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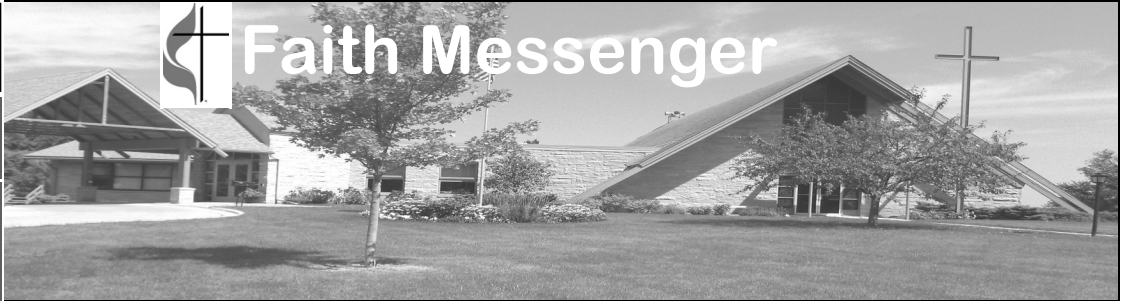
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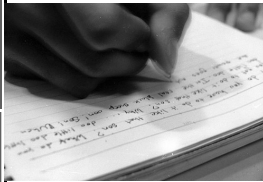


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LENTEN SERMON SERIES

I Can't Believe What Happened a sermon series on Jesus' miracles. We will look at the nature of miracles and how Jesus used them to teach about the nature of faith and the Kingdom of God. Come and see how Jesus can bring courage and healing to your life.

2/1/ Week I It's A Miracle? [Matthew 4:24]

2/8 Week II The Man By the Pool: Do You Want to Get Well? [John 5:1-17]

2/15 Week III Heal Me! Heal Me! What Do You Want Me to Do For You? [Mark 10:46-52]

2/25 Week IV Do You Believe I Can Do This?: Yes, No, Maybe?[Mark 9:14-29]

3/1 Week V You're the Talk of the Town: Who Do You Say That I Am? [Mark 8:27-30]

3/8 Week VI The One That Didn't Get Away [Luke 5:1-11]

3/15 Week VII The Man Who Went Through the Roof [Luke 5:11-26]

3/22 Week VIII Are We There Yet? [Luke 8:22-25]

3/29 Week IX My Little Girl Is Dead [Luke 8:41ff]

4/5 Week X Easter: The End or the Beginning? [John 21]

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Prayer Requests

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

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

Colony Court: Millie Groh, Ardella Draheim, Nina Youngberg, Leona Quast

Lakeshore Inn: Florence Gutknecht, Hazel Henkensiefken, Don Lohse

Latham Place: Liz Corchran

Morrow Home, Sparta, WI: Marlene Rietfort

Oaklawn Health Care Center: Jim Keller

Tower Light, St. Louis Park: Darlene Lynch

Those who also need our prayers: Willie Mahler

Prayer Requests from Sunday Worship: Rodger and Vada Dahnert,
Bruce and Deb Hering, Leona Quast, Jim Barber, Dave and Joann Eggness,
Kookie Kukacka, Deloris Asmus, Peter Fog, Jim Keller, Floyd Lamont,
Marilyn Possin, Linda Lohse and her mother Betty, Pastor David Crow is
battling Bladder Cancer and needs prayer.



Thank You

Thank you so much for all of the birthday cards and gifts I received for my 100th birthday. It is always such a joy to hear from my friends and church family. I had a very good day and enjoyed my birthday celebration so much. Thank you everyone for remembering me.

God Bless,

Willie Mahler

Thank You

Thank you to all who remembered me this Christmas season. Your thoughtfulness is greatly appreciated. It is an honor to provide God's music to you throughout the year. Happy New Year to you all. Marlys Garness

WANTED

Two volunteers are needed. We need a volunteer to find greeters each month and a volunteer to find nursery attendants. Both voluntary positions are open and need to be filled. Thank you.

Faith Crafters and Stitchers

Faith Crafters and Stitchers will meet on Thursday, February 12, from 1:00-3:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. All women are invited to join the group. You may bring a project of your own to work on; or share a mission project idea with us. Coffee and treats will be provided. If you have questions, please feel free to call Sandy Voshell at 835-4122 any time.

Collectors' Showcase

Plans are underway for a popular event at Faith Church: The Collectors' Showcase and Potluck Brunch, set for Sunday March 8 following worship. This is a great opportunity for you to bring and display your favorite collection(s). In the near future clipboards with sign-up sheets will be circulated and available during fellowship hour for collectors to indicate their need for table space and electrical hookups. The Showcase will also include a Potluck Brunch featuring pork loin roast; you are invited to bring other dishes to share for the meal.

Over the years we've enjoyed many different types of collectibles as their owners proudly display their treasures, so mark your calendars now for Sunday March 8 and plan to be a part of this interesting and fun event. Remember that a collection needn't be vast...whether you have a few items or a table-full we'd love to get to know you better by viewing your favorite things and learning about them.

UMW Update

United Methodist Women News features an article written by the Dean of Minnesota Conference Mission u, Theresa Riecke. The article is entitled "Mission u in Minnesota" and describes the classes and events happening during the Mission u in Minnesota. Theresa has held several offices in local, district and conference levels. She is a member of Faith UMW. Congratulations Theresa!

Don't forget our **Collectors' Showcase Brunch** on March 8. There will be signup sheets. Register to let us know the number of tables needed and whether you need a whole table or half, and if electricity is needed at your table. We invite everyone to display their collection and bring a dish to share.

NEW PROGRAM TO REPLACE UNIT MEMBER OF THE YEAR

The new program will be **Unit Project of the Year Recognition 2015**. The new program will replace the *Unit Member of the Year*. Sharing successful ideas with other United Methodist Women is the whole idea. Units are asked to submit a project which they have recently completed to their district Membership Nurture and Outreach person by the deadline set by each district. Southern Prairie District deadline is July 15. Projects may include but are not limited to UBUNTU, spiritual growth, membership nurture, educational, reading program, social action, etc. A team of 5 in each district will select the top project for their district and the conference will give a \$15 Gift to Mission for each District's Unit Project of the Year and recognize them at the Annual Meeting in October 2015. All projects submitted will be listed in the Program Book with contact information for each project.

Submitted by Barbara Friedl

Nurse's Notes

Habits of Happy People, Part 3, Savoring

Some events in our lives we naturally savor. The news that a new baby is coming into the family, we savor the moment we find out. We start making plans with all kinds of expectations. We are happy and joyful. Then the big day arrives and we're on "Cloud 9." Parents don't forget this day, it's imprinted forever in their minds. Grandmas still can tell the details of the births of each of their babies. They remember all the features of the baby and the picking of the perfect name.

There are three ways through which people can savor. The above is an example of all three.

Anticipation: Generating positive feelings before the event has occurred.

Present enjoyment: Generating positive feelings in the present by intensifying or prolonging them through thoughts and behaviors.

Reminiscence: Generating positive feelings by looking back on an event in a way that rekindles positive emotion.

Have you ever thought about the way we say goodbye to loved ones? First comes "I really should go" then staying longer. Several hugs and kisses and well wishing is a part of this, then there is "I forgot to give you." This is another delay. They then walk to the door. There are byes again, then standing at the door and waving as the car pulls away.

Are you a shutterbug? Then you probably are someone who savors by keeping moments alive through photos. Some say planning a vacation is just as enjoyable as the trip itself.

There are four kinds of savoring:

1. Basking: Reveling in our making the most of praise or congratulation.
2. Thanksgiving: Experiencing or expressing gratitude.
3. Marveling: Being filled with wonder, astonishment or awe.
4. Luxuriating: Delighting in the experience

Let's savor more moments in our lives. They happen every day such as a great meal, the sunset, flowers, snow, a card from a friend. The list goes on forever.

God has made us a world of wonder and awe. We can bask in the sun and be thankful for the rain. We can delight in a walk on the bike path. We can love our neighbor as ourself.

"God is good." -Psalm 100:5

Let us revel in every day pleasantries, and thank God for His son, Jesus, whom we savor the thought of seeing in Heaven.

Peace be with you. Your Parish Nurse, Sherry Scholljegerdes, RN

Excerpts from Habits of Happy People, Presented by Dennis A. Marikis, Ph.D. Fall 2014

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STEWARDSHIP UPDATE

As we enter 2015 we are currently on track to raise 130,000 dollars in pledges for 2015. That is up 9,000 from 121,000 in 2014 but we still need an additional 11,000 in pledges to meet our 2015 budget of 141,000 dollars.

Our Special Ask Drive last Fall raised 12,500 which gave us a balanced budget for 2014 and allowed us to enter into 2015 with our bills and debts paid.

Our apportionments for 2014 was 12,5000 or about two-thirds of our total assessment for 2014. Our goal for 2015 is to raise a minimum of 15,000 towards our 2015 apportionments assessment.



SANCTUARY RENOVATION

Come and stretch out your legs; our pews now have 36" between them, an increase of 4" from our previous 32". We have also added two rows of comfortable chairs with arm rests. Come early and sit in the most comfortable seat in the house.



FINANCIAL UPDATE

The firm of Jared J. Dufault, LTD as of January 1st has been contracted to handle all the church's billing and payroll needs.

Bible Word Search: TRIBES OF ISRAEL

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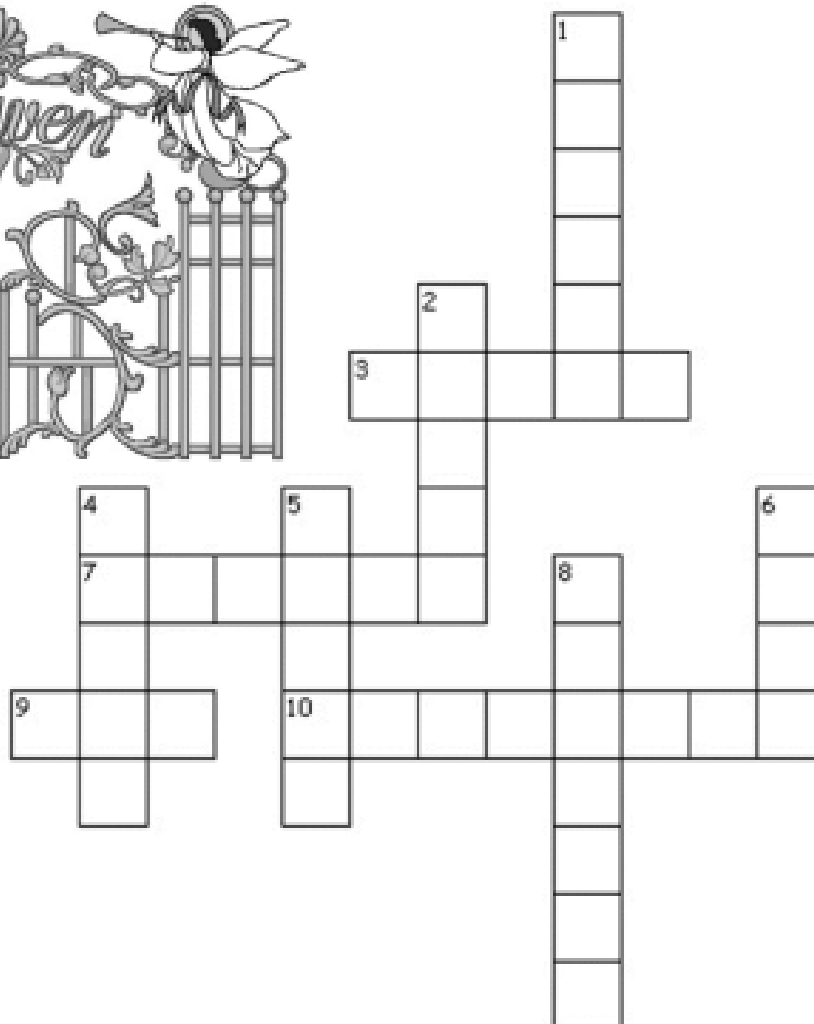
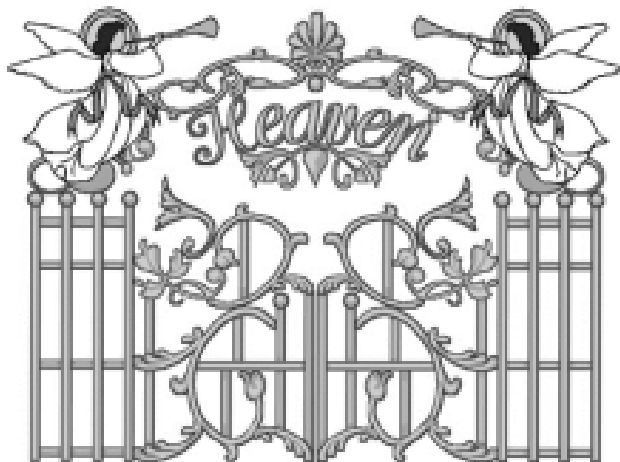
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BENJAMIN

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ISSACHAR
EPHRAIM

(Genesis 29:32-30:24; 35:18). Levites are the priestly tribe, not one of the 12 tribes.
Joseph's sons each fathered one of the 12 tribes.

Source: Bible Book of Lists at SusanCAnthony.com

Heaven Crossword



Word List:

accept	light
church	gates
rewarded	new
forever	night
tears	gold

Across

3. No need for sleep which means only day and no more ____.
7. The only way you can go to heaven is if you believe and ____ Jesus into your life.
9. The old will be gone and everything will be made ____ again.
10. By living like Christ wants us to on earth we will be ____ in heaven.

Down

1. This building won't exist in heaven because we won't need it.
2. We won't need to turn on this because God will provide all we need to see.
4. There will be twelve of these made of huge pearls.
5. Without these we won't be able to cry because there is no crying in heaven.
6. The streets will be made of pure ____.
8. We will live ____ in heaven (a long long time).



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MONTHLY MEET-UPS:

Elizabeth Circle

UMW Elizabeth Circle will meet on **Wednesday, February 18, from 3:00 to 5:00 p.m.** in the **Lakeview Room**. Lynne Swenson will host with Janice Kaupa leading devotions. Visitors and guests welcome.

Mary Circle

UMW Mary Circle will meet Tuesday, February 17th, from 1:00-2:00 p.m.

Ruth Circle

UMW Ruth Circle will not meet during Winter months.

Men of Faith

Men of Faith will meet Thursday, February 12th at 6:30 p.m. in the **Fellowship Hall**.