

**Sunday, February 21st online worship** 9:30am Scripture: Psalm 125:1-10; Mark 1:9-15 (NLT)  
Online worship links available 9:30am Sun, February 21st on the website and social media.

The season of **Lent 2021** began with Ash Wednesday on February 17 and goes through Holy Week (Maundy Thursday, Good Friday and Holy Saturday, the days before Easter). You are invited to watch the Ash Wednesday service on YouTube and if you haven't already received or picked up a Lenten bag, to give the church office a call to make arrangements to get one for you or your family. Ash Wednesday service: <https://youtu.be/7Ntoap3nBgQ>

**Faith Groups** are an important part of growing in faith. These small groups, like Taco Tuesday (info below), are a way to get to know others, build relationships, grow in faith, and serve with others. Faith groups can form anytime and around any theme or category: Learn together, grow in faith, check in ("how is it with your soul"), pray together, and serve together! Consider starting or joining a faith group in 2021! Contact Pastor Karen with questions.

**Music Opportunities in 2021** If you love to sing, or play an instrument, or both (or want to learn), let us know! We are welcoming individual musical offerings in our online worship services AND we will be making plans for when we can once again invite people to sing together in the Faith CHOIR and Faith Chimes Choir! The music staff is putting together a list of those interested in being involved with the music ministries of the church, so please give us a call 651-460-6110 or email [churchoffice.faithumc@gmail.com](mailto:churchoffice.faithumc@gmail.com) if this is YOU! Choir Director, Josiah Beretta would love to talk with you and let you know plans for Spring 2021!

**"Taco Tuesdays"** 5:30-7pm every Tuesday on Zoom! We're looking forward to when we can get tacos out to eat together again, but for now, we have great conversations and check in with each other online via Zoom. The link is the same every week and you don't need to make a reservation--just join us anytime (no tacos required)!  
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/390940768?pwd=cZA0QytDckh2UIZ3NHhpZXJ5YIR3dz09>  
Call Norm Muzzy 651-304-0729 with questions or to ask about joining the Faith Taco Tuesday Facebook group.

HVAC Update (2/20/2021):

Faith Church Trustees have contracted to work with The Heating Dude (local Farmington business owned by Jake Jeppeson). A letter from the Trustees has been sent out to the congregation and as of 2/20/2021, we have raised \$40,500! A total of about \$60,000 will complete the gathering areas as well.

### **Faith Church Giving**

Give gifts at [www.faithinyourheart.org/give](http://www.faithinyourheart.org/give) [www.paypal.me/faithchurchumc](http://www.paypal.me/faithchurchumc) or by sending to: 710 8th Street Farmington, MN 55024 \*Remember to mark "operating expense" or "HVAC" on your gifts and call or email the church office 651-460-6110 [churchoffice.faithumc@gmail.com](mailto:churchoffice.faithumc@gmail.com) with any questions God will bless and make fruitful each of the gifts we give. Regular giving makes a difference and is one of the ways that we grow in faith and grow Faith Church!

### **Make a Change with Some Change!**

If you'd like to help out with a special mission project, HVAC or with Faith ministries and operating expenses and have some change lying around--your change can make a difference! Every coin, every dollar, every gift of time and energy and support in all kinds of ways, matters. Collect a handful, jar-full, jug-full or more of coins and let your change make a change in the lives of others through Faith Church! Change will be collected on Communion Sundays, Ash Wednesday, and in the Loaves and Fishes drive through, or you can drop off change on Monday mornings (9am-12pm) or Wednesdays (10am- 4pm) when the office is open.

Sometimes, change is all we have and sometimes it's the extra bit we have and every bit will make a difference. Make a change, with your change!

The Women of Faith group has donated \$1,750 from dollars they fundraised last year and are challenging every Faith group, leader, and member to find a way to donate and/or help raise funds so we can fully fund the HVAC project at Faith Church and improve ventilation in the sanctuary and gathering areas so we can gather together again this Spring! How will you and/or your Faith group step up to meet this challenge?! (Also, there is currently not a "Men of Faith" group and the Women of Faith would like to challenge the men of Faith Church to start a group in 2021 that can gather, pray and serve together...are there men up to this challenge--it's "on!"). Step up, guys!

Women of Faith also invite you pray with them during their "40 Days of Prayer during Lent" initiative (details on the website and social media)

**Thank You Project** -- a way for all to serve!

The Women of Faith are sponsoring a "Thank You" project and you are invited to write thank you notes to area school teachers/staff/administration to let them know how much we appreciate all they do. Once we've thanked all the schools in the district, we'll thank those caring for residents at Trinity and The Legacy and then we'll thank police, firefighters, city services workers and more. WoF has purchased cards and are asking for help on the following dates/times as they work on writing cards to several more schools:

Friday, February 26th, from 10am -12pm Contact Emily Svendsen 612-751-5925

oakwynd12@gmail.com to let her know you'll help! Blessings and Thanks from Faith Church!

**Tech Updates** Our new soundboard has arrived! We're grateful and committed to this and other updates as we reach people through technology at Faith Church. We're training people who are willing to serve on the tech team and preparing to offer live streamed worship once we are worshiping inside the building. Call or text 612-328-4890 or email Cory at tech.faithumc@gmail.com if you're interested in being part of the growing tech team/social media/marketing/web development at Faith or know someone who'd like to get involved this year!

**Faith Church is Hiring** a "Faith for Youth" Coordinator! The position description is on the website. Please share it, and pray with us that God will lead the "just right" person to Faith Church to work with the FFKY team and coordinate youth ministries!

**Clothed in Faith**--it's time to safely take inventory and make some space for donations that have come in during 2020, so we can continue to serve people in need of clothing, shoes, and accessories in 2021. CIF organizer, Kathy Gunderson met with church member, Michelle Mertz last week and there will be a "sorting" of clothes that happens during February and March so we can be prepared for a clothing giveaway in April when it's warmer outside. We'll do some cleaning and reorganizing of items for adults, teens, kids, and babies and get prepared for when we're ready to invite guests indoors to shop again later in the year. For the moment, we're inviting guests to shop by appointment only on Wednesdays, one at a time and for specific needs and also referring people with more regular needs or large donations to Caring Hearts in Action in Farmington (312 Oak Street). If you'd like to help with the sorting and/or reorganizing or get more involved with serving through Clothed in Faith (masks and social distancing required in the building), contact the church office 651-460-6110

**Faith Church Weekly Prayers**

Share your prayers with the Faith Church Prayer team: Submit online at [www.faithinyourheart.org/prayer](http://www.faithinyourheart.org/prayer) or email [prayerteam.faithumc@gmail.com](mailto:prayerteam.faithumc@gmail.com). Let us know about your special days coming up so your church family can pray and celebrate with you!

Join us on Wednesdays at 6:45pm and on Sundays at 9:30am for worship online as we continue to find ways to worship God and grow in love of God and neighbors. You're invited. Come and see!!

If you are ready for baptism, or to join Faith Church as a member, our next joining dates are: March 10th (Wed.) and 14th (Sun.). Call (651) 460-6110 or email [karen.faithumc@gmail.com](mailto:karen.faithumc@gmail.com) to say, "Yes!" to baptism and/or to Faith Church!!

**Coming Up:**

February 21: Sunday (online) Worship at 9:30am Administrative Council (online) Planning Retreat 1-5pm  
February 24: 5:30-6:30pm Loaves and Fishes drive up meal  
February 25: 6:30pm Administrative Council February mtg  
February 26: 10am-12pm Thank You card writing at church  
May you find and know blessings each day of this season, as you grow with Faith and as we grow in faith, together.

~Pastor K