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# Faith Messenger



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## Living Out the Season of Lent

Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, February the 26<sup>TH</sup> with our 7 pm evening service of Holy Communion and the Imposition of Ashes, and starts the 40 day journey of Lent [not counting the Sundays] culminating with the celebration of Easter on April the 12th. Here is a brief history of this important season in the life of the church.

The name comes from the custom dating back over 1,000 year of dabbing ashes on one head as a public sign of penitence with the words "Repent and believe the gospel.." The ashes then are an outward sign of our repentance and sets the tone for Lent.

Lent is a time when many Christians prepare for Easter by observing the spiritual disciplines of fasting, repentance, and self-discipline. These disciplines focus on our inner life and make way for the Holy Spirit to work in each of us.

The forty day period prior to Easter corresponds to the 40 days in the wilderness where Jesus was tempted by Satan. This wilderness time recorded in Luke 4:1-13 tells us that **"Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit in the desert, where for forty days he was tempted by the devil. He ate nothing during those days, and at the end of them he was hungry."** During this time the Holy Spirit was preparing Jesus for His public ministry.

While in the wilderness Jesus was engaged in a spiritual battle with His adversary, Satan. Jesus fought this battle using the spiritual practices of fasting, prayer, meditation on the word of God and total dependence on the Holy Spirit to overcome all the schemes of the Evil One.

These same tools are available for Christ's church today and we are invited under the guidance of the Holy Spirit to explore them during this Holy season.

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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:**

**Janesville Nursing Home:** Nina Youngberg

**Traditions Assisted Living Owatonna:** Ardella Draheim

**Colony Court:** Muriel Jenkins

**Foxdale:** Gordy Miller, Joe & Gloria Tollefson

**Koda Living Community:** Chuck Youngberg

**Lakeshore Inn:** Liz Corchran, Leona Quast, George Kubista

**Latham Place:** Lucille Kubista, Elaine Westrum

**Prayer Requests from Sunday Worship:** Michael Schumacher, Matt Anderson, Shelley King, Duane Buss, Gordy Miller, Todd Kaupa, Linda Taylor, Jeff Randol, Scott Barber, the containment of the coronavirus, those who battle chronic illness and pain.



## Crafters & Stitchers

Faith Crafters & Stitchers will meet on **Thursday, March 12** from **1:00 to 3:00 pm** in the Fellowship Hall.

Come join the fun and enjoy the fellowship with goodies. We are working on some new ideas for the bazaar. If you prefer, you can work on your own projects too. See you there!

## 2020 Pledging Update

We have received just 21 Estimates of Giving through Sunday, February 9. Last year we received a total of 40. If you haven't sent in your pledge yet, we can still use it!

## Spring Luncheon

The Spring Luncheon will be held on **Wednesday, April 15<sup>th</sup>** from **11:00 am to 1:00 pm**. The proceeds will be going to the church budget. There will be a signup sheet at church. Please take a look and see how you can help out. All of YOU are what makes the luncheon such a success. Invite your family and friends and let's make this the **BIGGEST AND BEST SPRING LUNCHEON!**

## Trustees Meeting

Trustees will meet on **Thursday, March 19** at **6:30 pm** in the Lakeview Room.

## Prayer Tree

Starting Sunday, March the 1<sup>st</sup>, we will have a "Prayer Tree" in the entrance to the sanctuary for the purpose of gathering our prayers for each other and the church in a place where they will be a visible reminder to keep the needs of our brothers and sisters and the church before us during the season of Lent.

The process is simple, take a purple card and write your request on the card and place the card on the tree or at the base of the tree. The following Sunday the requests will be gathered and prayed over during our prayer time.

You do not have to sign the card or name the person we are praying for if you would rather keep that information private. Here is an example:

*Please pray for a family member's healing and strength.*

*Or*

*Please pray for Uncle Jim. He has just has a knee replacement.....Joe Smith*

## Meal and Movie Night (M & M Night)

The next Meal and Movie Night will be **Sunday, March 22<sup>nd</sup>**. The movie will be 'The Quiet Man'. See the enclosed notice of the movie on page 6 of the newsletter. The movie will be shown after the meal which will be served at 5:00. It takes place in Ireland, how fitting so close to St Patrick's Day!!

## Fellowship Event: 'My Valentine'

'My Valentine' was scheduled for February 9<sup>th</sup> but due to the weather not many people were able to make it to church. Some people brought their items for the display and fantastic cupcakes were enjoyed. The event was carried over for a second display on February 16<sup>th</sup>. It was fun seeing the valentines, valentine postcards and wedding pictures. The fantastic cupcakes were back and also some beautiful valentine cookies.

## March Fellowship Event: 'Go Fly a Kite'



On **March 29<sup>th</sup>** we will have a display telling about kites and we will see how good we are at flying a kite. If you have a kite or any pictures of kites, please bring them to church. Let Roberta know if you have anything you can share for our display.

## Living Out the Season of Lent

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Over the years the church has practiced the following spiritual practices during Lent:

1. Repentance.
2. Prayer and Fasting.
3. Reading, meditation on and study of the scriptures.
4. Personal Reflection and Thanksgiving.
5. The Practice of Reconciliation with God and our Brothers and Sisters.
6. Regular attendance of worship services.
7. Holy Communion.
8. Small Group Bible Study.

As we enter the season of Lent I encourage you:

- 1. To ask Jesus what He is calling you to do;**
- 2. To ask the Holy Spirit to reveal and areas in your life where you need to repent or any person you need to forgive or ask their forgiveness;**
- 3. To show you where God leading you to be involved in the lives of others.**

Which of the above spiritual practices do you need to participate in to deepen your walk with Jesus?

May God grant each of us new life and hope as we walk together towards the Hope of Easter and the Resurrection.

*Pastor Victor*

## LENTEN WORSHIP SCHEDULE

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Ash Wednesday February 26<sup>th</sup> 7 pm Faith UMC

### Wednesday Evening Services

#### The Names of God

March 4 <sup>th</sup>	7 pm	1 <sup>st</sup> Congregational
March 11 <sup>th</sup>	7 pm	Wesleyan
March 18 <sup>th</sup>	7 pm	Faith UMC
March 25 <sup>th</sup>	7 pm	1 <sup>st</sup> Congregational
April 1 <sup>st</sup>	7 pm	Wesleyan
April 8 <sup>th</sup>	6 pm	Seder Meal 1 <sup>st</sup> Congregational
April 9 <sup>th</sup>	7 pm	Maundy Thursday Faith UMC
April 10 <sup>th</sup>	7 pm	Tenebrae Service 1 <sup>st</sup> Congregational

**M & M Night!**  
**YES! Meal and Movie night returns to**  
**Faith United Methodist Church!**

801 Fourth Ave NE  
Waseca, MN  
Sunday, March 22, 2020  
5:00 pm

Featuring the film  
**The Quiet Man**



A retired American boxer returns to his native hamlet in Ireland to win the hand of a spirited young woman. He is confronted by strict local customs and the woman's belligerent brother. Set in the verdant Irish countryside, this lively film has beautiful scenery, brilliant repartee, and local charm.



# *Wednesday* **Lenten Lunches**

*12:00 noon*

*March 4<sup>th</sup> through April 1<sup>st</sup>*

*at Christian Assembly*

*900 - 14<sup>th</sup> Avenue SE, Waseca*

*A warm bowl of soup, fellowship  
with friends and a devotional  
from an area pastor,  
—just for the cost of a donation*



## **Hosting Churches**

March 4 - St. John's Lutheran  
March 11 - Waseca Wesleyan  
March 18 - Christian Assembly

March 25 - 1<sup>st</sup> Congregational  
April 1 - Grace Lutheran

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

**MONTHLY MEET-UPS:**

**Elizabeth Circle**

UMW Elizabeth Circle will meet on  
**Wednesday, March 18 at 6:00 pm** in the  
kitchen. We will serve Fellowship following  
the Lenten Service that evening.

**Ruth Circle**

Ruth circle will meet on **Tuesday, March 10**  
at **10:30 am** at Margaret Hasslen's home.  
The program will be presented by Linda  
Griffin.