

The Edge

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF FOREST HILLS CHURCH

From the Pastor

August has arrived!

The baton has been handed off! Pastor David is currently organizing things in his new office in Rochester, while I take a break from the same activity to write the lead article for this month's newsletter. It is a complete joy and honor to serve as head pastor for a church that has loved the Bonsell's for so many years. We are blessed by our church family!

But even more meaningful than the support and kindness we have received from you all is your commitment and love for our Savior Jesus Christ! In a world full of watered-down churches and "Gospel-lite" Christians, Forest Hills is a bright light standing for the truth of God's word. We are here to LOVE God and others, to GROW in our faith and to SERVE in the empowering of the Holy Spirit.

To follow behind Pastor David is really an impossible task. He possessed varied and rare gifts that cannot be duplicated. However, we know that the Lord has gifted each of us in different ways. I cannot pretend to function just like Pastor David did, but I can commit to pouring myself fully into this role of lead pastor. I can commit to loving God with all my heart and soul and strength. I can commit to being open to constructive criticism and new ways of operating. God has given me a great love for this church, for His word, and for the work of ministry. We will have ups and we will have downs, but we trust that, through it all, God's hand goes with us!

As we move into the end of summer, we will be beginning my first sermon series called "Best Friends". You may have noticed the poster for the series hanging in the entryway, or check it out on the next page. If it strikes you as a bit childish or cartoony, then we are on the right track. Jesus is often referred to as a "best friend", and such a moniker can easily reduce Jesus into a bit of a cartoon. If we forget that Jesus is also our Lord and King, we make him into our own image of what we think a friend should be. Certainly, in John 15, Jesus refers to his disciples, not as servants, but as friends. So what does it mean to have Jesus as a best friend?

Monthly Church Events

August 1	8:00am - Monday Morning Men, Prayer Shawl Knitters 9am - Theatre 10:am - Quilters
August 2	2pm - Theatre 4pm - Boy Scouts 7pm - Boy Scouts
August 3	9am - Kids Bash 9am - Theatre 2:30 pm - Girl Scouts 6:15pm Grow Group 7:30 - Sanctify
August 4	10:30 am - Book Club 12pm - Sarah Circle 12pm - Theatre - Dress 6:30pm Boy Scouts 7pm - Narcotics Anon
August 5	8am - Grow Group 8:30 - T : Last Day @ 5pm - Theatre Show
August 6	9am - United Methodist 5:30 pm Theatre Show
August 7	Communion 10am - Worship Service 12:30 Theatre Show 6pm - Women on Fire
August 8	8:00am -Monday Morning Men, Prayer Shawl Knitters 8am - T: 1st Day @ 10am - Quilters
August 9	10am - Bunker Beach
August 10	9am - Kids Bash 10am - Brichwood 11am - Romeos & Juliets 7:30 Sanctify
August 11	1pm - UMW Executive Board 6:30pm - AMT Meeting 6:30pm - Boy Scouts 7pm - MNNAC Meeting 7pm - Narcotics Anon

How does that reality affect our lives? We will dive into these questions as we consider various factors that make up a good friendship. Also, we will take a look at clips of famous friends from TV and movies to help illustrate main points along the way. It will be a challenging series as we rethink the role that Jesus plays in each of our lives.

Thank you all for your patience and grace throughout this time of transition. If you can manage to continue the trend through the oncoming season, that would be greatly appreciated. I do not believe God has any desire that we slow down to regroup. He has plans for our church and it is on us to faithfully live them out!

For the King,

- Pastor Andrew



Staff updates

We are happy to announce two new staff additions to Forest Hills Church.

Sherry Robinson has accepted the Front Desk position and started on Tuesday August 2, 2022. Sherry brings a wealth of work experience from the banking and healthcare industries. One of her goals is to help make Forest Hills staff transition period smooth. Sherry will be working Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays. Stop in and congratulate Sherry on her new position!

New Worship lead, Mark Zimmerman, will start to work with Sanctify in the coming weeks. Initially he will play with the band and eventually lead worship on Sundays. Mark and his wife live in Forest Lake. He has been part of Worship teams, sings, plays guitar, bass, and piano and is familiar with many of the songs we already play on Sundays.

Welcome Sherry and Mark!

August 12	8am - Grow Group
August 14	10am - Worship
August 15	8:00am - Monday Morning Men, Prayer Shawl Knitters 10am - Quilters
August 16	7pm - Boy Scouts
August 17	9am - Kids Bash 2:30pm Girl Scouts 7:30pm Sanctify
August 18	7pm - Narcotics Anon
August 19	COMMUNITY CARE 8am - Grow Group
August 20	COMMUNITY CARE
August 21	REMOVE PEWS 10am - Worship 5:30pm Masquers
August 22	FLOORS - SANCTUARY 8AM - Monday Morning Men, Prayer Shawl Knitters 10am - Quilters
August 24	FLOORS 9am - Kids Bash 7:30pm - Sanctify
August 25	FLOORS 7pm - Boy Scouts Webelos 7pm - Narcotics Anon
August 26	FLOORS PEWS GO BACK 8am - Grow Group
August 27	PEWS GO BACK
August 28	ST ANDREWS SHELTER 10am - Worship Service 6:30pm - Boy Scouts
August 29	ST ANDREWS SHELTER FLOORS - LOBBY 8am - Monday Morning Men, Prayer Shawl Knitters 10am - Quilters
August 30	FLOORS - LOBBY 6:30pm Boy Scouts
August 31	FLOORS - LOBBY FLOORS - STAGE, SMALL OFFICE

Tuesday Talks with Pastor Andrew

As you may already be aware, Forest Hills is currently engulfed in a time of transition. I will be moving into the “big office” so to speak. It won’t be a new context, but it will be a new role and by God’s grace, we will continue to grow together as a church full of disciples.

Even though this transition is “in-house,” there are still some typical steps a new pastor needs to take. Even though I already know our church well, I can say that I don’t know anyone as well as I would like. I want to begin my job as Senior Pastor with a fresh start! I don’t want to assume anything about our church or its members. As Senior Pastor, I want to have the opportunity to get to know each of you better and gain a deeper grasp on who we are as a church.

To that end, I am proposing to host discussion groups in my home throughout the month of August. Each Tuesday I hope to gather with twelve or so folks from Forest Hills with the goal of getting to know each person better and finding out what hopes and dreams you all have for this church. In these groups you will be able to ask me questions as well as help me gain a better understanding of our past and where we want to go in the future.

Sign-up in the lobby or [online](#) for a Tuesday Talk in August and be ready to share your thoughts! We will meet at 7pm in my home at 7141 208th Cove here in Forest Lake.

Thank you in advance for this unique opportunity. Please continue to pray for both myself and Pastor Cassi as we navigate new waters.

For the King, Pastor Andrew

KIDS' SUMMER BASH!

Today is the first day of Kids Bash! They are held the first four Wednesday mornings in August from 9-11:30am. **We have 22 kids participating!!** I am excited for this opportunity to reach kids for God and am looking for volunteers to help with story time, crafts, snacks, activities, and games.

Each week will be a different theme from God’s house, the Trinity, the Holy Spirit, and God can use kids. This will culminate with the End of Summer Bash & BBQ at 5:30pm where the kids will invite their parents for a meal, meet their teachers, and perform some of the songs they have learned. If you are willing to give of your time and talent to this kids outreach, please sign up in the lobby for the days you are available. Thank you and I look forward to serving with you.

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Children Ministry Lead





End of Summer Bash

End of summer have you down? Come out on August 31st, 5-8 pm for a for night of fun and games. We want to kick off the end of summer in style. We will have free dinner of hot dogs, burgers, chips and dessert. There will be plenty to keep you and your kids busy...

BBQ, Chips, Giant Slide, Crazy Hair, Outdoor games, Live Band, Prizes, Plus Lots More!!

We will also need volunteers for food making and serving, set up and tear down and games.

Youth Group & Young Adults

We will also be planning a summer fun outing on August 9th. We will be going to Bunker Hills Water Park we will be leaving the church at 10am and returning by 3pm. Invite your friends! Our goal is also to spend one day in service in our community. This year we will be going to Community Helping Hands on Aug. 23rd to help sort and organize donations, exact times will come soon.

Pastor Cassi

August 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!

Bob Rosenbaum	8/3
Eden Bonsell	8/5/16
Madeline Lindholm	8/14
Donald Richardson	8/17/32

Florence Padrnos	8/20
Terese Berg	8/20
Paulette Johnson	8/21
Arlene Frederickson	8/30