



# Faith Messenger

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## What's in Your Heart?

A popular ad asks the question, "What's in your wallet?" indicating that if you carried a certain credit card you would be fine no matter what trouble came your way and, if you didn't, you were at the mercy of the tides of life. Jesus asked His disciples a more important question. "What's in your heart?" Worry and anxiety over the present, the past and the future or trust, deep abiding trust in the provision of God for your needs now and future,

*22 And he said to his disciples, "Therefore I tell you, do not be anxious about your life, what you will eat, nor about your body, what you will put on. 23 For life is more than food, and the body more than clothing. 24 Consider the ravens - they neither sow nor reap, they have neither storehouse nor barn, and yet God feeds them. Of how much more value are you than the birds! 25 And which of you by being anxious can add a single hour to his span of life. Luke 12:22-25*

Many of us have read this passage from Luke and looked at Our Lord's advice as optional. I don't worry about most things, but then there is my money, my health, my job, my family, my church. It seems the moment something or someone becomes "mine" then I have to protect them, look after them and make sure nothing happens to them.

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## Haiti Trip a Go

On November 16-23, Sherry Scholljegerdes and Katelyn Madigan will be in Limbe, Haiti. It will be a strenuous time working to serve the medical and surgical needs of the Haiti People.

Two fundraisers to help defray the cost are planned: a cookie auction on September 29th and a Pizza Ranch fundraiser on October 21. Individual contributions are certainly appreciated as well.. The airfare is \$1,000 each, and the other expenses are approximately \$300 each.

This is such a worthwhile project! Many of us will be never go to Haiti, but this is our way of participating in this worthwhile mission.

## Article Correction

The book review that was published in the September newsletter was submitted by Inez Sonnenberg, not Edy Barber. Thank you.

## Haiti Trip Fundraiser

There will be a **fundraiser** to help support Sherry Scholljegerdes' and Katelyn Madigan's mission trip to Haiti on **Monday, October 21<sup>st</sup>** from **5-8 p.m.** at **Waseca Pizza Ranch**. If you would like to help serve, please contact Sherry.

## **God's Creatures**

submitted by: Roberta Walker

Come and view God's Creatures.

It will be the **Biggest and Best, Most Interesting** and **Exotic** viewing of **God's Creatures** that Faith by the Lake has ever had. This display can be viewed during Fellowship on October 27th!

## Relay for Life

Relay for Life will be having a **garage sale** and **bake sale** the first weekend in May, 2014. Please save anything you would like to donate - furniture, clothing, lamps, jewelry, etc. Please contact **Dave Baldini** at (507)-835-3697 or **Vada Dahnert** at (507)-833-5477. Thank you.

## **REMEMBER OUR CHURCH & MILITARY FAMILIES IN YOUR PRAYERS...**

Remember our Church Members & Friends who are less mobile and are unable to join us as often as they would like, including:

**Koda Living Community, Owatonna:** Elaine Flathers

**Colony Court Memory & Care Suites:** Ann Swenson, Rosalind Peterson, Gerri Peterson

**Colony Court:** Millie Groh, Ardella Draheim

**Lakeshore Inn:** Florence Gutknecht, Hazel Henkensiefken, Don Lohse

**Latham Place:** Liz Corchran

**Morrow Home, Sparta, WI:** Marlene Rietfort

**Tower Light, St. Louis Park:** Darlene Lynch

**Those who particularly need our prayers:** Jim Keller, Willie Mahler, Jerry Krause, Linda Wilson



## Faith Crafters and Stitchers



Faith Crafters and Stitchers will meet on **Friday, October 11th**, from **9:30-11:30 a.m.** in the **Fellowship Hall**. All women are invited to bring their craft and sewing projects and join in a morning of work and fellowship. If you have questions, feel free to call **Sandy Voshell** at 835-4122.

## 2013 Simpson Meal

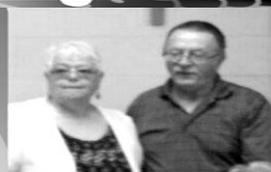


On **Saturday afternoon, October 5th**, a group of adults and youth will travel from Faith UMC Church to the **Simpson United Methodist Church in Minneapolis**. We will provide a supper meal to approximately 110 men and women who sleep in the overnight shelter. Again this year, the meal will be catered by Hy-Vee. Your support is needed to help pay for the meal, as well as to provide bread, milk, bananas, and cookies.

If you wish to make a monetary donation, please make your **check payable to Faith United Methodist Church** and write **Simpson Meal** on the memo line.

This is one of the ways we reach out to our brothers and sisters in need in a very concrete way. Thanks for all that you are able to do,

*Bob Hunter*



**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 6**

Waseca American Legion

**PANCAKE BREAKFAST**

**Menu: Pancakes, Sausages, Juice, Coffee, Milk**  
**Serving from 7:30 am - 12 noon**

\$6 - adults  
 \$2 - ages 6-12;  
 Free - ages 5 and under  
 \$20 maximum per family

**Ralph and Peggy Deno lost their home due to a fire on May 29th. Compliance codes require that their septic system be updated in order to get the building permit for their replacement home. This fundraiser is to help cover the costs that will not be covered by insurance.**

**DENO FIRE BENEFIT**

Supplemental funds from Thrivent Financial for Lutherans, Waseca Chapter

## Men's Club September Meeting Minutes

The Men's Club met in the Fellowship Hall on September 12, 2013. Those in attendance were: Ben Matteson, Dick Westrum, Paul Lohse, Peter Fog, Rodger Dahnert, Les Wells, Clair Voshell, Keith Smith, and Wally Ruedy.

We discussed serving Fellowship once a month beginning in November, if possible.

A clean-up day was discussed, possibly in October. We will discuss this further our October meeting.

The Denos have requested help at their home for cleanup. We will be ready to assist them when Bud contacts us.

Peter Fog talked about our Valet Service. This was one of the things that Dale Arendt recommend we continue. We will continue to discuss this at our October meeting.

Our "Helping Hands Service" is activated, so if anyone needs help, please call the church office and Kim will contact one of us.

Our hosts, Rodger Dahnert and Dick Westrum served cake and ice cream. (Thank you Vada and Elaine!)

Our next meeting is scheduled for October 10 in the Fellowship Hall. Les Wells and Ben Matteson will be our hosts.

## FUMC Nursery News



The Nursery is off to a great start and even though we've only had one or two children each week, it's been a great time to fine tune our registration procedure, disinfecting toys policy, etc. In order to share some guidelines and procedures with all volunteer attendants, we'll have a short meeting following the worship service on September 29th. Of course, there is only one place to logically hold this meeting - - it will be in the Nursery! Thanks to all the volunteers who have already signed up. We'll also be discussing our rotation calendar through December at that meeting. If you aren't able to attend, please contact me prior to the 29<sup>th</sup> so your name will be put down to volunteer on a Sunday that is convenient for you.



## Upcoming Parish Nurse Events:

October 1st Powerful Tools for Caregivers starts and continues through November 5th

October 2nd and every Wednesday thereafter: 10:00-2:00 p.m. Some Time Away

October 21st: 5:00-8:00 p.m. Haiti Trip Fundraiser



# What's in Your Heart?

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Instead of turning over all we are and all we hold dear to God and letting His love and peace fill our hearts, we hold on tight to what we have.

Anxiety is being caught in the middle. We want to trust God, but we find it too risky, too full of the unknown. So we half-way trust God, we mouth the words and say the right things, but we live as if the care of all we have is really in our hands. We hold on tight, we clutch, we grab on for dear life and woe to the person or persons who get in our way. As a result, we are always on guard. We are always waiting for the next shoe to drop. We never fully relax, we never trust God with our whole hearts.

Suppose all of those thing or people in our life were no longer ours but His. My money is His money, my health is His health, my job is His job, my family is His family, my church is His church.

Then we would know the reality of Paul's advice to the Philippian Church. *"6 Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. 7 And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus."* Philippians 4:6-8

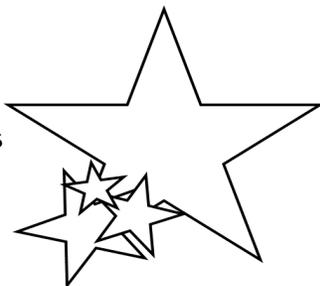
In the weeks to come, we will all be challenged to "Get out of the Boat" to leave our place of security and embark on a challenging, costly and risky journey of discipleship. And what is our reward for stepping out into the storm? We get Jesus! All He has and all He is and He will be all we need. So come and let us journey together towards the joy of knowing Jesus and the power of His resurrection.

*Pastor Victor*

## Abraham & Sarah Word Search

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- BABY
- CHILDREN
- COVENANT
- FAMILY
- FAITH
- FATER
- ISAAC
- LAUGHED
- OLD
- PRAYER
- PROMISES
- MIRACLE
- RIGHTEOUS
- SARAH
- STARS
- VISITORS



## Anagrams - Books of the Bible

Unscramble the letters to find the hidden word.

Created by BibleQuizzes.org.uk

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| seesign      | moodytenure  |
| hemwatt      | hobaida      |
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| hazephina    | shipinpipal  |
| asheepsin    | human        |
| onmars       | chairhaze    |

## Reflections from the Choir Director

As I enter my 40th year as your choir director, I want to share with you and teach you some of the church terms and vocabulary that is unfamiliar to some people. A choir is a group of dedicated singers who serve the Lord through their music. We are song leaders and help with the worship service. During the early years, we sang our introit or call to worship that is intended to prepare us for worship. Later on I selected call-to-worships that would introduce you to new music from *The Faith We Sing* and other contemporary resources. (Pretty sneaky, wasn't I?) When it became too difficult to sing from the balcony and process (walk down the aisle), we decided to remain in the choir loft. There were lots of reasons for this change— noise level, bad legs, etc. During the early years, there was a lot of music. We sang responses after the scripture reading, after the pastor's prayer, and at the benediction (closing). Some pastors liked to use a lot of music during the service, others not so much.

I'm often asked why we wear robes. I consider the choir to be a group just like school choirs and a sports team. They all wear robes or uniforms because they are a special group. Our choir is very special to me. Why do we sit in a choir loft? To be honest, we sound better. We are on a raised level for a reason. We hear each other better and project to you. We have had lots of problems due to the location of the piano and have had to adjust accordingly. I used to have the choir come down to the steps so I could communicate better with the accompanist. It worked for me, but as our choir ages, this doesn't always work and I will never please everybody. I will never turn anyone away from singing and praising God.

What is an anthem? Simply, it is the choir's song that they sing to enhance the worship experience. I work very hard at selecting music that the congregation will enjoy as well as to "show-off" the talents of the choir. In this age of 'entertainment,' people believe that the church should only perform contemporary and hard rock music. I believe in blended worship and choose music from any style that is singable and can relate to the listener's needs.

Our choir is a great group to work with, and I am sure each member has some stories to tell you. I will share one humorous event with you. One Easter Sunrise Service we combined the choirs from Congregational and EUM churches, so the choir loft was maxed out. My unborn son decided to make it known that he was around and soon I had legs and arms distorting my huge belly. The girls next to me got the giggles and pretty soon the whole soprano row was shaking with laughter. My son was born the following Sunday, 33 years ago.

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## Reflections

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The choir and I have adapted to many, many changes over the years and there will be more. I enjoy working with this amazing group. They know that at my old age, I like coming to church to feel comfortable, to feel the presence of God, and praise Him through music. However, God may have to use a two ton anchor around my neck and throw me overboard to get me out of the boat. My faith is very personal to me. I have grown immensely since I was born and raised in this family of God. Be patient with me, God's still working on me.

*Barb Klampe*

**Sermon Series and Small Group Schedule based on:  
"If You Want to Walk on Water, You've Got to Get out of the Boat"  
by John Ortberg**

Date	Sermon Title	Small Group Session/Date
9/29	How Big is your God?/On Water Walking	What is Water Walking?9/30-10/1
10/6	Boat Potatoes	The Tragedy of the Unopened Gift/ 10/7-10-12
10/13	Discerning the Call	Find Your Calling and Get Your Feet Wet/ 10/14-10/19
10/20	Walking on the Water	No Small Groups this Week
10/27	In the Storm	Facing Our Challenges, Conquering Our Fears, 10/28-11/02
11/03	Focusing on Jesus	Good News for Cave Dwellers, 11/04-11/09
11/10	Learning to Wait	Learning to Wait on Our Great God, 11/11-11/16
11/17	How Big is Your God?	No Small Group

# What's Happening in the Sunday School Program?

Rally Day was a great success with **Blessing of the Backpacks** as we begin our new school year. Each student present came forward to kneel at the prayer rail. There they prayed together and received a special blessing from Pastor Victor. As they left the sanctuary for their classrooms, they were given two bags of goodies to add to their backpacks. Thanks to all who contributed school supplies, crosses, bookmarks and treats.

Patrice Waters will lead the 4 year olds through second graders in the children's church time. Our third through six graders are being guided in their Christian walk by Wilda Smith with help from Michael Norby and Melissa Toot.



At this time, we are so grateful to Patrice Waters, Wilda Smith, Shirley Hansen, and Les Wells for answering the call to journey with our young people. The intention of the Education Team is to have two teachers for each quarter (only 13 weeks) of the school year. This allows more flexibility and substitute teacher ready, if needed. We ask that you prayerfully consider teaming up with one of our teachers for the Fall Session (From Judges to Kings, David Jesus' Ministry) or the Spring Session (The way to Jerusalem, In Jerusalem, Peter). Please speak to Pastor Victor or Linda Lohse if you would like to assist in this area.

With a thankful heart, *Linda Lohse, Education Team Chair*

## MONTHLY MEET-UPS

### Elizabeth Circle

UMW Elizabeth Circle will meet on **Wednesday, October 16, at 3:00 p.m.** in the **Lake View Room** with Julie Svoboda hosting. Devotions will be led by Linda Lohse. Guests and visitors are welcome.

### Mary Circle

UMW Mary Circle will meet at **Char Frankensberry's home** on **Tuesday, October 15 at 1:00 pm.**

### Ruth Circle

UMW Ruth Circle will meet on **Wednesday, October 16th, at 9:30 a.m.** The location is yet to be determined.



### Men's Club

Men's Club will meet on **Thursday, October 10th, at 6:30 p.m.** in the **Fellowship Hall**. Les Wells and Ben Matteson will be hosting..



## Come and See the “New View”

by Linda Lohse, Committee Chair

Talk about a room with a view! If you haven't stopped by the Lake View Room yet, you really need to see the transformation. The former Choir Practice Room/Hansel and Gretel office is now a warm, welcoming, and comfortable multi-purpose room located just across the hall from the elevator. The proximity makes it very easy for people to reach this meeting room.

The choir held their first practice there on September 4 and an “open house” was held on September 8. Already, other meetings and gatherings have been held in the Lake View Room as well. What a blessing it is to have this new space in our church.

Many thanks to all who supported this endeavor from the FUMC Church Council to the congregation in general. Special thanks to all who helped with the physical work. This group included George Hagge, Paul Lohse, Wally Ruedy, Rodger Dahnert, and Ed Herbig. The

“construction” team transformed the former nursery into storage and office space. This team included Neil Fruechte, George Hagge, Wally Ruedy, Rodger Dahnert, Bruce Stauffer and Paul Lohse. Of course, Bob Stephan, our great custodian, was always available. The “beautification team” consisted of Al Pursell, Karen Ferch, Shirley Hansen, Lynne Swenson, and Linda Lohse. Bruce and Mary Stauffer are in the process of refinishing a cupboard for Barb Klampe's use in storing various choir supplies.

Finally, the furniture from the former Upper Room was moved in, curtains were hung, and the coffee pot was plugged in! A few more additions will be made to this room including a plan for adding air conditioning to increase the comfort level during the summer months.

In closing, we always thank our God and ask that He bless the activities that occur in this new space.

### Quotes of the Month:

**“What I like most about change is that it's a synonym for 'hope'. If you are taking a risk, what you are really saying is I believe in tomorrow and I will be a part of it”. ~ Linda Ellerbee, newswoman**

**“People underestimate their capacity for change. There is never a right time to do a difficult thing.” ~John Porter**

## *Nurse's Notes: October*

### What Is it That God Wants Me to Do?

This is an age old question and I'm sure each of us has pondered on it throughout our life.

Three years ago I went to the UMW General Assembly. One of the break out sessions was on Discernment, which affirmed my path to become a parish nurse.

As we all look ahead to all the good God has in store for our church, I thought this discernment process would help you find your gifts to serve God.

#### Discernment

- I.
  1. Seeing as God sees-look into your heart
  2. Allow Jesus' spirit into you
  3. Practice solitude and inner silence
  4. Feel a sense of place with who you are
  5. Prepare yourself to respond to God's call
- II.
  1. Where have you seen the ordinary and extraordinary. Check every two weeks
  2. What brings you deep joy - God wants you to enjoy what you are doing. The joy doesn't wear off with time.
  3. You wear it well; your gift suits you.
  4. It comes natural to you.
  5. Still wondering? Ask two friends what your gifts are.
  6. Step out with courage! God's right here with you.
  7. Your gifts are given to you to be used!

#### *True Vocation*

By Parker Palmer

Our deepest calling is to grow into our own authentic selfhood, whether or not it conforms to some image of who we ought to be. As we do so, we will not only find the joy that every human being seeks--we will also find our path of authentic service in the world. True vocation joins self and service, as Frederich Buechner assets when he defines vocation as "the place where your deep gladness meets the world's deep need." Buechner's definition starts with the self and moves toward the needs of the world: it begins, wisely, where vocation begins - not in what the world needs (which is everything), but in the nature of the human self, in what brings the self joy, the deep joy of knowing that we are here on earth to be the gifts that God created.

Source: *Let Your Life Speak*.

In closing Romans 2: 6-7

"6 God 'will repay each person according to what they have done.' [a] 7 To those who by persistence in doing good seek glory, honor and immortality, he will give eternal life."

Praise God for your gifts. We all have them from small children to elders. What about a baby's smile and a friend's warm hug? These are joyful gifts.

Peace & Grace

Your Parish Nurse,

*Sherry Scholljegerdes, RN*

## Jesus Seeds

The Jesus Seeds are here! The jar of Jesus Seeds by the bulletin board has been refilled! Take one to give to someone who needs to be reminded that Jesus is with them always. If you want to contribute to this ministry, there is a donation can by the Jesus seeds. The cost is \$.75 each, but no donation is necessary for you to take one.

*Roger Walker*

## Hospitality Team

The Healthy Church Initiative has a new Hospitality Team! This team will evaluate programs that welcome visitors and current members to our church. Included in the process will be how we conduct these programs: Greeters, Name Tags, Ushers, Welcoming and Follow-up with visitors, Valet Parking, and any activities where visitors are involved. If you have ideas for this team, contact Roger Walker.

## THANK YOU!

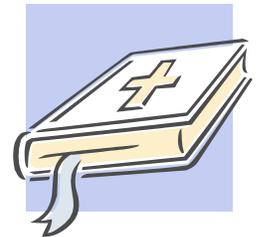


I would like to thank everyone who attended my “surprise birthday party” during fellowship on Sunday, September 22nd. Thank you for all the cards and well wishes - they we greatly appreciated. Along with my wife, Vada, and my family, you did a wonderful job of keeping it secret from me. I also want to give George Hagge a big thank you for the musical tribute and the Happy Birthday song. It’s great knowing I not only have a wonderful personal family, but also a great Church Family. Thank you again. *Rodger Dahnert*

## Discipline Bible Study

submitted by Char Frankenberry

You probably know the benefits of rest, relaxation, and meditation for your physical health. But what about your spiritual health? What if you could escape every day to a tranquil retreat to restore your soul? **Conversations, Friends & Coffee** is a Bible study that meets every Tuesday at 4:00p.m. As a guide for our Bible Study we use The Upper Room Disciplines. This is one of the best-selling books of daily devotions based on scripture passages from the Revised Common Lectionary. Fifty-three writers from diverse locales, ethnicities, and Christian traditions help you to grow in your knowledge of the Bible and how to apply its truths to your life.



Now is the time to order your book for the coming year. There will be a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board during the month of October. The cost is \$14.00, payable when the book comes in. Please feel free to join us any Tuesday to check us out!



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## **UMW Guest Night**

**October 2, 2017 at 7:00 p.m.**

Our Guest Speaker will be Catherine Ritch Guess. She is an author, composer, comedian, entertainer, inspirational/motivational speaker, teacher, musician and missionary! She was selected as one of the International FACES of the UMC.



A radio personality who once interviewed her said of Guess, "Catherine's lightning quick wit and musical talent are astonishing enough, but combined with her never ending source of positive energy, the woman is a ball of fire that's sure to inspire."

All are welcome! Please bring a friend and refreshments will be served following the program.