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**REGISTRATIONS
ADULT LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES**

**Sundays 9:00 and 10:30am
(March 7, 14, 21, April 11, 18, 25, May 2)**

Grace-filled Caring for Aging Parents (9:00am)

With love and care we want to assure the best possible experience for our aging parents, but how do we make that happen? Knowing what the Bible says, where to turn and when to ask for help are key. Facilitator: Heidi Orstad.

FPU Preview (9:00am) - March 7, 14, 21 only

Economic recession. Personal depression. Financial and moral bankruptcy. Everywhere we turn, we witness—or experience—turmoil and trials. But amid the bad news there's also hope: that is, God's plan and His people will prevail, as we learn to view tough times through His perspective. Tune in as Dave Ramsey gives us five Biblical principles that are simple to learn, perhaps challenging to apply, yet guaranteed to guide us to financial freedom. Website: www.fpu.com. Facilitators: Kevin and Susan Lay.

Knowing Islam (10:30am)

Islam has been in the headlines daily since 9/11. This class will help you understand Islam and prepare you to interact with Muslims by discussing what Muslims believe and why, how we can build meaningful, lasting relationships with Muslims, and how we can communicate truth to our Muslim friends. Facilitator: Kim Gustafson.

Sacred Marriage (10:30am)

While many resources offer guidance for building the marriage of your dreams, what if God designed marriage to make us holy, even more than to make us happy? What if your relationship isn't as much about you and your spouse as it is about you and God? Facilitators: Brian and Polly Wright. Cost for materials: \$9.

NAME: _____
 ADDRESS: _____
 EMAIL: _____
 PHONE: _____

Programming for children ages infant through grade 5 is available during both hours, but requires a separate registration. For details, visit the Welcome Desk in the lobby.

OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE @ FAITH

Facility Security: Tues., Wed., or Thurs. evenings (6-9pm). Men willing to sit at the Information Desk, monitor traffic and secure the building. Bring a book to read or project along if you'd like. Training provided. Contact Dick at 612.590.5422.

Knitting Needles: The "Pearls" could use needles in sizes #9, 10, 13 for our beginning knitters. Also, any partial or full skeins of "Homespun" for soft baby blankets or prayer shawls. Thank you for your generosity! Comments about the shawls: "What a special gift at a time when I needed your love, support and prayers." And "I wear it at my IV treatments, it helps me remember WHO loves me and it is a great conversation starter with the nurses."

Information Desk: If you are looking for a place to serve and love people and are willing to serve once a month on Sunday we still need to fill a few spots at the Information Desk on Sunday mornings. It is a once a month commitment answering phones, greeting and directing people. You pick the week of the month and the time you would like to serve. If you are interested please contact Carol Olinger at 952.890.3110 x25.

For a complete list of volunteer opportunities, please visit our website and select "Serving at Faith".

PRAYER FOCUS

WE CARE! You are important to the family of Faith. The Community Life Office asks that you contact us with births, hospitalizations, or other life events so we can pray for you and provide any help you or your family might need. 952-890-0602 or care@faithcovenant.org

Healing: Tami Benedict, Rae Ann Foley, Jo Dale Franco, Kari Gustafson, Andrew Kohagen, John Lapp, Ann Leibrock, Roberta Lewis, Fred Walker, Ron Wartick.

Thank You to everyone at Faith for your prayers and concerns during my recent hospitalization and recovery. The meals have truly been a gift and I've been overwhelmed with all your love. *Millie Johnson.*

Mission Moment: Young Life Ministries strive to reach young people in the Minnesota Valley by providing fun adventures, strong prayer support, and by teams of volunteers building personal relationships with youth. Leaders are involved in the junior and senior highs in Burnsville, Apple Valley, Lakeville, and Savage. Brad Fendler is the new intern area director and oversees Young Life groups at Burnsville High School and the Wyldlife group at Eagle Ridge. He also teaches and encourages volunteers at Apple Valley and Lakeville High Schools.

THIS WEEK @ FAITH

MON Mar 8	TUES Mar 9	WED Mar 10	THURS Mar 11	FRI Mar 12	SAT Mar 13	SUN Mar 14
5:00 PM Faith Food Outreach	7:00 AM Prayer Watch 9:30 AM Women's Bible Study MOPS 6:30 PM Women's Bible Study GO Team	6:30 PM Wednesday Faith KIDS Revolution Fusion Small Groups Confirmation Open Community Group Worship Team Meeting 7:00 PM Extend Team Meeting 8:00 PM Fusion Revolution Leader Meeting	9:00 AM Missions Sewing 11:30 AM Prime Time 7:00 PM OA HOW First Place 4 Health 7:30 PM Men's Alcoholics Anonymous 8:00 PM Worship Team Rehearsal		8:00 AM Men's Fellowship 9:00 AM Revolution Drama Practice 6:00 PM MOPS Moms Night Out	8, 9:10 & 10:10 AM Prayer Engine SUMMER SCOOP! 9:00 AM Worship Adult Learning Opps Faith KIDS Revolution Ethos 10:30 AM Worship Adult Learning Opps Faith KIDS

*Details on the above events are available in the lobby,
or at www.faithcovenant.org. Click on "Calendar & Events".*



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Hunger Awareness Month

As individuals, families, and a faith community desiring to make a difference, please prayerfully consider your involvement in the following opportunities this month to fight against hunger...

Faith Food Outreach: The next monthly distribution of surplus food and household items is TOMORROW! Various times and duties available. To volunteer, sign up in the lobby today, or contact Sue at 952.432.5745 or cookiesue@frontiernet.net. Also, donations of new or gently used hats, mittens, gloves, scarves, children's books and stuffed animals are welcome today or Monday.

Bridges Out of Poverty Training: Tuesday, March 9 (Session 1) and Tuesday, March 16 (Session 2), 5:30-9pm. In this certified training, you will learn to understand the differences in economic cultures, the effect on people, and how to build relationships and cross boundaries to more effectively help those in need. You must attend Session 1 in order to attend Session 2. To register, contact Jane Palmer, MOMS Program, at 952.890.5072 or momshis@aol.com.

30 hour Famine: The Junior High students will be participation in World Vision's 30 hour Famine, April 16-17 and are currently raising funds. All donations benefit Haiti this year. For students to be involved sign up and pick up a packet in Room 200. Visit www.30hourfamine.com for more info.

Team World Vision: This is your opportunity to get in shape and also provide clean water for children in Africa. Faith Covenant is starting a team of people that will commit to running a half marathon on Aug 22nd! Training will begin in April and we will come together on Saturdays to run together. Runners and non-runners are welcome! Team World Vision participants will find family and friends to support them financially to raise funds for World Vision's work in Africa. A short info meeting will be after the Sunday services on March 21. If interested please email Stephanie at smishica@alumni.nmu.edu.

MN Food Share: Donate canned and dry goods for Minnesota's food shelves. Drop your canned or dry goods into any one of the grocery carts located around the building. Donations will be collected Sundays, March 21 and 28 and distributed between the MOMS program (a ministry to single moms) and t360 Communities (formerly Community Action Council).

Today's Message:
"ROME OR BUST"
March 7, 2010

Welcome to Faith!

- Guests, we are honored to worship our awesome God with you today! Please complete a Guest Card from the pew rack, and place the completed card in the offering basket or give to an usher as you leave. Join us in the lobby following the service for complimentary coffee! We would love to welcome you, get to know you, and assist you with any questions about Faith.
- Parents, please be sure to accompany your children (gr. 3 and younger) when they leave the worship center for the bathroom or other errands.
- CDs of today's and former messages are available by request for \$2 each, or listen online at www.faithcovenant.org. To order a CD of a Sunday message, please visit the library.
- Assisted hearing devices are available from the ushers.
- Prayer Teams are available following each service in front of the Worship Center.
- Food and Beverages: Please enjoy your coffee and pastries in the coffee shop or lobby. If you find it necessary to bring food or beverages into the Worship Center for small children, please be sure they have closable lids, and take empty containers with you as you leave.
- Note: Pastor Paul (Interim Lead Pastor) is onsite Tuesdays and Wednesdays. You may contact him anytime at pmurphy@faithcovenant.org.
- Emergency Cancellation Policy: If the building is closed due to severe weather (or other causes), check out www.faithcovenant.org for updates. Cancellation notice will also be given to KTIS radio.

Worship Services

The length of our average Sunday morning worship time is between 65 and 70 minutes. We encourage you to greet friends and enjoy fellowship after each service. However, if you have children in Sunday school or the nursery we ask that you please pick them up first – then stay and EMBRACE for as long as you'd like!

Children

Children's Library: Faith's library for children has moved to Room 140 (also known as the ROCK room). Thanks to the dedication of our volunteer children's librarian, Jayne Stolt, there are many great selections to choose from in both book and video format. Come and CHECK IT OUT!

Summer Scoop: Get the "scoop" on upcoming summer opportunities next Sunday, March 14 in the lobby. We will have info and sign-ups for VBS, Music & Drama Camp, and Covenant Pines Bible Camp. Don't forget to pick up extra forms to invite your neighbors!

Family Potluck: Thanks to the families and volunteers who joined us last Wednesday, March 3 at our potluck dinner! We had a great time connecting as a "family" and laughing at our efforts to remember our TV trivia. To those who couldn't make it, we hope to see you next year.

For more information contact Jennifer at 952.890.3110 x16 or jsorensen@faithcovenant.org.

Students

Revolution (grades 6-8)

Winter Retreat returns today around 2:30pm. Parents of campers can join Josh in Room 200 at 2pm to hear about the retreat.

Revolution Leader Meeting: Wednesday, March 10, 8pm. Adult Revolution leaders meet.

Fusion (grades 9-12)

Ethos: Today, 9am in room 235 resumes with the study of Thessalonians.

Fusion at the Movies: Friday, March 19, 7pm-midnight. Get ready for popcorn, movies and hangin' with friends. More details to come.

For more information contact Lynn at 952.890.3110 x12/www.fusioneens.com/www.revstudents.com.

Outreach

Faith Food Outreach: Kudos to the Boldenow family who was chosen for the 2nd consecutive year by the Graco Foundation (where Jim is employed) as the company's top volunteers. They received an award of \$1000 to the FFO for volunteering at least 50 hours in their community. Check to see if your employer may have similar programs!

MOMS: The MOMS Program, a mentoring ministry for single moms, has a food shelf located in their office to help meet the needs of single mother families. An oak donation box labeled "MOMS" is located across from the Community Life Office to take donations. Current needs include macaroni and cheese, canned fruit, toilet paper, size 5 diapers, and laundry soap. No canned vegetables or jello are needed at this time.

For more information or additional outreach/extend opportunities, visit www.faithcovenant.org

Financial Update (year to date as of 3/1/2010)

Contributions: \$166,457

Budget: \$199,665

Budget vs Actual: \$ (33,208)

Thank you for your generous and faithful response to last week's offering for our church plant. So far, 173 people have committed to 'invest' in our church plant in one or more ways ... 160 of these have committed as financial partners! Restoration Covenant Church pledge contributions can be given in the regular offering. Please understand that we need a clear distinction of your Restoration Covenant offering and your Faith Covenant offering. You can accomplish this by designating the RCC portion separately either on your offering envelope or on the memo line of your check.

Community Life

Welcome Lotzers! Please join us for a welcome reception in the lobby between worship services today for Mike and Erica Lotzer. Mike is our new Spiritual Formation and Outreach Pastor.

New Adult Learning Opportunities begin today at both 9:00 and 10:30am. We are pleased to announce four new options on today's Communication Card. Registration is encouraged. The following programming is available: birth through grade 5 at both hours, grades 6-8 at 9am, and grades 9-12 at 10:30am.

Prime Time: Thursday, March 11, 11:30am. The Prime Time group (55+) meets for a delicious lunch, thoughtful devotions, and a hymn sing. Come join us and catch up with Dave Satre, our former Care Pastor. Please contact Elaine at 952-890-2086 by Friday to give our kitchen an accurate count for lunch.

Faith Women: You're invited to a special event THIS Saturday, March 13 at 6:00pm. Join us as we hear from author (and mother) Karen Hossink as she shares *Confessions of an Irritable Mother*. After spending time with Karen you will be assured of two things: You are not alone, and God is good! It will be a sweet night of laughter, encouragement, door prizes, and dessert. Whether you are a mother yourself--or you have a friend or family member in your life who is a mom you could bring, come out for a serving of hope for overwhelmed moms (and a helping of something chocolate). This is a fantastic extend opportunity...cost is only \$5 in advance or \$7 at the door. So act now and bring a friend for only \$10! BUY YOUR TICKETS TODAY--last Sunday to purchase--in the lobby. For more info or tickets, contact Vicki at faithmops@gmail.com.

Prayer! What happens when God's people pray? Mountains are moved, hearts are changed, relationships are reconciled, and healing takes place. Faith is firmly committed to prayer - for our church body, for our staff and ministries, for the community around us, and for the world in which we live. We invite you to join us weekly for prayer on Sunday mornings (8am, 9:10am, or 10:10am) in the Community Life Conference Room. We are also looking for a few more people to serve on our Prayer Team on Sunday mornings - praying individually with people after each service. Contact Char at 952.890.3110 x20 or crotvold@faithcovenant.org.

Job Postings: Looking for work? Current job postings in Dakota County are listed each week just outside the Community Life office. To receive a weekly email, contact Pat at pheimkes@faithcovenant.org.

For more information contact Carol at 952.890.3110 x25 or Pat in Community Care at 952.890.0602.

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passion and expectation must be to
reach and change lives — our own
and the world around us —
for Christ's sake.
Embrace. Equip. Extend.*

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