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**Preeminence of Christ**

Over the last few weeks I have been in various conversations where the focus soon became the person of Jesus Christ and His centrality to our faith. This article I found from a website called [Share Our Faith](#). Read, be encouraged and enjoy... Pastor Victor

In Colossians chapter 1, a stunning section of Scripture crescendos to verse 18, expressing God's desire and priority throughout the ages, that in all things, Jesus Christ, is the Preeminent One. **Preeminent means superior to or notable above all others; superiority in excellence; distinction above others in quality, rank, etc. Jesus Christ posses this exalted status.**

Colossians 1:15 states that Jesus Christ is ***"the image of the invisible God."*** The Amplified Bible says, ***"he is the exact likeness of the unseen God [the visible representation of the invisible]"*** and the New Living Translation renders it, ***"Christ is the visible image of the invisible God."*** When we see Jesus we see God.

Paul also wrote to the Corinthians that Jesus is the ***"image of God"*** in 2 Corinthians 4:4, and the writer of Hebrews wrote clearly that Jesus is ***"the brightness of His glory and the express image of His person."*** (Hebrews 1:3) These words, 'express image,' are one Greek word, character. Literally, this word refers to something engraved or impressed, the image impressed corresponding exactly with the original. The Amplified Bible gives this: ***"He is the perfect imprint and very image of [God's] nature, upholding and maintaining and guiding and propelling the universe by His mighty word of power."*** ***Jesus Christ "expresses the very character of God," or "shows exactly what God is like."*** (New Living Translation and New Century Version)

One definition of character is the inherent composite of qualities that determines a person's moral and ethical actions and reactions. This applies in this consideration because God was literally Jesus' Father. God literally implanted the perfect seed containing perfect chromosomes in Mary, as Luke 1:35 teaches. ***"The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Highest will overshadow you; therefore, also, that Holy One who is to be born will be called the Son of God."***

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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, Dick Westrum

**Colony Court:** Ardella Draheim, Nina Youngberg, Leona Quast, Muriel Jenkins, Fern Papke, Peter Fog

**Lakeshore Inn:** Florence Gutknecht, Liz Corchran

**Latham Place:** George and Lucille Kubista

**Oaklawn Health Care Center:** Jim Keller

**Koda Living Community:** Chuck Youngberg

**Prayer Requests from Sunday Worship:** the people of California who have been left homeless and those who have lost love ones; Leona Quast, Darlene Larson, Darla Dahnert, Bruce Born, Darlene Smith, Jan and Bud Cole, Don Paulson.



## Faith Crafters & Stickers

Faith Crafters & Stickers will not meet in November or December. We will start up again in January, 2018!

*Sandy Voshell*

## UMW Fall Mission Bazaar - Saturday, November 4, 2017

Come and participate in the bazaar. By eating and purchasing items, we are advancing the mission to women and children in the US and around the world.

## UMW Meeting - Monday, November 20 at NOON

Please note the change in time. Our meeting will include a potluck luncheon at noon. Our program will be "Cultivating Hope", World Thank Offering and we will be electing officers for the coming year.

Executive Board will meet November 13 at 10:00 a.m. in the Lakeview Room. Everyone is invited to attend both of these meetings.

See you there — Sherry Scholljegerdes, President.

## Thanksgiving Community Meal



Faith United Methodist church is hosting the Thanksgiving Community Meal this year on behalf of the Greater Waseca Area Ministerial Association.

The meal is for anyone in the community; for those dining alone, for those who cannot prepare their own food, or for those who cannot afford a Thanksgiving meal. This meal is put on without profit for the ministerial association or the church. We welcome anyone wanting to make a financial

donation for this meal. Volunteers are needed to set-up, serve, and clean up on Thanksgiving Day. The meal will be catered and served at Faith. Please contact Barbara Friedl.

## M & M Night

Fifty-two people attended the Meal and Movie night that was on Sunday, October 15<sup>th</sup>.

It appeared that the 'Walking tacos' were a success and heard lots of comments from people on how much they enjoyed the movie, 'What the Deaf Man Heard'.

Want to thank all those who helped out with the planning, preparing, serving the meal and the clean-up. It is greatly appreciated.

The next movie will be next January on the 28<sup>th</sup>. Put that on your calendar!

## Minnesota Conference United Methodist Women Annual Gathering

On Saturday, October 7<sup>th</sup>, Linda Griffin, Shirley Hanson, Sherry Scholljegerdes and Roberta Walker attended the Minnesota Conference United Methodist Women Annual Gathering in Hutchinson.

The business meeting included the approval of the minutes from the 2016 Annual Gathering, approval of the 2016 End of the Year Financial report and approval of the proposed budget for 2018. The proposed budget for 2018 had the State UMW Pledge to Missions at \$170,000 and the pledge to Emma Norton to be \$52,000.

There were also some standing rules changes, including using abbreviation versions to save space for printed versions and wordiness (example: United Methodist Women –UMW). There were also some name changed to reflect the correct title and name of event (example: Meeting changed to Gathering).

The slate of officers, including our Sherry Scholljegerdes, were introduced and installed for the 2018 year.

The guest speaker, Bruce Ough spoke on the Commission On A Way Forward. The thirty-two member Commission is the legislative body of the church. The Commission will make a report in one month, it will be reviewed and the final report will be presented next May. They want to maintain the unity of the church. They are to make a recommendation on sexuality issues in the church.

There was a speaker on the Legacy Fund. The goal is to reach 60 Million dollars in five years. This is the third year and 17.4 million has been given. Minnesota has contributed \$44,000.

It was announced that \$397 was raised at the coffee for Emma Norton and \$2630 was given for the Love Offering.

The five districts made their pledge and very happy to announce that Southern Prairie District, which is our district, pledged \$75,000 to Missions and \$11,750 to Emma Norton.

Upcoming events were announced. Mission u is July 13-15 in St. Cloud, Mission u too July 28<sup>th</sup> in Detroit Lakes and August 4 in Rosemount. World Assembly will be held May 19-20, 2018 in Ohio

There are 800,000 members of UMW and they raise \$21 million dollars in the US and 100 countries to use for children and women.

## Nurse's Notes: Things you Should Know About Alzheimer's Disease

On October 14, 2017, we had a Community Workshop on Alzheimer's and other dementias. We had over 50 participants, a group of community members, caregivers and persons experiencing memory loss.

I wanted to take this opportunity to pass on a part of what was learned. ACT on Alzheimer's and Dementia Friends Minnesota are responsible for the following information.

### Five Key Messages

- Dementia is not a normal part of aging. Not everyone who grows old will develop dementia.
- Dementia is caused by diseases of the brain. The most common is Alzheimer's.
- Dementia is not just about having memory problems. It can affect thinking, communication and doing everyday tasks.
- It is possible to have a good quality of life with dementia.
- There's more to the person than the dementia. People with dementia are a valuable part of the community.

### Communication

**Consider these tips when communicating with a person with dementia.**

**Treat the person with dignity and respect.** Avoid talking past the person as if he or she isn't there.

**Be aware of your feelings.** Your tone of voice may communicate your attitude. Use positive, friendly facial expressions.

**Be patient and supportive.** Let the person know that you are listening and trying to understand. Show that you care about what he or she is saying and be careful not to interrupt.

**Offer comfort and reassurance.** If he or she is having trouble communicating, reassure them that it's okay and encourage the person to continue.

**Avoid criticizing or correcting.** Don't tell the person what he or she is saying is incorrect. Instead, listen and try to find the meaning in what is being said.

**Avoid arguing.** If the person says something you don't agree with, let it be. Arguing usually only makes things worse and often increases agitation for the person with dementia.

**Offer a guess.** If the person uses the wrong word or cannot find a word, try guessing the right word. If you understand what the person means, finding the right word may not be necessary.

**Encourage nonverbal communication.** If you don't understand what is being said, ask the person to point or gesture.

## Conversation Tips

### When approaching the person with dementia and starting a conversation:

- Come from the front, identify yourself, and keep good eye contact. If the person is seated or reclined, go down to that level.
- Call the person by their preferred name to get his or her attention.
- Use short, simple phrases and repeat information as needed. Ask one question at a time.
- Speak slowly and clearly. Use a gentle and relaxed tone.
- Patiently wait for a response while the person takes time to process what you said.

### During the conversation:

- Provide a statement rather than ask a question. For example, say "The bathroom is right here," instead of asking, "Do you need to use the bathroom?"
- Avoid confusing and vague statements about something you want the person to do. Instead, speak directly: "Please come here. Your shower is ready." Name an object or place. For example, rather than "Here it is," say "Here is your hat."
- Turn negatives into positives. Instead of saying, "Don't go there," say, "Let's go here."
- Give visual cues. Point or touch the item you want the person to use or begin the task for him or her.
- Avoid quizzing. Reminiscing may be healthy, but avoid asking, "Do you remember when?"
- Try using written notes or pictures as reminders if the person is able to understand them.

As a church community, we need to embrace our friends with dementia. I know we can and will do it better.

God's Blessings to all of you,  
Sherry Scholljegerdes, RN  
Your Parish Nurse

## Preeminence of Christ

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Jesus Christ Himself said, ***“He who has seen Me has seen the Father”*** in John 14:9. Jesus demonstrated the perfection and nature of the person of God. Jesus said, ***“the Son can do nothing of Himself, but what He sees the Father do; for whatever He does, the Son also does in like manner. For the Father judges no one, but has committed all judgment to the Son, that all should honor the Son just as they honor the Father. He who does not honor the Son does not honor the Father who sent Him.”*** (John 5:19,22,23)

Colossians 1:19 says that God was pleased to have all of His fullness dwelling in Jesus Christ. This truth is reiterated as a rock-solid incontestable reality in 2:9. The Amplified Bible clearly states: ***“For in Him the whole fullness of Deity (the Godhead) continues to dwell in bodily form [giving complete expression of the divine nature].”*** The New International Readers Version simplifies yet still presents the heart and essence of the truth. ***“God's whole nature is living in Christ in human form.”***

Jesus Christ lived and manifested the love of the Father as well as His mercy. Jesus showed God's anger at injustice, God's grace to sinners, and God's hatred of hypocrisy. Jesus preached the Gospel to the poor, healed the brokenhearted, proclaimed liberty to the captives, recovery of sight to the blind, and set at liberty those who were oppressed. On and within Jesus was the Spirit of wisdom and understanding, the Spirit of counsel and might, and the Spirit of knowledge. ***Jesus mirrored God's character perfectly.***

***Jesus Christ surpassed everyone who had preceded Him.*** Enoch and Noah walked with God. Abraham believed God, and it was counted unto him for righteousness, and he was willing to sacrifice his own son, believing that God would raise him from the dead. Moses was faithful, almost perfectly, leading Israel for 40 years and giving to them the Law of God. Joshua was mighty and led the people of Israel into the Promised Land.

David was a man after God's own heart and Solomon foreshadowed Jesus as the king of kings over a united Israel at its apex. The prophets were daring and courageous, willing to give their lives to speak God's Word to His people. But Jesus was the One they all looked to and waited for, the Promised Seed of the woman, the root and offspring of David, the savior of God's people, the one among a thousand, the true shepherd, the desire of all nations, the Lord of lords and King of kings. ***Jesus is the preeminent One, superior to all others.***

# Thanksgiving Word Search

**1 Thessalonians 5:16-18,** *"Rejoice always, pray continually, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus."*

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## Word Bank

AUTUMN	FEAST	GOD	LEFTOVERS	PRAISE	TRADITION
BAKE	FELLOWSHIP	GRATITUDE	LOVE	PRAYERS	TURKEY
BLESSINGS	FRIENDS	GRAVY	NAP	PUMPKIN	WORSHIP
CHRIST	GATHERING	HARVEST	NOVEMBER	SHARING	YUM
CHRISTIAN	GIVING	JESUS	PARADE	TABLE	
CHURCH	GOBBLE	LAUGHTER	PIE	THURSDAY	



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**MONTHLY MEET-UPS:**

*Elizabeth Circle*

UMW Elizabeth Circle will meet  
**Wednesday, November 15 at 2:00 p.m.**  
in the Lakeview Room. Our hostess will  
be Karen Ferch with Peggy Deno leading  
devotions. Guests and visitors are  
welcome.

*Ruth Circle*

UMW Ruth Circle will meet **Tuesday,**  
**November 14** from **10:30 a.m. to Noon**  
at the home of Roberta Walker. All are  
welcome to attend.