

# From Staff Parish Relations

# Pastor Andrew Bonsell appointed Lead Pastor, starting Aug. 1!

It is with great joy that we announce the appointment of Pastor Andrew to Forest Hills as our new lead pastor. Yesterday Rev. Cynthia Williams, representing Bishop David Bard, brought Pastor Andrew to our church's Staff-Parish Relations (SPR) Team and presented the Bishop's intention to appoint Pastor Andrew as Lead Pastor starting August 1st. SPR was in full agreement and affirmed the appointment.

Pastor Andrew has performed many roles at Forest Hills over the years he and his family have made us their home church. At the recommendation of our church, he became a Licensed Local Pastor in 2018 and has served as Director of both Worship and Children's Ministry. Pastor Andrew feels blessed to be taking his next step right here at Forest Hills Church.

Pastor Andrew's passion for ministry is based on his faith and love of Jesus. He wants this faith to be contagious to all. He believes the church should be a place for building disciples and where they can be empowered to live out their faith. However, all things start with prayer, which will lead the Holy Spirit to guide us.

We are so blessed to have Pastor Andrew at Forest Hills and look forward to what God has planned for him and our church. We ask the church to pray over this transition of pastoral ministry and for the Holy Spirit to fill and empower Pastor Andrew in this new role. It will be a change, for sure, but we believe that God is leading us all, and we call upon the church to fully support Pastor Andrew and family in his new role. We commit to continue to Love.Grow.Serve. God together!

Gina Lindholm SPR Co-Chair

#### **Monthly Church Events**

June 1	5:30pm - Free Community Meal 6:15pm - All Church Game Night 7:30pm - Sanctify Rehearsal
June 2	10:30am - Book Club 12:00pm - Sarah Circle
June 3	8:00am - Grow Group
June 4	9:00am - United Methodist Men
June 5	Graduation Sunday Holy Communion Pentecost 8:45am - Prayer 10:00am - In-person and online Worship Service
June 6	8:00am - Monday Morning Men, Quilters and Prayer Knitters 6:30pm - Grow Group - Rosen- baum's Home
June 8	10:00am - Birchwood 7:30pm - Sanctify Rehearsal
June 10	8:00am - Grow Group
June 12	8:45am - Prayer 10:00am - In-person and online Worship Service
June 13	8:00am - Monday Morning Men, Quilters and Prayer Knitters 6:30pm - Grow Group - Rosen- baum's Home
June 15	9:30am - UMW Outing 11:00am - Romeos
June 16	6:30pm - AMT
June 17	8:00am - Grow Group 2:00pm - Unload Food Truck

# **Youth Group**

Youth Group has come to a close this year. What a year! We had an average of 7 to 8 students each week. We started the year talking about how Jesus is our King. Each year we take 4 to 6 weeks to study a book of the Bible this year we focused on Acts and how are we suppose to be the Church today. We also talked through some relevant topics for teens such as temptation, anger, and making spiritual habits.

This Sunday, we will be celebrating Jaqueline Wynne's graduation from high school and praying over her next steps.

This summer a group of us will be headed to Red Rock Camp to spend a week in renewal and fellowship. We will also be planning a summer fun outing to a waterpark. Our goal is also to spend one day in service in our community. Look for more information on both of those to come.

Pastor Cassi

### Red Rock Camp June 20-26

Join your pastors at Red Rock Camp this summer! It is a wonderful week to relax, renew and reenergize with God and others.

Forest Hills offers scholarships for those with financial need and incentive dollars to all who attend. Signup for those in the lobby or speak to Pastor Cassi in the office. To register go to Campminnesota.org and choose Red Rock Camp when registering.

June 18	6:00am - Set up Community Care 7:00am - Community Care
June 19	Father's Day 8:45am - Prayer 10:00am - In-person and online Worship Service
June 20	Red Rock Camp Week 8:00am - Monday Morning Men, Quilters and Prayer Knitters 6:30pm - Grow Group - Rosenbaum's Home
June 21	8:00am - Monday Morning Men, Quilters and Prayer Knitters 6:30pm - Grow Group - Rosenbaum's Home
June 24	8:00am - Grow Group
June 26	8:45am - Prayer 10:00am - In-person and online Worship Service - Teresa Gruber Preaching
June 27	8:00am - Monday Morning Men, Quilters and Prayer Knitters 6:30pm - Grow Group - Ros- enbaum's Home
June 29	6:15pm - Grow Group - Church

### ATTENTION ALL LADIES OF THE CHURCH

Please join us as we visit the COMO CONSERVATORY AND ZOO

on Wednesday... June 15th followed by a lunch outing at THE FINNISH BISTRO & CAFE located at 2264 Como Ave in St Paul for our annual Summer Outing.

The current plan is to meet at the church parking lot at 9:30 to car pool for those who would rather not drive to Como Park. The Bistro is only 2 miles from the conservatory on Como Ave.

Reservations at the conservatory are at 10:30. We will pick a spot to gather together around 1:00 to head off to lunch, so you might want to have a decent breakfast.

All women invited ... PLEASE contact Sherry Robinson @ 651.270.6547 if you will be joining us so we have a head count for lunch.

### **ECHO Recap**

Our Wednesday night Echo sessions have closed for another season. Summer is at the doorstep and we are all raring to enjoy the extra time and outdoor activities it has to offer. But the kids at Forest Hills enter into the long summer slough equipped with catchy scripture songs, and more knowledge about many great characters from the bible.

We have been utilizing a curriculum from Seedbed Publishing called "Trackers of Truth". It does a fantastic job of helping kids track down truth in God's Word. We have also taken extra time to help kids familiarize themselves with the bible so they can read it for themselves. We learned how the Bible is broken up into sections along with a song listing all 66 books!

This past year we have been focusing on Old Testament stories. We jumped right in by taking a look at the prophet Elijah. Sue Lavigne even

had the kids eating chariots of fire (made of rice krispie bars). Sue (or Ms. Sue as the kids call her) has been a huge help to Echo and has made sure each bible story has been reinforced in a fun way. Ann Klinner has also been indispensable as she has helped guide and lead the kids in their activities. We continued through Elisha and highlighted many of the other prophets.

We have also had some sessions set aside for parents where we discussed what it means to raise kids in this current culture. How can we faithfully pass on the faith to the next generation? Scripture has a lot to say in answer to that question and we were able to break down different strategies and practices to help us be the best Christian parents we can possibly be.

Please keep our Forest Hills families in your prayers! Each church member needs to be invested in developing a life of faith within the kids in our midst. They are the future and our prayers play a part in shaping what is to come.

For the King,

- Pastor Andrew

### **June Birthdays**

May your special day be blessed and filled with joy! If your birthday isn't listed, please call the office and let us know so we can add you to the list!

Calvin Leonard 6/2 Angie Prchal 6/7 Linda Meyer 6/15 Michael Berglund 6/19 Rich Kargel 6/23

Colby Keintz 6/7 Kayla Rosenbaum 6/12 Chuck Werhan 6/16 Colleen Kargel 6/23



# **Summer Grow Groups!**

#### **MONDAYS**

"Life Lessons from Daniel & Esther" by Max Lucado"

**Host:** Rosenbaums

When: Monday Evenings 6:30pm. How Long: starting June 6th Where: Blue Room Upstairs

**Description**: The Max Lucado Life Lessons series offers intriguing questions, inspirational stories, and poignant reflections to take readers deeper into God's Word. In Life Lessons from Daniel and Esther, you'll take a look at two O.T. biblical people whom God used to preserve the Jewish race. Daniel was one of the captives carried away

by the Babylonians.



#### **WEDNESDAYS**

**Extraordinary Power of Praise** 

**Host:** Sue LaVigne

**When:** Wednesdays from 6:15pm - 7:30pm. **How Long:** 6 Sessions, June 29 – Aug 3

Where: Blue Room Upstairs

**Description:** From constant waves of negative news to meeting family, career, and community needs, women today often feel more anxious than ever. Amidst the clamor of the world and the internal longings for peace, our overwhelming need is for more of God's extraordinary presence, peace, and power in our lives.

#### **FRIDAYS**

"Case for Christ, Creator and Faith"

Host: Brad Blocher

When: Friday mornings 8:00 - 9:15am.

How Long: starting June 10th

Where: Fellowship Hall

**Description**: Today's science is pointing in a different direction. In recent years, a diverse and impressive body of research has increasingly supported the conclusion that the universe was intelligently designed. At the same time, Darwinism has faltered in the face of concrete facts and hard reason. Has science discovered God? At the very least, it's giving faith an immense boost as new findings emerge about the incredible complexity of our universe. Faith: Was God telling the truth when he said, "You will seek me and find me when you seek me with all your heart"?