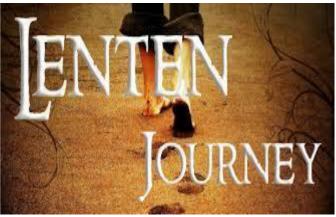


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March 2017

Dear Christian Friends,

Well it will finally be here! That is, Ash Wednesday on March 1st. We will officially begin the season of Lent and prepare for Easter Sunday on April 16th.

Indeed it is that time again to remember why Christmas is important as Christ came into the world and gave his life as a perfect sacrifice to God for us. When you think or question the love of God, just think about that Christmas and Easter connection.

My devotional reading for February 20, referenced Matthew 17:20, "...Nothing will be impossible for you." It said that we are able to have as much of God as we want. Christ puts the key to His treasure chest in our hands and invites us to take all we desire. If someone is allowed into a bank vault, told to help them self to the money, and leaves without one cent, whose fault is it fithey remain poor? And whose fault is it that Christians usually have such meager portions of the free riches of God?

Because of Easter, we have unlimited access to the free riches of God. Looking for the key to His treasure chest.? Is there a part of "free" that needs clarification? Our Lenten sermon and study series will be "He Chose The Nails, What God did to win your heart", by Max Lucado. Please consider signing up for one of the Lenten study groups.

See you in church!

Pastor Tim

PREPARING OUR HEARTS FOR WORSHIP SERMON TITLES

March 2017 —Sermon Series

March 1, 2017 Ash Wednesday

Lent Is A Gift For You

Matthew 6:1-16, 16-21

March 5, 2017

Lenten Series Max Lucado

(He Chose The Nails (6 Week Series)

He Chose To Be One of Us

Romans 8:3

March 12, 2017

He Chose To Forgive Us Colossians 2:13-14

March 19, 2017

He Chose To Invite Us Into His Presence
Hebrews 10:19-20

March 26, 2017

He Chose To Love Us

Forever

1 John 3:16

SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES Each Sunday from 10:15—11:15 AM Spring quarter Begins March 5th

4 yr. old -2nd Grade Nursery Class

Susan Johnson—Bev Pezewski
Pastor Becki Kindschi

3rd grade—6th Grade

Kurt VanHandel

Confirmation Class
Pastor Tim Albrecht
7-12th Grade

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

Senior Bible Study Classes

Mondays —1:30 P.M. Ruth Brusewitz

DATES TO REMEMBER

Wednesday March 1st-Ash

March 5th- 1st Sunday of Lent

March 8th—Lenten Bible Studies

1:30 P.M. & 6:30 P.M.

April 9th—Palm Sunday

April 13th Maundy Thursday

April 14th Good Friday

April 16th—Easter Sunday

April 23rd—Confirmation Sunday



OUR MISSION MINISTRIES—UPDATE

Family

HELP FOR THE HOMELESS HYGIENE DRIVE FEBRUARY 19 - MARCH 12

Faith church will join over 200 area churches, schools and businesses in supporting 91/9/91/5 The Family Radio's 2017 drive to collect hygiene related items for our at-risk community members. Donated items will be sorted and distributed to Fox Valley crisis agencies, such as COTS, Homeless Connections, Leaven, Harbor House and the Salvation Army. The 2016 drive generated approximately \$300,000 worth for hygiene supplies.

From February 19-March 12—there will be donation boxes at Faith church (new items only, please). One box will be near the church office and the other will be in the Narthex. Let's help stock the shelves of our area crisis agencies

Most urgent hygiene related needs are:

diapers (size 3-6) and pull ups, unscented deodorants, toilet paper,

baby wet wipes, shampoos, toothpaste/brushes paper towels

soaps (dish, laundry, bath), feminine care items, other personal care items first aid products.

The Mission Committee as well as the community will appreciate your support of this hygiene drive

SERVING AT THE HOMELESS CONNECTIONS

March 17, 2017— will be the next opportunity to help serve at the Homeless Connections. If you are interested in helping serve or providing food, there will be a sign-up sheet on the table in the Narthex.



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



3/5 Dan & Dawn Barker

3/10 Neale & Julie Caflisch

3/23 Susan & John Johnson

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

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.

WEATHER RELATED ALERTS

Should the Church decide to cancel worship service, or close the office due to inclement weather, we have several ways in which to alert you. We will have it listed with, Channel 5, TV station. We will have a note on our Church website, we will have a post on our Face-book page, and we will have a message on our Weather message line (#25) on the church phone when you call in. It is our hope that one of these methods of communication will work for you! Contact the church office if you have any questions

GREETERS FOR THE MONTH OF FEBRUARY

Narthex

Education Wing

3/5 Nola Sell & Corky Sullivan Mark & Cathy Geiger

3/12 Dick & Mary Ann Wylie Jay & Julie Beck

3/19 Chris & Tish Bordeaux Bev Pezewski & Kevin Schuh

3/26 Charles & Sharon Bucholtz Terry & Joanne Ball

SENIORS OF FAITH

Seniors of Faith will be gathering in the fellowship hall on March 16th at 12:00 noon for lunch hot beef sandwiches being provided by Linda Fritz. with attendees bringing a small salad or dessert, following lunch we will have a travelogue on Australia yep! We are going down under. Reservations to Bill and Ginny Shepard @ 722-9049 by March 13th.

CELEBRATION WOMAN'S MINISTRY

On Saturday March 4th join the woman from Faith Community UMC for a woman's ministry program. The guest speaker will be Amy Towns.

The address is 1966 Julie Drive, Greenville, Wi 54942. If you have questions you can contact Kathy Wilke at 920-915-1400.

Potluck Think Spring—Potluck March 5, 2017

"Mark your calendar" for the potluck on March 5th.

But what kind of a potluck should we have? We decided to try something knew. Bring a dish to pass that begins with the first letter of your first name.

Because Ginny is Virginia she could bring Velveeta cheese, for Terry tater tots Hmmm....

Put on your thinking caps. We will also be having a hymn sing for those who don't go to Sunday school so please join us for hymn sing, enjoy the smells that come from our kitchen and our potluck with all the delicious food!

Any questions, call Terry or the church office.



Lord, we come to You in prayer for: Gordon Brighum, Joe VanHaaster, Kathy Bayer, Lois Stewart, Dick Raleigh, Alice Littlefield, Mary Jane Thompson, Elaine Paulson, George Elwood, John Johnson

Church Carpet Fund

As you know, the finance committee and the trustee committee has established a carpet fund for the Education Wing and Narthex. We have been receiving monies and are moving forward toward our goal of \$65,000. As we move forward with the funds and beginning the carpet project, the trustees wanted to let you know where we will start the project.

—the first phase of the project will start within the next couple of months on the second floor of the education wing and the Narthex. A decision has been made on the vendor who has won the contract and the trustees will be meeting to decide on the color. We still have a way to go for funding to complete the final phase. f

If members of the church would like to help with our carpet fund, they can simply write Carpet Fund on their giving Envelope.

Thank you for your support on this project !!

Featuring Dr. Naomi Rowley

Adjunct Instructor in Organ at Aurora University, Aurora, Il

This workshop will focus on making a successful transition to the organ from the piano as well as ideas for playing the organ with greater confidence and ease. Topics will include:

"Getting Off on the Right Foot: Pedaling Pointers"

"Hints for Hymn Playing"

"Sound Advice: Becoming Familiar with Organ Registration"

"Appealing and Accessible Organ Repertoire"

Workshop registrants are welcome to bring the stop list from the instrument they play.

Date: SATURDAY, March 11, 2017 9:00am - 12:00pm

Location: St. Paul Lutheran, 200 N. Commercial Street, Neenah, Wi.

Cost: \$15 in advance, \$20 at the door.

For additional information contact: Marillyn Freeman – 920-725-6466 - RMFreem805@gmail.com

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. The Trustee Committee.

Women's Retreat March 31 - April 2, 2017 at Lake Lucerne Camp and Retreat Center

Join us for the Women's Retreat March 31 April 2, 2017 at Lake Lucerne Camp and
Retreat Center We will "Bee United by God's
Sweet Word" as we participate in workshops
such as Bee Keeping, Bible Study, Cooking with
Herbs, Flower Arranging, Sweet Music with
Chimes, Stamping, Mindful Movement and
more. There will be devotions, worship and social time too.

The cost is \$160 for 2 night's lodging, 5 meals and all materials. A \$60 deposit must accompany your registration form, registration deadline and final payment is due March 1, 2017. For more information contact

bonnieclement05@gmail or 262-895-2644.

How sweet are Your words to my taste, sweeter than honey to my mouth.

Psalm 119:103

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"

ADVANCED LAY SERVANT MINISTRY CLASS

"UNITED METHODIST HERITAGE"

Leader: Rev. Kevin Dembinski

Saturday, April 1 AND April 8, 2017 9:00 AM - 2:30 PM

Marinette First UMC 813 Owena St, Marinette

Bring your lunch

The text that will be used is "The United Methodist Way Living Our Beliefs by Kenneth Carder. The cost of the class is \$15.

<u>Deadline for reservations is March 13,2017.</u> Please make checks payable to North East District Office and send to North East District Office, 1025 Tullar Rd, Neenah WI 54956

The book will be mailed to you prior to the first class. Contact the District Office with questions, 920.991.0548 or email Barbara Franken, bfranken@wisconsinumc.org

Quick Summary January 2017 Financials

Operating Fund – January receipts were \$21,217; disbursements were \$23,042 for net disbursements of (\$1,826). The Operating Fund balance at January 31, 2017 is positive \$16,305.

Building Fund – January receipts were \$1,916; disbursements were \$1,137 for net receipts of \$779. The Building Fund balance at January 31, 2017 \$5,265.

Cash Balances – at January 31, 2017 are checking \$28,179, **g**eneral savings \$58,303 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 January 31, 2017 was \$93,851.

YOUTH/CHILDREN'S NEWS

Each year the Youth and children in our church are involved in many outside activities. We are looking for information on our youth and children accomplishments. If anyone wants to share what they have accomplished during the year, please let Miss Bev know and it will be added to our Youth/Children's News page.

Matthew Arndt has achieved academic honors at UM-Stout

Haylee Albrecht has achieved academic honors at Carroll University

Michael Arndt Is planning on going to China in 2018. He will be working on a mission project. He is selling "candy" to earn money for his trip. If you would like to help support Michael, each Sunday Michael will have his box of candy available in the "Education wing—Lobby".

NEXT YOUTH/family ADVENTURE

The next youth adventure will be "rollerblading" The date we are looking at is the l9th of March. Miss Bev will be checking with the parents and friends to see if the l9th will work out. Please check your calendars and let Miss Bev know if the l9th will work out.

The children/youth will be participating in a play during worship service. There will be parts for every child and youth who would like a reading, or help in some way. The tentative date for the program will be on April 2, 2017. The date may have to change, but mark your calendars for this worship service event.

The youth and families had a "great time skiing" there are pictures that are going to be put up in the hallway in the coming week, but I hope you enjoy some of the pictures below.













WHO WAS WHAT?

1.	Evangelist	Acts 8:5	(HIPPLI)
2.	Slave	Philemon I0:16	(MENSOUSI)
3.	Hunter	Genesis I0:8-10	(DIRNOM)
4.	Doctor	Colossians 4:14	(EKLU)
5.	Midwife	Exodus 1:15	(HIHAPHRS)
6.	Tentmaker	Acts 18:1-3	(LAQUAI)
7.	Giant	1 Samuel 17:4	(TOGIGLA)
8.	Centurion	Acts I0:1	(LOSICEUNR)
9.	Prophetess	Judges 4:4	(BAREHOD)
10.	Teacher	Acts 22:3	(MELAGLAI
11.	Lawyer	Titus 3:13	(SENZA)
12.	Servant	2 Kings 4:12	(ZEHIGA)
13.	Tax Collector	Matthew 10:3	(TAWTEMH)
14.	King	1 Kings 1:30	(NOSOMOL)
15.	Governor	Luke 3:1	(TIAPEL)
16.	Silversmith	Acts 19:24	(MIDSTEREU)
17.	Cupbearer	Nehemiah 1:1, 11	(HINAHEME)
18.	Judge	1 Samuel 7:15	(USELMA)
19.	Beggar	Luke 16:19-21	(RASLAZU)
20.	Carpenter	Matthew 1:16;Mark 6:3	(POHESJ)
21.	Tanner	Acts 9:43	(NISOM)
22.	Priest	Exodus 28:1	(NAORA)
23.	Queen	Acts 8:27	(DECNACA)
24.	Angel	Luke 1:26	(BEGILAR)
25.	Dealer in purple cloth	Acts 16:14	(DAYLI)

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Into the Wilderness with Jesus



Theme: Preparing ourselves for following Christ.

Scripture: At once the Spirit sent him out into the wilderness, and he was in the wilderness forty days, being tempted by Satan. He was with the wild animals, and angels attended him. Mark 1:12-13 (NIV)

Do you remember the baptism of Jesus? Let's see how much we can remember about the baptism of Jesus.

Who baptized Jesus? (John)

Where was Jesus baptized? (Jordan River)

As Jesus came out of the water, what happened? (The Spirit descended like a dove and settled on him)

A voice was heard from heaven. What did it say? ("You are my Son, whom I love; with you I am well pleased.")

Do you know what happened next? (Wait for an answer. They probably don't know.)

You know, a lot of people don't know what happened next, but our Bible lesson today tells us what happened next. The Bible tells us that immediately after Jesus was baptized, the Spirit led him out into the wilderness. What does that mean? A wilderness area is an area where there are no towns, no people, no roads, few trees or plants, and, in this particular case, it was very hot and dry. That doesn't sound like a very good place to be, does it? Well, it wasn't, but that's not all! The Bible tells us that Jesus was there for forty days and while he was there, he was tempted by Satan and was surrounded by wild animals but angels took care of him.

Why do you think Jesus went into the wilderness to be tempted by Satan? He was led there by the Spirit so that He could be alone with God to think about his work and pray over his future plans. Through fasting and prayer, he prepared himself to travel the hard road that lay ahead. This was a time that Jesus had to endure before he could call his followers and begin his earthly ministry by calling his disciples to come and follow him.

On March 5th will be the first Sunday in the season of Lent. What is Lent? Lent is the forty days (not counting Sundays) leading up the celebration of Easter. It is a time when we pray and think about all that Jesus has done for us. Some people observe lent by giving up something that they like very much such as eating candy, playing video games, watching TV, or going to the movies. Others observe Lent by trying to concentrate on doing good for other people such as giving to the poor, visiting the sick, collecting canned goods for the Church food pantry, or doing chores for a neighbor. These are good things to do, but most of all, Lent is a time when we focus on the call of Jesus when he said, "Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross daily and follow me." (Luke 9:23) Just as Jesus spent forty days in the wilderness in preparation for his ministry. Lent is a good time for us to draw closer to God and dedicate ourselves to following Jesus.

Heavenly Father, just as Jesus spent forty days in the wilderness to prepare for doing your work on earth, help us to use this special time of the year to prepare our hearts for serving you in our world. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

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Into the Wilderness with Jesus

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HORIZONTAL

- 3. A deserted area
- Heavenly beings that protected Jesus in the wilderness.
- The number that is ten more than thirty.
- 8. The opposite of bad.

VERTICAL

- Encouraged someone to do something even though it was wrong.
- 2. To turn away from sin.
- The fallen angel who tempts someone to do wrong.
- 5. To accept something to be true.

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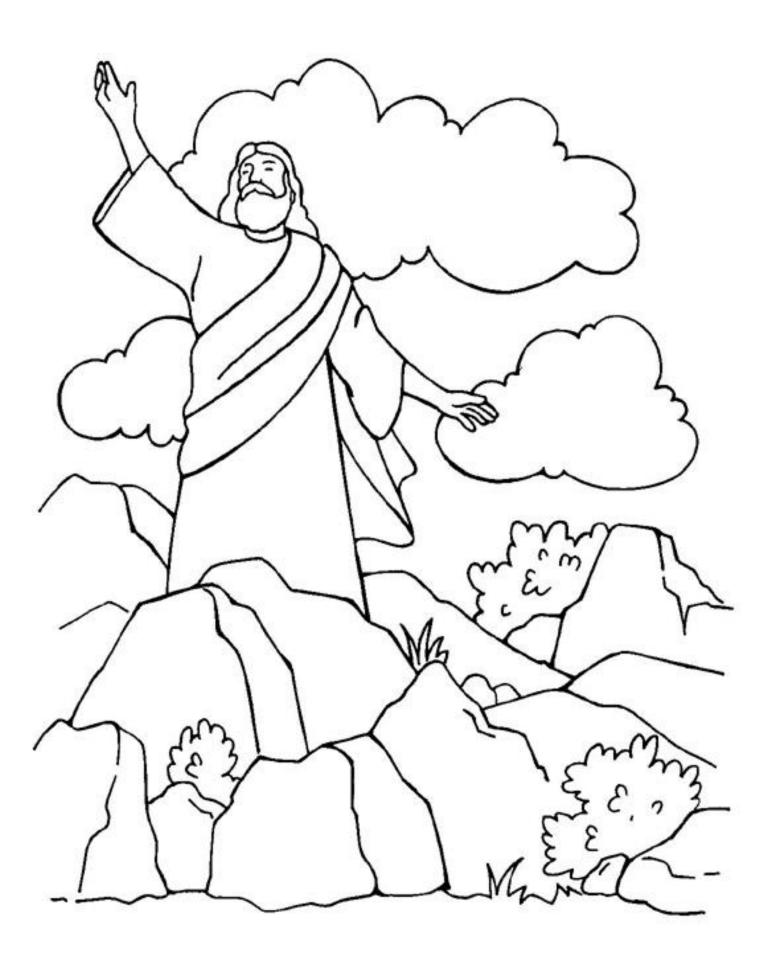
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The words below have been written in code. Use the hints in the decoder at the top of the page to help break the code (the letters on top are the correct answers, the letters on the bottom are the code). Write the correct word on the line provided beside each code word.

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March 2017

Monthly Planner

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