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Living Out the Season of Lent

Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, March the 6TH, and starts the 40 day journey of Lent [not counting the Sundays] culminating with the celebration of Easter on April the 21st. Here is a brief history of this important season in the life of the church.

The name comes from the custom dating back over 1,000 years of dabbing ashes on one's head as a public sign of penitence with the words "Repent and believe the gospel." The ashes then are an outward sign of our repentance and sets the tone for Lent.

Lent is a time when many Christians prepare for Easter by observing the spiritual disciplines of fasting, repentance, and self-discipline.

The forty day period prior to Easter corresponds to the 40 days in the wilderness where Jesus was tempted by Satan. This wilderness time recorded in Luke 4:1-13 tells us that ***"Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit in the desert, where for forty days he was tempted by the devil. He ate nothing during those days, and at the end of them he was hungry."*** During this time the Holy Spirit was preparing Jesus for His public ministry.

While in the wilderness Jesus was engaged in a spiritual battle with His adversary Satan. Jesus fought this battle using the spiritual practices of fasting, prayer, meditation on the word of God and total dependence on the Holy Spirit to overcome all the schemes of the Evil One.

These same tools are available for Christ's church today and we are invited under the guidance of the Holy Spirit to explore them during this Holy season.

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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 Memory & Care Suites: Ann Swenson

Colony Court: Ardella Draheim, Nina Youngberg, Leona Quast, Muriel Jenkins

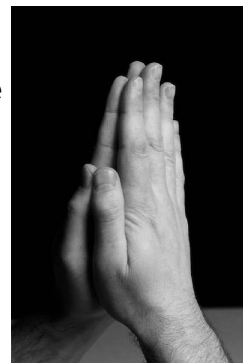
Lakeshore Inn: Florence Gutknecht, Liz Corchran

Latham Place: George and Lucille Kubista, Elaine Westrum

Koda Living Community: Chuck Youngberg

Bridgewater Memor Care: Gloria Tollefson

Prayer Requests from Sunday Worship: Nikki and Jon Schultz, Michael Schumacher



Administrative Assistant Hours

Please note that Stacy True, Administrative Assistant, will be out of the office the following dates in March: 8, 19 and 29.

Faith Crafters & Stitchers

Faith Crafters & Stitchers will meet **Thursday, March 14, 2019**, from **1:00 to 3:00 p.m.** in the Fellowship Hall. We will talk about crafts for Bazaar 2019. You may also bring a project of your own to work on. Coffee and treats will be provided. Please call Sandy Voshell at 835-4122 if you have any questions.

M & M Night

Mark your calendar for the next Meal and Movie Night. It will be **March 17th** beginning at 5:00 PM. The movie will be '**Turn Around Jake**'.

UMCOR Sunday, March 31

UMCOR Sunday, March 31, 2019, formerly One Great Hour of Sharing, is usually received during Lent. It enables the United Methodist Committee of Relief (UMCOR) to reach out and ease pain and suffering by providing humanitarian aid after disasters. This offering covers administrative expenses so that 100 percent of donations given to particular UMCOR projects and appeals can go directly to them.

Lenten Soup Lunches

Lenten Soup Luncheons will be hosted on Wednesdays at Noon, March 13 through April 10, at Faith United Methodist Church, 801 4th Ave. NE, Waseca, MN. Faith Church will be providing the meal for the March 20 lunch.

Lenten Bible Study

Perseverance: A Long Obedience in the Same Direction: Discipleship In An Instant Society.

Tourists and Pilgrims

Christians have adopted the lifestyle of a tourist and only want the high points. There is a great market for religious experience in our world; there is little enthusiasm for the patient acquisition of virtue, little inclination to sign up for a long apprenticeship in what earlier generations of Christians called holiness....Eugene Peterson

During this 6 week study we will follow the paths of the pilgrim who journeyed up to Jerusalem. Their story is told in the Songs of Ascent in Psalms 120, 124, 126, 129, 130, 132. Come join the journey March 18th – April 15th. Mondays at 9:45-11:00 a.m. in the Lakeview Room.

Lent Services

ALL SERVICES BEGIN AT 7:00 PM

Ash Wednesday, March 6 - Faith United Methodist

March 13 - Waseca Wesleyan

March 20 - Faith United Methodist

March 27 - First Congregational

April 3 - Faith United Methodist

April 10 - Waseca Wesleyan

April 17 - Passover Seder at First Congregational

April 19 (Good Friday) - Faith United Methodist

EASTER SUNDAY APRIL 21

Sunrise Service at 7:00 AM

Sunrise Breakfast at 8:00 AM

Easter Celebration Worship 9:30 AM (No Fellowship Following Service)

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Over the years the church has practiced the following spiritual practices during Lent:

1. Repentance
2. Prayer and Fasting
3. Reading, meditation on and study of the scriptures.
4. Personal Reflection And Thanksgiving
5. The Practice Reconciliation with God and our Brothers and Sisters.
6. Regular Attendance of worship services
7. Holy Communion
8. Small Group Bible Study.

As we enter the season of Lent I encourage you to:

1. To ask Jesus what He is calling you to do?
2. To ask the Holy Spirit to reveal and areas in your life where you need to repent or any person you need to forgive or ask their forgiveness.
3. To show you where God leading you to be involved in the lives of others?
4. Which of the above spiritual practices do you need to participate in to deepen your walk with Jesus.

May God Grant Each Of Us New Life And Hope As We Walk Together Towards the Hope of Easter and the Resurrection.

Pastor Victor

UMCOR Sager Brown Photo Presentation Sunday, March 31 following Service

Sager Brown is a place that is hard to imagine. It is so much more than the buildings and location, Baldwin, LA. It is a spiritual place where like-minded people come to serve. I felt more welcome there than any place in the past. The fellowship and devotions were particularly meaningful.

We all worked together in harmony.

The items that are sent have to be gone through to make sure they are correct and not damaged. We verified layette sets, birthing kits and school bags. Other teams worked on cleaning buckets. Our buckets made it safely there and I even got to sit but not drive in the tow truck.

Serving the local community and walking in the Martin King March and celebration were awesome.

Three years ago the Tennessee bishop asked for 30,000 cleaning buckets for flood victims. They returned 30,000 last year. While we were there, 6,000 school bags were asked for from Maine United Methodists. Working together to be the hands and feet of Christ in the world, what could possibly be better.

Sherry Scholljegerdes

Congregation to Feed Waseca Residents

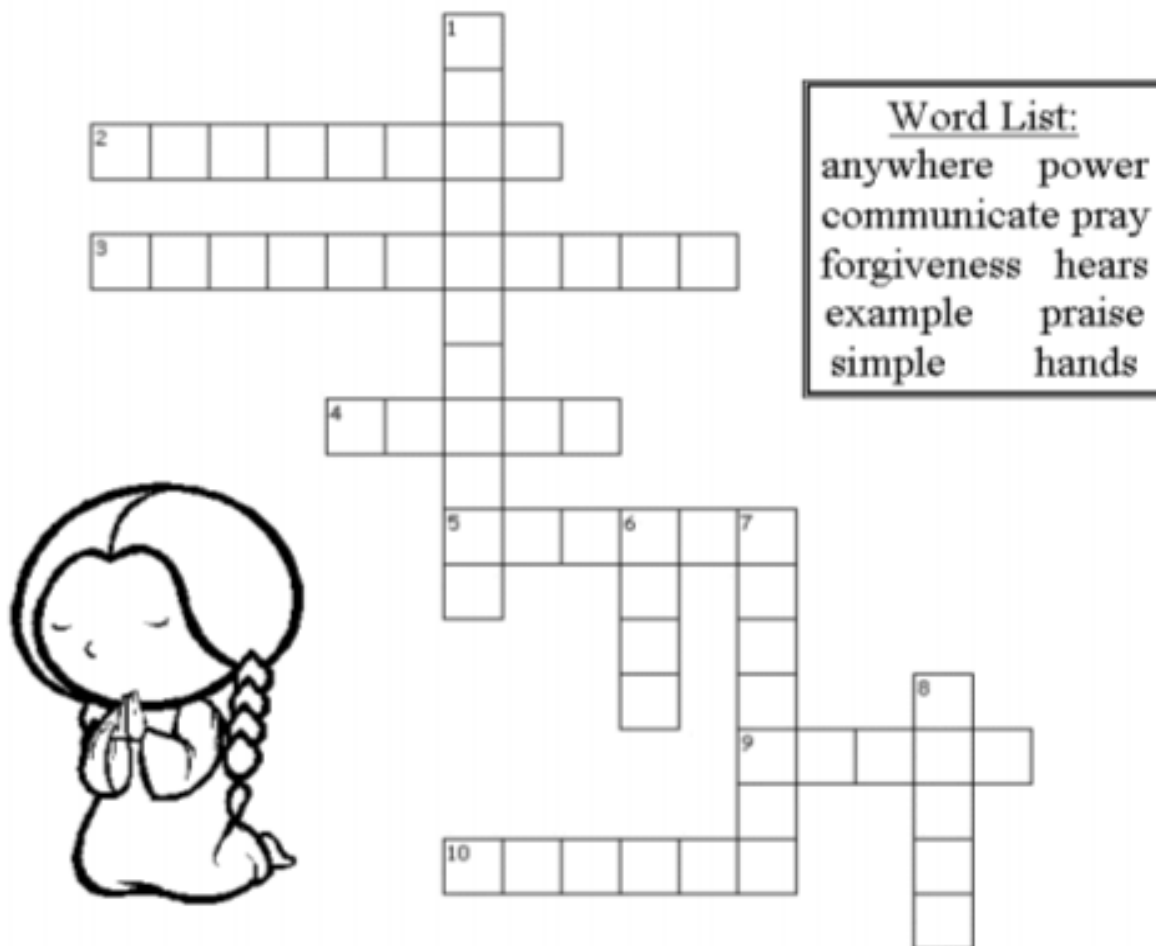


Don't get excited. The Mission Team would like to collect enough pancake mix and syrup to feed the residents of the city of Waseca. Can we do it? Of course we can! Bring Pancake mix and syrup any Sunday. There will be a Grocery Cart or container for your donations. At the end of each month the donations will be taken to the Food Shelf. A report will be in the newsletter and bulletin telling how many people were fed that month.

Population of Waseca (from the 2010 census) is 9,410 men, women and children. A 32 ounce box of Pancake mix will serve 54. I don't believe a box of pancake mix will feed 54 hungry people from Waseca, but that's how it figured. We need 175 boxes of 32 ounce pancake mix. So let's collect 200 boxes. Don't forget the syrup. Now get excited!

Submitted by the Mission Team

Lord's Prayer Crossword



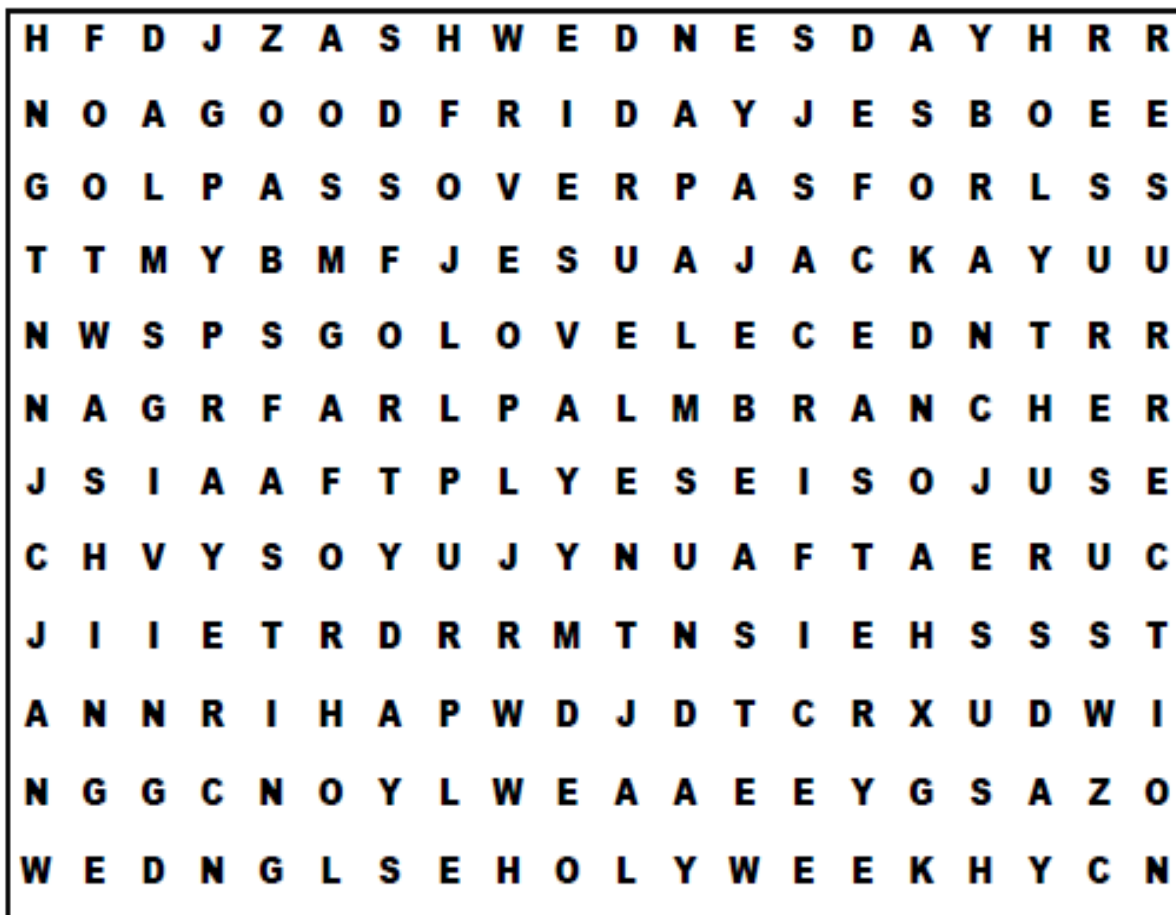
Across

2. We can pray anytime and ____.
3. Prayer is the special way we ____ with God.
4. We fold these out of respect and to avoid distraction when we pray.
5. Instead of using fancy words when we pray it's best to keep it this.
9. Praying has a lot of this because God can do anything.
10. Include this in your prayer to God because he deserves to hear it.

Down

1. An important part of prayer is to ask for this.
6. God wants us to do this all the time. When things are good and bad.
7. The Lord's Prayer is an ____ so we can know how to pray.
8. God always ____ us when we pray.

ON THE ROAD TO EASTER WORD SEARCH



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| Ash | Holy Week | Palm Branch |
| Wednesday | Holy Thursday | Forty Days |
| Sacrifice | Good Friday | Jesus |
| Almsgiving | Holy Saturday | Passover |
| Prayer | Easter | Foot Washing |
| Fasting | Palm Sunday | Resurrection |
| Lent | Purple | Love |





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We have room.

MONTHLY MEET-UPS:

Elizabeth Circle

UMW Elizabeth Circle will meet **Wednesday, March 20 at 6:00 p.m.** in the church kitchen. We will be serving fellowship after the Lenten Service.

Ruth Circle

UMW Ruth Circle will meet **Tuesday, March 12 at 10:30 a.m.** Location is to be determined.. All are welcome to attend.