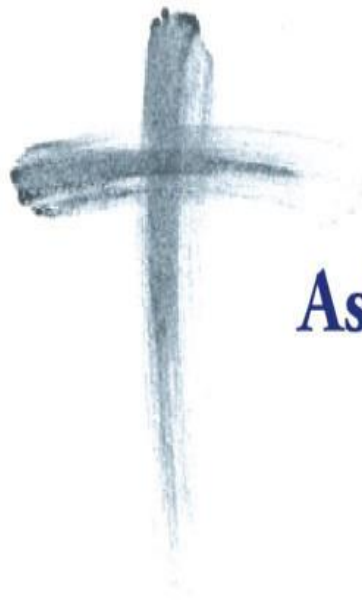


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# ***By Faith***

*The Monthly Newsletter*

*Faith United Methodist Church—  
Month of March*



**Ash Wednesday**  
— Lent Begins

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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 March 2019*

March 2019

Dear Friends of Faith Church,

As the story goes, on February 2nd of this year, the Ground Hog did not see his shadow meaning that there would not be another six weeks of winter. I am not sure if this Ground Hog was visually impaired! Because it seems that there is no end to winter storms/snow it just keeps happening.

As a pastor and your pastor I want to make sure that my spiritual vision is not impaired that I would lead anyone astray with false hope or hopes. That being said, Wednesday March 6th is Ash Wednesday and the kick off of the Lenten Season with the celebration of Easter Sunday! This is our hope! We are reminded of our sinful state, why Christmas is important, and without it there would be no Holy Week and empty tomb on Easter. Luke 24:27 says as Jesus walked with the two on the Road to Emmaus (which was Easter Sunday), "...And beginning with Moses and all the Prophets, he explained to them what was said in all the Scriptures concerning himself." We can put our full hope in God's word throughout the Old and New Testament. There is no visual impairment in His word. Many have tried to distort and change it. However, scripture reminds us not to do that.

We will have our Ash Wednesday service at 6:30 p.m. and begin a new sermon series with an introduction sermon on Sunday March 3rd. The Lenten series is entitled, Seven Mile Miracle, which will be looking at the last seven words of Jesus and how it applies to our life. We will also be having study groups that will meet on the Wednesdays during lent beginning on March 13th. The afternoon group will meet at 1:30 and the evening group at 6:30 p.m.

See you in church,

Pastor Tim

**PREPARING  
OUR HEARTS FOR  
MARCH WORSHIP**  
**SERMON TITLES**



Begins Lenten Series Seven Mile Miracle

***March 3, 2019***

M.O.G. (More of God)

Luke 24:13-35

***March 6, 2019***

Ash Wednesday (not part of Lenten Series)

Too Painful to Forget

1 Corinthians 15:1-2

***March 10, 2019***

Mile 1 Get Your Slate Cleaned Here

A Word of Forgiveness

Luke 23:34

***March 17, 2019***

Mile 2 Ticket to Paradise

A Word of Salvation

Luke 23:34

***March 24, 2019***

Mile 3 The Jesus of Nazareth Adoption Agency

A Word of Relationship

John 19:26-27

***March 31, 2019***

Mile 4 God Forsaken

A Word of Abandonment

Matthew 27:46

**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.**

## March Birthdays

3/2 Charles Bucholtz	3/12 Stephanie LeChey
3/5 Wayne Arndt	3/13 Robert Lee
3/6 Sharon Bucholtz	3/13 Dale Poliak
3/6 Nicole Ropella	3/15 Michael Halverson
3/6 Edith Cuminale	3/16 Pauline Gidlof
3/6 Nicole Williams	3/20 Elizabeth Rogers
3/8 Mary Muthig	3/23 Elaine Paulson
3/10 Joe VanHaaster	3/26 Julie Lutz



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*

*March*

**HAPPY ANNIVERSARY**

March 5th	Dan & Dawn Barker
March 10th	Neale & Julie Caflisch
March 23	John & Susan Johnson

### **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**

**MONTH OF March 2019**

### **Narthex/sanctuary entrance**

3/3 Gary & Charlene Reiter  
3/10 Evie Gau & Mary Davies  
3/17 Julie Beck & Ann Cheshire  
3/24 Dave & Sadie Kordonowy  
3/31 Dick & MaryAnn Wylie

### **Education Wing Entrance**

Todd & Cindy Boelter  
Howard & Sally Steffens  
Char Kryszak & Geraldine Manteufel  
Nola Sell & Corky Sullivan  
Vern & Ruth Brusewitz

### **SENIORS OF FAITH – MARCH 21, 2019**

“Tips on how to prevent becoming a victim of a scam artist”

The program will be presented by Community Policing Coordinator, Officer Stu Zuehls, of the Neenah Police Department.

The program will begin at 10:00 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

Following the program we will go to lunch at the Third Street Dinner in Menasha.

Please contact Merry Beverlin (920-470-2954) or [bemerry@new.rr.com](mailto:bemerry@new.rr.com) if you plan to attend.

### **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](mailto:msommersmith@faithchurchneenah.com)



## **Spring Fling– Fund Raiser**

The calendar says it is March 1st and spring is coming? The children/youth and family ministries are thinking spring. We are planning a spring or pre-summer fling. We will have a brat and hamburger fry, chips and desserts, but we are going to have our second annual “Basket Raffle”( Auction). We haven’t picked the date yet, but we thought we would get everyone started in thinking of what kind of “basket’s can be made to raffle (auction) off.

So, you question, where is the money going to be going. Well, the church is in the process of purchasing some items for worship, and security cameras and the grounds, so the children/youth and family ministries are going to raise money to help pay for the projects. Won’t you join us, be part of our spring or pre-summer fling fund raiser, put your thinking hats on and come up with a “basket of goodies” to be auctioned off. We started early in our planning so that it will give everyone who wants to join us some time to be creative. We are looking to having this “after Easter and Easter is the 21st of April.

Continue to read the mini-news, the newsletters for the date we are planning. St Patricks day is March 17th and Day light saving time begins on March 10th and the first day of Spring is March 20th.....

**Lord, we come to You in prayer for:** Joe VanHaaster at the Bridges in Appleton, Susan Johnson at Evergreen, Elaine Paulson, Kathy Bayer, Mary Jane Thompson, Gordon Brigham, Margaret Schultz, Scott Williams Vic & Elaine Guenther, Diana Vieth, 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.





## LENTEN BIBLE STUDY

As the Lenten season begins, we will begin our Lenten Bible Studies on March 13, 2019 at 1:30 P.M. and 6:30 P.M. in the library/media center.

There are books ordered and will be available for study in the church office. The study and the cost of the book will be \$10.00. We will let everyone know when the books arrive.

## 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.

## 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.

The cost of this journey is estimated at \$1500/person and the cost includes airfare, lodging, insurance, meals, bus transportation and sightseeing. Grace United has a planning team and fund-raisers for these expenses and is interested in having other congregations help. Down payment of \$100 is needed by December 31, 2018 to lock your spot on the team. This \$100 will go into your individual account for your specific costs. The balance will probably not be due until 45 days before the journey begins. Please make checks payable to Grace United Methodist Church P.O. Box 589 Wautoma, WI 54982. If you have any questions please contact Linda Fritz church's help. There is more information on the Mission Bulletin board across from the coffee room.

## LEARN HOW TO KNIT—WORKSHOP

Would you like to make a Chunky knit blanket? Would you like to learn how to knit or be part of a knitting workshop? We have a knitting class that is coming to Faith Church. Join the group this Sunday February 17th from 2:00 P.M.—6:00 P.M. to learn how to hand-knit your own comfy-cozy chunky knit chenille blanket. If you'd like to attend, please: Send an email to [in-fo@createwith2gen.com](mailto:in-fo@createwith2gen.com) Include the first and last name of the guest(s))

1. Include the color choice(s) from the options below. An email confirmation will be sent to confirm the registration. The payment of \$35 will be collected at the door on the day of the event.

Here are the colors — you would be able to make.....



## ***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](mailto: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.***

# “Help for the Homeless”



We are collecting NEW hygiene and cleaning items for local crisis agencies through The Family Radio’s annual “Help for the Homeless” hygiene drive, **Feb. 17 – March 10**. Please place your donations in the *Help for the Homeless* collection box located by the office. Supplying these items to local shelters will help them direct their limited funds to providing qualified staff, counseling, food and shelter to those they serve. Most urgently needed items are laundry soap, kitchen size trash bags (shelters go thru LOTS of these), shampoo, cleaning supplies, diapers, toilet tissue, and feminine care. **Your donations will remain in this community.** Note: Food Share (formerly Food Stamps) does not cover the cost of

	<i>Paper</i>	<i>Baby Care</i>	<i>Hair Care</i>	<i>Personal Care</i>	<i>First Aid</i>	<i>Dental Care</i>
<b><i>Cleaning</i></b>	<b><i>Products</i></b>					
<b><i>Supplies</i></b>						
Laundry Soap	Toilet Tissue	Diapers	Shampoo	Soft Soap	Children’s Pains Meds	Toothbrushes
Kitchen Trash Bags	Facial Tissue	Wipes	Conditioner	Deodorant	Pedialyte	Toothpaste
Floor Cleaner	Paper Towels	Baby Shampoo	Hair Brushes Combs	Razors	Band Aids	Dental Floss
Bleach	Feminine Care Pad—Tampons	Rash Ointment	Clips & Elastics	Shaving Cream	Rubbing Alcohol	No Mouthwash please (contains alcohol)
Cleansers			Styling Products for all hair types		Hydrogen Peroxide	
Disinfectant Cleaner					Anti-Diarrheal Meds	
					Antacids	
					Antibiotic Ointment	
					Sun Screen	
					Treatment for head lice	

## Youth/children's news

As the New Year begins, 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 Ms Bev know and it will be add to our Youth/children's news and activity pages.

### UPCOMING FAMILY MINISTRY ADVENTURES ANNUAL TRIP TO NORDIC MOUNTAIN



Our trip this year to Nordic Mountain will be March 3, 2019 following worship. Since the weather has been a concern in past weeks, we will need to watch the weather in case we may have to change the date due to weather and driving concerns. This trip will be to honor the memory of one of our skiers Bill Shepard and to honor Susan Johnson. If you are not a skier, that's okay, it's time to come with us and go tubing, moms, dads, grandparents and friends. Those who want to ski, can ski, those who want to go tubing, fun for all members of the family. We will meet in the media center for lunch and arrive at Nordic around 1:00 or 1:30 P.M. anyone can come you don't have to ski, you can go tubing.



***Another adventure is for those who like to jump.*** We are going to Xtreme Air for Pizza and play time on the trampoline. The date is **March 24<sup>th</sup>** after Sunday School. We will need a signed waiver from all parents. Ms Bev has copies of the waiver and can give you more information. Hope that everyone will be able to come. Watch the midweek and the newsletter for other information. All parents, children, grandparents and their friends are able to come to this event.

### Children's Easter Program

The youth/children from our Sunday school classes will be performing a play during the Lenten season. The date hasn't been decided, but will be just before Easter. 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 in being part of our Easter Program. We want to have all the children and youth be part of the Easter Program the worship service.





# Springtime and Lent

**Theme:** The season of Lent; Planting seeds of love in the hearts of others.

**Object:** Think of a window screen, an old shoe box, a broom, and a flower pot with small hand shovel.

**Scripture:** Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in the heavenly realms with every spiritual blessing in Christ. Ephesians 1:3

On Wednesday, March 6, we will have celebrate Ash Wednesday. This is the beginning of a very important season in our church year- the season of Lent. Do you remember how long Lent lasts? That's right, Lent is the 40 days before Palm Sunday which leads right in to Holy Week and Easter Sunday. The word "Lent" comes from another word "Lente" which means springtime. That makes sense...since Lent and Easter always happen during springtime. It doesn't look like springtime outside right now but Spring is coming.

As I was thinking about Lent and springtime, I realized that many of the things I like to do in the springtime are similar to the kinds of things you and I can and should do during Lent as we prepare for Easter. Let me explain.

In the springtime, I like to OPEN UP. I can open up my windows and let fresh spring air fill my home.

For Lent, a great thing to do is OPEN UP our Bibles and read them more. When we read our Bibles, God speaks a fresh word to us and fills our hearts with His presence.

In the springtime, I like to CLEAR OUT- especially the clutter in my closets. I go through my closets and take out the things I don't really need: heavy coats, old shoes- things that will just be in the way.

For Lent, it is good to CLEAR OUT the things in our lives that we don't really need—things that get in the way of following Jesus. For example, maybe you watch TV or play video games a lot. Why not put them away for a while and use that extra time to pray.

In the springtime, I always need to SWEEP UP. I try to find and clean up all the dirt in my home that has been hiding all winter- like under my rugs, dirt that no one else sees, but dirt that I know is there.

For Lent, it is good to ask ourselves, "Have I made any mistakes or messes that I need to clean up? Do I need to apologize to someone for something I said or did? Do I need to ask God to forgive me?"

In the springtime, I love to PLANT. I plant seeds in my garden pots and water them as I wait and watch them grow into something beautiful.

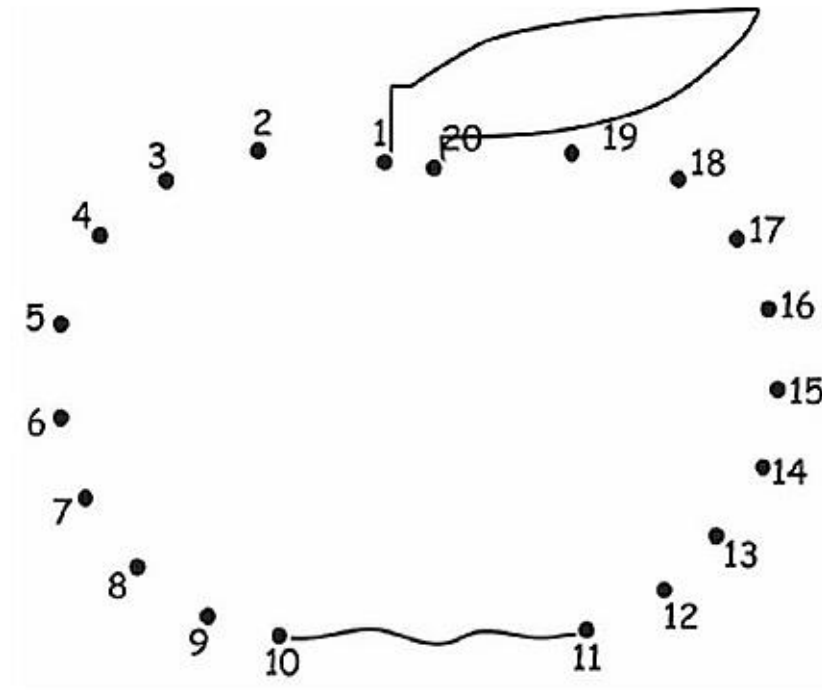
For Lent, it is good for us to PLANT- different kind of seeds. We can plant seeds of love in the hearts of others when we are kind, or helpful, or when we tell someone about Jesus. For Lent, think of something you can do that will become something beautiful for someone else, and do it in the name of Jesus, the one who did something really beautiful for you.

Dear Jesus, We love you. Help us to Open up our Bibles, Clear Out our clutter, Sweep up our messes, and Plant seeds of Love. Amen

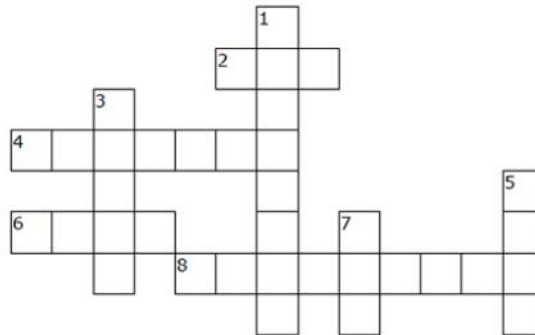
God wants us to bear good fruit!

## Dot to Dot Puzzle

Connect the dots to complete the picture.



### Bearing Good Fruit



#### ACROSS

2. The sweet, pear-shaped, fruit of a plant found in Bible lands.
4. A simple story teaching a moral or religious lesson.
6. The top layer of the earth's surface favorable to plant growth.
8. To spread a something on land or plants to help plants grow.

#### DOWN

1. An area of ground planted with vines and fruit trees.
3. The usually sweet-tasting part of a tree which can be eaten.
5. A large plant with a trunk, limbs, branches, and leaves.
7. To break up and move dirt using a shovel.

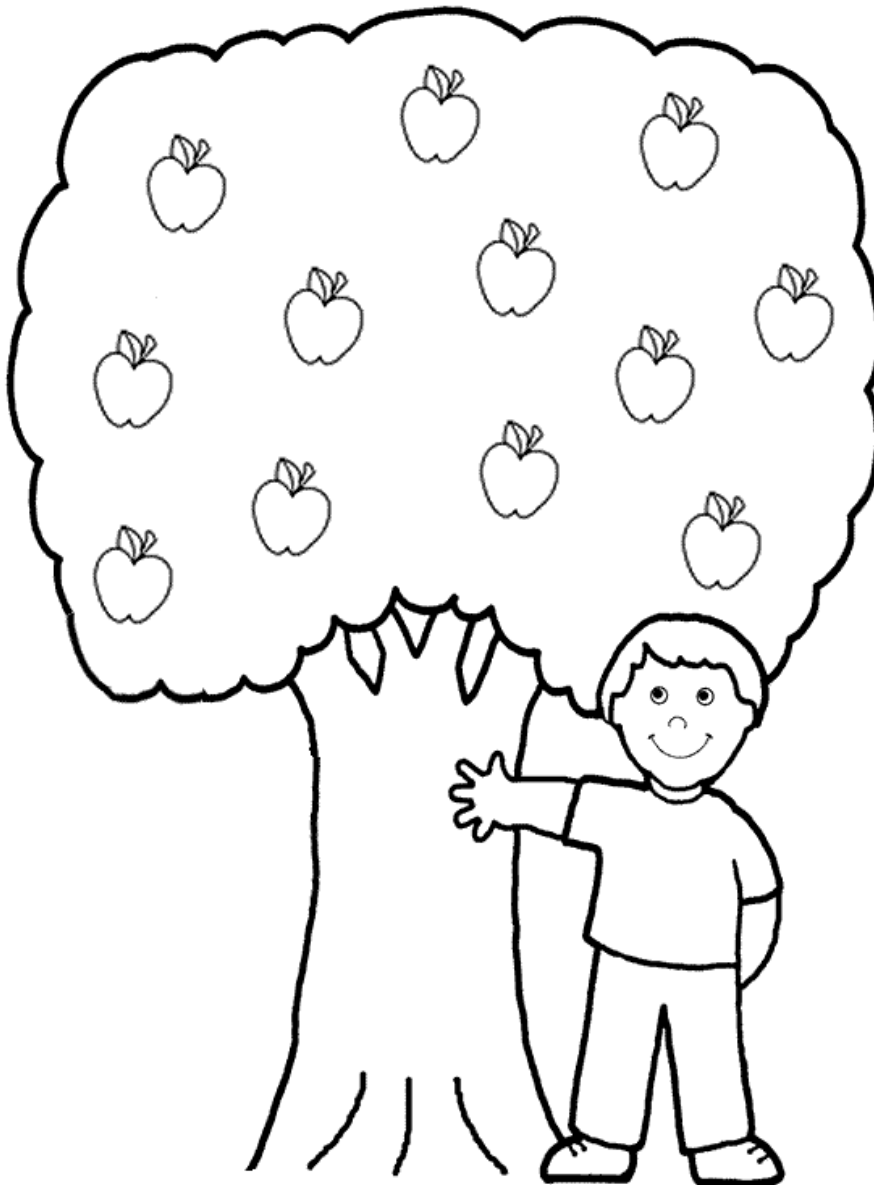
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# March 2019

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