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Monday, Wednesday & Thursday:

9:30 am - 12:30 pm



# Faith Messenger

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## "Sunday Always Comes"

"Sunday always comes". I was visiting with a member of our congregation on Easter Sunday after the 9:30 service. It was a big morning – Sunrise service, Easter breakfast and regular service. It was a beautiful day full of fellowship, music, scripture and the Good News of Jesus' resurrection. Even so, I felt a bit down as I stepped away from the pulpit. That's when a good member approached and we started to talk about the blessing of Easter amidst the turmoil of the world. That's when he said to me – **"Sunday always comes"** Isn't that reassuring? "Sunday always comes" Our God is faithful; Jesus is alive and Sunday always comes!

Our Thursday Mornings Bible Study class just finished up Adam Hamilton's study, "24 hours that changed the world". It was an emotionally charged look at the last 24 hours of Jesus' life before he was resurrected. One of the take-aways for me was a quote attributed to Frederick Buechner that Adam shared, **"Resurrection means the worst thing is never the last thing."** What a beautiful thought! Another way of saying that "Sunday always comes", and for that, I am extremely grateful. The resurrection of Jesus Christ tells us that no matter what we go through in this life, there is a better life waiting for us. No matter how hard things get, there is hope for tomorrow. No matter what we have done, God's love trumps it and we can be forgiven, and more than forgiven, made whole.

So, my friends, let us live like Easter people who know the love and forgiveness of Jesus Christ. People who follow Jesus in this life and look forward to the next step in our journey, our eternal life in heaven. Let us live in such a way that others look at us and wonder what makes us so happy, so loving, so kind. Let us live in such a way that people want what we have – a savior alive and active in our lives. Let us live as though the worst thing is never the last thing, as though we know that Sunday always comes and we can count on it!

Our Thursday mornings bible study is taking a break for the month of May, but will be gathering again on June 2. Please consider joining us at 10:30 each Thursday as we fellowship, learn and deepen our relationship with Jesus. We will be using another of Adam Hamilton's studies.

I look forward to continuing our ministry together as we live into our "Easter People" calling.

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, 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:** Sue Baldini, Mark & Karen Norby and family, 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.



## Administrative Assistant Hours

Please note that Stacy will be out of the office Monday, May 23 through Friday, May 27.

## Updated Phone Number

Please be advised Edy Barber has a new phone number of 320-330-2107. If you need to reach Edy, please use this new number.



## Graduation Sunday



We will be celebrating one graduate, Hannah Kilmer, on Sunday, May 22. There will be a reception in the fellowship hall following worship.

## You're Invited

Bob and Janette Larson would like to invite you to celebrate with them in honor of their 60th wedding anniversary and the graduation of their grand-daughter, Sydney. A reception will be held on Sunday, May 22 in the Fellowship Hall from 2:00 - 5:00 pm. Cake and coffee will be served.

## Trustees Meeting

Trustees will meet on Thursday, May 19 at 6:30 pm in the Lakeview Room,

### Sue Baldini Update

I would like to say "THANK YOU" to my church family for your thoughts of concerns, cards, prayers and telephone calls regarding my recent fall. The power of prayer is a powerful tool. You will never know how much they have meant to me and my family.

I'm currently at Rochester Gemrose building, part of St. Mary's Hospital and receiving daily therapy, both operational and physical therapy, six and sometimes seven days weekly. If that isn't enough, when David comes over in the evening we do another several hours of therapy in my room. Everyone we have come in contact with has been great, patient and willing to answer all our questions and make sure we understand each step along the way.

The plan is at the end of April, I will be transferred up to Courage Center in Golden Valley, to their spinal cord center for specialized therapy to start walking and getting more movement in my body.

Today I can move my ankles, toes and elbows and with limited movement of my fingers. With each day I can see improvements and that is what keeps me going, along with the outside support I receive.

Those two little words "Thank You" doesn't seem to be appropriate for all that our family received, but this all I can offer. Can't wait to get back to church and see everyone again. Thanks again and God Bless.

*Sue Baldini*

### Benefit Sale for Sue Baldini

Vada Dahnert will be having a benefit garage sale for Sue Baldini on Saturday, May 14 beginning at 8:00 am. She will be serving sloppy joes, chips, donuts, cookies and coffee. Sloppy joes will be \$5/plate. Donations are needed for the sale. Suggested items are small appliances, furniture, clothing (in very good condition please), jewelry, toys. Cash donations will also be accepted.

### Spring Luncheon Thank You

You made it happen!! Thanks to all of you who were involved. "It takes a village" and some of you (you know who you are) worked really hard to make it a reality, a special thanks to you!!

*Sherry Scholljegerdes*, Chair

## Ruth Circle

Ruth circle met Tuesday, April 12 at 1:00 in the Gathering Room. Nancy was the hostess. It was evident with the table decorations and Linda's devotional that Easter was right around the corner.

Roberta presented the program: 'What the Cross Means to Me'. It started with the ladies singing, 'The Old Rugged Cross'.

The program consisted of sharing thoughts about the Cross being a symbol of what Jesus did for us. The ladies shared thoughts about what the cross means to them. Some shared thoughts about a Bible camp they attended (Camp Frontenac) and remembering a cross that was there that was similar to the cross we have at Faith.

The closing thoughts were: The cross is, and always will be, a symbol: A symbol of truth, trust and justification. To individuals, the cross may mean different things. But to most Christians, the cross represents the greatest sacrifice ever made and the assurance of salvation.

So many gaze at the Cross and yet hold on to past hurt, pain, and problems. They don't belong on your back any longer-Jesus has taken them on his. The debt is paid. Look to the Cross and receive your salvation.

A short business meeting was held. A letter was read from Patrice Waters, a past member of Ruth Circle. It was great hearing from Patrice and we will be extending an invitation to Patrice to come for a visit to Ruth circle.

Roberta shared a visitation that her and Shirley Hansen did with some individuals who are unable to attend church.

Ruth circle's next meeting will be on Tuesday, May 10th at 1:00 in The Gathering Room. Edy will be hostess and give the program on 'Prayer'. Roberta will give the devotion.

## Drapes on the Cross

Ruth circle reviewed the meanings of the drapes on the cross at Faith and thought it may be of interest to others.

**Purple:** The cross is draped with purple beginning on Ash Wednesday, the first day of Lent. The purple drape hangs for almost the entire duration of Lent. Represents both royalty and penitence

**Black:** The cross is draped in black on Good Friday, representing the death of Christ on the cross for our sins.

**White:** The cross is draped in white on Easter Sunday representing purity and Christ's resurrection. It is on the cross for a week

**Red:** Red goes on for Pentecost, the 7<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Easter. Red symbolizes the color of fire to represent the Holy Spirit on the Day of Pentecost and times when the work of the Holy Spirit is emphasized. This drape is on the cross for about a week.

## Rock Painting Party

A Rock Painting Party is scheduled for Tuesday, May 17<sup>th</sup> from 4:00 – 7:00. We will have a light meal at 5:45.

It will be great getting together to paint some rocks. This is open to anyone, any age. Come and join us. It's fun and it is great to paint a rock that someone finds. When they find a rock, they can post it on the Facebook site: Waseca MN Faith Rocks.

People can take rocks to hide around town or on a trip they take.

## 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

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](http://wasecafaithumc.com). The service is also aired on the local PEG television, channel #8 at the following times:

Sunday 12:30 PM

Tuesday 8:30 AM

Thursday 4:30 PM

Saturday 6:00 PM

# Amazing Grace

John Newton

Traditional American Melody

1. A - maz - ing grace! How sweet the  
 2. 'Twas grace that taught my heart to  
 3. Thro' man - y dan - gers, heart to  
 4. When we've been there, ten thou - sand

sound! That saved a wretch like me!  
 fear, And grace my al - lies, re - lieved.  
 snares years, Bright have shin - ing read as - y the come.  
 sun,

I once was lost, but now am  
 How 'Tis pre - grace - cious that brought me to safe sing ap -  
 We've grace no less days to sing God's

found; Was blind, but now I see.  
 pear, The hour grace I be - lieved.  
 far, And grace will lead me home.  
 praise, Than when we first be - gun.

# Amazing Grace

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*In Him we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of His grace. Ephesians 1:7*

**I**t's hard to shake off a mother's influence. John Newton's earliest memories were of his godly mother who, despite fragile health, devoted herself to nurturing his soul. At her knee he memorized Bible passages and hymns. Though she died when he was about seven, he later recalled her tearful prayers for him.

After her death, John alternated between boarding school and the high seas, wanting to live a good life but nonetheless falling deeper and deeper into sin. Pressed into service with the British Navy, he deserted, was captured, and after two days of suspense, was flogged. His subsequent thoughts vacillated between murder and suicide. "I was capable of anything," he recalled.

More voyages, dangers, toils, and snares followed. It was a life unrivaled in fiction. Then, on the night of March 9, 1748, John, 23, was jolted awake by a brutal storm that descended too suddenly for the crew to foresee. The next day, in great peril, he cried to the Lord. He later wrote, "That tenth of March is a day much remembered by me; and I have never suffered it to pass unnoticed since the year 1748—the Lord came from on high and delivered me out of deep waters."

The next several years saw slow, halting spiritual growth in John, but in the end he became one of the most powerful evangelical preachers in British history, a powerful foe of slavery, and the author of hundreds of hymns.

Here are some things you may not know about Newton's most famous hymn. His title for it wasn't originally "Amazing Grace" but "Faith's Review and Expectation." It is based in Newton's study of 1 Chronicles 17:16–17: "King David . . . said: 'Who am I, O Lord God? And what is my house, that You have brought me this far? And yet . . . You have also spoken of Your servant's house for a great while to come, and have regarded me according to the rank of a man of high degree . . .'"

And here's a nearly forgotten verse that Newton added near the end of "Amazing Grace." Try singing it for yourself:

*The earth shall soon dissolve like snow, the sun forbear to shine;  
But God, Who called me here below, shall be forever mine.*



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## Come Worship with Us

### We have room.

#### MONTHLY MEET-UPS:

##### **Elizabeth Circle**

UMW Elizabeth Circle will meet on Wednesday, May 18 at 2:30 pm in the Lakeview Room. Guests and Visitors welcome..

##### **Ruth Circle**

UMW Ruth Circle will meet **Tuesday, May 10** at **1:00 pm** in the Gathering Room.

##### **Conversation, Bible & Friends**

Conversation, Bible and Friends will **not** meet on Monday, May 16 or Monday, May 30.