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From the Pastor's Desk

Dear Ones,

Our granddaughter Lily got glasses this week. She is in the third grade and has had trouble seeing while reading. She is far-sighted, so she got bifocals, with her prescription at the bottom of the lens and the top clear glass. Her frames are purple, just like her best friend's. She was so excited to wear them to school and reported that her glasses helped her with reading.

I was in the third grade when I first got glasses as well. Mine were brown cat-eye frames and my best friends were blue cat eye frames. I am near sighted and I can remember walking out of the eye doctors with my new frames and looking up at the leaves in the trees. It was astonishing to see each separate leaf instead of a big glob of green.

If your eyesight is bad like mine is, you know the terrible feeling of losing your glasses. I put mine in a case on my nightstand by my bed, but there have been times when I have forgotten the case and could not find my glasses in the morning. There have even been times when I've had to ask Kirk for help finding them. He will ask "How did they get under the bed?", and of course, he blames the cats!

The Apostle Paul talks about seeing things unclearly in 1 Corinthians 13:12.

Now we see things imperfectly, like puzzling reflections in a mirror, but then we will see everything with perfect clarity. All that I know now is partial and incomplete, but then I will know everything completely, just as God now knows me completely.

This passage gives me hope in the days I walk around feeling like I've lost my glasses. On the days I feel like I see a big glob of green instead of the striking beauty of individual leaves. When I feel like I'm squinting my way through life, trying to see clearly, but seeing only puzzling images, things I don't understand about the world around me, things I don't understand about God and how God is working in the world, and scariest of all, not seeing clearly the role God has for me. I read this scripture, and I have hope that my eyesight will improve. I have hope that through prayer, study, worship and Christian community I will begin to see more clearly the things in my life that seem dim and blurry. Of course, the greatest unveiling will come when I am with God in glory. Then I will see *everything completely, just as God now knows me completely.*

So friend, if things seem blurry in your life right now, if you feel like your spiritual glasses are lost under the bed, take heart. We will help each other see things more clearly until that day when we are with God and will see all things completely.

Blessings

Pastor Carolyn

Special Points of Interest:

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

Administrative Assistant

Office Hours:

Monday, Wednesday & Thursday:

9:00 am - 1:00 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, Shirley Burdick

Janesville Nursing Home: Nina Youngberg

Traditions Assisted Living Owatonna: Ardella Draheim

Benedictine Living Community: Chuck Youngberg

Lakeshore Inn: Leona Quast

Foxdale: Lucille Kubista

Prayer Requests from Sunday Worship: Sue Baldini, Tom Kuyper, Roger Groskreutz and family, Kara Ecoff, Norma Buland, 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 hours are typically Monday, Wednesday and Thursday 9:00 am to 1:00 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 Monday, November 7,

All Saints Sunday

All Saints Sunday is November 6th. This is the Sunday we recognize and remember our members who have entered into eternal rest during the past year. This year, we will also have a time to remember all of the loved ones we have lost throughout the years. There will be a table placed at the front of the church and I encourage you to bring a photo of loved ones you want to remember. I will be bringing a framed photo of my Mom and Dad. You are invited to bring the photo to the table when you get to church and I will help you find a spot for it. This makes a very sweet setting for our worship service.

BIG THANKS

Thank you to everyone who helped with the United Women in Faith MN Annual Conference on Oct 1st! The day was a success because each of you came together to make it happen. You are a dedicated group who do God's work day in and day out. (75 women attended)

God's Blessings to You,
Sherry Scholljegerdes, UWF local Pres.

UWF Upcoming Meetings

United Women in Faith General meeting **Nov. 21st at 11:30**
Potluck **** If you can't make something, come anyway.
World Thank Offering and Election of Officers for 2023

UWF Exec Board Meeting **Nov. 4th at 10:00** in the Lakeview Room

Advent Plans

It's hard to believe, but we are talking about Advent! The first Sunday in Advent is November 27th. You can look forward to all the usual things this Advent, as well as a couple of new things and some old things that we haven't been able to do for a while.

Some things to look forward to are:



The sanctuary all decked out for Christmas

A Christmas Cantata

A special Christmas event with our Children and youth

The Advent wreath and readings

Christmas and Advent Carols

Hearing the Christmas story

Advent Bible Study

A Blue Christmas Service

A lovely Christmas Eve candle light Service

A fun short Christmas Day Service

I am looking forward to celebrating the birth of our savior with you!!

Sunday School

Sunday School meets on the second and fourth Sundays of the month. Linda Griffin and Stacy True will continue to take turns each month leading Sunday School.

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.

Too Much On Your Plate

Dear Ones

Kirk tells a story about one Thanksgiving of his childhood. It seems his Uncle liked to play jokes and on one Thanksgiving Day Kirk had the pleasure of sitting next to Uncle during dinner. As each dish was passed, Uncle loaded Kirk's plate up with the Thanksgiving deliciousness. A pile of mashed potatoes swimming in gravy, enough turkey for the whole family, a mountain of corn. With each helping, Kirk's eyes grew wider and wider until he felt like crying. How would he eat all this food? All the while Uncle was telling Kirk how good the food was and how it would help him to grow big and strong. I don't know how much of his plate Kirk was able to finish, but this particular Thanksgiving meal stays in his memory, and not in a good way.

I know I remind you around the first of every November, that we are in the beginning of "the holiday season". I think I do it for myself as much as for all of you. This is a time when lots and lots can be heaped on our plates, and much of the time we feel like someone else is doing the heaping and we are powerless to stop them. We watch helplessly as more and more is added to our schedule until at times, we feel like crying. So, this year, I pray we all can take a step back and decide what things are really important to us and which things we can lay aside. Make time to really enjoy the things, the people, the traditions that you truly cherish, and lay the other things aside. Say no when things get overwhelming. Don't be shy about asking for help when needed. Don't worry about the state of your house or clothes or hair, simply enjoy others and allow others to enjoy you.

I do hope I can take my own advice! I will leave you with this verse from the 4th chapter of Philippians:

Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things.

Holiday Blessings to you all,

Pastor Carolyn

Food for Thought

Mohandas Gandhi once warned against the internal forces that could destroy a nation, his "seven social sins." They are:

Politics without principle,
Wealth without work,
Commerce without morality,
Pleasure without conscience,
Education without character,
Science without humanity, and
Worship without sacrifice.

Submitted by Sherry Scholljegerdes

Thanksgiving

WORD SEARCH

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FALL
GATHER
HOLIDAY
PILGRIMS
PUMPKIN
CORN
FEAST

THANKFUL
TURKEY
CORNUCOPIA
FAMILY
GOBBLE
GRATITUDE
PIE

NOVEMBER
PLYMOUTH
STUFFING
THANKSGIVING
CRANBERRIES
POTATOES
TRADITION



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

Thursday 4:30 PM

Tuesday 8:30 AM

Saturday 6:00 PM

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. Someone from MVAC will pick up the items monthly.



Annual

Vegetable Beef Soup

LUNCHEON

Saturday November 5

Serving 11:00 - 1:00



HOMEMADE VEGETABLE BEEF SOUP

FRESHLY-BAKED BREAD

ASSORTED PIES

COFFEE



Suggested
Donation
\$9.00



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MONTHLY MEET-UPS:

Elizabeth Circle

WIF Elizabeth Circle will not meet in November.

Ruth Circle

Ruth Circle will meet on **Tuesday, November 15 at 1:00 pm** in the Gathering Room. The program will be "Walking with God".

Conversation, Bible & Friends

Conversation, Bible and Friends will meet every Monday in November **except** Monday, November 21.