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By Faith

The Monthly Newsletter

*Faith United Methodist Church—
Month of April*



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1025 Tullar Rd
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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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The Monthly Newsletter of Faith United Methodist Church April 2019

April 2019

Greetings Friends in Faith,

As we begin the month of April the major league baseball season will already be started. I believe this year there is a little more excitement because of how the Brewers performed last year. That means that the expectations for the Brewers will be higher as a new season begins.

As baseball begins a new season the season of Easter will be upon us on April 21st. Jesus will have risen from the grave and conquered eternal death for us so that salvation can be ours. This makes eternity the beginning of a new season for us when we die so that we can be in heaven.

Like the excitement of a new baseball season, we too can have the excitement of Easter and seeing Jesus promises being fulfilled through the scriptures.

In that excitement, two scriptures come to mind when I think about this. The first one is from John 11:25-26 this is from of the story of the raising of Lazarus. Jesus said, "...I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in me will live, even though he dies; and whoever lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?" The other is, from John 14:6, "...I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the father except through Me."

As we get ready to celebrate Easter, we too are offered a new season or season opener with Jesus. Are you ready?

See you in church,

Pastor Tim

**PREPARING OUR HEARTS
FOR APRIL WORSHIP**

SERMON TITLES

**Continue Lenten Series
Seven Mile Miracle**

April 7, 2019

Mile 5 Parched
A Word of Distress
John 19:28

April 14, 2019

Mile 6 Out of the Jaws of Defeat
A Word of Triumph...It is Finished
John 19:30

**April 18, 2019 Maundy Thursday
6:00 p.m. worship at Neenah First**

**April 19, 2019 Good Friday
6:00 p.m. worship at Neenah Faith**

April 20, 2019 Holy Saturday TBD

Easter Sunday

April 21, 2019

Mile 7 Into The Presence of God
A Word of Reunion
Luke 23:46

April 28, 2019

Confirmation Sunday

Implications of The Resurrected Life
Holding on...Letting Go
John 20:10-18

SUNDAY SCHOOL

CLASSES & Bible Studies

Spring Quarter

Begins March 10th, 2019

10:15A.M.—11:15 AM

Nursery ages 2-3— Room 106

Clairellyn Sommersmith
Julie Caflisch

Preschool-First Grade Room 104

Bev Pezewski & Michelle Woodard

2nd grade—5th Grade Room 208

Kurt VanHandel
Ken Gellerstedt

Adult Classes

“Sermon Notes” by Charles Stanley

Hugh Davies Room 202

“Woman in the Bible”

Mary Muthig Room 204

MEDIA CENTER/LIBRARY STUDIES

Lenten Studies begins

March 13th at 1:30 P.M. and 6:30 P.M.

Agape Bible Study—

Thursdays at 6:30 P.M.

April Birthdays

4/3 Kathy Bayer
 4/7 Jim Armstrong
 4/9 Dan Barker
 4/12 Diane Knoll
 4/13 Levi VanHandel
 4/13 Debra Williams
 4/14 Ardis Lyons
 4/14 Matthew Roos
 4/15 Emily Kemper
 4/16 Jim Lyons
 4/17 Alicia VanHandel
 4/17 Joanne Ball
 4/19 Lyn Steffens
 4/21 Hannah Bordeaux
 4/22 Clarelyn Sommersmith
 4/22 John Siegel
 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.



Wedding Anniversaries

During the month of

April

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

Brian & Michelle Woodard 4/6

Terry & Joanne Ball 4/10

2018NEWSLETTER

PUBLICATION DATES

** The deadline for newsletter articles will be the Wednesday "prior" 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 the monthly newsletter.

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

REMINDER: 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.

CHURCH DIRECTORY

Have you changed **your address, telephone number or e-mail address** Please complete your card on Sunday with all the changes or contact the church office. This will help us keep the directory up to date. If you have any questions, please let the church office know.

GREETERS SCHEDULE

Narthex/sanctuary entrance

- 7 Bev Pezewski & Kevin Schuh
14 Terry & Joanne Ball
21 Ginny Shepard & Bruce Marchinowski
28 Marly Divver & Merry Beverlin



MONTH OF April 2019

Education Wing Entrance

- John & Beth Hall
Sharon Bucholtz & Joy Wade
Judy Schwandt & Diana Vieth
Cindy & Mary Muthig

PALM SUNDAY POTLUCK

Dear Faith Church Congregation,

On April 14th, Palm Sunday, you will have the opportunity to attend the **potluck** breakfast at 7:30 am in the fellowship hall. You ask, What can I bring? The answer, Anything you want to! Coffee cake, muffins, fruit, sweet rolls, are a few ideas. If you plan on bringing a baked dish, please have it baked and ready to eat when you get to church. If you have any questions please call Terry Ball at 722-3445 or Bev in the church office at 722-5842.

1 Corinthians 10:31, So whether you eat or drink or whatever you do, do it all for the glory of God. See you on Palm Sunday

†Safe in Christ, Terry

Help with decorating for Easter

We are looking for helpers to help decorate the church for Easter Sunday. Because we will have services at the church on Friday evening, we will need to decorate on Saturday, April 20th. The decorating team thinks it will take approximately 5 hours. Morning or afternoon what would work for you?

Please get in contact with Mary Muthig 920/730-0925 or Joanne Ball 920/722-3445, share your ideas and let them know if you will be able to help get the sanctuary ready for Easter Sunday .



LENTEN BIBLE STUDY Continues

The Lenten Bible Study continues on Wednesdays 1:30 P.M. and 6:30 P.M. in the library/media center.

There are books available for study in the church office. The study and the cost of the book will be \$10.00.

HOLY WEEK SERVICES

Maundy Thursday Worship Services will be held on Thursday, April 18, at First UMC at 6:00 P.M.

Good Friday Worship Services will be held on Friday, April 19, at Faith UMC at 6:00 P.M.

Holy Saturday Services to be determined.

Lord, we come to You in prayer for: Joe VanHaaster is back at home, Kathy Bayer John & Susan Johnson, Elaine Paulson, Mary Jane Thompson, Gordon Brigham, Margaret Schultz and Marilyn Nyberg at Parkview Healthcare Center in Oshkosh, Scott Williams, Vic & Elaine Guenther, Diana Vieth upcoming surgery, and for those with on going medical concerns, financial concerns, our shut ins and our military and their families and those in need of healing; and our many unspoken prayers.



ADOPT A HIGHWAY

As spring approaches (finally!) We have received a request from Winnebago County—asking if we will participate this year.

We are looking for helpers.....so that we will continue with the Adopt-A-Highway program. If you are interested or be a team leader on the Adopt-A-Highway project, please let the church office know.

Security Team Ministry

We are looking to create a Security Team Ministry. This team will establish policies, procedures, and a plan to go into action when a medical incident or other type of emergency occurs.. If you are interested in being part of this Ministry team please contact the church office. Our first meeting will be set up after Easter. Thank you to those who have volunteered and the church office will be in touch.

MISSION TRIP

May 14, - May 23, 2019

The trip is being organized by Grace United Methodist Church in Wautoma, WI. The purpose of this journey is to spread God's word and share God's love in the Dominican Republic. One project that will be done is to paint the accommodation building of the missionary camp in the Bani area and host a Bible School for up to 90 children. We will be furnishing the labor and the painting supplies for the building, inside and out as well as books, crafts, and snacks for the children.

Linda Fritz will be going on the Mission trip to the Dominican Republic. She has been asked to collect crayons and markers for the children they will be working with. Please consider donating a box of crayons or marker to this cause. There is a box located by the church office to put your donations in. If you have any questions, please contact Linda Fritz.

FAITHFUL SINGERS REHEARSALS

The Faithful Singers, Faith Church's adult choir rehearse 6:30-7:30 pm on Wednesdays in the choir room, Room 201. Membership is open to all adults and high school age youth, and new members are always welcome. No prior choral experience or training is required or expected, only a love of singing and a willingness to offer your time and attention at rehearsals. If you have questions, please contact Micah by cell phone at 765.993.7019 or email msommersmith@faithchurchneenah.com



SENIORS OF FAITH MONTHLY GET-TO-GETHER

Seniors of Faith will not be meeting during the month of April. The normal day they would be meeting is Maundy Thursday. Watch the bulletin and newsletter for information on the May meeting.

If you have any questions, please contact Ginny Shepard.

FAITH CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

Monday thru Thursday 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Friday - CLOSED

If you are looking to contact Pastor Tim, you can call him here at the church

or you can email him at tjalbrecht79@gmail.com

Please continue to pray for all the church staff members and committee members! That in all they/we do, we would honor God and His will for the church.

Technology Ministry

If anyone is interested and enjoys working with computers, we will be looking for helpers to work with our audio-visual equipment on Sundays and for special worship services. We have a new digital sound board and are in need of additional people to learn how to work with the new board. If you are interested, please contact Dave Jannusch

A special Thank you to Wayne Arndt, who worked hard in setting up the new digital board and helped in the purchase. Also the time he spent cleaning up and repairing the wiring in the sanctuary.



HELP WITH LAWNMOWING

Would you like to help the trustees keep up the church grounds? Do you like to working outside in the sunshine? The Trustee Ministry Team is looking for helpers to cut the grass during the summer.

Please contact with Dick Wylie or other members of the Trustee Team if you are interested in helping and they will add your name to the "lawn mowing crew". They will give you the details.



SPRING/pre-Summer FLING-FUND RAISER

Teacher Appreciation Sunday

The children/youth and family ministries are thinking spring. We are planning a spring/pre-summer fling **on May 19th, 2019**. We will have a brat and hamburger fry, chips and ice cream and other desserts. We are going to have our second annual "Basket Auction". If you have your basket ready to go, you can bring it in to the church office and complete a form with the proposed cost to start the bidding. This is similar to last year. We will have a table set up in the Narthex for everyone to look at before the bidding will start. Check the newsletter for possible ideas. Won't you join us, be part of our youth's fund raiser.



The Passing of Rev. Lynette Peterson

The Rev. Lynette (Lynn) Peterson died on Thursday, March 21, 2019. A retired member of the Wisconsin Annual Conference, Rev. Peterson served at Norwalk: Immanuel, Norwalk: Salem; Neenah: Faith; and Wisconsin Dells-Delton, Davis Corners before retiring in 2010.

Services will be held April 27 at 4:00 pm at

Community United Church of Christ,

510 E. Broadway Avenue, Medford, WI, with visitation from 2:00-4:00 pm.

Condolences may be sent to:

First United Methodist Church, Attn: Rev. Lynn Peterson family

203 Wisconsin Avenue

Madison, WI 53703

Memorial donations may also be mailed to FUMC. Ron Mushel (Lynn's son) and Jenn Wilson (Lynn's daughter) will be making a material gift to the church.

First United Methodist Church, Attn: Rev. Lynn Peterson family

203 Wisconsin Avenue

Madison, WI 53703

SERMON SERIES ON OUR WEB PAGE

Have you ever been out of town and didn't get a chance to hear Pastor Tim's sermon?

Have you ever wished you could hear the sermon again? Or Share it with a friend.....

Especially when you were having a bad day and the sermon you heard a week or two ago would have helped you get through the day.

Well, soon you will be able to hear the sermons. We are working on getting them on our web page.

Watch the bulletin and midweek connection for information as we move closer to having this in place..

The Church Office.

Youth/children's news



The youth and children in our church are involved in many outside activities during the year. We would like to start an information page as to accomplishments of the youth in this newsletter. If anyone wants to share what their children have accomplished through out the upcoming year, please let the church office staff know and it will be add to our Youth/children's news and activity pages.

1. During March—Madeline Arndt was in a Neenah Middle School Production of Cinderella at the Neenah High School Auditorium



FAMILY—Children & Youth ADVENTURES

On **May 4th**, we are going to be going to the Building for Kids in Appleton. We will have lunch at the church before we leave. All the children and youth their parents, friends, and grandparents are invited to attend. Talk to Ms Bev if you have questions....Watch the bulletin and midweek for updated information.

We hope that everyone will be able to come.

It takes a big
heart
to help shape
little
minds.

TEACHER APPRECIATION SUNDAY

On May 19th is our last day of Sunday School for the summer. The children and youth will take an active part in our worship service on that Sunday to thank their Teachers for another Sunday School Program. Also that Sunday is our Spring Fling.

The children and youth will be helping serve "ice cream" and help with our brats and hamburger fry. We need to say a prayer asking for warm weather on that day, so we can be outside.

Children's Palm Sunday Program

The youth/children from our Sunday school classes will be performing a play on April 14, 2019 during worship service. An email has gone out to all the parents with the script and those who I thought would be able to have a speaking parts. We are looking for the children and youth who would like to be part of our Children's worship service. Please see Ms Bev if you are interested being part of our Easter Program. We want to have all the children and youth be part of the Children's Program Worship service.

Theme: The cheers of Palm Sunday turn to jeers on Friday.

Scripture: The crowds that went ahead of him and those that followed shouted, "Hosanna to the Son of David!" "Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!" "Hosanna in the highest!" Matthew 21:9 "Which of the two do you want me to release to you?" asked the governor. "Barabbas," they answered. "What shall I do, then, with Jesus who is called Christ?" Pilate asked. They all answered, "Crucify him!" "Why? What crime has he committed?" asked Pilate. But they shouted all the louder, "Crucify him!" Matthew 27:21-23

Do you have a favorite sports team? I have always been a big fan of the Dallas Cowboys. Years ago when the Cowboys won the Super Bowl, everyone was calling them "America's Team." Everywhere you looked you could see boys, and even some girls, wearing Dallas Cowboy t-shirts. After their victory in the Super Bowl, the city of Dallas held a parade and as the Cowboys rode through the streets of Dallas, the people cheered and waved. Now, just a few years later, the Cowboys are not so popular. Their fans expected them to win the Super Bowl every year and the Cowboys just aren't living up to what the fans expect. The cheers have turned to jeers, and many of their once-faithful fans have forsaken them to cheer for another team.

Did you know that the very same thing happened to Jesus? Do you know what these are? (Look at some palm branches from a Palm tree. In the country where Jesus lived, the Palm tree was everywhere. The branches of the Palm were a symbol of victory and joy. During the time of Jesus, people used to wave Palm branches as they cheered in celebration when an important person such as a king rode through the streets of town. On the Sunday before he was crucified, Jesus rode through the streets of Jerusalem on the back of a small donkey. As he rode along, people waved Palm branches and shouted and cheered. They shouted "Hosanna to the Son of David. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!" The people cheered Jesus as their King.

Just a few days later, Jesus was arrested, tried, and led to a hill called Calvary to be crucified. The cheers that he had heard on Sunday now turned to jeers. Many of the people who just a few days before shouted "Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord" had now turned against him. They were now shouting "Crucify Him! Crucify Him! He is not our king. We have no king but Caesar." They were even offered the choice of whether to free a criminal named Barabbas or to free Jesus. They chose to free Barabbas and crucify Jesus. Many of His once-faithful followers had forsaken him.

You and I have to make a choice. We can choose to follow Jesus and make him the King and Lord of our life, or we can choose to forsake him like the people who cried, "Crucify Him! He is not our king!" Will we be found faithful?

Jesus, Blessed Jesus, today we choose to make you King and Lord of our life. Help us to be strong, and to follow you, even when all others have forsaken you. Amen.

The Triumphal Entry

Complete the paragraph by filling in the blanks with the correct words from the word bank at the bottom of the story.



Jesus sent two _____, saying to them, "Go to the _____ ahead of you, and at once you will find a _____ tied there, with her _____ by her. Untie them and bring them to me. If anyone says anything to you, tell him that the Lord needs them, and he will send them right away."

The disciples went and did as Jesus had instructed them. They brought the donkey and the colt, placed their cloaks on them, and Jesus sat on them. A very large _____ spread their _____ on the road, while others cut _____ from the trees and spread them on the _____. The crowds that went ahead of him and those that followed _____,

"_____ to the Son of David!"

"Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!"

"Hosanna in the highest!"

Matthew 21:1b-3, 6-9 (NIV)

branches	colt	disciples	Hosanna	shouted
cloaks	crowd	donkey	road	village



The Triumphal Entry

The crowds that went ahead of him and those that followed shouted, "Hosanna to the Son of David!" Matthew 21:9a (NIV)

Choose the word that best matches the definition.

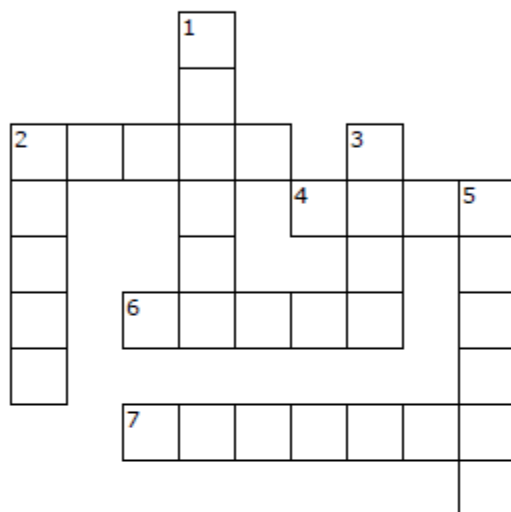


- ___ 1. A community which is smaller than a town, usually in the countryside
A. colt B. road C. village D. cloak
- ___ 2. An animal like a small horse with long ears
A. rabbit B. donkey C. toad D. monkey
- ___ 3. A young male horse (or donkey)
A. filly B. puppy C. kitten D. colt
- ___ 4. A loose outer garment without sleeves worn instead of a coat
A. sweater B. cloak C. jacket D. robe
- ___ 5. A large group of people who have gathered together
A. cloak B. village C. crowd D. branch
- ___ 6. The part of a tree that grows out from the main trunk and has leaves
A. root B. branch C. cloak D. fruit
- ___ 7. A pathway for vehicles, persons, and animals
A. road B. sidewalk C. village D. river
- ___ 8. To speak with a very loud voice
A. whisper B. mumble C. shout D. sing

The Triumphal Entry

The crowds that went ahead of him and those that followed shouted, "Hosanna to the Son of David!"
Matthew 21:9a (NIV)

This puzzle is based on Matthew 21:1-11 (NIV)



ACROSS

2. A loose outer garment without sleeves worn instead of a coat
4. A pathway for vehicles, persons, and animals
6. To speak with a very loud voice
7. A community which is smaller than a town, usually in the countryside

DOWN

1. The part of a tree that grows out from the main trunk and has leaves
2. A large group of people who have gathered together
3. A young male horse (or donkey)
5. An animal like a small horse with long ears

CROWD
SHOUT

DONKEY
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ROAD

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