



From the Pastor

Our Grow Groups have been a success! I have heard many comments about “The Chosen” and how the series has enhanced the New Testament. The conversations and scenes in the film, though not directly from scripture, help provide a backdrop to the Gospel accounts.

The hope is that as we watch these episodes, they will inspire and encourage you to dig into the Bible with fresh eyes. We never want to rely on a filmmaker or a production company to provide us with spiritual food, so be sure to both watch AND read! If you are not part of a Grow Group, there is no harm jumping in midstream. Check the calendar for when groups meet, choose one that works for you and join in the experience!

“The Chosen” sermon series will take us through the month of October. The leaves are starting to turn and there is a crispness to the air which means our stewardship season is coming! During this time, as a church, we encourage our members to think about the coming year: Where do you see God’s blessing? What does the year look like financially? How do you intend on giving to the church and other ministries? Stewardship involves a bit of planning as well as commitment. The Administrative Council of Forest Hills Church is tasked with putting together a budget for the coming year. In order to arrive at solid numbers and realistic plans, the budget team relies on the projected giving from the members of the church. This commitment from members then carries throughout the entirety of the year and Forest Hills is able to smoothly function.

Giving is not easy or natural. But the Bible is clear: we reap what we sow (2 Cor. 9:6)! When we give from a grateful heart, we are choosing to live as disciples who give their all in service to the Lord. This past year, like any year, we have lost some members and we have gained some members, but overall we have seen a downtrend in our normal giving. As we adjust budget lines and cut spending in an effort to be faithful stewards, I want to encourage us all to take a step of faith. Spend some time in prayer as you consider what your giving might look like in the coming year. Next month, we will be asking everyone to fill out an estimated

Monthly Church Events

Oct 1	HOLY COMMUNION 8:30am - Grow Group 10:00am - Worship
Oct 2	8:00am - Monday Morning Men, Prayer Shawl Knitters 8:00am - PAX - Andrew 10:00am - Comfort Quilters 10:00am PAX - Tracy H.
Oct 3	10:00am - Grow Group
Oct 4	4:30pm -PAX - Andrew 5:30pm - Community Meal 6:15pm - Grow Groups 7:30pm - Sanctify Rehearsal
Oct 5	10:30am -Book Club 12:00pm - Sarah Circle 1:30pm - Home School 6:30pm - PAX - Julie (Remote)
Oct 6	8:00am - Grow Group
Oct 7	9:00am - United Methodist Men
Oct 8	10:00am - Worship 8:30am - Grow Group
Oct 9	6:45am - Breakfast Club 8:00am - Monday Morning Men, Prayer Shawl Knitters 8:00am - PAX - Andrew 10:00am - Comfort Quilters 10:00am PAX - Tracy H.
Oct 10	10:00am - Grow Group 6:30pm - AD Council
Oct 11	10:00am - Birchwood 4:30pm -PAX - Andrew 5:30pm - Community Meal 6:15pm - Grow Groups 7:30pm - Sanctify Rehearsal
Oct 12	10:00am - PAX - Sue 1:00pm - UWF - Exec Board 6:30pm - PAX - Julie (Remote)

giving card for the coming year so we can sow generously into the fields that God has prepared! This month we bid farewell to our Worship Director Lars Carlson. Lars and his wife Chloe have been a wonderful addition to the music ministry at Forest Hills. Lars brings to the stage an immense amount of talent, but more importantly, he functions out of love for Jesus and His church. We have enjoyed worshipping the Lord with Lars, and we wish him all the best as he moves on to serve elsewhere. Lar's last service at Forest Hills will be Oct. 15. We will serve some treats before service begins that morning for any who would like to come and say goodbye to the Carlsons.

On Sunday Oct. 1st we convened a special church conference and voted on whether or not Forest Hills should sell the church parsonage. After an informational meeting and some discussion the week before, the proposition passed in a 40 – 5 vote. Certainly, this is not a decision made lightly. There are pros and cons to either option, which is why we refer these important decisions to such a vote.

Forest Hills Church owns the parsonage outright and, in the near future, steps will be taken to put the house on the market in the hopes of receiving a good offer. Since all United Methodist buildings and property are owned by the Minnesota Conference, proceeds from the sale have certain restrictions. While the money cannot pay for operational costs or general budget needs, it can go toward capital needs and building maintenance as well as paying off the mortgage on our actual church building. Please keep the process of selling a home in a fluxing market in your prayers!

For the King!

Pastor Andrew



Oct 13	10:00am - Grow Group
Oct 14	5:30pm - Adult Fellowship
Oct 15	8:30am - Grow Group 10:00am - Worship
Oct 16	8:00am - Monday Morning Men 8:00am - PAX - Andrew 9:00am - Birthday Breakfast @ PERKINS 10:00am - Comfort Quilters 10:00am - PAX - Tracy H
Oct 17	10:00am - Grow Group 10:00am - Rebecca Circle
Oct 18	11:30am - Romeos & Juliets 4:30pm - PAX - Andrew 5:30pm - Community Meal 6:15pm - Grow Groups 7:30pm - Sanctify Rehearsal
Oct 19	6:30pm - PAX - Julie (Remote)
Oct 20	8:00am - Grow Group 2:0pm - Unload Food Truck
Oct 21	8:30am - Grow Group 7:00am - Food Distribution
Oct 22	10:00am - Worship
Oct 23	6:45am - Breakfast Club 8:00am - Monday Morning Men 8:00am - PAX - Andrew 10:00am - Comfort Quilters 10:00am - PAX - Tracy H
Oct 24	10:00am - Grow Group
Oct 25	4:30pm - PAX - Andrew 5:30pm - Community Meal 6:15pm - Grow Groups 7:30pm - Sanctify Rehearsal
Oct 26	10:00am - PAX - Sue 6:30pm - PAX - Julie (Remote)
Oct 27	8:00am - Grow Group
Oct 28	9:00am - UWF - Fall Craft Sale
Oct 29	8:30am - Grow Group 10:00am - Worship
Oct 30	8:00am - Monday Morning Men 8:00am - PAX - Andrew 10:00am - Comfort Quilters 10:00am - PAX - Tracy H
Oct 31	10:00am - Grow Group

ECHO UPDATE

Hello from Echo.

Echo is off to a great start with 14 kids the first night and 9 the other nights. We are learning about the disciples with stories and games and songs. This picture shows the kids having to get their fish into the net using a straw. They each had 12 fish and with Ann's help even Madeline and Phineas were able to join in.

Miss Sue

Director of Children's Ministries



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	10/04
Bev Johnson	10/07
Delores Ford	10/10
Roy Pope	10/11
Kay Bergerson	10/12

Eric Kargel	10/17
Silas Bonsell	10/18/13
Mason Lindholm	10/18/16
Sherry Robinson	10/20
Shane Kargel	10/25
Julianne Benson	10/26

Pavilion Update:

The grading is done! The footings and posts will be starting next week. Keep watch for the roof to be raised soon. Praise God for this progress and for the ministries that we can accomplish in this new space!

Our Parsonage

On Sunday, October 1, the Administrative Council held a Church Conference for the purpose of voting on a resolution to sell the parsonage. With 45 members in attendance, the resolution passed by a vote of 40 for and 5 against. We thank all of those that provided input toward making this resolution, as well as those that commented on and asked questions about our reasoning behind this. We are looking forward to making several improvements around the church in 2024 and beyond with the funds from this sale.

Lee Hansen
Finance Lead

St. Andrew Shelter Week:

Starting this Sunday we have agreed to help at St Andrew's Homeless Shelter in Hugo. Oct. 8-14 we have the opportunity to bring and serve the shelter dinner. We can also cover the overnight shift, which means closing up the shelter at night, sleeping there then setting out breakfast the next morning. This is a great opportunity to get to know the residents and give back to our community at large.

FALL CRAFT SHOW + LUNCHEON

OCTOBER 28th
9am - 3pm

Forest Hills Church
1790 11th St SE
Forest Lake, MN 55025



HOSTED BY THE FOREST HILLS UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

Over 20 vendors and crafters:

We have LOTS of handmade items, keychains, soaps, jewelry, gnomes, ColorStreet, dog mats, leashes, Norwex, Arbonne, Honey, 31Gifts, and Tastefully Simple just to name a few!

We will have our famous vegetable beef soup and bread for sale during the lunch hours.

**ALL PROCEEDS FROM TABLE FEES
WILL BE SHARED BETWEEN
FOREST HILLS CHURCH
MINISTRIES**