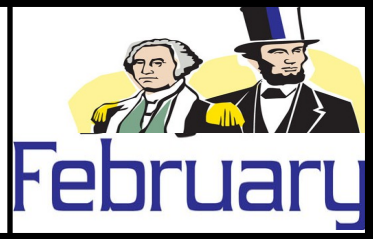


Faith in Action



Walk with Jesus on his final day.
 Sit beside him at the Last Supper.
 Pray with him in Gethsemane.
 Follow him to the cross.
 Desert him.
 Deny him.

24 Hours That Changed the World

Sunday Evenings 6-7:30 p.m.

Join me for the Sundays of Lent, February 26 through April 1, as we journey through "24 Hours That Changed the World" by Adam Hamilton.

No single event in human history has received more attention than the suffering and crucifixion of Jesus of Nazareth. In this heartbreaking, inspiring book, Adam Hamilton guides us, step by step, through the last 24 hours of Jesus' life.

Pastor Michelle

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Receive your newsletter in **COLOR** via email!

Send your email address to faithumc@kdsi.net.



Persons to set up the blow up screen and sound for outside movie nights this summer. You pick the nights and the movie too if you want. We will be purchasing an outside blow up screen for these movies if we get volunteers to commit to setting it up. After praying about this please contact Dayla if you can help with this project.



February 22, 2012
 7:00 p.m.

Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love; according to your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions. Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin.... Psalm 51



We love because he first loved us.

1 John 4:19

FAITH BOOK CLUB

Anyone interested in leading a Book Club? Follow that God Nudge! Pray about this and contact Dayla if you are interested. You pick the books, day and time!

- 1- Jon McBride
- 4- Joyce Lawson
- 6- Rema Hemmerling
- 8- Michelle Reed
- 9- Regan Jennings
Quinten Clausen
Arianna Spellman
- 11- Betty Hagan
Kaden Woollen
Brett Woollen
Parker Woollen
Cooper Woollen
- 12- David Wisch
- 13- Ruth Bosard
Doneta Gifford

Birthdays to Celebrate



- 13- John Valentine
- 14- Jean Johnson
- 15- Rick Triplett
- 16- Denise Streeter
Mindy Lester
- 19- Macy Cool
- 20- John Harris
Jessie Harris
- 21- Tom Candy
- 24- Doris Lynch
Soffia Polhemus
- 27- Danny Grim
Angela Forney
Trevor Isaac
- 28- Sherry Foley

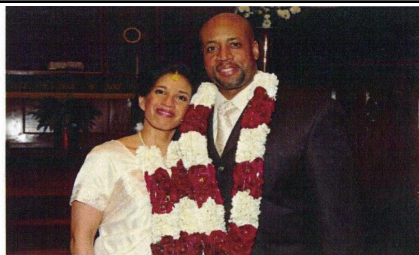
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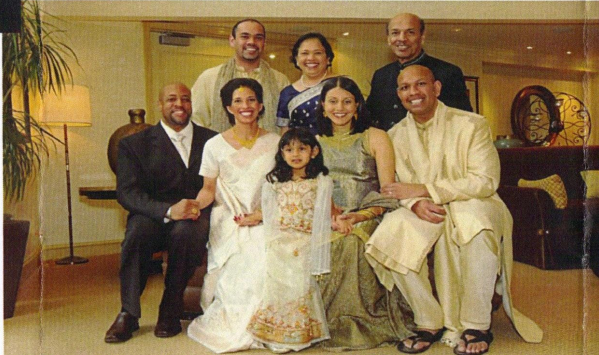


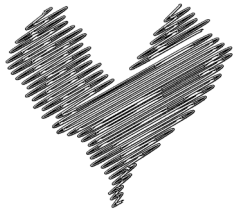
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Scott & Allison
Kwiatkowski



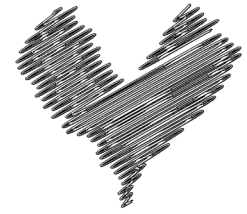
Merry Christmas and
a Blessed New Year
Pastor Sam & Family





Nurse's

Notes



What is Life?

Life is a challenge...

Meet it.

Life is a gift...

Accept it.

Life is an adventure...

Dare it.

Life is a sorrow...

Overcome it.

Life is a tragedy...

Face it.

Life is a duty...

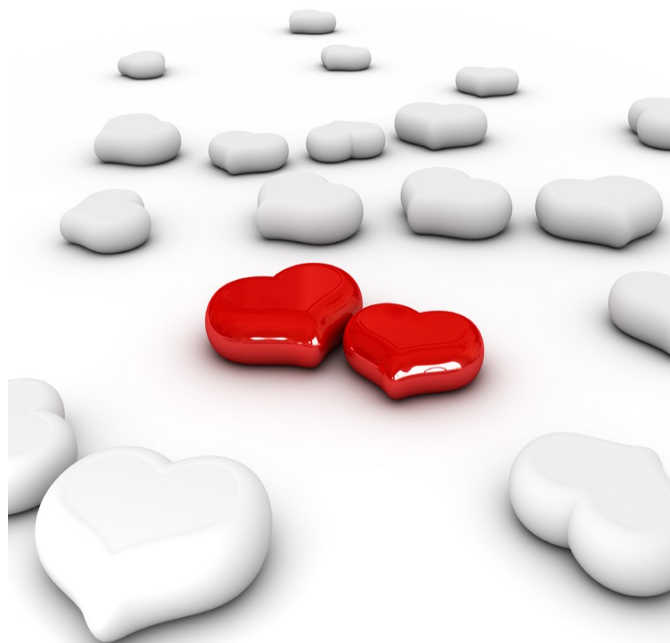
Perform it.

Life is a game...

Play it.

Life is a mystery...

Unfold it.



Life is an opportunity... **Take it.**

Life is a love... **Enjoy it.**

Inspiring thoughts from the Bhagavad Gita

Life is a song...

Sing it.

Life is a journey...

Complete it.

Life is a promise...

Fulfill it.

Life is a beauty...

Praise it.

Life is a spirit...

Realize it.

Life is a struggle...

Fight it.

Life is a puzzle...

Solve it.

Life is a goal...

Achieve it.

"God-who-keeps-us-hoping, thank you for giving us a world that doesn't end. Thank you for teaching me there is always something new around the next corner that I can be a part of. When I doubt this, please gift me with people who can help me look forward the future with a renewed sense of hope. Amen."

youth group

SCHEDULE

Cassy Heuertz
Children & Youth
Ministries Director

WEDNESDAYS
6:30-8:30PM
DINNER
PROVIDED

February will kick-off with U.M.Y.F. attending the Kearney Youth Rally on February 1 at First UMC! The night will be packed with worship, lesson, and fellowship with Christian peers from the entire community. There will NOT be dinner served that evening and we will be leaving Faith no later than 6:40pm, returning between 8:30-8:45pm.

From there, the deep journey through Craig Groeschel's "Weird: Because Normal Isn't Working" will continue until the last week of February. Youth will explore ideas on being weird in the last three sessions: "Pleasing God Is Weird", "Weird Makes You Truly Sexy", and "The Weirdest Blessing Possible". The youth have enjoyed the first three sessions: "The God Kind of Weird", "It's Time to Be Weird", and "Weird That Money Can't Buy" thus far. Each is filled with group discussion and personal reflection. After that, we'll focus on the season of Lent.



Sunday School in February

Elementary students will continue to explore key people of the Bible and the adventurous stories of their lives!

Middle and High School students will wrap up the last three sessions of Craig Groeschel's "Weird: Because Normal Isn't Working". Each week starts with a time of worship in song before heading off to watch the insightful video message of our study and ending with small group discussion.

The all-church Lenten study, "24 Hours That Changed the World" by Adam Hamilton, will start in all Sunday School classes the last Sunday of February! Join us in becoming witness to Jesus' last day of life in this world.

DID YOU KNOW???

There are all kinds of fun little tidbits of info that we at Faith might not think of or take for granted that goes on around here at Faith. For example, did you know that Betty Hagan has made 4000 visitor crosses?

Send your fun little tidbits to Dayla or Selia! Include the name (or not), it is just the stats that make it fun!



Monday Men's Group!

This bible study is now meeting at Larry Wachter's home Mondays at 7:00 p.m.

2715 Avenue I # 22
Kearney, NE 68847

LENT BIBLE STUDY

Anyone that would be interested in leading a short term Bible Study for Lent? Please pray about this and contact Dayla if you are getting this God Nudge!



Chancel Choir Practice
Wednesdays
7:00 p.m.

CCF Helpers

- 1—Marie Danburg
- 8—Bonny Ball & Eileen Anderson
- 15—Kim Graham
- 22—Sandy Townsend
- 29—Pat Hilty



CCF
Wednesdays
3:30 p.m.

Community Meal

February 26
2012



USHERS



8:45 AM

11:00 AM

5 - Marcia Dahlke and Rick & Jacque Triplett

Scripture - Penny Buettner

5 - Mike & Sue Lamkin

Scripture - Moriah Chandler

12 - Steve & Suzann Christensen and Sue & Tyler Divan

Scripture - Marie Danburg

12 - Jim Brewer Family

Scripture - Emma Brewer

19 - Marie Danburg & Kathy Larson

Scripture - Annette Froid

19 - Lee & Patty McQueen

Scripture - Lee McQueen

26 - Dan & Jason Odens

Scripture - Kathy Larson

26 - TBD

Scripture - TBD



February Bus Driver Schedule

5 - Jim Brewer & George Brown

12 - Tony Miller & Ryan Findley

19 - Mike Fox & Jake Greder

26 - Pat Garrelts & Dan Odens

Dear Faith United Methodist Church,

On behalf of the Global Orphan Project, I want to thank you for your donation in support of our mission, to transform the lives of orphans, now and for eternity. Through your generosity many orphans around the world will receive hope and joy. Thank you for making a significant difference in the lives of children.

God Bless You, Lynn West & Dr. & Mrs. Dave Heubner

¡Muchas Gracias!

Friends,

I cannot express how overwhelmed I was when Kathy & Pat brought me the beautiful prayer blanket from your church! It is truly heart warming that so many good people are so willing to share their goodness with someone they

don't know. Thank you all so very much.

On December 14th I received the Gift of Life from my lifelong friend Sally Wegner. Because of her selfless generosity, my life is forever changed, and such an unbelievably positive change! I feel great! I could not be more blessed or more fortunate.

We are both doing very well and the outpouring display of caring, kindness, concern, prayer and generosity, from family and friends, for both Sally & myself, has been overwhelming and certainly did make a huge impact on our speedy recovery time. Sincerely, Gisel Theis



The list for Altar Flowers 2012 is now circulating! There are already limited dates available; Feb. 12 & 19, May 6, June 3 & 17, Sept. 23, Nov. 11 & 18. Please call the office or sign the sheet at service to save your date!

Each bouquet is \$10.

CAPITAL FUND: YEAR END REPORT

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|----------------------------|---------------|
| Balance, January 2, 2011 | \$ 175,667.56 |
| Deposits to Account | 109,589.33 |
| Income (Interest) | 10,312.44 |
| Loss | 28,160.44 |
| Balance, December 31, 2011 | \$ 267,408.89 |

As you can see the market, unexpectedly, has played havoc with the Capital Fund in the last two quarters of 2011. the market has improved in January and we can only hope it will continue to do so in the months ahead. There is no doubt that the market will rebound but how soon and how fast is of course unknown.

Otto Lohrenz, Chairman, Capital Fund Committee



Crossroads Homeless Shelter—Kearney

Ways that churches and Crossroads Homeless Shelter can minister together to the spiritual needs of the guests at Crossroads.

1. **Daily Devotions and Bible Study:** On each day, Monday through Friday, at 7:30 a.m. devotions are held at Crossroads for 15-30 minutes. These devotions consist of the reading and reflection on passages from Sacred Scriptures, prayers and when possible some music and singing. At 7:00 p.m. each day for one hour, bible study is conducted for the guests. Various churches from the area are invited to take one day each week to lead these.
2. **Sunday Morning Worship:** All guest at Crossroads are encouraged to attend the church of their choice on Sunday morning. If there are any guests who indicate that they would like to attend your church, we would appreciate that someone from your church would come to Crossroads Center, accompany them to church and bring them back to the center.
3. **Saturday Evening Prayer, Praise and Pizza:** A local Pizza Hut business has offered to supply us with pizza for a meal at Crossroads. We are inviting youth groups from various churches and the college to take turns once a month or every two months in providing devotions with scripture, prayer and song at 4:30 p.m. on a Saturday evening. At 5:00 p.m. they are invited to have a meal and fellowship with the guests. After the meal if they have some musicians with them, they are invited to lead a brief sing along if possible.
4. **Sunday Evening Food and Fellowship:** For a number of years at Crossroads Center in Hastings, churches, service groups or family groups have taken a Sunday during the year to bring in a meal and have fellowship with the guests at Crossroads. These groups have a 30 minute devotion at 4:30 followed by a meal at 5:00 p.m. Music is welcomed and encouraged.

Any involvement by your church or other groups in these ministries will be greatly appreciated and blessed eternally by Our Loving God. For further information or willingness to participate, please call Charles Kelliher at Crossroads (308) 236-5688 or at home (308) 237-7189.

Volunteer Opportunities

Volunteers play a vital role in our ministry at Crossroads. We depend on volunteers everyday to support our guests and the upkeep of the Center.

Office: Prepare mailing, filing/organizing, answering phones, typing/copying, receptionist/greeter.

Transportation: take men and women to appointments, run errands, haul light furniture.

Spiritual: conduct bible study, spend time with guests, take guests to church, share your testimony, preach/witness.

Youth: Spend time with children or teens, conduct bible study for youth, babysitting for youth.

Thrift Store: sorting donations, assisting with store displays, working with cash register, customer service.

Kitchen: cooking, assist cook in preparing meal, shop for groceries, organize kitchen or pantry.

Maintenance: light cleaning, heavy cleaning, painting, electrical, custodial, maintenance work, snow plowing, yard care, decorating, other.

Education: teach various practical skills, teach a class.

ATTENTION!

Bored during your lunch hour?
Come visit me at the church
office! My hours are now 8:30
a.m. through 1:30 p.m.

Selia Martin

Confirmation

Calling all 8th Graders! Ever wondered what it means to be a Methodist or a member of Faith UMC?! Join us in our weekly expedition of that and SO much more. Contact Cassy Heuertz directly for details: 402-669-6782 or cjheuertz@gmail.com

**Want to learn better
communication skills to
improve your marriage?**

Attend a Marriage Encounter Weekend!
2012 weekend dates are:

February 24-26 in South Sioux City
April 27-29 at Camp Comeca near Cozad
August 17-19 at Camp Norwesca near Chadron
September 21-23 in Lincoln
For more information or to register, please contact Russell and Lanita Evans, russellevans@internet-usa.net or call 308-520-1491. Deadline for South Sioux City is February 10. More information also available at www.encounter.org.



New Church Directory!

Mark May 15-19 on your calendar for your church directory photo!

- \$10 discount for online registration
- \$5 discount for donation of a canned food item (food will be split between Crossroads & Jubilee)
- FREE 8x10 & Directory when picture is taken!
- More info to follow soon!

**Church Directory
Volunteers Needed!**



Lead the Registration Team, Work the sign up tables on Sundays in March, April & May (computer skills needed) or Provide a laptop.
Contact Dayla @ 234-4225

Daffodil Days

Daffodil Days is one of the American Cancer Society's oldest and most beloved fundraising programs. It celebrates the Society's mission to eliminate cancer as a life-threatening disease by offering daffodils to donors in appreciation of the contributions. For more than 30 years, Daffodil Days has enabled people to join the American Cancer Society's fight against cancer by raising funds and sharing hope for a future where the disease no longer threatens those we love.

Faith UMC will be ordering Daffodils this year to be displayed beginning March 11, 2012. If you would like to order 1 or more ("In honor of" or "In Memory of"), please contact the office or watch for the order forms in Sundays' Bulletins.

Options include:

- Individual Bouquet (you provide vase) \$ 10
- Sunshine Bouquet (vase provided) \$ 15
- Boyd's Bear & Individual Bouquet \$ 25