

Montrose Messenger

Newsletter for Montrose United Methodist Church

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*Enjoy the little things in life...
For one day you'll look back and realize they
were the big things.
- Robert Brault*



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Pastor Mark's Column

On the sixth day God completed all the work that he had done, and on the seventh day God rested from all the work that he had done. God blessed the seventh day and made it holy, because on it God rested from all the work of creation. - Genesis 2:2-3

The first time I saw cabin life was when I visited a UMC church close to Concordia College while I was attending as a sophomore. I came to church and saw very few people attending. I didn't know why and the pastor informed me that it's cabin season. Cabin season? Why would the church basically shut down during this time? Granted, I still don't have a proper answer, but I'm starting to learn about the appeal of cabin life. I'm learning what it means to "go up North" as they like to say.



As we read in Genesis, I'm sure God is a fan of cabin life. After creating everything, God took a day to rest and relax. God had completed all of his tasks and needed to get away. God needed that time of sabbath. We too need time to retreat and relax. Being able to enjoy yourself outdoors and reconnect with nature is truly fulfilling! I've tried it before, and it can be a lot of fun! When we take time for sabbath, then we find time to be a bit more kind or gracious. With sabbath, we find that we have more energy to love God and love our neighbor.

For cabin owners, it isn't always a time of sabbath. Usually you have to make sure your dock is in working order, the beach area doesn't have any gross weeds, and there's usually maintenance that has to be done. It's part of the price that we have to pay to keep cabin life going. If we want to feel that peace then we have to roll our sleeves up and do a bit of hard work. That sometimes can spoil that sabbath. If we're in need of sabbath, then we find ourselves being a bit more angry and impatient. We get frustrated or stressed and that spreads out into our relationships with others. It can be tough to love others when you don't have enough time to love yourself.

Cabin life isn't only about relaxing and retreating, but also about reconnecting. We reconnect with God and each other. Sometimes you are reminded of our connection when your neighbor is blasting music from their patio or riding their skidoo a bit too recklessly. Other times we're reminded by simply fishing from a boat how we're all connected. When one person is hurting, then it affects each and every one of us. When we're joyful, then we feel it and it spreads. Part of cabin life is to prepare ourselves to reconnect with others. Just as God retreated before reconnecting with Adam we also retreat so we can better connect with God and our neighbor.

Cabin season is something everyone should experience! That's why we're spending the month of August bringing the cabin way of life to church through our series "Cabin Life". Each Sunday we'll take time to relax. Each sermon will be focused on those cute sayings you'll find in a cabin, and we'll show how it matches up with scripture. If you're worshipping with us in person and unable to enjoy a cabin, then you're in luck and we'll bring the cabin to you! If you're worshipping at your cabin and watching us live on Facebook, then we'll make your cabin season feel even more at peace.



So please join us either in person or online on our Facebook page as we begin our newest sermon series *Cabin Life!*

Blessings!

Pastor Mark Schlasner

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August Worship Theme "CABIN LIFE"

Sunday, August 7, 2022

Communion Sunday

"Start Each Day With Gratitude"
Scripture: I Thessalonians 5:16-18

Sunday, August 14, 2022

"In A World Where You Can Be
Anything: Be Kind"
Scripture: Philippians 2:1-4

Sunday, August 21, 2022

"Be The Reason Someone
Smiles Today"
Scripture: Psalm 98

Sunday, August 28, 2022

"Enjoy the Journey"
Scripture: Proverbs 3:5-6





PRAYER PAGE

Grieving with Families

† **The Maurice “Morrie” Schlasner Family.** Morrie is Pastor Mark’s grandfather. He passed away July 9th at age 93. Please keep Pastor Mark’s grandmother Jeannie in your prayers as she’s alone now after 71 years of marriage.



† **The Mildred Klarstrom Family.** Mildred’s brother passed away July 18th. Prayers for safe travels as Don & Mildred travel to TX for his funeral.

Our Friends at Home...

Living at Home -
Gloria Adickes
John Hylland



Lifting in Our Prayers

 Continued prayers for Ukraine, and Prayers for the 5 Ukrainian soldiers in MN to receive prosthetics after losing their limb(s) in the Russian invasion.



People with cancer and facing surgery.

Brenda Segler, having a heart procedure.

Allan & Jewell “Ricki” Malerich. Allan had another fall July 16th and Ricki is recovering from another sore throat.

The families who have lost loved ones and friends to car accidents in MN in July, ages 6 to 70, to no fault of their own.

Heather Sinkel, from Webster, WI, was struck by a train while walking across the train tracks in Delano July 22nd. She is the sister-in-law of a good friend of Bonnie Ashbaugh’s.

Tony Wurm, critically injured in a car accident in Rockford July 22nd. “Divine intervention” that he is alive, as a trauma surgeon was driving behind him and first to help. Doctors believe he will survive.

Don Danford, fell and broke his ankle July 23rd. *UPDATE:* Don will have two surgeries; one Tue. 8/2 and one Wed. 8/3.

Victims of catastrophic flooding in Kentucky, over 37 dead and hundreds still missing as of July 31st.

Ricki Malerich’s housekeeper Sue, just learned she has a very bad heart.

Scott, Carol Prestidge’s niece’s husband, battling cancer.

Blessings and Celebrations

SPRC hosting a welcoming picnic for Pastor Mark and Amy July 10th!

Adam & Olivia Rux spending a few weeks of summer here! Flying back home July 23rd.

Keith Prestidge, getting his permanent prosthetic leg July 25th!
Brayden Ashbaugh and his baseball team in Iowa for the “Field of Dreams” tournament! Brayden also won the Home Run Derby, an experience of a lifetime!

Angie Ferrell & Mike Smothers, enjoying an Alaskan cruise! First trip for just the two of them in 20 years!

Another successful FE+ED food drop July 26th and grateful for volunteers working in the rain!



We celebrate the many special Birthdays and Anniversaries in July!

----- Clip & Save -----



Wright County
MINNESOTA

Wright County Health & Human Services
Contact Center direct lines to connect residents with services.

MAIN NUMBER	(763) 682-7400
Child Support	(763) 335-0270
Long-Term Care	(763) 335-0272
Social Services Licensing	(763) 335-0275
OUTREACH (connecting individuals & families with services)	(763) 335-0276
Public Health	(763) 335-0280
Adult Financial Services	(763) 335-0273
Family Financial Services	(763) 335-0274

Website: www.co.wright.mn.us



There are several ways for you to continue your giving to the Church!

- ◆ Through your weekly offering at church
- ◆ Not at church? Simply mail your offering to MUMC P.O. Box 13, Montrose, MN 55363 ATTN: Kelly Rux



- ◆ Scan the QR code with your Smart phone app
- ◆ Give online via Pay Pal (cut & paste link below onto your browser)
https://www.paypal.com/donate/?hosted_button_id=XHRTL58RNZ5BE

- ◆ Using the RAISERIGHT PROGRAM to purchase Gift Cards to hundreds of your favorite retail stores and restaurants! Contact Angie Ferrell with questions or to purchase gift cards! (763) 442-4876
- ◆ NEW...AMAZON SMILES! See Finance Update on page 6!



Love INC
Love In the Name of Christ



**Love INC
BACK-TO-SCHOOL
BASH!**
**Wed., August 17th
5:30 pm - 7:00 pm
WestPointe Church
9090 US Hwy. 12
Just east of Delano**

Love INC Heartland and WestPointe Church have partnered together to host a Back-to-School Bash for our neighbors in need with children ages K-12. Families will receive backpacks filled with supplies and have the chance to enjoy family-friendly activities like face painting, cotton candy, grilled food, and more.

**We need your help to support these families.
Donate to Love INC online
by August 1st**

<https://loveinheartland.org/donate>

Each back pack cost \$50, and is filled with the supplies needed for each grade level.

**Contact Love INC at 763-972-6547
to learn about volunteering opportunities.**

SAFETY ANNOUNCEMENT!

The AED Unit in the narthex, adjacent to the sanctuary, donated to MUMC by Doug & Meri Ault, is now on an annual maintenance program. New batteries and electrodes have been installed and it is ready-to-go in the case of an emergency.

Training videos (copy links to your browser)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tfpjfHXh6UE&t=9s>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pOaCxzDINhw&t=305s>



Watch this one until EMT's arrive. This is the real deal!

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ICODRFoWZkw&t=54s>

Please say "Thank You" to Angie Ferrell for her donation to this maintenance program.

"BURGERS IN THE PARK"



**Hosted by Boy Scout Troop #312
Saturday, August 20, 2022
12 pm to 8 pm
Veteran's Park
(Across from Jacque B')**

- Scout Burgers, French Fries and Cheese Curds! 12 pm – 8 pm (while quantities last)
- Splash Court! 12 pm – 4 pm (on the Tennis Court)
- Bounce Houses! 12 pm – 6 pm (free to youth in 10-minute intervals)
- Youth Games! 4 pm – 6 pm (Soft tip archery, super soaker range, leaky cup races, etc.)
- Bean Bag Tournament 12 pm – 3 pm (Check In & Sign Up 11 am – 11:30 am, Start 12 pm) *Hosted by Montrose-Waverly Chamber of Commerce with proceeds designated to funding the pavilion in Regional Park.*
- Bean Bag Free Play after tournament
- Community Service and Information Booths: *Montrose Volunteer Fire Department, Veteran Service Officer and VFW / American Legion, Montrose Lions Club, Montrose Days Committee, and Montrose Churches.*
- Youth Organization Information Booths: Learn about local youth enrichment organizations Cub Scouts and Scouts BSA.
- Pending Confirmation: Lion's Root Beer Floats, Girl Scouts, Hockey, Montrose Royalty.
- Gourmet Cup Cake Walk! 6:30 till gone (Some with community service commitments)
Live auction to raise funds for Troop 312's High Adventure trip to Alaska in 2023

For more information on participating or to volunteer please contact:

**Greg Youmans
Troop 312 Committee Chair
612-597-3637**

WE ARE IN NEED OF VOLUNTEERS TO HELP!

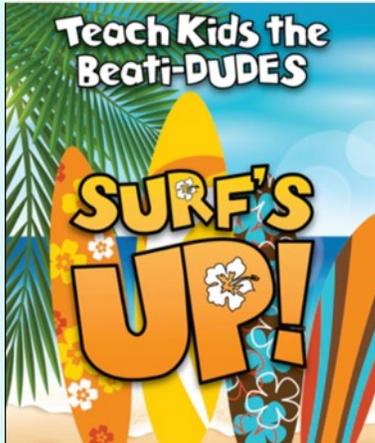
Great News for FE+ED!



FE+ED was awarded a **grant** from Second Harvest Heartland in the amount of **\$5,000** to purchase a commercial freezer, which will be used to store meats and frozen items to be distributed at the Food Drops! This is huge need for FE+ED and an amazing Blessing!
(Will be located at MUMC)

SUNDAY SCHOOL UPDATE

Teach Kids the Beatitudes with the Beati-DUDES!



In the first sermon he ever preached, Jesus gave us the **Beatitudes**, eight blessings promised to those who seek Jesus and live for him. The **Beatitudes** can change the way we look at life and help us to live in a way that honors Jesus.

We'll be starting the Sunday School year off with a 10 week unit on the **Beatitudes** on Rally Sunday, September 11th at 9:30am. Come join us for skits, crafts, object lessons, games & more. You never know what the week will bring – so you don't want to miss it!

If you would be interested in helping out at Sunday School, please contact Angie Ferrell.



To register for Sunday School, please contact our Christian Education Director Angie Ferrell.

Phone: (763) 442-4876

Email: ang.myitworks@yahoo.com



There will be **NO** Vacation Bible School this year due to the ongoing road construction.



SEPTEMBER 11th

9:30 am Sunday School Begins

9:30 am Coffee & Fellowship

10:30 am Worship Service

Church Community Picnic
11:30 am - 1:30 pm
Lion's Park

(after worship service ~ see food sign-up sheet)

**We hope you'll join us for
Fun, Food & Fellowship!**



Hand Bell Choir
Rehearsals resume
weekly starting on
Tuesday,
September 13th
At 7:00 pm!



If you are interested in joining, no experience is necessary!

Contact Jacque Vanderlinde
(763) 675-3423

Chancel Choir
Rehearsals resume
Weekly starting on
Wednesday,
September 14th
At 7:00 pm!



If singing is your talent and you are interested in joining the Chancel Choir please contact:

Jewell "Ricki" Malerich
(763) 682-1780

Finance Update



Happy August!! A few quick items from the Finance Team. First, I'm currently finishing up the giving statements for the first half of the year. Look for those to come soon.

Second, the finance team is trying to think of creative ways to raise funds for the church. Amazon offers a program called "amazon smile". This program does not cost you anything. Basically when you go to shop on Amazon - click on the link below. This links your shopping with our Montrose UMC Charity. When you do this the church gets 0.5% of what you spend! I know it doesn't sound like much, but it definitely adds up over time (especially if anyone has a shopping problem like me).



<https://smile.amazon.com/ch/41-1473681>

Another reminder is to continue supporting our gift card program - RaiseRight (previously SCRIP). Again, another way to support the church without it costing you anything extra... I repeat -0- extra!

Lastly, an update to last month's newsletter. We are waiting on one more quote from Knife River on the replacement of our parking lot. Your continued support to our Building Maintenance Fund is very much appreciated as this project will be fairly spendy, like most things these days. In order to get a loan for this project, if we decide to move forward, a Church Charge Conference will be required. More details to come once we get that scheduled and follow all of the United Methodist Church protocols.

I hope everyone is enjoying the last few weeks of Summer! As always, please contact me with any questions.

Kelly Rux, Finance Chair
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It's **Back-To-School** time, why not utilize the **RaiseRight** app/program to get the supplies you need while giving something back to the church?

August & September Order Dates:

Monday ~ August 8th & 22nd
Friday ~ September 2nd
(On Friday because Monday is the Labor Day Holiday)
Monday ~ September 19th.

Gift Cards To-Go for all your everyday shopping, Back-To-School shopping And gift-giving needs! How about a gas card for that new driver in the house!!

We have these gift cards on-hand in \$25 increments. Every rebate helps raise funds for the church and costs you nothing extra! Download the **RaiseRight** app today and take advantage of more savings!

See Angie Ferrell or Kelly Rux for gift cards or if you have any questions on downloading the app!



FE+ED UPDATE



The July food distribution was held at the Montrose VFW Memorial Park again due to ongoing construction around the community center. We expect August will have the same road construction issues - so we may be at VFW Memorial Park again in August. FE+ED will confirm location as we get closer to the date.

And, yes, we needed the rain and appreciated the rain - but not as we were holding the food drop for the month! Despite this profuse challenge, everyone carried on and all boxes were filled and taken.

Somewhere along the line there was a discrepancy in number of boxes prepared and number of boxes recorded.

We need to have accurate numbers to report to Second Harvest Heartland and actually 21 boxes were unaccounted for (at least). We may have to go back to the individual sheets being completed for each family, collected when the food box is received, and then tabulated. This is much more time consuming and work intensive but provides better accuracy for FE+ED's reporting and tracking.



Our community contributed a lot of extras:

- We received 15 large boxes of bread from Waverly food shelf as well as using their refrigerated truck this month. That went well and they did not have to provide a driver as Russ brought it.
- Untiedt's provided 15 boxes of tomatoes, 17 boxes of cabbage, and 20 boxes of cucumbers. Please thank them if you see them. This is tremendously "fresh" food from their fields.
- Lots of frozen meat from Buffalo Food Shelf.



July Statistics:

- 6,917 pounds of food from SHH
- Families served 107
- Individuals served 329
- New, first time families 6
- Veterans served 27
- Communities served 20 (People are coming from greater distances to receive food.)

Respectfully submitted,
Pam Johnson



Drive-Up
Food
Distribution



FOOD DROP

TUESDAY, AUGUST 23rd at 3 pm

Drive-thru pick-up on a first come-first serve basis while quantities last.

LOCATION: VFW/Veteran's Memorial
EVERYONE IS WELCOME!

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p><i>Hang me on your refrigerator for easy reference!</i></p>	<p>1 6:30 pm Cub & Boy Scouts (Lion's Pk) 7 pm Palabra Viva Rehearsal (S)</p>	<p>2 7 pm Bell Choir Rehearsal (S)</p>	<p>3 7 pm Palabra Viva Ofc Hour (O)</p>	<p>4 6:30 pm TRUSTEES Mtg. (L) 7 pm Palabra Viva Worship (S)</p>	<p>5</p>	<p>6 5 - 9 pm Palabra Viva Worship (S) 8 - 10 pm AA Meeting (C)</p>
<p>7 Communion Sunday 9:30 am Coffee & Fellowship (F) 10:30 am Worship Service (S)</p> 	<p>8 RAISERIGHT ORDER DAY 6:30 pm Cub & Boy Scouts (Lion's Pk) 7 pm Palabra Viva Rehearsal (S)</p>	<p>9</p>	<p>10 7 pm Palabra Viva Ofc Hour (O)</p>	<p>11 7 pm Palabra Viva Worship (S)</p>	<p>12</p>	<p>13 5 - 9 pm Palabra Viva Worship (S) 8 - 10 pm AA Meeting (C)</p>
<p>14 9:30 am Coffee & Fellowship (F) 10:30 am Worship Service</p>	<p>15 6:30 pm Cub & Boy Scouts (Lion's Pk) 7 pm Palabra Viva Rehearsal (S) 7 pm UWF Hannah Circle (L)</p>	<p>16 7 pm Bell Choir Rehearsal (S)</p>	<p>17 7 pm Palabra Viva Ofc Hour (O) 7:15 pm Church Council (L)</p>	<p>18 7 pm Palabra Viva Worship (S)</p>	<p>19</p>	<p>20 12 pm - 8 pm BURGERS IN THE PARK EVENT (VP) 5 - 9 pm Palabra Viva Worship (S) 8 - 10 pm AA Meeting (C)</p>
<p>21 9:30 am Coffee & Fellowship (F) 10:30 am Worship Service (S)</p>	<p>22 RAISERIGHT ORDER DAY 6:30 pm Cub & Boy Scouts (Lion's Pk) 7 pm Palabra Viva Rehearsal (S)</p>	<p>23 12 pm FE+ED Set-up (VFW) 3 pm FE+ED Food Drop (VFW)</p>	<p>24 7 pm Palabra Viva Ofc Hour (O)</p>	<p>25 7 pm Palabra Viva Worship (S)</p>	<p>26</p>	<p>27 5 - 9 pm Palabra Viva Worship (S) 8 - 10 pm AA Meeting (C)</p>
<p>28 9:30 am Coffee & Fellowship (F) 10:30 am Worship Service (S)</p>	<p>29 6:30 pm Cub & Boy Scouts (Lion's Pk) 7 pm Palabra Viva Rehearsal (S)</p>	<p>30 7 pm Bell Choir Rehearsal (S)</p>	<p>31 7 pm Palabra Viva Ofc Hour (O)</p>	<p>1 Sept 7 pm Palabra Viva Worship (S)</p>	<p>2 RAISE RIGHT ORDER DAY</p>	<p>3 5 - 9 pm Palabra Viva Worship (S) 8 - 10 pm AA Meeting (C)</p>

BIRTHDAYS!

- 2nd-Allan Malerich
- 3rd-Brian Bloom
- 5th-Jared Peterson-Lomker
- 8th-Tammy Prestidge
- 17th-Angie Dostal
- 18th-Christie Illies

ANNIVERSARIES!

- 18th-Kathleen Prestidge
- 19th-Mike Wagner
- 24th-Brenda Segler
- 26th-Brayden Ashbaugh
- 28th-Jacob Smothers
- 29th-Carol Hoppe
- 31st-Bridget Chaffins



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FE+ED
For Each and Every Day
(4th Tuesday of the Month)

UPCOMING FREE
FOOD DISTRIBUTIONS:
Tuesday, August 23rd
Tuesday, September 27th

Starting at 3:00 pm ~ Drive thru Event

LOCATION: Montrose VFW Memorial
300 Zephyr Avenue

Lining up on 3rd St. So. & Arizona Ave.
Turn by O'Brothers Liquor Store



Volunteers are always needed & welcome
starting at 12 pm to pack food boxes!

Go to the FEED website for more information:
www.fe-ed.org

Come Worship with Us Sunday Mornings



Rev. Mark Schlasner, Pastor

- ◆ Coffee & Fellowship at 9:30 am
- ◆ Worship Service at 10:30 am, with Communion on the 1st Sunday of the Month.
- ◆ Watch Worship Service at 10:30 am on **Facebook Live!** Search Montrose United Methodist Church (Montrose, MN).