



# FAITH ALLIANCE CHURCH

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## Welcome to Faith Alliance!

Marks of a Healthy Church - Part IV  
"People are Maturing in the Fruit of the Spirit"

Something I love about kids that grow up in a small farming community is their love for milk. Unfortunately, I think this may be phasing out a bit but I know it was true 50 years ago, and I was living it 20 years ago. I would go home from practice after school and chug a big glass of cold milk - along with a row of Oreos, of course. I think my mom would buy four gallons of milk at a time. Me and my siblings almost every day would have a full glass for breakfast, lunch, snack, and dinner. If I was at Grandma and Grandpa's I could get it straight out of the bulk tank - that was the best! That was some truly pure milk. It seems in scripture that Paul knew all about this pure milk.

1 Peter 2:2-3 - Like newborn infants, long for the pure spiritual milk, that by it you may grow up into salvation- if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good.

A newborn always gets the best milk, and that is what the Lord wants for us - the best. By God's design a newborn child is best fed by the milk of his or her mother. In the same way a newborn Christian is best fed by the one who has given us life - God himself, by his Spirit. The Holy Spirit brings us love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. If one mark of a healthy church is to be a people who are maturing in these areas of life, then we should be a people who crave these virtues.

What does "craving" or "longing" for pure spiritual milk look like? One way longing is evident is by having a willingness to apologize to those we've offended. If you notice the fruit of the Spirit are almost all relational in nature. We love others, we're patient with others, we're kind to others, we're faithful to others, etc... This means that when the fruit of the Spirit isn't realized in our lives other people suffer, too. Another way we long for this pure spiritual milk is by creating time and space to meet with God.

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He is more important than any meeting we have scheduled and He is more important than every activity we have planned. He is more important than we are. Do we have the humility to admit that and then act upon it? If we make time to read the Bible, pray, and invest in our brothers and sisters in Christ then the fruit of the Spirit will mature in us.

The greatest of all of the fruit is love. It is inseparable from all of the others - none of them are possible without love. Therefore, let's start with love. We should all be longing for love. 1 John 4:8, "God is love." In all that we do, let's always start with God. He's the purest milk there is, even better than milk straight from the tank.

Blessings,  
Pastor Trent

### Current Prayer Concerns...

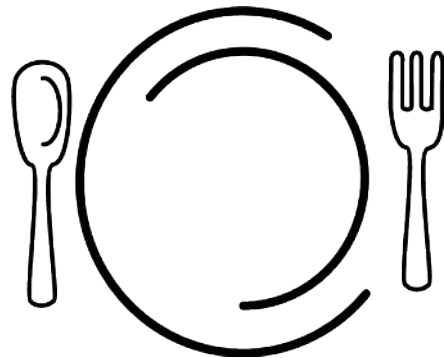
- Sally and Dick Peterson, loss of Sally's mother
- Andrew Freer, recovering from brain aneurysm
- Mary Alice McDermitt, health issues
- Mary Alice's brother-in-law, Leonard, new heart valve
- Joann Boyer's niece, extreme pain from vein collapsing
- Donna Baumgartner, Hyperbaric therapy
- Gregg Thobe, results following second round of chemo

### We got a new van!

Thanks to a generous, anonymous donation that was given and from the funds of selling the red van; we were able to purchase a new van for our church! The red van we had previously owned was slowing down and causing many problems. The new van will be a huge help for youth trips and the trips to and from Beulah Beach. Thank you all for your support and giving hearts to make this possible.

### Senior Luncheon...

All seniors are welcomed to sign up in the foyer for the Senior Luncheon that will take place on Friday, April 28. Lunch will be served and live music will be the entertainment.



**Thank You...**

Church Family,  
Thank you so much for helping me pay for this trip through donations and fundraisers. I appreciate all of the prayers, encouragement, and financial support I have received. I love partnering with you to do God's work. I can't wait to share my experiences from Africa with you when I get back.

With love,  
Miranda Paulus

**Nebobongo 5k Thank You...**

A huge thank you to everyone who helped during the Nebobongo Hunger Run 5k. From bakers and encouragers, to traffic control and extra hands on deck, thank you for your support and time that you gave during the 5k. The race went so smoothly, the funds raised for Nebobongo was wonderful! Praise God for blessing this village through your help and support!

**High School Graduates...**

Attention high school graduates!

We would like to acknowledge all of you on Sunday, May 21st during the second service. As we do every year, we want to create a pamphlet that will include some information about our graduates. If you could email Pastor James with the following information no later than May 14, you will be included in the pamphlet: senior picture, high school you will be graduating from, future plans (college, degree, work, etc), a brief summary of your high school career (jobs, sports, any extra curricular activities, awards, any highlights, etc), your favorite Bible verse, and how the church can be praying for you. Please email this to james@faith-alliance.org by May 14.

**Financial Report**

Offering April 9, 2017

General Fund: \$5,504

Building Fund: \$25

Great Commission: \$220

Deacon Fund: \$205

Local Mission: \$301

Tea House: \$10

Youth Center: \$75

Adult Mission: \$120

Hope House: \$50

**Attendance**

Week of April 16, 2017

Early Worship - 95

Kids/Youth - 23 Workers - 7

Late Worship - 305

Total Worship - 423

Foundation Class: (No class)

# YOUTH GROUP

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## WEDNESDAY NIGHT YOUTH GROUP

Doors open - 6:30p.m.

Jr. High Class - 6:30p.m. 7:30p.m.

Sr. High Class - 8:30p.m. 9:30p.m.

## SUNDAY MORNING DISCIPLESHIP

Discipleship Class - 9:15am-10:15am

*(In Classroom 8)*

*Happy Birthday this month to*

Sarah Condon, Braden Heitkamp,  
Garrett Heitkamp, Hunter Lemley,  
Josh Niekamp, Katelyn Paulus,  
Alana Pohlman, Zach Schwieterman,  
Reece Schmiesing, Ben Zimpfer

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