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**Monday,
Wednesday &
Thursday:**

9:30 am - 12:30 pm

From the Pastor's Desk

Dear Ones,

As you know, I had knee replacement surgery on June 1. I'm here to tell you that they trick you at the hospital. When you go to the operating room, the anesthesiologist gives you a spinal block, then some nice gentle medicine that makes you take a nice nap, then when you wake up, they inject a pain block into your knee. When I got back to my room, I felt great! I could not believe I felt so good after a major surgery. I had lunch while waiting for the spinal to wear off. Then I got dressed, no problem, I got up and walked, went up and down stairs, I still felt great! Then Kirk brought the car around and we left for home. Now, the physical therapist did tell me that my knee would feel painful, but I didn't really listen because I felt so good, On the way home, the pain meds started wearing off and by the time we got home, everything had changed for me. I felt an incredible amount of pain. And for several days, the pain level was very high. Of course, things are much better now, and the pain is under control.

I told this story on my last Sunday in church because it reminds me of our lives in this world. When something happens, the world is very good at throwing "pain meds" at us, promising that if we do this or that, hang out with certain people, eat certain foods, drink certain drinks, our pain will go away, For a while, it works, and we feel better, but soon the world's "pain meds" wear off and we are left with nothing but pain. When I related this in church, I asked the question, "how can Christians deal with the pains we encounter in life? Without hesitation Les answered this question with one word, "Jesus" Les is a smart man. When we walk with Jesus, will he take our pain away? No because it takes pain for us to heal. But Jesus will help us through our pain as we heal. Jesus will not leave us nor forsake us.

I had another "God prod" right before my surgery. On the day we had the Stewart funeral at church a kitten was found in our parking lot. I think it was the teachers from Hansel and Gretel that found him, I can't really remember, but they said they would take him to Canine Central, which is a perfectly fine solution to a lost kitten, they would make sure he saw a vet and help him get adopted, but when I saw his little orange face, I said, "I will take him" and I put him in my office till everything wrapped up at the church, then I took him home, and Kirk fell in love with him too. Now, you all know that I love cats and this kitten has been such a blessing to me as I am recovering from surgery. He is an absolute delight. Maybe the sweetest kitten I have ever had. And research has shown that a cat's purring can have therapeutic benefits for the cat and its owner. These vibrations can help promote the healing of soft tissue injuries in humans. So I believe that my little LeRoy was a gift to me from the Holy Spirit. You might think that's crazy, but that's my story and I'm sticking to it.

I had an amazing last Sunday with all of you! Thank you for the delicious brunch and all the cards and gifts. I am truly humbled by your generosity. I will miss each one of you and pray that great things happen for Faith United Methodist Church.

Be Blessed and remember, the best is yet to come! **Pastor Carolyn**

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: Shirley Burdick

Janesville Nursing Home: Nina Youngberg

Traditions Assisted Living Owatonna: Ardella Draheim

Benedictine Living Community: Chuck Youngberg

Latham Place: Joe Tollefson

Lakeshore Inn: Leona Quast

Foxdale: Lucille Kubista

Prayer Requests from Sunday Worship: Sue Baldini, Kara Ecoff, Tim Dahnert, Gail Sauer, Beverly Peppenger, Gloria Rollag, Bob Stephan, Hilary Herbig, health care workers, first responders, and those who are most at risk and vulnerable to Covid-19, those who battle



Administrative Assistant Hours

Stacy's hours are typically Monday, Wednesday and Thursday 9:30 am to 12:30 pm. Days or hours are subject to change at times. It is best to call ahead if you need to visit the office. Hours will be posted in the weekly bulletins. Stacy will be out of the office on **Wednesday, July 12 and Thursday, July 13**

Spring Sandwich Luncheon Update

In the aftermath of the Luncheon it was decided to purchase two new boulevard signs (advertising the event) as ours have had considerable wear and tear. I went to Personalized Printing here in town and placed the order with Barb Buker. A short time later I received a call from her telling me that the new ones were ready to be picked up. When I went to do that not only was I told that they had made an extra sign for us, but also they were donating them all to our church; there was no charge. A thank-you card has been sent to Bukers expressing heartfelt gratitude from our church for their generosity and quality work on our behalf. My personal belief is that's one of the many blessings of living in a small town.

—Faith Leadership Team (Karen Ferch)

Welcoming Potluck

On **Sunday, July 30**, we will have a potluck after the worship service to welcome our new pastor and his wife, Jon and Nicki, to our church family. Everyone is invited to attend. Please watch future bulletins for more information.

Ruth Circle

Ruth Circle met on Thursday, June 15th.

Edy started the meeting with a short prayer.

Roberta's daughter-in-law, Vaneide, was the guest speaker. Roberta's son, Chad, works for the state department. He and his family lived in Turkey where he was stationed for three years.

Vaneide talked about their life in Turkey. She had pictures of some of the things she talked about.

She demonstrated the making of Turkish coffee and tea. The coffee was served in small cups with a piece of Turkish delight. After we finished our coffee, we tipped our cup over on to our saucer and looked into the cup to read our future. That added a lot of enjoyment to the gathering as was evident by the laughter as to what we saw in our cups.

Of course we all know the folly of using coffee grounds to predict the future. Only the Love of God can help us deal with anything that happens in the future, good or bad.

If God is for us, who can be against us? Romans 8:31.

We then had the tea she prepared served with a dessert called Banoffe which was very tasty. Vaneide shared some interesting facts about how she prepared the dessert.

The women enjoyed the presentation and invited Vaneide back

Roberta's son, Chad, will be stationed in Manila Philippines where they will live for the next three years.

Our next meeting will be Tuesday, July 11th at 1:00. Edy will be hostess and the program will be on butterflies.

Faith at the Fair

Be sure to join us for Faith at the Fair on Sunday, July 16 at 10:00 am (**Note the time**). The service will be held at the Free Stage. In the event of inclement weather, we will be moved to one of the buildings. Come and enjoy a fun get-together with friends. Please spread the word to others to attend.

UWF Upcoming Dates

United Women in Faith Executive Board meeting will be held on **August 28 at 10:00 am**.

United Women in Faith Unit meeting will be held on **September 7 at 12:00 pm**. It will be a potluck picnic.

Waseca United Women in Faith Unit Meeting
Monday, May 15, 2023 1:00 pm

22 women met at Faith United Methodist Church in the fellowship room on Monday, May 15, 2023 at 1:00 pm. Sherry Scholljegerdes gave the welcome. Pastor Carolyn gave the opening prayer. Karen Ferch read a beautiful Christian poem.

Linda Griffin read the Secretary's report. Sandy Voshell presented the Treasurer's report. Sherry Scholljegerdes had correspondence if anyone wants to be a conference or District Officer.

Sandy Voshell ~~gave the~~ gave the Prayer and Self Denial Lesson and had an offering basket on the table for the money.

Ruth Church Circle beautifully decorated the tables with a tea party theme. There was small tea pots for everyone to take home with chocolate kisses inside them. Everyone had on fancy clothes and hats. There was tea, coffee, cream puffs, nuts, a chocolate heart, crossants with chicken salad. The food was delicious.

Karen Ferch handed out a scrambled bible verses word game. There was also a memory tray game with many items on it. We looked at the items for a few minutes and then tried to write down what we remembered was on the tray. There were prizes for both games.

Old Business:

Talked about the Church Spring Luncheon. We will make the Pea Salad next Spring in the kitchen. The Pampered Chef Party was fun. We made some money.

There is an article in The Response Magazine about legislating for Maternal Health in Minnesota.

Day Apart meeting on June 13, 2023 at The United Methodist Church in Montevideo, Mn. Mission U in July, 2023 via Zoom.

Karen Ferch presented the UWF pins to Edy Barber and Nancy Tollefson.

New Business:

Two UWF meetings per year starting in May and October, 2024. We will still have UWF Executive Board meetings 4 times a year. We will still have church meetings monthly.

We discussed the Fall Luncheon for November especially about the soup.
Local donations, We will wait to talk about this until Fall.
Sherry Scholljegerdes closed the meeting with a prayer.

Your Secretary, Linda Griffin

One Minute Devotion

Genesis 1:31

On the first five days of creation, God looked at what He did and pronounced, "It is good," BUT on the sixth day, after God created people, He said, "It is Very good." God cares so much about you, He labeled you as 'very good'. God does care.

Taken from 100 Minutes with God, 1 Minute Daily Devotions of Timeless Inspiration.

Soap Closet

Faith UMC is participating with Minnesota Valley Action Council (MVAC) as a drop off site for their "Soap Closet". It is a program to help those in need with hygiene supplies in our county. The drop off box is located in the narthex. Items they are looking for include the following:

- New men's, women's and children's underwear and socks
- Toothbrushes and toothpaste
- Body Wash or bar soap
- Q Tips
- Hand soap/hand sanitizer
- Toilet paper
- Feminine products
- Baby wipes/diapers/powder/soap
- Laundry detergent
- Dish soap
- Deodorant

Please consider donating items to help with this cause.

POLICY FOR LENDING OUT TABLES AND FOLDING CHAIRS

The church has a limited number of wooden tables and folding metal chairs (without pads) to lend out for family events and social gatherings.

Guidelines:

1. Order of priority to lend out items would be first active members of the church, second priority would be former members of the church and lastly would be individuals from the community of Waseca.
2. Lending of tables and chairs from the church is reserved through the church office.
3. Let the church office know how many tables/chairs you need, what day you need them, and when and who will be picking them up on what date and the date they will be returned back to the church.
4. Would like to have this information two weeks in advance of the date these items will be picked up from the church.
5. Please leave all your contact information with the church so if you call and no one is in the office we can get back in touch with you in a timely matter.
6. We would ask that a free will offering be made to help with replacement cost for the future so we can continue to provide this service for other individuals' events.

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

TELEPHONE NUMBER: _____

NUMBER OF TABLES: _____ NUMBER OF CHAIRS: _____

DATE TO BE PICKED UP: _____

DATE TO BE RETURNED: _____

Bible Word Search:
CHOOSE TO SERVE GOD
 (Joshua 24)

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ABRAHAM
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 MOSES
 WITNESS

CHOOSE
 ISRAEL
 SERVE

EGYPTIANS
 JOSHUA
 WHOLE HEART

Instructions:

Find and circle the words from the list. Words may be forward, backward, vertical, or diagonal within the puzzle.



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MONTHLY MEET-UPS:

Elizabeth Circle

Elizabeth Circle will meet **Wednesday, July 19 at 2:30** in the Lakeview Room. Mary Stauffer will be our hostess and devotion leader. We welcome guests and visitors!

Ruth Circle

Ruth Circle will meet on **Tuesday, July 11 at 1:00 pm** in the Gathering Room. Edy will be the hostess and the program will be on butterflies.

Conversation, Bible & Friends

Conversation, Bible and Friends will **not** meet on July 3.