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Administrative Assistant

Office Hours:

Monday,
Wednesday &
Thursday:

9:30 am - 1:00 pm



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From the Pastor's Desk

Dear Ones,

Last week, our son Jesse called his dad to talk about the impending snow storm. He lamented about the 20" of snow that was forecast and how that would pile in his driveway. Kirk went full out DAD on him, reminding him to make sure he had gas for the tractors, reminding him that the WD would probably start fine, but if he wanted to use the 180 he better plug it in. He also warned Jesse not to work out in the cold for too long, to take it easy and not worry if the driveway was not perfectly cleared. He also reminded him to stay calm and not to worry. Now, Kirk knows that Jesse is a full grown man and he has done this before and already knows everything that Kirk told him, but we as parents can't help ourselves can we? Kirk wished he were there to help him but could only give advice.

Our Lord Jesus gave us some good advice and it is found all through the new testament. Perhaps the best advice he gave is:

Love God and your neighbor

When asked which commandment was the most important, Jesus said, "Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like unto it, Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself" (Matthew 22:37-39).

When you replace hate with love, and anger with kindness, you'll feel closer to God and notice more peace in your life.

Of course, we don't really think of this as advice but rather a commandment. But it's true, if we follow this, our lives will be the better for it. Just as Jesse's life will be easier if he follows Kirk's advice. There are a number of other gems of advice from Jesus in the new testament, but we have to read it to find them! Our lives will be the better for it! Jesus told his disciples and it's important for us to remember as well, that he himself can't be physically with us and so he gave to us the Holy Spirit to guide us and help us to follow the advice Jesus gave to us. Just as Kirk is only a phone call away from Jesse, Jesus is just a prayer away from us. And the Holy Spirit is always with us. So, when you can see the storm coming and know that times will be challenging, lean into the power of the Spirit and pray, remember the advice we got from Jesus and live calmly, knowing that even in the strongest storm, you are not alone.

Blessings,

Pastor Carolyn

Prayer Requests

Remember our church members & friends who are less mobile and are unable to join us as often as they would like, including:

Colony Court: Joe Tollefson, Shirley Burdick

Janesville Nursing Home: Nina Youngberg

Traditions Assisted Living Owatonna: Ardella Draheim

Benedictine Living Community: Chuck Youngberg

Lakeshore Inn: Leona Quast,

Foxdale: Lucille Kubista

Prayer Requests from Sunday Worship: Sue Baldini, Roger Groskreutz and family, Kara Ecoff, Tim Dahnert, Suzanne Saucier, Wilda Smith and family, health care workers, first responders, and those who are most at risk and vulnerable to Covid-19, those who battle chronic illness and pain.



Administrative Assistant Hours

Stacy's hours are typically Monday, Wednesday and Thursday 9:30 am to 1:00 pm. Days or hours are subject to change at times. It is best to call ahead if you need to visit the office. Hours will be posted in the weekly bulletins. Stacy will be out of the office Monday, March 13 through Friday, March 17.

2023 Offering Envelopes

We have been updated that our 2023 offering envelopes will not be shipped until sometime in March, hopefully! The company is short staffed and has encountered supply chain and equipment issues. If you still have some old envelopes, you may use them and just cross out the date and write the current date. Or, you may use the envelopes in the back of the pews. Thank you for your patience as we wait for them to be shipped.

Lenten Lunches

Lenten lunches will be held on Wednesdays, March 1 through March 29 at Noon. All lunches will be held at Grace Lutheran Church, 300 Elm Ave. East. There is no cost but a free will donation is greatly appreciated!

Ruth Circle

Ruth Circle met Tuesday February 14, 2023.

Linda acted as hostess and set a really special Valentine Day table. The decorations were pretty, the treats tasty and the fellowship great.

Congratulations to Edy Barber and Nancy Tollefson. They both received the Special Recognition award at United Women in Faith Sunday (UMW Sunday). Very deserving!!

A presentation on 'buckets' was given by Roberta. "We will become in our lives what we put in our buckets." When you show love to someone, when you say or do something kind, or even when you give someone a smile; that's being a bucket filler. Your caring words will fill their buckets up.

Do your best to treat everyone with the same kindness and respect you would like to receive; and work together to create an all-inclusive circle of love, light, peace, joy, friendship, and kindness. You will feel instantly connected to a loving God who created you with an invisible bucket to hold your happiness. Knowing each person has a bucket, you will learn that you have the power to fill buckets through your own acts of kindness and, when you do, God fills your buckets in return.

With a filled bucket of good things we could spread good things as Jesus did. *Filling up a bucket seems like a small, small thing. But it has the power to change the world!*

Anna will act as hostess at the next meeting: Tuesday, March 14th at 1:00

The program will be 'Quilts'. If the ladies have a quilt they made or one that was given to them, please bring it to the meeting to share.

**PAMPERED CHEF PARTY****APRIL 1st (Sat.) at 1:00**

in Fellowship Hall

Please bring a friend or two

There will be chips with dips and soups to try



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Birthday Tradition Thoughts!

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We have a wonderful tradition here at Faith, we celebrate and recognize our birthdays during the first worship service of every month. It is a warm and wonderful reminder of our place in a loving fellowship and family. Often, we celebrate milestone birthdays with a cake. So, I have a thought, what if when our birthday rolls around, we make a birthday cake kit for the food shelf. In a little box or bag we put in our favorite cake mix, a box of candles, frosting and a small bottle of vegetable oil (if the cake mix calls for it). And send it along with our pancake mix and bottles of syrup. (Don't forget to label your package that it's a birthday cake kit!!)

This idea is not mine but was a suggestion by a young lady I met at the food shelf when I was dropping off the pancake mix and syrup. I asked her if there was anything that the church could do for her. Immediately she replied that she wished that someone would have a birthday cake kit for her young son's birthday. A kit that would have all the goodies necessary for a birthday cake.

So, next time we go to Walmart or the Dollar Tree, let's go cake shopping and help that young mom give her child a celebratory birthday cake!

I will be celebrating my birthday soon with a cake, so I am going to love my neighbor by helping them celebrate their birthday with a cake as well.

Love God, Love your neighbor.



Please Stay Home if You are Sick

To keep all of us safe, please stay home from church if you have any of these symptoms:

- Fever or chills
- Cough
- Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
- Fatigue
- Muscle or body aches
- Headache
- New loss of taste or smell
- Sore throat

If you are unable to attend worship, you may view the service online via a link on our Facebook page, Faith United Methodist Church, or our website, wasecafaithumc.com. The service is also aired on the local PEG television, channel #8 at the following times:

Sunday 12:30 PM

Thursday 4:30 PM

Tuesday 8:30 AM

Saturday 6:00 PM

Soap Closet

Faith UMC is participating with Minnesota Valley Action Council (MVAC) as a drop off site for their "Soap Closet". It is a program to help those in need with hygiene supplies in our county. The drop off box is located in the narthex. Items they are looking for include the following:

- New men's, women's and children's underwear and socks
- Toothbrushes and toothpaste
- Body Wash or bar soap
- Q Tips
- Hand soap/hand sanitizer
- Toilet paper
- Feminine products
- Baby wipes/diapers/powder/soap
- Laundry detergent
- Dish soap
- Deodorant

Please consider donating items to help with this cause. Someone from MVAC will pick up the items monthly.

United Women in Faith

We are happy that last year's team has agreed to continue on for another year
Sherry Scholljegerdes, local pres. Linda Griffin, secretary, Sandy Voshell, treasurer,
Janet Welch, communications, Roberta Walker representing Ruth Circle, Karen Ferch representing Elizabeth Circle (not in photo)



On UWF Sunday, Feb. 12th, Edy Barber and Nancy Tollefson were recognized for their dedication and support of all UWF women do. Thank you both for what you do!



Lenten Word Search

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MONTHLY MEET-UPS:

Elizabeth Circle

Elizabeth Circle will meet **Wednesday, March 15 at 2:30 pm** in the Lakeview Room. Sherry Scholljegerdes will be our hostess and devotion leader. Guests and visitors are welcome.

Ruth Circle

Ruth Circle will meet on **Tuesday, March 14 at 1:00 pm** in the Gathering Room. The program will be "Quilts".

Conversation, Bible & Friends

Conversation, Bible and Friends will meet every Monday in March.