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**From the Pastor's Desk**

Dear Ones,

As Kirk walks Merry by the lake, he keeps me updated on the goings-on of the local water fowl. We were most interested in a pair of geese who made their nest in the rushes by the inlet (Andy's stink). We were surprised they nested so close to the water but today I noticed from my office window that the eggs had hatched and the happy family was strolling by the shore. I went down to take a video, being careful not to get too close as mom and dad were on high alert! What fun to watch as the littles wandered on their own, then noticing how far they had strayed from mom and dad, made a mad dash to catch up. Mom and dad were keeping a very close eye on them and raised their wings to welcome them back. After a while, the littles followed mom and dad back into the water. It will be so much fun watching the littles grow up this summer. They will learn from their parents and in no time will fly the nest.

Psalm 91:4 tells us *"He will cover you with his feathers. He will shelter you with his wings. His faithful promises are your armor and protection."*

That is good news! There are times when we, like those little geese, like to wander and explore, straying from God's protection, only to suddenly "wake up" and realize we may have wandered too far. We rush back to the shelter of God's wings, assured that we will be covered with God's protection. When we "fly the nest" we are still in the presence of our creator God. All our life long, we will be covered with God's feathers and sheltered by God's wings.

I have had several conversations with church members who claim God's presence is the reason they get through hard times. I know it is true for me. Being able to rest under God's wings feeling safe and secure is the best thing in times of turmoil. I pray you feel this love from God.

I think spring is finally here. This year was a hard one as we endured a wet and cool season. Never the less, the grass has greened up, flowers are poking through the earth and spring has arrived. God's promises are true and we can count on them. As we turn to warmer weather, I begin to think about our beautiful campus and how we can take advantage of it. I look forward to outdoor services and special events, worshipping and fellowshiping with all of you. Please invite your friends and neighbors!

I can't wait to see you in worship!

Blessings

Pastor Carolyn

**Special Points of Interest:**

- June Monthly Meetings, Back Page
- June Birthdays and Anniversaries included with Calendar

**Administrative Assistant**

**Office Hours:**

**Monday, Wednesday & Thursday:**

**9:00 am - 12:00 pm**

## 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:** Joe Tollefson, Janice Kaupa, Shirley Burdick

**Janesville Nursing Home:** Nina Youngberg

**Traditions Assisted Living Owatonna:** Ardella Draheim

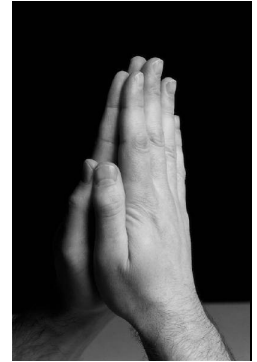
**Foxdale:** Elaine Westrum

**Koda Living Community:** Chuck Youngberg

**Lakeshore Inn:** Leona Quast

**Latham Place:** Lucille Kubista

**Prayer Requests from Sunday Worship:** Sue Baldini, Roger Walker, Leona Quast, government officials, health care workers, first responders, and those who are most at risk and vulnerable to Covid-19, those who battle chronic illness and pain.



## Administrative Assistant Hours

Stacy's summer hours will typically be Monday, Wednesday and Thursday 9:00 am to Noon. Days or hours are subject to change depending on her child's activity schedule. It is best to call ahead if you need to visit the office. Hours will be posted in the weekly bulletins. Please note that Stacy will be out of the office Monday, June 13 through Friday, June 17.

## Thank You

Dear Church Family,

Thank you for the party and cake during fellowship last Sunday to celebrate our Confirmation! Thank you also for your generous gifts and kind words of congratulations. I would like to give a special thanks to Pastor Carolyn and you, the congregation, for welcoming me into the church and for supporting me during my faith journey!

With deepest gratitude,

*Aiden Groskreutz*

I would like to thank everyone for helping me celebrate my confirmation. I appreciate all the cards and gifts I received. I look forward to continuing my religious journey here at Faith UMC.

Thanks,

*Kaylie Morrissey*

## Happy Anniversary

Tom and Karen Kuyper will be celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary on June 3rd. Cards of congratulations can be sent to:

Tom & Karen Kuyper  
600 11th Ave. SE  
Waseca, MN 56093

## Ruth Circle

Ruth circle met Tuesday, May 10th. Edy was the hostess and presented a program on 'Prayer'.

Ruth circle's next meeting will be on Tuesday, June 14th at 1:00 in The Gathering Room. Roberta will be hostess. Andrea will give the program "On My Trip". The members of Ruth circle may bring a picture or something to share from a trip they took.

## Rock Painting

The Rock Painting Party was held on Tuesday, May 17<sup>th</sup>. A great group gathered to paint rocks and we were happy to see a new person attend our group. There's always a lot of laughter, great food and beautiful rocks are painted.

The next Rock Painting Party will be held on Monday, June 6<sup>th</sup>. Do think about coming and bringing a friend. It will be from 4:00 to 7:00 with a light meal at 5:30. The fellowship is great!

## Fall Festival

Just a reminder, the United Women in Faith Fall Festival is September 10th. We will again have the Cookie Sale, Bake Sale and Garage Sale. Think about your baking skills and gather the things you no longer want for the garage sale. Remember one person's trash is another person's treasure.

## Sunday School

Sunday school will be held on the second Sunday of the month in July and August. Sunday school will **not** meet in June. There is a children's activity table available in the back of the sanctuary on Sundays when Sunday school is not in session. The table will contain quiet activities that children may enjoy during the worship service.

## Highlights From 2022 Annual Conference

### Day 1 highlights: Celebrating ministry, diversity-related legislation, and worship

Amid the COVID-19 pandemic, Tuesday marked the first time in nearly three years that members of the Minnesota Annual Conference Session were able to worship, learn, and celebrate together in-person. In addition to catching up with friends and colleagues, more than 500 clergy and lay attendees heard about the ways in which God is at work in the Minnesota Conference, approved three pieces of diversity, equity, and inclusion-related legislation, and worshiped with two special guests: artist, educator, and speaker Joe Davis, and singer Rachel Kurtz.

### Day 2 highlights: Looking ahead, legislation, and honoring retirees

On the second and final day of the 2022 Annual Conference, attendees worshiped together, looked ahead at where we're going and shared their hopes and dreams, approved the 2023 budget and legislation calling for storytelling space to begin LGBTQ+ reconciliation, acknowledged some churches that are closing and others that have chosen to leave the conference, and thanked retirees for their faithful years of service.

### Bishop Bard's Episcopal Address: Curæd

In his Episcopal Address to the Minnesota Conference, Bishop David Bard reminded us of the biblical story of Jesus healing a boy possessed by a demon (Mark 9:14-29). In this story, the pain and suffering are real, and so is the healing, Bard pointed out. Somehow if we are really to let these stories speak to us, we also need to grapple with the challenges of such stories in the context of lives where healing doesn't happen or doesn't happen the way we may want it to. "Holding the gutting, heartbreaking, painful things and the beautiful, soulful things in large souls, capacious hearts, expansive minds; journeying together toward beloved community: May this be the Minnesota Conference," said Bard.

### 19 clergy ordained, commissioned, recognized

At a celebratory Service of Licensing, Commissioning, and Ordination on the first evening of the 2022 Annual Conference, two people were ordained, two were commissioned, two were recognized for completing their course of study, and 13 were authorized to serve as local pastors in the congregations and ministry areas in which they are appointed. "You have answered the call to be...leaders in the church so that the church can be who the church needs to be in this day and time if we are to be about the ministry of Jesus Christ," said Bishop David Bard. "That's a pretty big 'so what.' And we celebrate with you tonight. And we pledge our support to you tonight. And we all recommit ourselves to being in ministry with you tonight."

United Women In Faith ( Waseca ) Unit Meeting  
Monday, May 16, 2022

The Waseca United Women in Faith 12 members met at the Faith United Methodist Church in the fellowship room at 10:00 am on May 16, 2022. Ruth Church Circle was the hostess.

Roberta Walker opened the meeting with a prayer.

Sharon Fruechte presented a Yoga program.

Roberta Walker gave the Devotion "What To Do With A Camel In Your Life?"

Agenda:

Linda Griffin read the secretary's report.

Sandy Voshell gave the treasurer's report. There was a Thank you note from Nancy Thomas's family with a cash donation.

New Business:

1. Membership Booklets

a. Changes:

Page 13 August Unit Meeting is August 15, 2022 at 10 am no picnic. The hostess is Elizabeth Circle and the program will be Elaine Spain. Holy Lands Trip.

The November 14<sup>th</sup> Unit Meeting will be a potluck at 11:30 am and will be hosted by the Executive committee.

Anna Born and Edy Barber are to be listed as members of the Ruth church circle.

2. Autumn Fest (Bake Sale, Cookie Sale, and Garage Sale) on September 10.

3. Minnesota Conference Annual Fall Gathering on October 1<sup>st</sup> hosted by Waseca Faith UWF. Registrar is Edy Barber.

4. Fall Bazaar Luncheon November 5.

Spring Luncheon Thank You.

Rock Party May 17 4-7 pm.

Day Apart June 14 at Redwood Falls.

Southern Prairie District Fall gathering September 17 at Blue Earth.

Waseca Area Caregivers are having an Artwork\ Silent Auction from June 8 to July?

WE showed our graduation confirmation pictures.

Roberta Walker gave the closing prayer.

Your secretary,

Linda Griffin

**Please Stay Home if You are Sick**

To keep all of us safe, please stay home from church if you have any of these symptoms:

- Fever or chills
- Cough
- Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
- Fatigue
- Muscle or body aches
- Headache
- New loss of taste or smell
- Sore throat

When you do come to church or visit the church building, please remember to wear a mask at all times.

If you are unable to attend worship, you may view the service online via a link on our Facebook page, Faith United Methodist Church, or our website, wasecafaithumc.com. The service is also aired on the local PEG television, channel #8 at the following times:

Sunday 12:30 PM  
Tuesday 8:30 AM

Thursday 4:30 PM  
Saturday 6:00 PM

**WASECA ART CENTER**  
is proud to host  
**Hometown Art Show**  
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**Waseca Art Center 200 State Street North**  
**Waseca MN 56093**

**June 8th - July 29th**  
**Wednesdays 10AM - 4PM**  
**Thursdays 12PM - 7PM**  
**Fridays 12PM - 7PM**

**A reception will be held**  
**July 29th from 5PM-7PM**  
**where winning bids will**  
**be awarded their lots.**  
**Drinks and Appetizers**  
**provided**



# SUMMER FUN

## Word Search Puzzle



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**Change Service Requested**

**Come Worship with Us**  
We have room.

**MONTHLY MEET-UPS:**

**Elizabeth Circle**

UMW Elizabeth Circle will meet on  
**Wednesday, June 15 at 2:30 pm** in the  
Lakeview Room. Guests and Visitors  
welcome..

**Ruth Circle**

UMW Ruth Circle will meet **Tuesday, June  
14 at 1:00 pm** in the Gathering Room.

**Conversation, Bible & Friends**

Conversation, Bible and Friends will meet  
every Monday in June.