

# Come and Join the Spirit's Movement



Sundays at 9 am  
Fourth Avenue United  
Methodist Church

Week of March 15-22, 2023

Sunday, March 19 at 9 am

***"The Farewell Discourse"***

Pastor Greg Ciesluk preaching

***"Were You There"***

Anthem by the Choir

**Anointing of the Sick**

Lay Reader - Kim Bossman

Acolyte - Will Sonpon

**Book of John Bible Study**

Have you wanted to dig deeper into the Gospel of John? Pastor Greg will lead a weekly Bible Study into John each week of Lent! The Bible Study each will go more in depth than the sermon. Come to the Parlor from 2-3 pm each Wednesday from March 1<sup>st</sup> through April 5<sup>th</sup>.



**Memory Verse for Lent:**

*Jesus performed many other signs  
in the presence of his disciples,  
which are not recorded in this book.  
But these are written that you may believe  
that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God,  
and that by believing  
you may have life in his name.*

-John 20:30-31

**Our Prayer For This Lent**

*Jesus, Risen Lord, meet me in the Gospel of John.  
Open my spiritual eyes that like Thomas,  
I may truly see you in your resurrected glory and proclaim,  
"My Lord and my God."  
and receive afresh the power of Your Holy Spirit  
to live as a witness to the resurrection.  
In his name we pray.  
Amen*

**Lent 2023: Meet Jesus in The Gospel of John**

***Congregational Reading of the Gospel of John and Series of  
Sunday Messages***



March 19: The Farewell Discourse (John 12-17)  
March 26: The Arrest, Trial, and Crucifixion of the King (John 18-19)  
Passion/ Palm Sunday, April 2: Meditation on the Passion (various)  
Easter Sunday, April 9: Eternal Life (John 20-21)



**Church Office Hours: 2-4:30 pm Tuesday, Wednesday, & Thursday**

## Holy Week Schedule

**Sunday, April 2nd at 9 am**  
**Celebration of Palm /Passion Sunday Worship**



**Thursday, April 6th at 7 pm**  
**Holy Thursday**



**Friday, April 7th at 12 pm**  
**Good Friday Service**



**Sunday, April 9th**  
**Easter Breakfast**  
**7:30-8:30 am**  
**Celebration of Easter Worship**  
**at 9 am**  
*Jesus has risen! Hallelujah!*

## Lenten Noisy Offerings

Lent is a season where we intentionally make sacrifices to unite ourselves with Christ and share in his suffering on the cross. To identify with those who suffer, we are reinvigorating our tradition of noisy offerings of spare change for the hungry in our community. Food insecurity is a major issue in our community.

We will be receiving these offerings from March 5 to March 26 that will purchase food for distribution from the Faribault Food Access Initiative (Community Action Center).

You may bring your offering to worship on Sundays.

To know more about this ministry, go to [www.communityactioncenter.org/faribault](http://www.communityactioncenter.org/faribault).



## Birthdays

Carole Evans	15
Linda Hellevik-Stoos	17
David Buresh	17
Jesse Osmundson	19
Sara Steele	19
Corrie Wikoff	21
Payton Wikoff	22



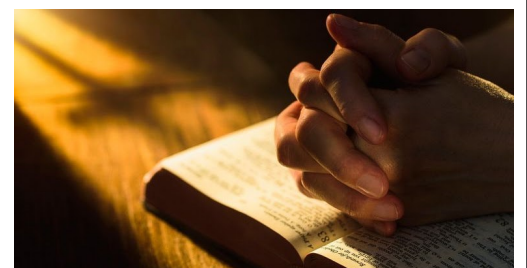
## Calendar of Events

March 15 ~ Lenten Bible Study 2 pm, Freedom Kids 5 pm, Choir 6 pm, Confirmation 7 pm  
March 16 ~ Veggie Prep 12:30 pm & 5:30 pm, Piecemakers 7 pm  
March 17 ~ Soup Luncheon 11 am—1 pm  
**March 19 ~ Worship Celebration with Anointing of the Sick 9 am**  
March 20 ~ Lakelanders 7 pm  
March 21 ~ Finance 2:45 pm  
March 22 ~ Lenten Bible Study 2 pm, Freedom Kids 5 pm, Choir 6 pm, Confirmation 7 pm



## Prayer Chain

If you need prayer for any reason, there is an active group in our congregation committed to praying for you. Contact **Carole Evans** at 507-210-6971 or e-mail her at [caroleannjean@gmail.com](mailto:caroleannjean@gmail.com).



## Soup Luncheon

### Attendance

March 3 199

March 10 232

### Quarts Sold

March 3 168

March 10 224



## Soup Choices for March 17th

- Turkey Noodle
- Hamburger Vegetable
- Split Pea & Ham
- Cream of Potato

Serving 11 am to 1 pm.

Adults \$10 for soup, bread, crackers, milk, coffee & water, and 1 piece of dessert.

Take Out costs—\$9 quart of soup, \$6 pint of soup, & \$2 dessert.

Call 334-4308 Tuesday-Thursday 9 am to Noon to place take out order.



## Thank You For Your "Souport"!

Thank you for your participation in any way you can still/could to make this another memorable, meaningful and joy-filled "souple" endeavor. We need/needed many "souperstars" to participate in our 2023 Lenten Soup Luncheons. There are several ways you can help/have helped – making desserts, prepping vegetables (veggie prep happens on Thursdays at 12:30 and 5:30), serving soup, waiting on tables, washing dishes, etc. – OR – if you are unable to work, making a donation to put toward buying ingredients would be "souperb"!!!!

Our community truly enjoys our "souperior" soup!

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## Special Offering March 26, 2023

Demand for healthy food access at CAC (Faribault Community Action Council - Food Initiative) has nearly tripled over the past few years. Their network of three food shelves are breaking new service records almost every week as more and more people are finding themselves in need of food. We need your help during this campaign to support the growing food needs in our community. CAC can stretch your donations up to \$10 for every \$1 and March is the best time to give with extra bonus dollars from MN FoodShare, based on how much they raise. Please consider donating generously during this special offering on Sunday, March 26th.

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**Staff**

**Choir Director:** Kelly Landsverk

**Accompanist:** Doug Madow

**Nursery Attendant:** Kim Luedke

**Custodian:** Ken Harren

**Admin Asst:** Kirsten Grunnet

**Office Volunteer:** Kathy DuChene

**Sunday Worship/9:00 AM**

**Join us at 2:42 PM daily as we pray our church's Breakthrough Prayer.**



***Our Church's Breakthrough Prayer***

O God, our God, we praise and magnify Your Name!

Great are You, Lord, and greatly to be praised

With you, all things are possible.

We know that you are *with* us and *for* us

and Your plans are for our good,

for a future and a hope.

Breakthrough into our lives and into our church.

Stir up afresh our faith.

Set our hearts aflame with the fire of your love.

Open our eyes to new, fresh possibilities  
and fill us anew with the power of your Spirit.

Usher us into a new season of faithfulness  
and fruitfulness for your Kingdom;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.