



## *From the Pastor*

Summer is over, but we are filled with excitement and expectation as we embrace the coming school year! God is at work in Forest Lake, and we have the opportunity and the duty to lead others into His truth, His grace, His eternal life. Jesus left this planet with these words: “Go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to obey all that I have commanded you...” A big ask to be sure, but not one that he has left us alone to accomplish. Through the power of the Holy Spirit, we can go and make disciples. And every disciple must respond to an initial invitation: “Come and follow me.”

Every church wants to establish a culture of invitation and hospitality. Every church wants to be a place where visitors feel welcomed. Forest Hills is no exception. Each week, staff works vigilantly to provide an engaging and inspiring service. Each week volunteers work to make sure everyone is greeted and seated; that the lights and sounds are palatable. Each week is an opportunity to experience God’s presence; to step even further into transformation. We want people to experience what we offer...great music, loving people, a biblical sermon and most of all, Jesus himself. We want to invite people into a relationship with Jesus.

Starting on September 10th, we will be watching and discussing the smash hit miniseries “The Chosen” which is already in its fourth season. We will be looking at season one. This series tells the story of the Gospels as seen through the eyes of the disciples. Though most of the scenes depicted are imagined, they are rooted in the proper historical context and based on the information we have in Scripture. That said, the films seek to portray an accurate picture of Jesus and his disciples.

We wanted to pair this sermon series with our grow groups so that everyone will have the opportunity to watch each episode and follow along with each week’s sermon. Each grow group will watch the episode together, have a short time for some discussion and then have a chance to revisit, breakdown and apply that same episode.

## Monthly Church Events

<b>Sept 1</b>	8:00am - Grow Group
<b>Sept 2</b>	9:00am - United Methodist Men
<b>Sept 3</b>	HOLY COMMUNION 10:00am - Worship
<b>Sept 4</b>	LABOR DAY Office Closed
<b>Sept 6</b>	4:00pm -PAX - Andrew 5:30pm - Community Meal 6:15pm - “The Chosen” Watch Party 7:30pm - Sanctify Rehearsal
<b>Sept 7</b>	10:30am - Book Club 12:00pm - Sarah Circle 6:30pm - PAX - Julie (Remote)
<b>Sept 8</b>	8:00am - Grow Group
<b>Sept 9</b>	5:30pm - Adult Fellowship
<b>Sept 10</b>	10:00am - Worship
<b>Sept 11</b>	8:00am - Monday Morning Men, Prayer Shawl Knitters 8:00am - PAX - Andrew 10:00am - Comfort Quilters 10:00am PAX - Tracy H.
<b>Sept 12</b>	6:30pm - AD Council
<b>Sept 13</b>	10:00am - Birchwood 11:30am - Romeos/Juliets 4:00pm - PAX - Andrew 5:30 - Community Meal 6:15pm - Grow Groups 7:30pm - Sanctify Rehearsal
<b>Sept 14</b>	10:00am - PAX - Sue 1:00pm - UWF - Exec Board 6:30pm - PAX - Julie (Remote)

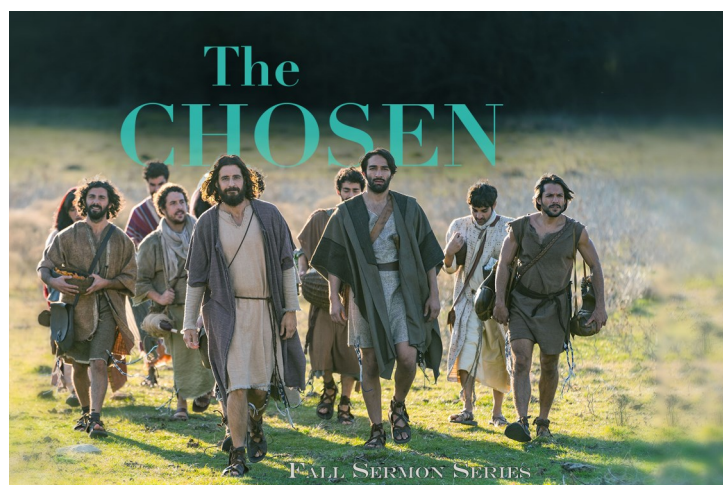
As you watch, I think it is easy to see that the producers of “The Chosen” deeply desire that people would better know and understand Jesus. They want to share the story of the Gospels with people who might never have heard it, who might never read their bible, who might never attend church. In other words, these filmmakers are trying to be faithful disciples themselves. This too is our call.

We want to be disciples who make disciples. We want to initiate an invitation to those who are unfamiliar with the Gospel story, or who at least have not understood it. We want to invite people into an opportunity to get to know who Jesus is! We want to invite them into a church that will offer them God’s truth, love them where they are and set them on a path toward becoming disciples themselves!

Invite your friends, family members and neighbors to join us as we seek to follow after Jesus and live faithfully together as modern day disciples who have been Chosen!

For the King!

Pastor Andrew



## ECHO UPDATE

Hello from Echo.

September is soon upon us and that means the start of school and ECHO. I’m excited to start a new school year with the kids. We had a great turn out for Kids Bash and hopefully we will see them return.

Since the sermons and grow groups are focusing on The Chosen , in ECHO we will take a closer look at the disciples. Hope you all had a great summer.

**Miss Sue**

<b>Sept 15</b>	8:00am - Grow Group 2:00pm - Unload Food Truck
<b>Sept 16</b>	7:00am - Food Distribution
<b>Sept 17</b>	10:00am - Worship
<b>Sept 18</b>	8:00am - Monday Morning Men 8:00am - PAX - Andrew 9:00am - Birthday Breakfast @ PERKINS 10:00am - Comfort Quilters 10:00am - PAX - Tracy H
<b>Sept 19</b>	10:00am - Rebecca Circle
<b>Sept 20</b>	4:00pm - PAX - Andrew 5:30pm - Community Meal 6:15pm - Grow Groups 7:30pm - Sanctify Rehearsal
<b>Sept 21</b>	86:30pm - PAX - Julie (Remote)
<b>Sept 22</b>	8:00am - Grow Group
<b>Sept 24</b>	10:00am - Worship
<b>Sept 25</b>	<b>RUMMAGE SALE SET UP</b> 8:00am - Monday Morning Men, Prayer Shawl Knitters 8:00am - PAX - Andrew 10:00am - Comfort Quilters 10:00am PAX - Tracy H.
<b>Sept 26</b>	4:30pm - <b>RUMMAGE SALE SET UP</b>
<b>Sept 27</b>	4:00pm - PAX - Andrew 5:30pm - Community Meal 6:15pm - Grow Groups 7:30pm - Sanctify Rehearsal
<b>Sept 28</b>	<b>8:00am - RUMMAGE SALE</b> 10:00am - PAX - Sue 6:30pm - PAX - Julie (Remote)
<b>Sept 29</b>	8:00am - Grow Group <b>8:00am - RUMMAGE SALE</b> 5:00pm - Rummage Sale Tear Down.

## Fall Grow Groups and Youth Group

This fall we are trying something new. All of our Grow Groups will be watching an episode from season one of the Chosen. The Chosen, the first multi-season show about Jesus's life, hopes to take you deeper into gospel stories by retelling and expounding on the character and intentions of Jesus and those who knew Him. As a church we will be going through the first season together. In Grow Groups, we will watch an episode and discuss what we see, then on Sundays Pastor Andrew will expound on the episode and what it means for our lives today.

There is still time to sign up for Grow Groups in the lobby.

- Sundays 8:30am (Starting Sept. 10th)
- Tuesdays 10:00am (Starting Sept 5th)
- Wednesdays 6:15pm (Starting Sept 6th)

If you miss a week, you can watch the episode here: <https://www.angel.com/watch/the-chosen>

Youth Group will start next Wednesday also. This fall we will be following along with the rest of the Grow Groups and watching and discussing the Chosen.

Thank you

Pastor Cassi Betker



## September 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!

Lee Hansen  
Doris Richardson  
Ezra Bonsell

9/13  
9/18/37  
9/20/11

Steve Betker  
Steve Ruter

9/27/75  
9/30

## Pavilion Update:

Over the last few weeks we have had some white flags sticking up from the ground near our firepit area. These have marked the future site of our new pavilion. But the future is now!

We have obtained the proper permits, signed with contractors and prepared the groundwork (including having to relocate our playground equipment). Phase 1 of the pavilion will be completed by the end of September! It has been a journey and there is still a long way to go as we continue to finish off Phase 2: concrete flooring and Phase 3: an attached garage!

Praise God for this progress and for the ministries that we can accomplish in this new space!

## Potential Parsonage Sale

The Ad Council has entertained a proposal to sell the church parsonage. There are reasons to do so and reasons to hang on to it. Currently, the home is being rented and we have been working with a rental company that helps oversee tenants. The Ad Council does not have the authority to make this decision, that authority lies with you! Voting members get the final say in how we proceed.

We would ask all of our members to be present for an informational meeting regarding the potential sale of the parsonage. There you will hear some numbers and a presentation of reasons for and against selling. There will also be an opportunity to ask questions. This meeting will be held Sunday, September 24 th right after church. Be sure to attend so you can be in the know and make an informed vote.

If you are unable to attend this informational meeting, there will be a follow up session on Wednesday, September 27 after dinner.

Finally, we will be calling a special Church Conference on Sunday, October 1 st , once again, after church. This is when we will officially vote on whether or not to sell the parsonage.



**Sept. 28th-29th 8-5pm**

**Come check out  
all the treasures**

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