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Monday,
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From the Pastor's Desk

Greetings and blessings,

As I write this, the maple trees to the North of the church have begun to turn those beautiful golden and crimson colors. The air has a nice crisp coolness to it and the geese are flocking together as well as the gulls. Suffice it to say that fall has blown in and the wonder that it brings is being unveiled.

Fall is my favorite season, and I would venture to guess that for many of you it is as well. Fall is like the best of everything, we have warm days and cool nights. The beautiful colors, the joy of harvest from the fields and gardens. The unique smells and flavors and of course pumpkin spice flavored drinks and foods galore! Fall, don't you just love it!

Well, prepare yourselves, because some folks much prefer...yikes....Winter! Oh say it isn't so! Yes it's true, I married one. If Nicki had her way, we would be residents of some far away land where the ground never thaws and snow never leaves. Nicki loves the cold because that is when she is most comfortable. This last winter, we only had the heat on for three days and usually our windows were open. Suffice it to say that I have learned how to adapt. Does this mean I like winter? No, but it does mean that my dear wife will be the most comfortable she has been for quite a spell. That makes winter a joy for me.

Too often we focus too much on what I want or what I like, when instead we should be sensitive to the needs and pains of others. I am willing to shiver through a winter because I love my wife very much, and her comfort is of the utmost importance to me. I want to help diminish her pain.

Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In his great mercy he has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, 1 Peter 1:3

There is no greater pain than life without hope. A gentle greeting, an extended arm of support, a listening ear, and a loving response with words of encouragement and a heart that truly cares about others. We have hope because we have a relationship with Jesus. Therefore, walk with the hurting in their life journey, and tell them about what Jesus has done for you! He has filled you with hope! Take a walk with them down the Emmaus road, and give them a personal introduction to our Living Hope!

Stay in love with God, stay in love with each other, and go for a walk with your neighbor,

Pastor Jon

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: Shirley Burdick, Gloria Rollag

Janesville Nursing Home: Nina Youngberg

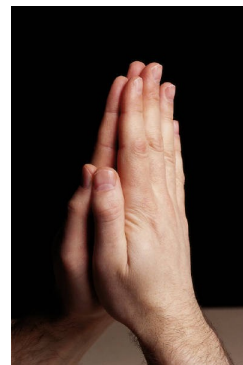
Traditions Assisted Living Owatonna: Ardella Draheim

Latham Place: Joe Tollefson

Lakeshore Inn: Leona Quast, Marian Broughten

Foxdale: Lucille Kubista

Prayer Requests from Sunday Worship: Sue Baldini, Tim Dahnert, Ron Dahnert, Gail Sauer, Beverly Peppenger, Gloria Rollag, Bob Stephan, health care workers, first responders, those who battle cancer, 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. Please note that Stacy will be out of the office October 17 through 20.

Church Cleanup

On Saturday, October 7th between 8:00AM and noon there is going to be a Fall Church Cleanup day for the church and the outside grounds. We encourage everyone to come and take part in keeping your church free of stuff we no longer need or want. There are some things outside that need to be trimmed up and taken away before winter. Look forward to seeing you there.

M & M Meeting

M&M meeting (which use to be call Hospitality meeting) was held on Thursday, September 14th at 10:00. The agenda was on present events at Faith, past events and ideas on what we can do now.

Autumn Fest Prep Meeting

Autumn Fest Prep Meeting will be held on Monday, October 16 at 10:00 am in the Lakeview Room



Sunday School News

Sunday school got off to a great start on September 10. We learned about the first Passover and made love and protection hearts to remind us that God always loves and protects us. We also made a fall themed craft to remind us that God never leaves us.

On September 24, the Sunday school children helped to put up the Mitten Tree. We also talked about "God Provides Manna" and colored placemats to remind us that God provides for us too.

In October, Sunday school will meet on October 15 and 29.



Ruth Circle

Ruth circle met Tuesday, September 12, 2023 in the Gathering Room.

Linda was hostess. The table was very colorful, decorated with fall colors. The bakery items were tasty and we were treated with candy corn, nuts and grapes. It definitely was a fall gathering.

Linda gave devotion and members read Bible verses.

Her presentation was on fall trips that her and her family have taken. She had lots of beautiful photos of the places they visited.

She showed pictures of Fall at the Arboretum. It's amazing what they can do with flowers and pumpkins. She also had pictures of flowers and trips to northern Minnesota.

A short meeting was held after the program. We discussed ideas for mission/outreach ideas.

Looking forward to the November UWIF (UMW) unit meeting. There will be a speaker from the Food shelf. We will see what their needs are and maybe see what Ruth circle can do.

Waseca United Women In Faith Unit Meeting Faith UMC
September 7, 2023 Noon

The Faith United Methodist Church United Women In Faith met on Thursday, September 7, 2023 at noon in the Fellowship Room in Waseca, Mn. Ten members were present plus our minister Jon Schultz and our guest speaker, Pat Miller. We ate a potluck meal and had a root beer float served by the Elizabeth circle.

Sherry Scholljegerdes gave the welcome.

Linda Griffin read the Secretary's Report.

Sandy Voshell presented the Treasurer's Report. Correspondence: Thank you notes from the family of Thomas Stewart in May, 2023 and money for his funeral. A thank you note from the funeral for Lucille Kubista and money, from the family of Charles Youngberg for a funeral luncheon and money.

Old BUSINESS:

Autumn Fest on November 4, 2023 in Waseca UMC fellowship room, Soup Luncheon includes Chicken Wild rice Soup, bread, pies, crackers, also a cookie sale, bake sale, and crafts at 11:00 am.

New BUSINESS:

School Donations United Women In Faith voted to give \$300 to Hartley Elementary School for the Snack Cart. Also, \$300 to Waseca Intermediate School for needed help for the students.

Nominating Committee:

Mary Jane Stauffer, Margaret Dahnert, and Mardell Jacobson.

Fall District Gathering is on September 16, 2023 in Jeffers, Mn.

Conference Fall Gathering is on October 7, 2023 in Hastings, Mn.

Pat Miller was our guest speaker about Shepherd's Robe. It opened in April, 2021. It is situated at Vista Covenant Church. She talked about the community groups giving donations of clothing, dishes, other items people might be in need. Free for anyone who needs them. There has been a huge rise for the needs of people. We are Jesus' hands and feet.

Our next United Women in Faith Meeting is on November 20, 2023 at 1:00 pm. The director of the food shelf, Cindy, will be our speaker.

Your Secretary,

Linda Griffin



Annual **Autumn Fest**
Soup & Pie Luncheon

Saturday November 4

Serving 11:00 – 1:00

MENU

Chicken Wild Rice Soup

Freshly-Baked Bread

Assorted Pies Coffee



Baked Goods

Cookie Sale

Crafts

Faith United Methodist Church
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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.

One Minute Devotion

God’s Love is Not Conditional

Exodus 34:6

Feel unaccepted, guilty, judged, criticized, or unlovable? There is hope! God’s love is NOT conditional. He does not say, “I will love you only if ...” His love never runs out. God is “compassionate and gracious...slow to anger and abounding in love.”

Taken from 100 Minutes with God, 1 Minute Daily Devotions of Timeless Inspiration.

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

1674

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places in Christ. Ephesians 1:3

Before Charles Wesley or Isaac Watts, there was Thomas Ken who has been called “England’s first hymnist.” He was born in 1637 in Little Berkhamstead on the fringes of greater London. When his parents died, he was raised by his half-sister and her husband who enrolled him in Winchester College, an historic boys’ school. Thomas was later ordained to the ministry and returned to Winchester as a chaplain.

To encourage the devotional habits of the boys, Thomas wrote three hymns in 1674. This was revolutionary because English hymns had not yet appeared. Only the Psalms were sung in public worship. Ken suggested the boys use the hymns privately in their rooms.

One hymn was to be sung upon waking, another at bedtime, and a third at midnight if sleep didn’t come. His morning hymn had thirteen stanzas, beginning with:

*Awake, my soul, and with the sun thy daily stage of duty run;
Shake off dull sloth and joyful rise, to pay thy morning sacrifice.*

His evening hymn, equally meaningful, included this verse:

*All praise to Thee, my God, this night, for all the blessings of the light!
Keep me, O keep me, King of kings, beneath Thine own almighty wings.*

All three hymns ended with a common stanza, which has since become the most widely-sung verse in the world.

*Praise God, from Whom all blessings flow; / Praise Him, all creatures here below; /
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host; / Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.*

In 1680, Thomas was appointed chaplain to England’s King Charles II. It was a thankless job, as Charles kept a variety of mistresses. Once the king asked to lodge a mistress in the chaplain’s residence. Thomas rebuked him, saying, “Not for the King’s Kingdom!” Afterward the king referred to him as “that little man who refused lodging to poor Nellie.”

During the reign of the next king, James II, Thomas, by now a bishop, was sent to the Tower of London for his Protestant convictions. After his release, Thomas retired to the home of a wealthy friend where he died on March 11, 1711. He was buried at sunrise, and the Doxology was sung at his funeral.



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MONTHLY MEET-UPS:

Elizabeth Circle

Elizabeth Circle will meet **Wednesday, October 18**, at **2:30 pm** in Lakeview. Our hostess will be Sandy Voshell. Devotions: Mary Stauffer. Guests and visitors are always welcome..

Ruth Circle

Ruth Circle will meet on **Tuesday, October 10** at **1:00 pm** at the church. We will be going to Owatonna to see Ardella.

Conversation, Bible & Friends

Conversation, Bible and Friends will meet on all Mondays in October.