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From the Pastor's Desk

Dear Ones,

For Christmas this year I was gifted a "Skylight" by our son Jesse and his family. The skylight is a digital photo frame that is connected to WIFI. I can invite people whom I would like photos from, they download the skylight app and then can send photos directly to my frame. I have around 50 photos on it right now and have it sitting on the end table by the sofa. The skylight rotates through the pictures, showing each of them for 5 seconds before going on to the next. It is really cool! I have pictures of my kids, grandkids, scenic pictures, pictures of pets and places. My skylight helps me to remember past events, treasure the present, and look forward to future events.

The season of Lent is kind of like a skylight. Throughout these 40 days, we will see snapshots of the past. We will remember the teaching, preaching, and healing that Jesus did. We will picture in our minds eye the day Jesus set his face toward Jerusalem and his triumphant entry. The last supper he shared with his friends, his trial and his crucifixion. We will also picture that beautiful scene when Mary finds the empty tomb and comes face to face with her risen savior. Lent also allows us to treasure the present, knowing that our risen savior is with us now, and picture again our future, our eternal future with our Lord.

Each year, I ask myself how I will observe a holy lent. How will I use this season as a time of self-examination, repentance and sacrifice? I hope these are questions you are asking as well. We walk this journey to the cross with Jesus, but also with each other. Here is some information about lent:

Lent is a season of forty days, not counting Sundays, which begins on Ash Wednesday and ends on Holy Saturday. Lent comes from the Anglo Saxon word *lencten*, meaning "lengthen" and refers to the lengthening days of spring. The forty days represents the time Jesus spent in the wilderness, enduring the temptation of Satan and preparing to begin his ministry.

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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: Joe Tollefson, Janice Kaupa, Shirley Burdick

Janesville Nursing Home: Nina Youngberg

Traditions Assisted Living Owatonna: Ardella Draheim

Foxdale: Elaine Westrum

Koda Living Community: Chuck Youngberg

Lakeshore Inn: Leona Quast

Latham Place: Lucille Kubista

Prayer Requests from Sunday Worship: John Slattery, Leona Quast, Addeline Buss, government officials, health care workers, first responders, and those who are most at risk and vulnerable to Covid-19, those who battle chronic illness and pain.



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From the Pastor's Desk

Lent is a time of repentance, fasting and preparation for the coming of Easter. It is a time of self-examination and reflection. In the early church, Lent began as a period of fasting and preparation for baptism by new converts and then became a time of penance by all Christians. Today, Christians focus on relationship with God, growing as disciples and extending ourselves, often choosing to give up something or to volunteer and give of ourselves for others.

Sundays in Lent are not counted in the forty days because each Sunday represents a "mini-Easter." This is why you will see the designation "Sunday in Lent" rather than "Sunday of Lent" in the naming of these Sundays. On each Lord's Day in Lent, while Lenten fasts continue, the reverent spirit of Lent is tempered with joyful anticipation of the Resurrection.

Blessings,

Pastor Carolyn

Seeking Volunteers

We are seeking volunteers to change out the bulletin board display. Specifically, at this time, we are looking for someone who would be willing to change the display during Palm Sunday and Easter season. Please let Stacy in the church office know if you would like to do this.

As a reminder, there is a sign up sheet near the UMW board if you would like to sign up for any month during the year to change the bulletin board display.

Ruth Circle

Ruth circle met Tuesday, February 8th at 1:00 at the Waseca Library. Lorraine was the hostess. The table was very festive with Valentines and 'chocolate'.

The ladies celebrated Valentine's Day. A display table held objects the ladies brought for 'show and tell'. The ladies shared memories, old valentines (cards and gifts), homemade valentines and some gave valentines (chocolates) to the ladies.

We learned that Valentine Day was possibly based on the history of two Valentines that were executed (different years) on February 14th by Emperor Claudius II. Another bit of information that was shared was that St Valentine of Terni is likely to have written the first 'valentine' greeting to a young girl he tutored and fell in love with while he was imprisoned. It was stated that before his death, he wrote her a letter and signed "From your Valentine" which remains a commonly used phrase today.

Ruth circle's next meeting will be on Tuesday, March 8th at 1:00 in the Gathering Room. Margaret and Vada will serve as hostess. The program will be 'St Patrick Day'.

Relaxing of COVID Restrictions

The past few weeks, the COVID cases in the State of Minnesota and also in Waseca County have been on the decline, but by no means are we out of woods yet. With this information, we are announcing that we will be relaxing some of the COVID restrictions.

Effective immediately, we will not need to wear face masks while sitting in the pews. If you feel more comfortable wearing one, by all means please feel free to wear it. We would ask that when you are up and moving around the sanctuary and within the church, you continue to put your mask on. We will continue to release from the back of sanctuary to the front by the direction of the ushers.

The tables in the Fellowship Hall have been rearranged. The middle row of tables has been removed and the other tables have been spread out so we can keep our social distancing. At each table there will be four chairs instead of the normal 7 chairs. On Sunday, February 27th we will bring back fellowship time. Food will need to be served on small individual plates. This will also include bible study, small church meetings, circles, etc. can now serve food at their meetings.

On Sunday, March 13th we will be asking the choir to be an active part of our worship service. They will need to practice on Wednesday nights in the sanctuary instead of the choir room like in the past. This will be a wonderful addition to our worship experience.

It is our hope and prayers that we do not need to take any more steps backward. We also want to say "Thank You" to the congregation for your support during this difficult time.

Faith UMW Unit Meeting
Monday, February 21, 2022

Eight Faith UMW members met at the Faith United Methodist Church on Monday, February 21, 2022 at 10 am in the fellowship room for the UMW unit meeting. Elizabeth church circle provided the refreshments.

Sherry Scholljegerdes opened the meeting. We all sang The Johnny Appleseed Song before we ate the snacks. She welcomed us to the meeting.

Roberta Walker gave the devotions about Prayer and how to pray. Linda Griffin read the Secretary's report. Sandy Voshell gave the Treasurer's report. Correspondence: Barb Friedl, Shirley Hanson, and Sherry Scholljegerdes wrote thank you notes for the money to attend the Orlando, Florida UMW Assembly in May, 2022.

Sandy Voshell presented a program on Prayer and Self Denial. A basket and envelopes for the money was passed to each table.

We are a five star unit and Mission Today Unit for 2021.

Old Business:

UMW Sunday discussion. Donations to schools were deferred to Fall by the Executive Board.

New Business:

Lenten Luncheon at Grace Lutheran Church on Wednesday, March 23, 2022 from 12 noon- 1:00 PM. Faith UMC women in charge of providing the soup, breads, butter patties, setting tables, serving the food, and cleaning up after wards.

Spring Luncheon at Waseca Faith UMC is being discussed.

Conference UMW Executive Board meeting set for March 26, 2022 at Faith UMC in Waseca. MN or on Zoom.

Dates to Remember: SP Spring Gathering on April 23, 2022 in Windom, MN
SP Day Apart will be on June 14, 2022 in Redwood Falls, Mn.
SP Fall Gathering will be in Blue Earth, MN on September 17, 2022.

The program today was: What Did You Say? Listening Skills- Listening The Forgotten Skill. Sherry Scholljegerdes was our speaker.

The next UMW Unit Meeting is on May 16, 2022 at 10 am. Roberta Walker is in charge. Sharon Fruechte will do Yoga For Us.

Your Secretary,
Linda Griffin

Lent

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 Last Supper
 Holy Thursday
 Ash Wednesday
 forgiveness
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Arrest
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 Disciples
 Palm Sunday
 Ashes
 penance
 forty days

Denial
 Example
 Peter
 Jerusalem
 desert
 prayer



*A warm bowl of soup, fellowship with friends
and a devotional from an area pastor, just for the cost of a donation*

Lenten Lunches

Sponsored by the Greater Waseca Ministerial Association

Wednesdays at 12:00 noon

March 9th - April 6th

at Grace Lutheran Church

300 E Elm Avenue, Waseca

Hosting Churches

March 9 - Grace Lutheran March 16 - Christ Community March 23 - Faith Methodist
March 30 - St. John Lutheran April 6 - 1st Congregational



**** Please stay home if you are sick. God will forgive you!**

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

When you do come to church or visit the church building, please remember to wear a mask at all times.

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

Effective Communication Strategies

Waseca Area Caregivers Services is hosting the Alzheimer's Association to present an Effective Communication Strategies class. This will be held on March 30 from 2:00 to 3:00 pm at Waseca Area Caregivers Services, 113 2nd St. NE, Waseca, MN (across from the post office). If you have any questions about this presentation, please contact Waseca Area Caregivers Services.



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MONTHLY MEET-UPS:

Elizabeth Circle

UMW Elizabeth Circle will meet **Wednesday, March 16** in the Lakeview Room at **2:30 pm**.
Guests and visitors welcome.

Ruth Circle

UMW Ruth Circle will meet **Tuesday, March 8** at **1:00 pm** in the Gathering Room.

Conversation, Bible & Friends

Conversation, Bible and Friends will meet every Monday in March from 3:00 - 4:30pm in the Lakeview Room.