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Special Points of Interest

- April Birthdays and Anniversaries, Included with Calendar
- Monthly Meet-Ups, Back Page
- Correction: The time for Youth Group on April 23rd is from 6:30-8:00 p.m. It is not from 7:30-8:30 p.m.
- Correction: Confirmation will be on April 13th and 27th. It will not be on April 6th or April 20th.



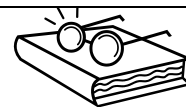
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Pastor's Corner



This is a busy time of year and a wonderful time as we look forward to celebrating resurrection at Easter. Our church is actively engaged in many areas of ministry and here are a few of them:

LENTEN SERVICES



Waseca Ministerium Lenten Noon Meals

Each week there will be a short devotional by the pastor of the host church

Every Wednesday during Lent March 26 – April 9

12:00 – 1:00 pm St. John Lutheran

401 3rd Ave NE Waseca MN

March 26	Chris Meirose	First Congregational
April 2	Brad Wickersheim	Christian Assembly
April 9	John Omans	St. John Lutheran

EASTER SUNDAY SERVICES



- 7:00 a.m. **Easter Sunrise Service** will begin our celebration of the resurrection of our Lord.
- 7:45 a.m. **Easter Breakfast;** Men of Faith will cook and serve breakfast following the sunrise service. All able-bodied men are needed to help.
Please call Roger Walker at 835-3044.
- 9:30 a.m. **Easter Sunday Worship Service**

Please join us as often as you can for these worship events during this Holy season. *Pastor Victor*



Lent Sermon Series and Small Groups

Who Is This Man?: The Unpredictable Impact of the Inescapable Jesus

3/23 Jesus: His Incomparable Power of Forgiveness John 8

Small Group Session III Week Of March 24-29th

3/30 Jesus: His Incomparable Message John 9

Small Group Session IV Week Of April 2nd-5th

4/6 Jesus: His Incomparable Power John 11

No Small Group

4/13 The Week That Changed The World

Small Group Session V Week Of April 14th-19th

4/20 Easter

WORSHIP SCHEDULE FOR LENTEN EVENING SERVICES



Wednesdays 6:30-7:15

March 26th 1st Congregational Church

God's Ability And Power

April 2nd Faith UMC

God's Absolute Forgiveness

April 9th 1st Congregational Church

God's Sovereignty



HOLY WEEK SERVICES

Thursday April 17th

Maundy Thursday Tenebrae Service with
Communion

7:00 – 8:00 p.m.

Friday April 18th

Good Friday Service

12:00 – 1:00 p.m.

UMW Update

Mission project:

UMW would like to have everyone save box top labels and pop can pull tabs.

The pop can tabs are being collected to help support the Ronald McDonald House. The funds generated from recycling these aluminum gems help offset the House's expenses.



The box top labels are being collected for Hartley Elementary School in Waseca and the Red Bird Mission in Kentucky.

When you open a can of pop or use something with a box top coupon, please save it. There will be containers in the entryway at church for these. Little things can make a big difference!

Thanks

UMW Spring Luncheon

The Spring Luncheon will be held Tuesday, April 22, at the Faith United Methodist Church. This is open to everyone in the community. It's a great opportunity to invite a friend for lunch.

The menu consists of Pasta Salad, Sloppy Joes, Egg Salad Sandwiches, Chips, Pickles, Assorted Cakes and Coffee. Takeout orders are available.

The sandwiches and salad are so good and the selection of cakes is great. Hope to see you there!

Free-Will donations will be accepted. The donations that are received help UMW with the missions throughout the year.



Hats:

Easter is April 20th.

Ladies, wear your Easter Bonnet,

With all the frills upon it.

Roberta Walker

United Methodist Church Women's Meeting**February 24, 2014, at 6:00 p.m.**

Present: Sherry Scholljegerdes, Roberta Walker, Sandy Voshell, Shirley Hansen, Linda Lohse, Julie Svoboda, Karen Ferch, Margaret Hasslen, Jan Kaupa, Kelly Adams, Beth Stankiewicz, Janet Welch, Lorraine Wick, Gloria Tollefson, Char Frankenberry, Norma Buland, Shirley Burdick

Dinner was served by the Elizabeth Circle.

Program: Sherry led our program with a reading regarding the UMW Missions. This was followed by a collection of our self-denial pledges. Sherry, Julie, Roberta and Beth then did a short skit based on an experience she had in Haiti. Sherry also discussed several of the different procedures that were performed while volunteering at the medical center in Haiti -some of them life-saving measures for the women involved.

Business Meeting:

The Secretary's Report was reviewed. Berts made a motion to accept it as written, seconded by Char and the motion carried.

The Treasurer's Report was given by Sandy. Today's balance is \$2,312.90 and all outstanding bills and commitments from 2013 are paid. On March 1st the first payment to the District, as well as our pledges and self-denial offering will be sent in. Char made a motion to accept the report as stated, seconded by Lorraine and motion was carried. Sandy then suggested making decaf coffee at Sunday fellowship time upon the request of a congregation member. She stated that \$100 was donated to UMW to be used as needed and she would like to use a portion of that money to purchase a 12-cup coffee maker. Shirley Burdick made a motion that we do so, seconded by Norma Buland. This was voted on and approved.

Unfinished Business: The UMW service went well and this year's Special Missions Recognition went to Linda Lohse and Margaret Hasslen.

New Business:

- 1) World Day of prayer is Friday, March 7th. We will serve cupcakes and coffee following the service. Shirley Burdick volunteered to make the table decorations based on our theme 'Streams in the Desert'. Berts volunteered to help with set up and Shirley Hansen and Sherry will help with clean up.
- 2) There will be a Chili/Soup Cook-off following the worship service on March 9th. People should let Char know if they will be bringing a chili or soup so she knows how many money jars to bring to church. The proceeds will be going to Emma Norton, and Char stated that two women from there will be attending that day to talk to the congregation regarding their needs -paper products, which they will take back to St. Paul, as well as monetary gifts.

- 3) The UMW has been asked to serve lunch for the March 19th Lenten service at St. Johns Lutheran Church. Janet Welch and Linda Lohse will be in charge of the soup/bread/crackers and Norma Buland, Shirley Hansen and Sherry Scholljegerdes will each make three dozen cookies and bring them to our church the day before.
- 4) The Southern Prairie Spring Gatherings will be held on Friday, March 21st in Trimont and on Saturday, March 22, in Waterville. The registration is from 8:30-9:15 a.m. on those days. Sherry circulated a sign-up sheet for those wishing to attend.
- 5) Younger Women's Dinner Out will be held on March 26th. Approximately 20 women will be invited. Sherry has volunteered to make a chicken enchilada hot dish, Berts will make salad, and Sandy will make a dessert for this event. The interests of the group will be discussed as to whether they would like to meet on a regular basis.
- 6) Spring Luncheon will be held on Tuesday, April 22nd. Chairperson(s) are needed.
- 7) Last year the UMW donated over \$200 to help fund snacks for children unable to pay for them. Janet Welch made a motion to donate \$250.00 to Hartley School this year to cover the same need, seconded by Linda Lohse, voted on and motion was carried. Sandy Voshell will ask Karen Ferch to accompany her to present this check to the Hartley Elementary School's principal.
- 8) Kitchen Needs - (a.) replacement of stools
(b.) Roaster (large heavy roaster, not electric, without lid)
(c.) Coffee pot (see Treasurer's Report)
Shirley Hansen will contact the Memorials Committee regarding replacement of stools. Jan Kaupa said she has a large roaster that she would be happy to donate to the church, so only one more is needed.
- 9) We will be having an English Tea Party in May with a speaker coming from Waterville with her hat collection and a presentation about them including the history of hats. Roberta Walker and Shirley Hansen will chair this event and would like a few more committee members to help with it.
- 10) Roberta requested that everyone save their 'box top labels for education' and bring them to church -a receptacle will be provided. The box tops will be given to Hartley Elementary School and Red Bird Mission to use as needed. Also, pop tabs will be collected for the Ronald McDonald Homes.
- 11) Thanks to the women who helped out with the Men of Faith Celebrate the Presidents potluck this past Sunday.

Those going to the UMW Assembly in Louisville, KY, on April 24-27th are Barbara Friedl, Theresa Riecke and Char Frankenberry.

Our **next UMW meeting** will be held on **Monday, May 19th.**

Meeting Adjourned.

Respectfully submitted by

Shirley Hansen, Secretary

Parish Nurse Notes— “Who’s Calling?”

This past Thursday afternoon our phone rang. It was during “Crafters” at church. Gary answered. A frantic voice said “This is your granddaughter, I’m in a lot of trouble.” Gary said, “Lenea? It doesn’t sound like you.” She said “I’m in jail in Chicago. I was in a car accident and got a DUI. I don’t sound like myself because my nose got broke in the accident. I need \$1,500 for bail.” Gary replied, “What are you doing in Chicago?” She answered, “I was at a girlfriend’s funeral. I only have five minutes to talk. Please send me the bail money!” Gary answered, “Why didn’t you call your dad?” She responded, “I’m too embarrassed to call him. I knew you would understand. Please help me out!” Gary was now weary of the girl. He was thinking that Lenea lives in Colorado, she doesn’t have a reliable car. This isn’t right. He said, “I don’t have the money to send you.” Click, she was gone.



A quick call to Colorado confirmed Lenea was indeed in Colorado.

This was scamming by phone. When the call was checked later it said “Out of Area.” No matter who they say they are, asking for money quickly, hang up or ask to call them back at their number. Millions of people are scammed by trying to do the right thing or by promises of money just waiting for them if they only send their cash first.

Jesus says in Matthew 12:35-37 ³⁵“The good man brings good things out of the good stored up in him, and the evil man brings evil things out of the evil stored in him. ³⁶ But I tell you that men will have to give account on the day of judgment for every careless word they have spoken. ³⁷ For by your words you will be acquitted, and by your words you will be condemned.”

Until these people get their just due we must be on guard, for they can be very persuasive.

Peace and Grace, *Sherry Scholljegerdes*, RN, Your Parish Nurse

TECHNOLOGY UPDATE IS COMING



There will be some great changes in worship in the coming weeks that will enhance the way we worship. An individual stepped forward with a generous offer to fund the purchase of a large screen and projector for use during the worship services. The screen will be an ascending screen in the front of the sanctuary behind the altar and the projector will be a long-throw projector from the back of the sanctuary. The completion date for the installation of the screen and projector is Palm Sunday.

HELP WANTED

“Some Time Away” needs some more volunteers. There is a short training and a background check required. The commitment is four hours a month or every other month. The program runs on Wednesdays from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. It is great fun. This request includes men as we do have men in our program too. Please contact Sherry at 835-4304.

Faith Crafters and Stitchers



March Faith Crafters Meeting

Faith Crafters and Stitchers will meet **Thursday, April 10**, from **1:00-3:00 p.m.** in the **Fellowship Hall**. You are welcome to bring your own project to work on or there will be Bazaar 2014 projects you may work on if you wish. Bring a friend and join us for work time, fellowship, coffee, and snacks.



Monthly Prayer Requests

Remember our church members & friends who are less mobile and are unable to join us as often as they would like, including:

Koda Living Community, Owatonna: Elaine Flathers

Colony Court Memory & Care Suites: Ann Swenson,
Rosalind Peterson, Gerri Peterson

Colony Court: Millie Groh, Ardella Draheim

Lakeshore Inn: Florence Gutknecht, Hazel Henkensiefken, Don Lohse

Latham Place: Liz Corchran

Morrow Home, Sparta, WI: Marlene Rietfort

Oaklawn Health Care Center: Jim Keller

Janesville Nursing Home: Nina Youngberg

Tower Light, St. Louis Park: Darlene Lynch

Those who also need our prayers: Willie Mahler, Jerry Krause

Prayer Requests from Sunday Worship: Leona Quast, Rodger and Vada Dahnert, Dick and Elaine Westrum, Marie Wells



NEEDED: VBS Coordinator

Our Education Team is willing to gather helpers and help make VBS happen, but none of us are able to coordinate VBS. So we need a Coordinator to organize VBS and delegate the jobs needed to make VBS happen. We have a tentative date of the third week in July for VBS but are willing to work around the schedule of our Coordinator. We all say we love kids and want young families in our church. Here is a great way to help make that desire a reality. I know that traditionally people have said "I like to be asked personally to volunteer for a position." I understand that feeling but the Education Team can't ask everyone in the congregation individually if they are willing to Coordinate VBS. Please consider this a "personal invitation" from the Education Team to be our VBS Coordinator. Prayerfully consider if you could be our VBS Coordinator, or involved with VBS in another way. Call Pastor Victor at the office (835-3167) if you would like more information.



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MONTHLY MEET-UPS

Elizabeth Circle

UMW Elizabeth Circle will meet **Wednesday, April 16, at 3:00 p.m.** (note time change) in the Lakeview Room. Sandy Voshell will host with Linda Lohse providing devotions. Visitors welcome!

Mary Circle

UMW Mary Circle will meet on **Tuesday, April 15, at 2:00 p.m.** at Colony Court Apartment #416.

Men of Faith

Our April Men of Faith Meeting will be on **Thursday, April 10, at 6:30 p.m.** in the Fellowship Hall of Faith United Methodist Church. We have a lot to discuss since our last two meetings were called off due to weather! The meeting is open to all men. Bring a friend!

Roger Walker



Ruth Circle

UMW Ruth Circle will meet **Wednesday, April 16, at 10:00 a.m.** at **Out to Lunch.**