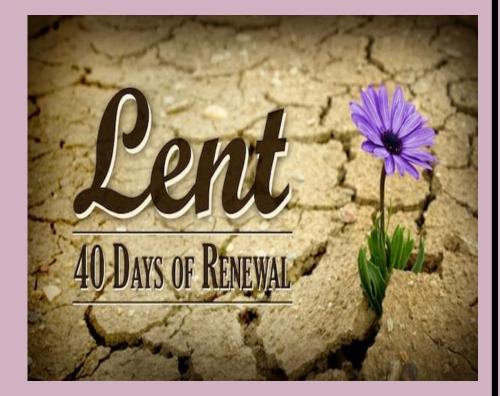
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The Monthly Newsletter Faith United Methodist Church— Month of **March 2020**







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The Monthly Newsletter of Faith United Methodist Church

March 2020

Greetings Faith Church

As March begins so does the season of Lent. We began the new year looking at the idols in our life also know as counterfeit gods. Anything that comes between us and our relationship with God is an idol. Some are obvious and then some are very well hidden. But it is the hidden idols that drive the behaviors that others see in us. Personally I learned a lot during this series The only way to supplant any idol is to put Jesus in its place.

There are a lot of things happening in the year 2020 including General Conference and a Presidential election. Idols will be present. Our hope is not in anything we might idolize but it is in Jesus Christ. During Lent we are reminded of our sinful state. It is one thing to know that Jesus loves us in our head and it is another to experience it in our heart. Our relationship with Jesus is a matter of the heart. The cure to idol worship is heart worship. Heart worship is having Jesus Christ as a personal Savior.

As we begin the Sundays in Lent, we will begin a new sermon series entitled, This Is Jesus. We will be looking at Jesus forgiving our sins, meeting our needs, understanding our temptations, fears, and directing our path. We will finish this series on Palm Sunday looking at Jesus securing our eternity. For the Lenten Study we will be using Max Lucado's, Jesus the God Who Knows Your Name.

Giving anything up for Lent this year? Consider exchanging your schedule for God's schedule and not miss one Sunday of this series.

See you in church,

Pastor Tim

PREPARING OUR HEARTS FOR WORSHIP SERMON TITLES

Sermon Series: "This Is Jesus"

March 1, 2020 Jesus Forgives My Sins Matthew 16:16-17

March 8, 2020 Jesus Meets My Needs Matthew 14:14-21

March 15, 2020 Jesus Understands My Temptations Luke 4:1-13

March 22, 2020 Jesus Calms My Fears Mark 4:36-41

March 29, 2020 Jesus Directs My Path Matthew 7:13-14

Sunday School—Spring quarter begins

<u>children, youth & adults</u> <u>10:15 A.M.—11:15 A.M.</u> <u>Weekly - BIBLE STUDIES</u>

Sunday School Classes 2-3 year old - Nursery Julie Caflisch & Michelle Woodard

4K/Kindergarten—1st grade Bev Pezewski

2nd-5th grade Kurt VanHandel & Ken Gellerstedt Senior High 6th-12th grades Dan Duff

2 adult classes

ADULT CLASSES

The Beginning of the Battle by: John MacArthur Hugh Davies

A Life God Rewards (Bruce Wilkenson) Mary Muthig

Bible Studies— Agape Bible Study Thursday evenings at 6:30 P.M.

Lenten Bible Studies

"Jesus"

The God who knows your name By Max Lucado

Tuesday March 3rd at 6:30 P.M. Wednesday March 4th at 1:30 P.M.

MARCH BIRTHDAYS

- 3/5 Wayne Amdt
- 3/6 Sharon Bucholtz
- 3/6 Nicole Ropella
- 3/8 Mary Muthig
- 3/10 Joe VanHaaster
- 3/11 Jay Hull
- 3/12 Stephanie Lachey
- 3/13 Robert Lee
- 3/13 Dale Poliak
- 3/15 Michael Halverson
- 3/16 Pauline Gidlof
- 3/23 Elaine Paulson
- 3/27 Jett Barber

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Wedding Anniversaries During the month of

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2019NEWSLETTER **PUBLICATION DATES**

** The deadline for newsletter articles will be the 25th of each month. An email will be sent out to the Ministry team leaders prior to the 25th 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 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

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.

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

GREETERS SCHEDULE Month of March

Narthex/Sanctuary Entrance

- 1st Sharon Bucholtz & Joy Wade
- Ginny Shepard & Bruce Marchinowski 8th
- 15th Evie Gau & Mary Davies
- **22nd** Gary & Charlene Reiter
- 29th Mary Divver & Joanne Ball



Education Wing Entrance

Cindy & Mary Muthig Judy Schwandt & Diana Vieth Todd & Cindy Boelter Howard & Sally Steffens Julie Beck & Ann Cheshire

LENTEN BIBLE STUDIES BEGIN

There will be two Bible studies being offered during Lent. The studies will begin on

TUESDAY March 3 rd at 6:30 P.M.

and

WEDNESDAY March 4th at 1:30 P.M.

Pastor Tim will be leading the Bible Studies based on the book "This is Jesus" .

The study guide will be arriving shortly and will be available in the church office.

If you have any questions, please call the church office at 722-5842.



COUNTERS NEEDED

The finance committee is looking for additional counters to count the church offerings on Monday morning at 9:00 A.M. It takes about an hour and a half for counting the offerings each Monday. Do you have a few hours that you could help do this important volunteer project? If you have an interest please contact John Johnson or other members of the finance team.

Seniors of Faith

Thursday, March 19, 1pm to about 3p.m. Is the Winter weather getting you down? Cheer up and join the Seniors of Faith for an afternoon of Board Games and snacks. We will meet in the Fellowship Hall at 1:00 P.M. on Thursday, March 19. Snacks and beverages will be provided. Bring you favorite board game if you so wish and join with us for an afternoon of games, laughter, fun and snacks. Please contact Julie Beck 920-722-0602 if you are planning

DONATIONS FOR SPECIAL ITEMS

Are you willing to help with purchasing special items, such as Coffee, garbage bags, cups, plates, a can of paint, or if you have another idea for a special item that is purchased. The cards have been set up with envelopes so if you have an interest in donating money towards these special items that you would like to help please grab "a card of the "item that you would like to help out on, and an envelope and after you have added your card/and any amount in the envelope, drop it off in the "basket" that can be found in the Narthex. If you have any questions, please contact the church office or stop a member of the Finance or trustee committees.

Thank you to all who have donated to one of our special items, especially the snowplowing.

We will continue to have our "donation envelopes" available and maybe some different items we will need your help on.

Lord, we come to You in prayer for: Ursula Scharrschmidt, Bob Fritz, Kathy Bayer, Susan & John Johnson, Ginny Shepard, Sharon LeMaire up coming surgery, Liz Roberts, Joe VanHaaster, Elaine Paulson, Jim Armstrong preparing for surgery, Mary Jane Thompson, Marilyn Nyberg, Vic Guenther, Dick Wylie, and for those with on going medical concerns, financial concerns, our shut ins and those in need of healing; and our many unspoken prayers.



FAITHFUL SINGERS REHEARSALS

"Come, let us sing for joy to the LORD; let us shout aloud to the Rock of our salvation." - Psalm 95:1. The Faithful Singers, Faith Church's adult choir, meet weekly 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 email at <u>msommersmith@faithchurchneenah.com</u> or by cell phone at 765.993.7019.

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 and projection. Would you like to be part of the team—please contact Dave Jannusch.

Family/YOUTH Adventures for the month of March

The month of March we are looking at a sledding get together at the park with lunch at the church before we leave. We will be tubing, sledding and possibly ice skating and a stop at Dairy Queen before we go home for ice-cream. We are working on a location. The date we are looking at so far is March 15th. Please let Miss Bev know if your family will be able to attend our adventure in the park. Hopefully, we will have snow. (If we don't have snow on the ground, we will try something indoors maybe like bowling.....

Signs of Spring beginning

forward.

MARCH 8th—we spring forward (Day Light Savings time begins)

- March 20 is the first day of Spring

We also start the spring quarter on March 8th for our Sunday School Classes

During the month of March, we will also begin preparing for our Children's Easter Program. We are going to have our program on —March 29th this year. All children, youth will be able to have a part of the Easter Program if they want to be.

Miss Bev will begin working with the classes starting on March 8th.

FLOWERS FOR EASTER

We will again be ordering flowers to decorate the church for our Easter Services and can be taken home following the service. We have to have our order placed by March 30th. We will adding a order form in our Sunday's Bulletin so that everyone who wants to order plants will be able to do so and will have time to do so. You will be able to order, Easter Lilies, Azalea, Daffodil, Hydrangea, Mum, Tulips, and Begonias.

FAITH CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

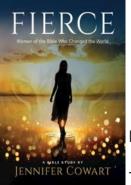
Monday thru Thursday 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

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.



NEW WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY "FIERCE"

Learn from the fierce women of God who changed the world.

The word *fierce* is trendy. It is used to describe women who are extreme athletes, high-level executives, or supermodels. Women at the top of their game. But what about the

rest of us? Can we be fierce? Absolutely! In fact, women like us have been changing the world for thousands of years—many who received little fanfare yet lived fiercely anyway. In this six-week study we will look at lesser-known female characters in the Bible and the ways they changed the world by living into God's calling, including:

The midwives of Egypt (Shiphrah and Puah), who made hard decisions in the face of evil

Deborah, who was an unlikely and powerful leader

Naaman's slave girl, who bravely points others to God's healing power

The Woman at the Well, who boldly repented and shared her faith

Lois and Eunice, who parented with intentionality and effectiveness

Dorcas, who showed kindness to those in need.

As we explore their lives, we will discover how we too can live into our callings, honor the Lord, and even change the world through our courage, faithfulness, and obedience.

WHEN: Thursday Evenings (Start Date will be either March 12th or the I9th)TIME:6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.WHERE: Faith United Methodist Church – LibraryPARTICIPANT GUIDE COST: \$13.00

You can call or text Betsy at 920-304-9748 or you can let the church office know that you wish to attend. She will be ordering the books for the study shortly and she needs to know how many books to order.

Note from Betsy:

I am already praying for the women who will be attending this Bible study, as well as their families. The study is open to women of all ages. I am looking forward to leading you through this study.

Save the Date! "Help for the Homeless" hygiene drive Feb. 16 – March 8, 2020

The boxes will be set up on the 12th of February with a listing of items that can be donated.

When: February 16 – March 8, 2020

Why: Hygiene and cleaning items are expensive and are not covered by Wisconsin Food Share (formerly Food Stamps). This donation helps BOTH the crisis programs and those they serve.

Where: The Family's Help for the Homeless hygiene drive takes place in 15 communities in our listening areas; Appleton/Fox Cities, Antigo, Chilton, Fond du Lac, Green Bay/Brown County, Manitowoc, Marshfield, Marathon County/Wausau, Oconto/ Marinette, Oshkosh, Seymour, Sheboygan, Stevens Point, Waupaca and Wisconsin Rapids. **Donations remain in communities where collected.**

How: Local employers, churches, and schools place collection boxes in their high traffic areas and encourage their staff, members, students and friends to donate hygiene/cleaning products to help local crisis programs. The Family's Help for the Homeless web page website offers helpful promotional materials, flyers, and blurbs to copy into newsletters, memos etc. *Customized materials available upon request.* Your box and poster will be delivered to you before Feb.16 and picked up again by March 13.

Who: YOU - we hope! Please include The Family's *"Help for the Homeless"* hygiene drive in your 2020 spring activity schedule and plan to help us fill the shelves of your local crisis agencies with a year's worth of personal hygiene and cleaning products. The agencies need and appreciate your help!

Help for the Homeless list of requested items:

Cleaning Supplies:

Laundry Soap Dish Soap Garbage Bags (shelters have A LOT of waste baskets!) Floor Cleaner Bleach Cleansers Sponges Disinfectant Cleaner Toilet Cleaner Brushes Dryer Sheets Dishwashing Gloves

Paper Products:

Toilet Tissue Facial Tissue Paper Towels Feminine Care: Pads Tampons

Hair Care:

Shampoo	Conditioner	Hair Brushes	Combs	Clips & Elastics
Styling Produc	cts - for ethnic &	all hair types	Head Lice	Treatment

Baby Care:

Diapers & Pull-Ups, sizes 4-6 Wipes Baby Bottles Sip Cups Baby Lotion Baby Shampoo Rash Ointment

Personal Care:

Soft SoapBar SoapDeodorant (unscented)RazorsShaving CreamNail ClippersCotton BallsQ-tipsMoisturizer/LotionsContact SolutionLip Balm

First Aid:

Children's Pain Meds Pedialyte Band Aids Rubbing Alcohol Hydrogen Peroxide Anti-Diarrheal Meds Antacids Antibiotic Ointment Cold Meds Liquid Benadryl Sun Screen

Dental Care:

SOFT Toothbrushes (kids too) Toothpaste Dental Floss Denture Care NO Mouthwash please

Community services programs and activities in the fox valley

ElderMatch increases the quality of life for older adults through companionship

Folks age 60 or older who live alone may not have the opportunity to engage socially within the community. Loneliness and social isolation may occur, which can cause chronic health conditions.

St. Paul Elder Services, in collaboration with Volunteer Fox Cities, pairs local volunteers with older adults living in their own home or apartment who desire greater social connections. Once a week, or at least twice a month, the elder will experience friendly visits with a volunteer who has been vetted and matched with the elder. They can chat, play games or enjoy other shared interests.

If you have friends, family or neighbors age 60 or older who may benefit from a friendly visitor, contact Jan Sommerfeld at 920-832-9360 or email jan@volunteerfoxcities.org.

THEDACARE AT HOME SEEKS VOLUNTEERS FOR THE HOSPICE PROGRAM

ThedaCare At Home is seeking hospice volunteers to assist in caring for terminally ill patients and their families. Our volunteers are an integral part of our hospice team. They visit patients in homes and at nursing facilities within their own communities. Volunteers help to meet the emotional, spiritual and family needs of those on hospice. They do this by providing companionship and respite for both patients and their families. They really are the heart of hospice! Our next volunteer training session will begin in May. These sessions build on the volunteers knowledge and skills to learn about hospice philosophy, comfort care and communication with patients and their families. If you are interested or have questions, please contact Jane Shea at 920-225-7738 or jane.shea2thedacare.org. Thank you for your considerations.

LIFE LINE SCREENING

What You Don't Know Can Hurt You!

• If you are age 21-80 learn your risk for developing 6 different chronic diseases

• \$3 out of every \$4 spent on healthcare is for treatment of chronic disease

Better lifestyle habits can help prevent 80% of heart disease and 90% of type 2 diabetes

The **6** for Life Health Assessment measures your risk of developing 6 chronic diseases, including heart disease, congestive heart failure, stroke, diabetes, COPD and lung cancer. A customized report will determine which risk factors contribute most to your disease risk and are within your control to change. Finger-stick blood tests along with biometric measurements are included with this assessment. These are separate from our vascular screenings.

Faith United Methodist Church will be hosting a Life Line Screening preventive health event on Friday, March 13, 2020.

Protect your health by registering today for the 6 for Life Health Assessment for \$79. Call **1-888-653-6441** or visit <u>www.lifelinescreening.com/communitycircle</u> or **text** the word **circle** to **797979** to schedule your appointment. Take control of your health, knowledge is empowering.



Springtime and Lent

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

This week was 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.

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. Some people put screens in their windows so that they can open up their windows and let fresh spring air fill our homes.

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



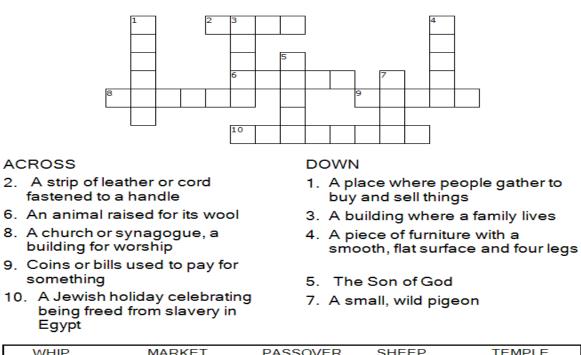








Grossword Puzzle



	HOUSE	TABLE	MONEY	JESUS	DOVE
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Choose the word that best matches the definition. Check your answers in John 2:13-16 (NIV)

- ___1. The Son of God
 - A. Jerusalem B. Passover C. Dove D. Jesus
- ___2. A place where people gather to buy and sell things A. temple B. house C. market D. court
- __3. A small, wild pigeon A. cattle B. sheep C. dove D. chicken
 - __4. A piece of furniture with a smooth, flat surface and four legs A. table B. chair C. whip D. bed
- 5. Coins or bills used to pay for something A. money B. cattle C. sheep D. dove
- __6. A church or synagogue, a building for worship A. temple B. market C. table D. courts
- ___7. An animal raised for its wool A. dove B. cattle C. whip D. sheep
- 8. A strip of leather or cord fastened to a handle A. table B. whip C. money D. dove
- 9. A Jewish holiday celebrating being freed from slavery in Egypt A. Christmas B. Easter C. Passover D. Thanksgiving
- __10. A building where a family lives A. market B. house C. temple D. tent





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March 2020

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10:15 A.M. Sunday School 9:00 A.M. Worship Service	2	3 Lenten Bible Study 6:30 P.M.	4 Lenten Bible Study 1:30 P.M. 6:30 P.M Faithful Singers Choir Rehearsals	5 Agape Bible Study 6:30 P.M.	6	7
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