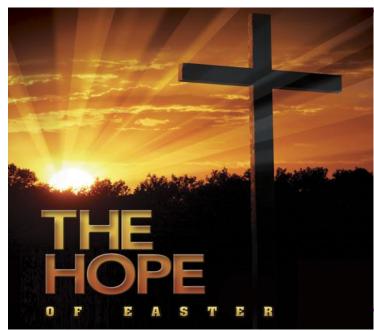
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For the month of April, 2017



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Sunday Worship Service 9:00 a.m. Sunday School (for all ages) 10:15 - 11:15 (Sept - May)

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Dear Christian Friends,

There are two newsworthy items as I write this letter. The first is that we will be celebrating Easter on April 16. The second is that that we have until April 18 to file our taxes.

When I think about these two events they both involve paying a debt. The tax issue is an obligation and there is no grace involved with it. If you forget or have a dispute that is fine. However, there will be a penalty to be paid for your decision or lack there of. And, next year you get to do that same routine again and maybe with the same feelings.

Easter we celebrate that the debt of sin has been paid in full permanently with Jesus death and resurrection. He has conquered death so that we may have life. The promises of Jesus are true. All the sacrifices that were paid previously on our behave before Jesus had to be repeated yearly, kind of like filing our taxes. Now we can celebrate that this will never have to be done again. Salvation is ours for the taking. Will you take it?

Luke 24:21 is the Emmaus road and resurrection passage and quotes the two disciples as saying "We had hoped..." They were disappointed and discouraged at that point. The events of the day Easter they did not fully understand up until that moment. May we never have to express our faith, as these disciples did, in the past tense. May we always say, "I have hope." Because we have seen and heard!

Again this year Faith Church will be having joint services with Neenah First and the Family Church during Holy Week. Please be apart of these celebrations and remember we have hope because of what Jesus did for us.

See you in church,

Pastor Tim

PREPARING OUR HEARTS FOR WORSHIP SERMON TITLES

April 2, 2017

He Chose To Give Us Victory

Romans 8:37



April 9, 2017 Palm Sunday

He chose To Give Us Confidence

Luke 24:27

April 13, 2017 Maundy Thursday

April 14, 2017 Good Friday

April 15, 2017 Holy Saturday

April 16, 2017 Easter

Forgiveness: The New "F" Word

(4 Week Series) Finding Forgiveness Luke 15:11-32

April 23, 2017

How Can I Forgive Myself Mark 14:27-31, 66-72

April 30, 2017

How Can I Forgive Others

Matthew 18:21-35

SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES Each Sunday from 10:15—11:15 AM

<u>4 yr. old -2nd Grade</u> <u>Nursery Class</u> Susan Johnson—Bev Pezewski Pastor Becki Kindschi

> <u>3rd grade—6th Grade</u> Kurt VanHandel

<u>Confirmation Class</u> Pastor Tim Albrecht <u>7-12th Grade</u> Roger Kindschi—Dan Duff

Adult Sunday School Classes Gary Reiter "Entire Book—Revelation" Author: Charles Stanley

Mary Muthig "The Great House of God" Author: Max Lucado

<u>Senior Bible Study Classes</u> Mondays —1:30 P.M. Ruth Brusewitz

DATES TO REMEMBER

—Lenten Bible Studies Continue on Tuesday morning at 10:00 A.M. Wednesday afternoon and evening 1:30 P.M. and 6:30 P.M. Until the week of Holy Week

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April 15th Holy Saturday	Services at the Family Churc	h 4:00 P.M. At 2318 American Drive, Neenah
April 16th—Easter Sunday	9:00 A.M.	
April 23rd—Confirmation Sunda	<i>y</i> 9:00 A.M.	

PALM SUNDAY POTLUCK BREAKFAST



We will be having a "breakfast" potluck on Palm Sunday, April 9, 2017 at 7:30 A.M. Please bring your favorite breakfast item to share. If you have any questions please get back to Terry Ball or the church office.

OUR MISSION MINISTRIES—UPDATE



The Mission Team sends a big thank you to our church family for all the "Help for the Homeless" donations. You filled two giant boxes to overflowing! The items not only help the local crisis agencies but are given to their clients as they transition into their own independent housing. Bless you all!

SERVING AT THE HOMELESS CONNECTIONS

Please consider helping us celebrate spring as we serve a meal to the families staying at the Homeless Connections in Appleton on Friday, April 21 from 7:00 - 9:00 p.m. There is a sign-up sheet on the welcome table for food donations and servers. The mission team so appreciates our faithful church family for all the healthy and sometimes just tasty food you contribute each month!



HAPPY APRIL BIRTHDAYS

- 4/3 Kathy Bayer
- 4/6 Bill Shepard4/7 Jim Armstrong
- 4/8 Ron Roberts
- 4/9 Dan Barker
- 4/12 Diane Knoll
- 4/13 Becky Kindschi
- 4/13 Debra Williams
- 4/13 Levi VanHandel
- 4/14 Ardis Lyons
- 4/14 Matthew Roos
- 4/15 Emily Kemper
- 4/17 Jim Lyons
 4/17 Alicia VanHandel
 4/17 Joanne Ball
 4/19 Lyn Steffens
 4/21 Hannah Bordeaux
 4/22 Clarellyn Sommersmith
 4/22 John Siegel
 4/24 Stan Schultz
 4/24 Craig Steffens
 4/30 Ruth Barker

If you know of a birthday or anniversary that was missed, please let the office know so we can be sure our database is correct. Thank You!

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY



4/10 Terry & Joanne Ball

2017NEWSLETTER PUBLICATION DATES

** The deadline for newsletter articles will be the <u>Wednesday "prior"</u> to the publication date. The church office will be sure to advise of any changes to this schedule. You can either email your information to Bev Pezewski or you can drop the information in the mailbox in the church office labeled newsletter/bulletin articles. Thank You!

Please let the office know if there is anything else you would like to see added to monthly newsletter.

If you are interested in becoming a member of Faith United Methodist Church, please contact the church

<u>REMINDER</u>: If you are currently receiving the newsletter either via email or through the U.S. postal service and no longer wish to receive it, please contact the church office and let us know and we will remove your name from our distribution list. If you would like to change how you are receiving the newsletter please let the church office know.

Faith Church is trying to gain support and visibility on our Facebook page. If you are on Facebook but have not LIKED our page, please do so. In addition, please encourage your family and friends to LIKE us too! You can find us at "Faith United Methodist Church - Neenah, WI"



GREETERS FOR THE MONTH OF APRIL Education Wing

<u>Narthex</u>

4/2 Judy Schwandt & Diana Vieth

4/9 Cindy & Mary Muthig

4/16 Todd & Cindy Boelter

4/23 Evie Gau & Mary Davies

4/30 Vern & Ruth Brusewitz

SENIORS OF FAITH

Join the Seniors of Faith when they travel to Oshkosh on **April 20, 2017** for a tour of The Grand Opera House. The Opera House is a historic building that was built in 1883, and has since undergone two renovations. The first renovation took place during the 1980s and the second in 2009. The theater was listed on the National Register of Historic Places in 1974 and is owned by the City of Oshkosh. The **tour charge is \$5 per person** payable the day of the tour. Following the tour we will have lunch at Primo Italian Restaurant in Oshkosh. We will **carpool** from the church **leaving at 9:30 a.m.** Please **call Merry Beverlin at 727-1883 by April 17 for reservations.**

IN NEED OF A LIGHT BULBS?

The light bulbs are in the process of being replaced in the sanctuary and in the narthex. The trustees Committee would like to offer the used bulbs to anyone who wants them. If anyone is interested in taking the used bulbs, please let the church office know and once everything is completed, we will have the bulbs available. How long the bulbs will last is unknown, but they are still useable. Bill & Ginny Shepard

Jim & Ardis Lyons

Gary & Charlene Reiter

Howard & Sally Steffens

Char Kryszak & Geraldine Manteufel

Church Carpet Fund

The first Phase of the Carpet project will begin on April 3rd, on the second floor of the education wing in the district offices and then down the hall way to the first floor.

If members of the church would like to help with our carpet fund, they can simply write Carpet Fund on their giving Envelope. An extra \$8.00 in giving each week would help us achieve our goal for completion of Phase 2.

We still have away to go to reach our goal of \$65,000. Thank you for your support on this project !!





Lord, we come to You in prayer for: Bev Schmidt, Dave Jannusch, Gordon Brighum, Kathy Bayer, Lois Stewart, Dick Raleigh, Alice Littlefield, Mary Jane Thompson, Elaine Paulson, George Elwood

STAYING CONNECTED

Quick Summary February 2017 Financials

Operating Fund

- February receipts were \$21,912; disbursements were \$22,776 for net disbursements

of (\$864). Year to date receipts were \$43,128; disbursements were \$45,819 for net

disbursements of (\$2,690). The Operating Fund balance at February 28, 2017 is positive \$15,440.45.

Building Fund

- February receipts were \$1,564; disbursements were \$1,020 for net receipts of \$544.

Year to date receipts were \$3,480; disbursements were \$2,157 for net receipts of \$1,323. The Building Fund balance at February 28, 2017 is positive \$5,809.

Carpeting Fund

- February receipts were \$1,630. Year to date receipts were \$7,021. The Carpeting Fund balance at February 28, 2017 is positive \$14,377.

Cash Balances

– at February 28, 2017 are checking \$30,158, general savings \$58,325 and Faith Notes

sinking fund savings \$8,630. All the accounts are held at Investors Community Bank, Appleton, WI.

Mortgage Balance – The mortgage balance on February 28, 2017 was \$93,215.

ADVANCED LAY SERVANT MINISTRY CLASS

DISCOVER YOUR SPIRITUAL GIFTS

Saturday, May 6 AND Saturday, May 13, 2017

9:00 am – 2:30 pm

First United Methodist Church, 813 Owena St., Marinette, WI

Leader: Rev. Kevin Dembinski

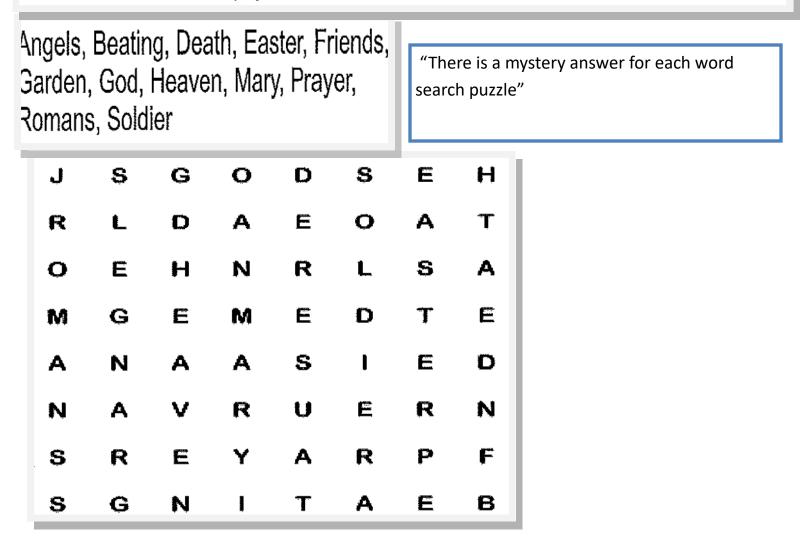
Cost: \$17.00 which included the cost of the book and postage. Please make check payable to North East District and send to 1025 Tullar Road, Neenah WI 54956. The book is "Each One a Minister" by William J. Carter. Deadline to register is: April 17, 2017.

Please bring your own lunch.

If you have questions or to register contact Barbara Franken at 920.991.0548

or <u>bfranken@wisconsinumc.org</u>

All the words listed below are in the puzzle - left, right, up, down or diagonally. Find each word and click its first letter then its last letter to highlight it. After you have found all the words, click the leftove letters in the correct order to form the **mystery answer**. To work the puzzle on paper instead: Print this page and circle each letter of the words you find.



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Believe, Born again, Comes,

Condemned, Council, Darkness, Done, Earthly, Evil, Exposed, Hates, Heavenly, Him, Jesus, Jewish, Kingdom of God, Lives, Loved, Miraculous, Nicodemus, Perform, Pharisees, Ruling, Save the World, Snake, Son of Man, Sound, Surprised, Teacher, Testimony, Through, Understand, Verdict, Wherever, Wind

YOUTH/CHILDREN'S NEWS

Madeline Arndt had a part in the school play—"The Lion King"

Congratulations

Michael Arndt has achieved the highest rank attainable in the Boy Scout Program. Becoming an Eagle Scout is the highest achievement or rank attainable in the Boy Scouting program of the Boy Scouts of America (BSA). The designation "Eagle Scout" has a long history since its founding over one hundred years ago. Only a small percentage of Boy Scouts are granted this rank after a lengthy review process. The requirements necessary to achieve this rank take years to fulfill. Since its founding, the Eagle Scout rank has been earned by more than two million young men.

Requirements include earning at least 21 merit badges. The Eagle Scout must demonstrate Scout Spirit, an ideal attitude based upon the Scout Oath and Law, service, and leadership. This includes an extensive service project that the Scout plans, organizes, leads, and manages. Eagle Scouts are presented with a medal and a badge that visibly recognizes the accomplishments of the Scout. Additional recognition can be earned through Eagle Palms, awarded for completing additional tenure, leadership, and merit badge requirements. On **April 2, 2017,** There will be a ceremony at Faith church to honor Michael for his accomplishment and present him with his medal and badge. The members of the congregation are invited to attend the ceremony at 1:00 P.M. in the sanctuary followed by a reception in the fellowship hall to honor Michael. Wayne & Barb Arndt

On **April 2**, the children and youth will be performing "Trials, Trails, Trails", for the congregation during worship service. Please come and watch the children and youth of our church.

On **May 21, 2017** our Sunday School programs for this year will come to a close. We will celebrate our teachers and thank them for all their hard work and dedication this past year.

We will be presenting a "Sunday School Quiz" during the worship service. Each Sunday School class will be creating questions on what they have been studying in their class throughout the year. Each class will ask their questions to the congregations and we will see if the congregation—knows the answers.

There will be an ice-cream social to follow our worship service that Sunday. Mark your calendars - please join us and help us thank our Sunday School teachers and join in our "Sunday School Quiz"

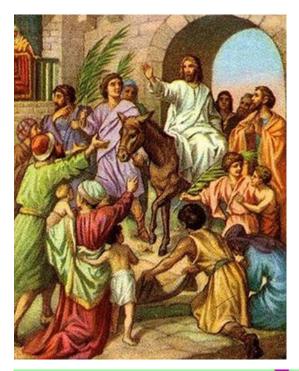
Where do we go from here	What should we do in April and May			
	- Do we go for an afternoon of Bowling"?			
	Do we help at the Homeless Connections?			
	Do we help at Camp Lucerne get ready for the summer advents?			
	How about a baseball game again?			

If you have ideas of things you and your family would like to do as part of our family ministries adventures, let your Sunday School Teachers know, what adventure would you like to do......

On March 19, 2017, the children/youth and family ministries had pizza and spent time at Skater's Edge

Everyone who was able to attend had a wonderful time. If anyone who attended the event have pictures they would like to share, please send them to Miss Bev in the church office.

Children's Bible Story



•2000 years ago, a king was visiting their City. People lined the streets of the City hoping to get to see the King. The King Came riding on a small donkey, and as he rode through the streets of the City, the people waved palm branches and shouted,

HOSANNA

 <u>Hosanna</u> to the Son of David! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord! <u>Hosanna</u> in the highest heaven!"

oJesus was arrested, beaten, dragged through the street, and placed on a Cross to die...for **our** sins.



WHERE IS JESOS?



• "Do not be afraid; I know that you are looking for Jesus who was crucified. He is not here; <u>for he has</u> <u>been raised</u>, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay." You see, the stone was not rolled away so that Jesus could get out of the grave, it was rolled away so that his followers could go in and see that the tomb was empty.

•He is not here, he has risen, just as he said. Come and see the place where he lay.

Dear Lord, this month we celebrate the empty grave. We thank you that Jesus is not in the grave. He is risen, and because of that, we can have new life in Him. Amen.



As we begin the month of April, everything begins again, the plants, the trees and each of us Can start a new again.

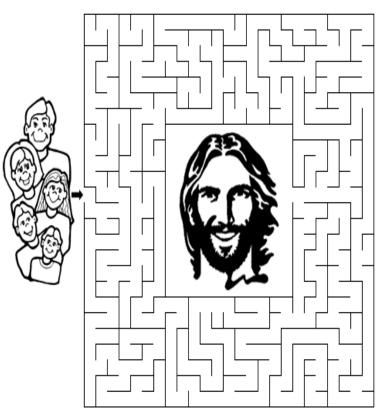
Easter Sunrise Surprise



He is not here; he has risen! Luke 24:6a (NIV) Fill in the blanks. Answers are found in Luke 24:1-12 (NIV)

- 1. The women went to the _____ on the first day of the week. (vs. 1) A. tomb B. crucified C. risen D. body
- 2. It was very early in the _____. (vs. 1) A. living B. stone C. morning D. risen
- ___3. They found the _____ rolled away from the tomb. (vs. 2) A. crucified B. body C. stone D. morning
- 4. They did not find the _____ of Jesus. (vs. 3) A. stone B. tomb C. risen D. body
- 5. "Why do you look for the _____ among the dead?" (vs. 5) A. believe B. crucified C. living D. morning
- 6. Jesus had told them he would be _____. (vs. 7) A. risen B. living C. stone D. crucified
- ___7. "He is not here, he has _____." (vs. 6) A. risen B. body C. believe D. living
- __8. Some people did not _____ what the women told them. (vs. 11) A. crucified B. stone C. living D. believe

Have a Happy Easter Each one can reach one!



Can you help the lost to find the way to Jesus?

He told them, "This is what is written: The Christ will suffer an rise from the dead on the third day, and repentance and forgiveness of sins will be preached in his name to all nations, beginning at Jerusalem. Luke 24:46-47 (NIV)

April 2017

Monthly Planner

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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9:00 AM 9:00 AM Worship Service Easter Sunday	17	18	9:00 A.M. Women's Bible Study 6:00 P.M. Praise Team 6:30 P.M. Choir	20 9:30 A.M Seniors of Faith church tour of the grand Opera House	21 7:00-9:00 P.M. Serve at Homeless Connections	22
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30 9:00 AM Worship Service 10:15 AM Sunday School						

Building Use Calendar for Faith Church 6pm - SCOUTS MTG 9am - We will have a 1pm - ? eagle scout 12pm - Baptism get Scouts Sun 23 30 -1 60 N 26 3pm - Strings 3pm - Strings -5pm - CNA CLASS @ 5pm - CNA CLASS @ 5pm - CNA CLASS @ 3 pm - Strings 5pm - CNA CLASS @ 5pm - CNA CLASS @ 5pm - CNA CLASS @ 3pm - Strings -3pm - Strings -3pm - Strings -6am - YMCA SCHOOL PROGRAM Mon 24 10 27 c 6pm - FV - Thunder 5:30pm - Scouts 6pm - FV - Thunder 5pm - CNA CLASS @ 5pm - CNA CLASS @ 5pm - CNA CLASS @ 6pm - FV - Thunder 5pm - CNA CLASS @ 6pm - FV - Thunder 5pm - CNA CLASS @ 5pm - CNA CLASS @ Tue 18 25 28 Þ N 5pm - CNA CLASS 5pm - CNA CLASS @ CNA CLASS Wed 0 26 19 ω 12 29 G 5:30pm - Scouts 5pm - weightwatche 5:30pm - Scouts 5pm - weightwatche 5pm - weightwatche 5pm - weightwatche 6pm - FV - Thunder 5pm - weightwatche 5:30pm - Scouts 6pm - FV - Thunder 5:30pm - Scouts 6pm - FV - Thunder 6pm - FV - Thunder 5:30pm - Scouts 5:30pm - Scouts 5pm - weightwatche Thu 27 4 20 13 0 30 8am - Weightwatche Fri Apr 2017 (Central Time) 28 21 U 4 ŝ Karios Group Karios Group Sat -1 57 0 29 22

The building is used by many groups from our own church family and the community and district office. As a new feature to the newsletter, from time to time, you will be seeing a calendar to let the congregation know how often the building is being used and who are our guests. God has blessed us with a beautiful building that we can share....