



MARCH



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2020

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PASTOR'S PONDERINGS ...

The season of Lent has officially begun. Every year, I enter it in a different frame of mind. Some years I've enthusiastically made intentions to give up something, such as Diet Coke, or chocolate some years ago. Other times I've struggled to come up with a meaningful Lenten practice. I've tried adding extra daily prayer and silent meditation and reading scripture. (Because as a pastor and spiritual leader, those are things I need to be doing already). For Eric and me, Lent begins with his surgery to remove his right kidney which has a small, cancerous tumor on it. That's a lot to "give up" for Lent! I expect our focus for the next six weeks will be on healing and recovery from the surgery.

However, the Big Question is "Where is God in all of this?" The quick answer is, "God is right there, alongside us, in the midst of the muck and the ordinary." But it's not always clear and easy to see how God is working in our lives and in the world. So often lately, I read the news and just shake my head in wonderment. How did we get to this place of such hatred and vitriol and anger at one another? The world seems a fearful place right now, with influenza and the novel coronavirus threats. And yet, something like facing your own everyday problems, such as having surgery, makes the world seem a whole lot smaller, with concern for my loved ones, family, and congregation.

I love the invitation to a Holy Lent that calls us to a season of looking at ourselves and making amends for the wrongs we've done; for prayer and fasting (yes, I do this. You might find it to be a helpful practice on occasion. Try not eating from sun-up to sundown and observe how you feel when you can't reach out for something to eat). Do acts of love and kindness. Maybe you could choose someone each day to give some extra kindness to. And meditate on God's word. A simple thing to do is read a psalm each day.

I pray that your Lent will be a time of deepening your faith and seeing God at work in your life.

With love and prayers in Christ Jesus,

Pastor Jennifer+

MARCH WORSHIP

****If anyone needs a ride to church on Sunday or any other activities at the church, please call Joyce Bohnker @ 269-0740 or the church Office 263-4130****

March 1 @ 10:30AM w/ Communion

Sunday School: Sue Mohr & Jeff Anderson
 Liturgist: Kathy Jones
 Tech: Rebecca Brown
 Communion Servers: Carolyn Bukacek
 Communion Set up: Rose Mary Mason
 Greeter/Usher: Robin & David Adams
 Candle Lighters: Tanner & Tucker Gotto
 Coffee Hour: Pat Chapman & Carolyn Bukacek

March 8 @ 10:30AM

Sunday School:
 Liturgist: Jacob Halesy
 Special Music:
 Tech: Kathy Jones
 Candle Lighters: Hannah & Daniel
 Greeter/ Usher:
 Coffee Hour: Spud Feed

March 15 @ 10:30AM

Sunday School:
 Liturgist: Eric Olson
 Tech: Kathy Jones
 Candle Lighters: Paige & Bethany
 Greeter/ Usher: Robin & David Adams
 Coffee Hour: Deacons

March 22 @ 10:30AM

Sunday School: Joyce Bohnker & Sue Mohr
 Liturgist: Nancy Anderson
 Tech: Rebecca Brown
 Candle Lighters:
 Greeter/ Usher:
 Coffee Hour: Kathy Jones & Rose Mary Hanson & Al Hulsebus

March 29 @ 10:30AM

Sunday School: Maggie Chapman
 Liturgist:
 Tech: Shar Hulstein
 Candle Lighters:
 Greeter/ Usher: Vernis & Jean Nihsen
 Coffee Hour: Wayne Igou
Please sign up in the red binder or call the

YOUTH GROUP MEALS

March 4

March 8: F&O Committee

March 11: Gayle & Maggie Chapman

March 18:

March 25

Please sign up in the red binder or call the church office.



ATTENDANCE REPORT

FEB 2

Worship 56
Communion 54
NO 8

FEB 9

Worship 74
SS 4

FEB 16

Worship 48
SS 6

FEB 23

Worship 64
SS 9

FEB 26

Ash Wednesday
Worship

Stewardship & Finance

Reminder that the new per capita amount for 2020 is \$40.76 per member.



GENERAL FUND:

BALANCED 12/31/19

General:

Memorial:

F&O:

Harvesters:

Income:

Expenses:

March Bible Trivia

Who woke up under a tree and found an angel had cooked food for him?

A) Jesus B) Elijah

C) Jacob D) Samuel

**look for the answer in next month's newsletter*



February Bible Trivia Answer



Who married Jacob?

Rachel

Reference: Genesis 29:28

SUMMER CAMP

Elementary School Age

Blast Off!
June 21 - 24
(For 1st - 5th Grade!)

Survival Camp
June 28 - July 3

Discovery camps
June 14 - 20, July 12 - 18, and July 19 - 24

Art Explosion
June 28 - July 3

Middle School Age

Classic Camps
June 14 - 19, July 19 - 24

Survival Camp
June 28 - July 3

Sports & Aquatics
July 5 - 8

Night Owls
July 26 - 31

Fast Camp
June 21 - 24

Art Explosion
June 28 - July 3

Wacky Tourist
July 12 - 17

High School Age

LIT (Leaders in Training)

June 14 - 26

Age 16 +

Wacky Tourist

July 12 - 17

Mission Camp: Kansas City

June 28 - July 3

8th - 12th Grade

Night Owls

July 26 - 31

All Ages

Summer Kick-Off Open House!

Sunday, June 7 10AM - 4PM

Grands & Family Camp

July 5 - 8

Sheep & Shepherds

July 17-19

(For Kindergarten - 3rd Grade campers + a parent)

Fun Day

June 20

(PreK - 1st Grade)

Grownup Getaway

July 10-12

(Ages 21+ only)



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SESSION

Next Meeting: Thurs. March 26 @ 7PM

The Elders met on Thursday February 20, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. Rev. Jennifer Olson served as Moderator. Kendall Von Glan gave the devotions and opening prayer. The Session approved the financial reports and Pastor Jennifer's mileage. Elders offered input on the Officer Training held on Saturday January 25th, 2020. An additional date is planned to continue the discussion. Feedback was given on the Safety Training held on Sunday February 9th, 2020 by those who attended.

Committee Assignments were given as follows: Christian Education – Penny Kinney; Fellowship & Outreach – Kyle Bohnker; Finance – Bill Bruce; Harvesters – Kendall Von Glan and Pat Chapman; Membership – Pat Chapman; Mission – Shar Hulstein; Nominating – Kendall Von Glan and Shar Hulstein; Personnel – Carolyn Bukacek; Property & Grounds – Wayne Igou; and Worship – RoseMary Mason.

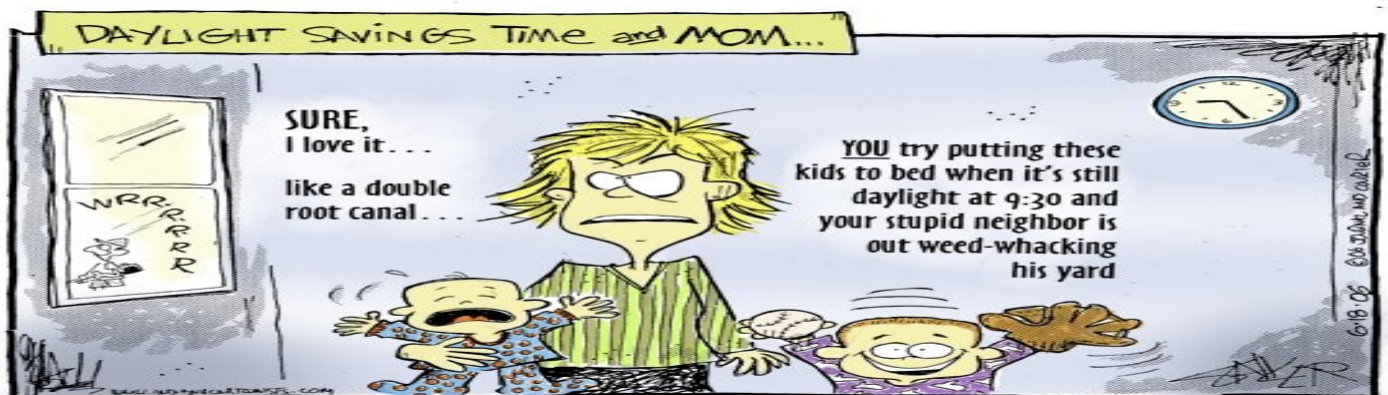
The Session approved a request by Bob and Sharon Irwin for the use of the building on Saturday May 9, 2020. The Session discussed sending a letter to Zion Lutheran Church offering the use of our building if needed.

The church will be celebrating its 150th Anniversary in 2021, a task force will be needed to coordinate activities. Any member interested in helping, please contact the church office.



A Special called meeting was held on Sunday February 23, 2020 at 9:45 a.m. in the Fireside room, with four Elders present. Rev. Jennifer Olson served as moderator and gave the opening prayer. Rosemary Hansen and Alan Hulsebus requested to be reaffirmed as members. They each shared how they came to choose this church. A motion was made and seconded to accept them as members. Motion was approved.

TIME CHANGE!!!! Spring Ahead March 8th at midnight



CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Tue., March 9 @ 7PM



Sunday school:

Sunday school is held at 9:15 am Sunday mornings.

Jeff Anderson has volunteered to lead the older youth Sunday school class for a while. Joyce Bohnker will fill in for him on March 15th.

The younger youth class is being lead by Penny Kinney (March 8th), Maggie Chapman (March 29th and April 4th), and Sue Mohr.

If you are interested in teaching please sign up in the red book or contact Sue Mohr, Pat Chapman, Gayle Chapman, Shar Hulstein, Joyce Bohnker or Penny Kinney.

Souper Bowl Proceeds:

\$224.00 and many cans of soup were donated to TAP after the Souper Bowl Sunday meal. Thank you for your donations.

Wednesday Night Youth

Wednesday Night Youth is held at 6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. We usually have up to 15 people. If you are interested in making a meal, serving a meal or doing both please let a Christian Education Committee member know or sign up in the red book. We will try to accommodate to our volunteers needs.

Bible Study

Adult Bible Study meets on Thursday mornings at 10:00 at the church. You are invited to attend.

When is an Irish potato not an Irish potato?

When it's a French Fry!

Bible Verses to Investigate...

Ezekiel 37:1-14

Exodus 17:1-7

Ephesians 5:8-14



BOARD OF DEACONS

Next Meeting: Tue. March 3 @ 6PM



The Board of Deacons met at the United Presbyterian Church on February 4, 2020 in the Fireside Room. Mary Ann Irwin, Moderator, opened the meeting with prayer. Eric Olson gave devotions using a poem by Mary Oliver, poet, entitled "The Teachers."

The minutes from the January 7th meeting were approved. Congregational Care updates were reported and discussed. Pastor Jennifer led worship and served communion, with Eric Olson helping, at the Reed House. Statistics were reported for visits, emails, letters, cards, and rides to church. Corrine Kinney-Mehaffey will send birthday cards this year. Deacons continue to pray regularly for church members/friends in 2020.

"Visitor Mugs" continue to be available. Mugs will be given to first time visitors/prospective members. A few mugs are still available for sale to the congregation at \$5.00 each.

Ideas for projects for 2020 were presented and discussed at the February Deacon meeting. A listing of ideas presented will be sent to each deacon, for thought and prayer this month, and for further discussion at the March 3rd Deacon meeting. It was decided to pursue the following: 1) Trial of selling cards again on Sunday mornings - cards will be set up on table(s) and sold for 50 cents each. 2) "Kleenex Drive" to help provide school classrooms with Kleenex boxes. Eric will announce the "drive" Sunday in church and ask for donations. 3) For the "Safety in Public Places" program at 7pm on Sunday, February 9, 2020, Corrine, Jayne, and Marge volunteered to bring cookies or bars.

Deacons voted to approve holding the April 7, 2020 Deacon meeting at The Manilla Manor (dinner 5:30pm; meeting at 6pm).

The meeting adjourned and was closed with the Lord's Prayer. The next Deacon meeting will be on March 3, 2020.

Mary Ann Irwin, Moderator

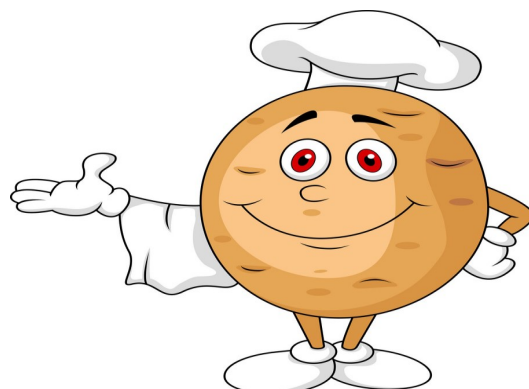
WOMEN OF THE WELL (WOW)

March 17, 2020 @ 7PM

FELLOWSHIP & OUTREACH






Fellowship & Outreach Committee will be hosting a Spud Feed on Sunday, March 8th, following worship service.

Baked potato with loads of toppings will be offered, along with dessert and beverage. See you there!



Lenten Events and Services



- Wed. Feb. 26 **Ash Wednesday** and the imposition of ashes 7pm
- Sun. Mar. 1 1st Sunday in Lent. The Worship Committee will be giving out a
“Lent in a Bag” to everyone. In the bag, you’ll find items that can
be used at home throughout Lent, with instructions for prayer and
readings.
- Sun. Mar. 8 2nd Sunday in Lent. F & O hosts a **Spud Feed** after the worship service. 
Lenten movie and popcorn at 6:30 pm in sanctuary
Movie - “Same Kind of Different as Me”
- Sun. Mar. 15 3rd Sunday in Lent. Special music from a biblical woman.
Lenten movie and popcorn at 6:30 pm in sanctuary **Movie** – “Just Mercy”
- Sun. Mar. 22. 4th Sunday in Lent. Lenten movie and popcorn at 6:30 pm in sanctuary
Movie – “Harriet” 
- Sun. Mar. 29. 5th Sunday in Lent. **POTLUCK** at 5:30 pm. Movie and popcorn at 6:30
Movie – “The Lady in the Van” Bring a dish to share. 
- Sun. April 5  **Palm Sunday/Passion Sunday.** Beginning of Holy Week.
Palm branches and a parade for Jesus’ entry into Jerusalem. Dramatic
reading of Jesus’ journey to the cross during worship.
- Thurs. April 9. **Maundy Thursday** – service details will be announced
- Fri. April 10 **Good Friday** – service details will be announced. 
- Sun. April 12 **Easter Sunday.** The Resurrection of our Lord.
Light **breakfast** served by F & O Committee beginning at **8:00 am**
Easter worship service with communion at **9:00 am.**

HARVESTERS

The UPC Harvesters met at Silveridge on Sunday evening, February 16. Hosts for the evening were Ed and Marilynn Jepsen. Kendall Von Glan presented the devotion topic for the evening on "grace." Our next meeting will be on Sunday evening March 15 as long as there are no conflicts with any activities that UPC has planned for lent. Harvesters is hoping to gather at Reed Place for our April meeting. There is quite a group there that loves to worship and sing. Harvesters was hoping to share some fellowship and a time of singing with that group at Reed Place. Be a good time for anyone in our church family to gather with others outside the four wall of our church.



Four members of Harvesters (MIM) will be spending the week of March 22-28 in Camp Grier near Asheville, North Carolina. They have a lot of sewing, painting, construction and improvement projects to work on. While in South Carolina the same time in 2019, spring was just coming to that area of the country. It was a great time to be working outside. On days that might be colder or rainy, there is still lots of work than can be done indoors as well. Other MIM events in 2020 are scheduled in May in Tennessee and November in Ohio. If you have any questions talk to Daryl and Denise Philipp, Mary Ann Irwin or Kendall Von Glan.



Lenten Movie Nights @ 6:30pm

- March 8 "Same Kind of Different Me"
- March 15 "Just Mercy"
- March 22 "Harriet"
- March 29 "The Lady in the Van" (also potluck @ 5:30pm)

MISSION

The Mission Committee once again is deeply appreciative for our congregation and the giving that each of you make as part of your lives and ministries. Whether it be money, time, or prayers, we are grateful for what you do. The January/February giving for famines experienced in many of the African countries amounted to \$xxx plus our anonymous donor will add 1/2 that amount. We also thank you for your contribution to TAP with Chunky Soup and crackers for Souper Bowl Sunday. They were VERY happy with the numbers of cans received. "Your talent is God's gift to you. What you do with it is your gift back to God."

What do you call a camel without a hump?

Humphrey

FEBRUARY PUZZLE ANSWERS

Valentine's Day Word Scramble

DIRECTIONS: Unscramble the letters to form the names of 11 different Valentine's Day words. Then unscramble the shaded letters to answer the riddle.

LIRANGD

D A R L I N G

HAETR

H E A R T

OLCHAOTEC

C H O C O L A T E

DICPU

C U P I D

MOEP

P O E M

LSWROFE

F L O W E R S

BOLEDEV

B E L O V E D

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C A N D Y

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EOEVNPLE

E N V E L O P E

RRABYUFE

F E B R U A R Y

What did the boy bear say to the girl bear on Valentine's Day?

I L O V E Y O U

B E A R Y M U C H !



MARCH PUZZLE

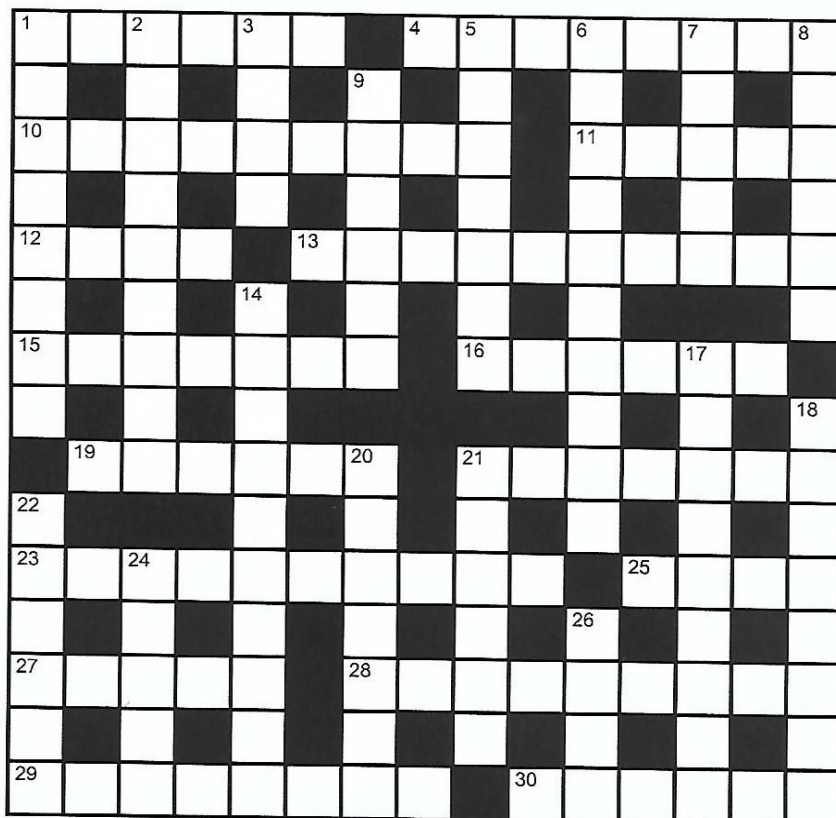
BIBLE CROSSWORD I

Across

- 1 An ancient weight (6)
- 4 Seemed (8)
- 10 New Testament book (9)
- 11 Unit of length (5)
- 12 '...it is a ____ thing the king requireth' (Dan 2:11) (4)
- 13 Contemplation (10)
- 15 Abigail supplied David with one hundred clusters of these (7)
- 16 A son of King David (6)
- 19 Concurred (6)
- 21 Light sources (7)
- 23 Propitiations (10)
- 25 A false god (4)
- 27 Gather (5)
- 28 Abimelech was hit by this (9)
- 29 Instructors (8)
- 30 Hastily (6)

Down

- 1 Skilled animal workers (8)
- 2 Inspiring (9)
- 3 Compass point (4)
- 5 Intense emotion (7)



by Philologus

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- 6 The words of Jeremiah said not to listen to these (10)
- 7 Jewish leader (5)
- 8 'He is proud, knowing nothing, but _____ about questions and strifes of words...' (1 Tim 6:4) (6)
- 9 Bread makers (6)
- 14 In this year of King Nebuchadrezzar's reign, Nebuzaradan arrived in Jerusalem (10)
- 17 Ancient city of Og, King of Bashan (9)
- 18 Stringed instrument (8)
- 20 Joseph, perhaps? (7)
- 21 Tiny amount (6)
- 22 Jesus did this with authority (6)
- 24 Last letter of the Greek alphabet (5)
- 26 Province of the Roman Empire (4)

MARCH BIRTHDAYS

3/1 Sharon Irwin

3/1 Eric Olson

3/2 Beth Argotsinger

3/8 Thomas Gotto

3/8 Sue Mohr

3/9 Mike Schmidt

3/10 Al Olson

3/17 Kyle Bohnker

3/17 William Wohlers

3/20 David Blair

3/21 Tucker Gotto

3/23 Neil Boettger

3/24 Ray Hall

3/31 Wayne Igou

MARCH ANNIVERSARIES

3/29 Neil & Juli Boettger



A Snowman's Chance in Hell Sermon

The Back Pew - Jeff Larson



With 700 wives, and 300 'Interns' you know Solomon used the Kiss me I'm Irish line more than once.