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From the Pastor's Desk

"To love at all is to be vulnerable. Love anything and your heart will be wrung and possibly be broken. If you want to make sure of keeping it intact, you must give your heart to no one, not even to an animal. Wrap it carefully round with hobbies and little luxuries; avoid all entanglements; lock it up safe in the casket or coffin of your selfishness. But in that casket – safe dark, motionless, airless- it will change. It will not be broken; it will become unbreakable, impenetrable, irredeemable. The alternative to tragedy, or at least to the risk of tragedy is damnation. The only place outside of heaven where you can be perfectly safe from all the dangers and perturbations of love is Hell."- C.S. Lewis "The Four Loves"

I have read this quote countless times and I have used it in sermons on many occasions but I keep coming back to it, because it reminds me of the need to be open and giving in spite of the risks.

None of us seeks heartache or having our hearts broken by someone we trusted, or finding that what we thought was the truth was a well-concocted lie.

So we put up barriers, filters and fences to try to keep our hearts safe. It will work for awhile but then someone slips through and we double our guard. We reinforce our walls with each new offense and soon we find ourselves wary of others: their motives, their words, their actions. We find it becomes hard to trust almost anyone and in our constant vigilance we become hardened against the needs of others, leery of any commitment and isolated from those around us.

The alternative is to keep loving even when we are not loved in return, to keep giving even to those who cannot give back to us, and to keep our trust rooted in Jesus.

So that we love like Him.

So that we think like Him.

So that we act like Him.

It is never easy to be like Jesus as one writer put it..."everybody wants to be a disciple but nobody wants to go to the cross." Jesus motions to each of us "Come follow Me." I pray you and I will heed that gentle but powerful call and with our Lord change the world.

Pastor Victor

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

Colony Court: Millie Groh , Ardella Draheim, Nina Youngberg,
Leona Quast, Muriel Jenkins, Paul Krause

Lakeshore Inn: Florence Gutknecht, Hazel Henkensiefken, Don Lohse,
Deloris Asmus

Latham Place: Liz Corchran

Morrow Home, Sparta, WI: Marlene Rietfort

Oaklawn Health Care Center: Jim Keller, Bill Brooks

Tower Light, St. Louis Park: Darlene Lynch

Those who also need our prayers: Willie Mahler[Home Hospice]

Prayer Requests from Sunday Worship: Bruce and Deb Hering,

Leona Quast, Dave and Joann Egeness, Kookie Kukacka, Peter and Verna Fog, Marilyn Possin, Berts Walker, The Westrum Family, Chuck Youngberg.



Changes to the Sunday Bus

The church has been notified starting **January 2, 2016** there will be a change to the **Sunday Bus**. Smart Transit and the Minnesota Valley Action Council Transportation will merge. TRANSIT will operate on Sunday mornings (8-12 o'clock) and you will still be able to get a ride to church. All residents to any church with services within the Bus Schedule can call for a ride. Waseca will have a dedicated route bus 7 days a week, 7am-5pm Monday-Friday, 8am-12 noon Saturday - Sunday service. A one-way bus token is \$1.50 or \$3 per round-trip. Monthly bus passes will be available for \$25; as many rides as you need within that month. Watch for information in the Shopper and Waseca County News. Also, Sandy Chadderdon can be contacted at 507-835-4551 or [email: schadderdon@mnvac.org](mailto:schadderdon@mnvac.org).

Faith Crafters and Stitchers

Faith Crafters and Stitchers **will not meet** in November or December. We will gather again in January. See you then! Sandy Voshell

Thank You

Thank you to the Congregation for the use of the Fellowship Hall for the Tai Chi class and Some Time Away.
Kelly Adams

Christmas Time's A Comin'

The 7th annual holiday gospel Christmas show will be presented at the Waseca Central Building Auditorium in Waseca, MN on December 5th and 6th, 2015. This is a holiday Christmas show for the entire family's enjoyment. All net proceeds go to the American Red Cross. Show times – Saturday, December 5, at 2:00 & 7:00 p.m.; Sunday December 6, at 2:00 p.m. **Advanced reserved tickets only**, are available at the Waseca Music Store (507-835-2980). Adults \$10, youth (under 16) \$5.

Parish Nurse Notes Colonoscopy-Yes, You!

Colorectal cancer can be stopped in its tracks with early detection. Colorectal cancer is a leading cause of cancer death in the U.S. It's also one of the 5 most common causes of cancers in women and men in the US.

Age 50 is the magic number to start having a colonoscopy. Ninety-percent of colorectal cancers occurs after this age.

Why do we hesitate? Is it that dreaded prep? A couple of weeks ago I had a colonoscopy. It wasn't that bad. I wasn't awake during the procedure so that went great. And the prep was quite tolerable. Knowing that I had no signs of colorectal cancer made it worthwhile.

Did you know that under the new health care law, Medicare pays 100% of a screening colonoscopy and insurance companies are making it more affordable. Check with your own policy.

You can have this procedure done on Mondays at our local hospital. Take this step to protect your health. Let's also work at taking away the stigma of colonoscopy. It's easy to say breast cancer and mammogram, so it should be colorectal cancer and colonoscopy. Save lives and maybe even yours!

We are called to take care of our bodies.

Peace and Grace,

Sherry Scholljegerdes, RN

Parish Nurse

Haiti on the Horizon

I am getting prepared to go to Haiti from January 2nd- 9th, 2016. I have purchased the airline tickets at \$916. I tried my mileage, but it didn't work out. If you would like to be part of this medical mission trip, you can help by defraying some of the cost.

It's all about helping prevent cervical cancer, the leading cause of cancer in 3rd world women. Thanks, Sherry.

P.S. Please make checks to Faith UMC-Haiti.

Christmas Decorating

Time to think about getting ready for Christmas! Please join us in decorating our church for the Advent Season. We will be gathering at 9 AM on Saturday, November 28. Come for as long as you can-there will be plenty of coffee, treats, and work for everyone!

“The Mitten Tree”!

I know, I know, it's early-but...we need to send SCARVES, HATS, MITTENS, and GLOVES to the Neighborhood Service Center for distribution as soon as the snow flies. Won't you please get those knitting needles out and shop early to help fill up our tree? Both giver and receiver will be blessed! Thank you.

Pumpkin Carving

The pumpkin carving/decorating event was held Saturday, October 10th at 1:30 at Faith UMC. It appeared that everyone had a great time doing their biggest and best job decorating their jack-o-lanterns.

It was great having both young people and adults, looking very serious working on their pumpkins.

We ended the event visiting and enjoying hot chocolate, cookies and cupcakes.



UMW Update

Report on Guest Night

If you were not there you missed a good one. We enjoyed hearing Mark Seeley, a climatologist and meteorologist from the University of Minnesota; a professor in the Department of Soil, Water, and Climate. He spoke on the weather changes in Minnesota; how it effects changes to our environment. Very interesting historical information was shared.

Fall Bazaar November 7

Bring your family, your neighbors, and your friends. We are serving our traditional Vegetable Beef Soup, made in our kitchen; homemade bread and homemade pie. There will be a Silent Auction, Baked Goods, Cookie Sale, Slightly Used Items and Crafts for sale. Come and enjoy good food and good fellowship.

Monies from the bazaar will go to missions throughout the United States and many countries in the world. One nationwide mission is in Minnesota, Emma Norton Services.

Emma Norton Services is a nonprofit organization actively fighting poverty in our communities by partnering with women, children, and families who are homeless and experiencing the challenges of mental and/or chemical disabilities. ENS provides affordable housing, basic needs, and support services in a setting that promotes stability and encourages personal development.

Emma Norton Residence in St. Paul, Minn. is home to 50 individual women and Emma's Place in Maplewood, Minn. is home to 13 families with single parents and 3+ kids. Each year, Emma Norton Services helps over 200 people by providing support, resources, and personal opportunities while they worked to build a better life without having to worry about basic needs like a safe place to sleep. Emma Norton Services has housed families from 28 countries and every state in the country.

UMW Unit Meeting – Monday November 16, 2:00 p.m.

Faith United Methodist Women will have the last meeting for 2015 on Monday November 16th at 2 o'clock. We will have election of officers for 2016. Plus I'm working on a special program. I invite all women of the church to attend this meeting.

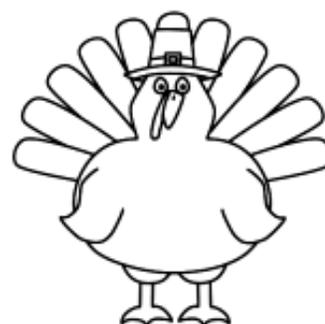
Thanksgiving Word Search

Instructions: Try to find all of the hidden Thanksgiving words in the word search puzzle below. (Words can be spelled forwards, backwards, diagonally, up, or down.)



Word List

APPLES	DRESSING	PIE
CARVE	FRIENDS	PUMPKINS
CORNSTALKS	HARVEST	SETTLERS
DESSERT	HAY	TURKEY



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Faith United Methodist Church Annual Mission Bazaar & Luncheon



Sat. November 7, 2015
at the Church by the Lake in Waseca, MN
801 4th Ave. NE

Open for shopping at 10:00



Bake Sale, Cookies



Gifts and Crafts



Silent Auction

Serving LUNCH from 11:00 - 1:00

Free-will donations accepted

Vegetable Beef Soup

Freshly-Baked Bread

Assorted Pies Coffee





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MONTHLY MEET-UPS:

Elizabeth Circle

UMW Elizabeth Circle will meet **Wednesday, Nov. 18, at 2:00 p.m.** in the **Lakeview Room.**

Norma Buland will be our hostess. Mary Stauffer will lead devotions. Visitors and guests are always welcome.

Mary Circle

UMW Mary Circle will meet on **Monday, November 16th, at the Church at 1:00 p.m.** before the Unit meeting at 2. Ardella Draheim is the hostess.

Ruth Circle

UMW Ruth Circle will meet **Wednesday, Nov. 18th, from 9:30-10:30 a.m.** The location is to be determined.

Men of Faith

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