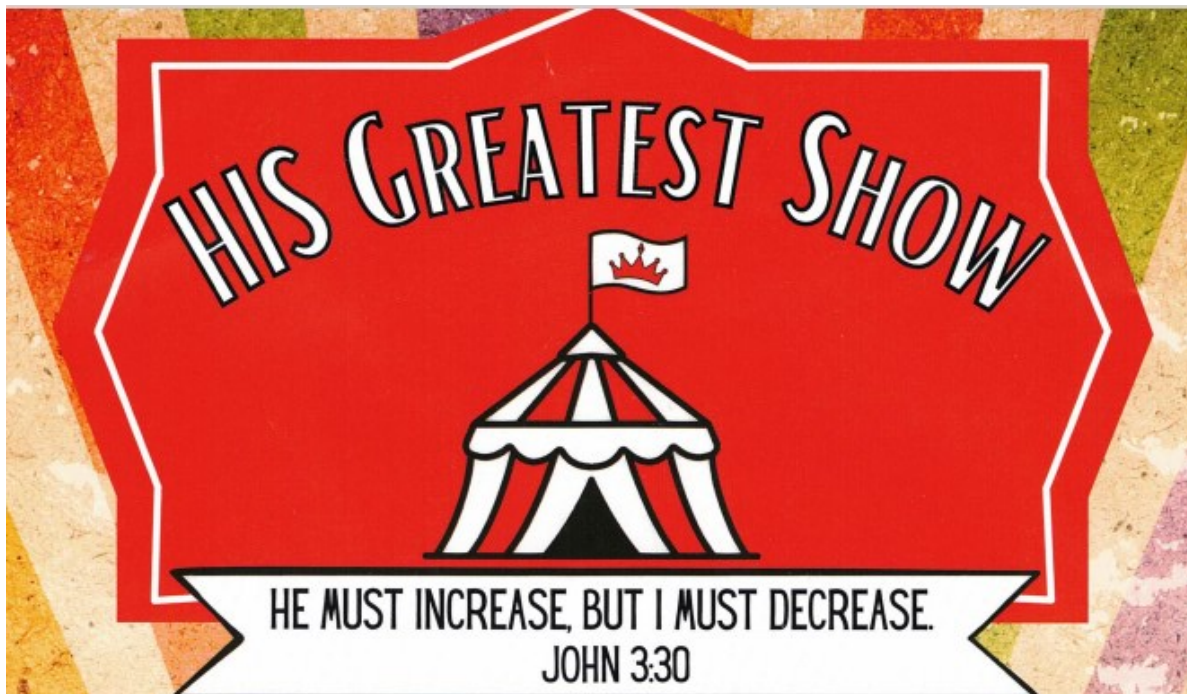
Child Dedication

Anyone else wanting to dedicate their child to the Lord, please call the office.

There are flyers in the foyer.



2022



Youth Camps
1st—12th

Flyers in the foyer

Scholarship Available

10 Ways Christians Can improve Mental Health

Pray – 1 John 5:14 – First approach any problem

Journal - Psalms

Lean on Community – Galatians 6:2-12

Eat Well – Proverbs 23:20-21

Read Your Bible – John 16:33

Practice Gratitude – 1 Thessalonians 5:18 – Studies over and over show value

Exercise Regularly – 1 Corinthians 3:16

Practice Your Spiritual Gifts – 1 Peter 4:10 – Serve

Rest – Genesis 2:2 – True relaxation from outside voices

See a doctor – Proverbs 11:14 If struggles reach point of self-harm; Need to take this step

What's Coming Up and Resources

Aspire

One night full of laughter, learning, stories & music
1 night—3 hours just for women
Friday, April 8 Valleybrook Church, Eau Claire
Brochure in the foyer
See Lori Czubakowski for more information

Women's Ministry

Saturday, March 12
9:00 in the fellowship hall

Annual Meeting

After Pot Luck Sunday, March 27

Women with Purpose

Empower, Equip, Encourage Women to
Lead Balanced, Purposeful Lives
At the Eagles Club in Lake Hallie, 11:45 to
1:00 on the 3rd Wednesday of every
month (September-May). Cost for lunch is
\$15. For list of speakers and more
information see flyer in foyer.

Men's Prayer Breakfast

Saturday, March 5
At Aroma Café in Thorp

Resources

Check out the resource tables in the foyer,
including free Bibles.

Pot Luck

8:45 Prayer in overflow room
10:00 Worship Service
Pot Luck after the service

Connection Groups

After the service March 13
For all ages

Baptism

Want to follow Jesus in
baptism? Pastor Matt would
love to meet with you. FEFC
believe that the Water
Baptism (preferably by
Immersion, Matthew 3:16) is
an ordinance to be
observed by the church
during this present age.
It is however, not to be
regarded as means of
salvation
(1 Corinthians 11:23-32, Acts
2:41). Please find more infor-
mation about baptism in the

March 2022

April 2022

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
27	28	1	2 6:00 Youth	3	4	5 7:30 Men's Prayer Breakfast
6 8:45 Prayer 10:00 Worship Communion	7	8	9 4:00 Easter Event team meets 6:00 Glow Club 6:00 Youth	10 6:00 Elder Meeting	11	12 9:00 Women's Ministries 3:00 Easter Event team meets at theatre
13 8:45 Prayer 10:00 Worship Connection Groups	14	15	16 6:00 Glow Club 6:00 Youth	17	18	19
20 8:45 Prayer 10:00 Worship	21	22	23 6:00 Glow Club 6:00 Youth	24 6:00 Elder Meeting	25	26 8:30-10:00 Membership Class
27 8:45 Prayer 10:00 Worship Potluck Dinner Annual Meeting	28	29	30 6:00 Glow Club 6:00 Youth	31	1	2