

The Edge

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF FOREST HILLS CHURCH

From the Pastor

The branches just outside of my office window have turned their leaves from green to a brilliant orange. Soon they will be standing stark and bare. Fall always brings with it changes, many of which we cannot control: our children reach another grade, our houses need updating, businesses are starting up/shutting down, our yards continue to balk at being maintained.

Time marches on and we are forced to accompany. Yet, even in the progression of the coming year, there are aspects that we can control. As humans, God has given us the wonderful ability to plan. We can assess what we have, dream about what we would like and make plans to get us there. As a church, we want to serve the Lord. Our expressed goal is to “make disciples who make disciples.” The “how” of accomplishing this task is always up for discussion, but, over the years, we have landed on a few principles that define who Forest Hills is as a church.

One of our answers to the “how” question is to be a congregation that stays active! In this month alone we are volunteering at St. Andrew’s homeless shelter, supporting MN Adult and Teen Challenge and hosting a craft sale. That is a busy schedule! As this is one of our defining values, we wanted to make the efforts of our doing a bit easier through the construction of an outdoor pavilion. Having such a space will greatly support who we are. It would function as an extension of our ministry as well as help communicate to the surrounding community who Forest Hills Church is and what we are all about.

“Building a Bigger Tent” is our slogan for this project, but make no mistake, we are talking about a permanent structure out in the field beyond our parking lot. We are talking about a significant investment. We are talking about expanding our ability to host events in an inviting and useful way.

The overall cost for the pavilion (\$125,000) has been broken down into three sub-totals:

- 30’ x 60’ pavilion (\$29,000) - Concrete flooring (\$16,000)
- Attached garage space (\$80,000)

Monthly Church Events

Oct 1	9:00am -UM Men
Oct 2	10:00am - Worship Service Holy Communion 6:00pm - Women on Fire
Oct 3	8:00am - Monday Morning Men, Prayer Shawl Knitters 10:00am - Quilters
Oct 5	4:00pm - Confirmation 5:30pm - Free Community Meal 6:15pm - Evening Programs 730pm -Sanctify Rehearsal
Oct 6	10:30am - Book Club 12:00pm - Sarah Circle
Oct 7	8:00am - Grow Group
Oct 9	10:00m - Worship Service
Oct 10	8:00am - Monday Morning Men, Prayer Shawl Knitters 10:00am - Quilters
Oct 12	10:00am - Birchwood 11:00am - Romeos & Juliets 5:30pm - Free Meal Served 6:15pm - Evening Programs 8:00pm - Sanctify Rehearsal
Oct 13	1:00pm - UWF Executive Board

We already have \$25,000 in our capital campaign account! If you would like to give, please designate your payments accordingly or go online under “Giving” and select the “Capital Campaign” option. You should also be receiving letters with more information and a card for recording your targeted giving.

Isaiah 54:2 says, “Enlarge the site of your tent. Stretch out the drapes of your dwelling.

Don’t hold back. Lengthen your tent ropes and strengthen your stakes.” We hope to do just that. We would like to begin construction this spring. Help us hit our target! We are asking all members of our church to consider giving to this project and to invest in the future ministry of Forest Hills Church!

For the King,

- Pastor Andrew

NEW WORSHIP LEAD !!

It is with great pleasure and excitement that we welcome Lars-Erick Carlson as Worship Lead at Forest Hills! Lars has many musical gifts to bring to us. Besides his vocal talent, he plays numerous instruments including piano, guitar, drums, and brass.

Lars comes to us with a large scope of worship experiences. He planned, coordinated, and led the Minnesota National Day of Prayer Event at the Capital as well as serving on the staff of urban, suburban, and emerging churches to create meaningful worship experiences. Lars has had the opportunity to direct choirs, dramas, brass bands, children’s choirs, and dance.

Lars graduated from the Salvation Army of Officers’ Training where he was commissioned and ordained as an Officer in the Salvation Army. Most of Lars’ early worship work involved many different positions within the organization. He managed chaplains, soldiers, and volunteers to serve the needs of the communities to which he was assigned. These needs ranged from keeping the love of Christ alive in the community to coordinating housing and food needs to aiding congregations through times of transition and change.

Lars has the love of Christ in his heart and a gift and passion for music. His desire for Forest Hills is to create authentic worship experiences that draw us closer to God and to motivate us toward actively loving God’s people. Lars, along with his wife and two sons, lives in Stillwater. We will welcome Lars on October 16 as his first Sunday with us. We look forward to what new and meaningful experiences we will have together in worship!

God is good...all the time!

Oct 14	8:00am - Grow Group 2:00pm - Unload Food Truck
Oct 15	7:00am - Food Distribution
Oct 16	10:00am - Worship
Oct 17	8:00am - Monday Morning Men 9:00am - Birthday Breakfast - PERKINS
Oct 18	6:45am - Breakfast Club 10:00am - Rebecca Circle
Oct 19	No Evening Programs 8:00pm- Sanctify Rehearsal
Oct 21	8:00am - Grow Group
Oct 23	10:00am - Worship St. Andrews Shelter Week
Oct 24	8:00am - Monday Morning Men, Prayer Shawl Knitters 10:00am - Comfort Quilters 6:30pm- CMMT
Oct 25	10:00am -PAX Meeting
Oct 26	4:00pm - Confirmation 5:30 Free Community Meal 6:15pm - Evening Programs 8:00pm -Sanctify Rehearsal
Oct 28	8:00am - Grow Group 7:00pm - Craft Sale Set-Up
Oct 29	9:00am - CRAFT SALE
Oct 30	Teen Challenge 10:00am - Worship
Oct 31	8:00am - Monday Morning Men, Prayer Shawl Knitters 10:00am - Comfort Quilters

Youth at Forest Hills

This month we are taking Pastor Andrew's sermon series on "Building in Faith" and looking at it from a different perspective. We will be taking the next 3 weeks and asking "Why Church?" If you are aware of the statistics that have gone around the last few years, you are probably as troubled by the Church drop-out rate as we are. Students are finding that the local body of believers is often at odds with their rapidly shifting culture. Once they begin to experience life outside the Christian "bubble" of their childhood, they begin to realize that the world is a diverse and highly relational place. This section of curriculum tackles two issues for students: The relational realities of their world which is in seeming conflict with the Church and the purpose of the Church community in their lives. The hope that the scriptures found in these lessons will bring about a counter-cultural revolution in these students. The teachings of Jesus were revolutionary in his own day and carry the same weight in these uncertain times. And, let's face it, loving God with our whole being and loving others well is stinking hard. We believe students are up for the challenge and the Church should be both the launching pad and home base for those desiring to live a flourishing life in Christ.

I'm also excited to welcome Zach H. He has volunteered to be an adult volunteer at Youth Group. This is such a blessing for myself and the teens.

Blessing

Pastor Cassi

Fall Grow Groups

Fall Grow Groups are officially starting today! There is still plenty of time to jump in on one of the groups. We have four groups on Wednesday night and one on Friday mornings. Check out the grow group brochure in the lobby to see which one best fits you.

The classes offered this season will be one on prayer, a more classic Bible study and then three topical studies. Please see the grow group brochure and video to learn more about each group.

Blessings,
Pastor Cassi

October 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!

Nancy Frederick	10/4	Kay Bergerson	10/12	Sherry Robinson	10/20
Bev Johnson	10/7	Erik Kargel	10/17	Shane Kargel	10/25
Delores Ford	10/10	Silas Bonsell	10/18	Julianne Benson	10/26
Roy Pope	10/11	Mason Lindholm	10/18		

