

Montrose Messenger

Newsletter for Montrose United Methodist Church

2023 February - Volume 2

When we cling to the unchanging character of Christ,
we can weather the winds of change.

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Pastor's Column

"Happy are people who are hopeless, because the kingdom of heaven is theirs. Happy are people who grieve, because they will be made glad. Happy are people who are humble, because they will inherit the earth. Happy are people who are hungry and thirsty for righteousness, because they will be fed until they are full. Happy are people who show mercy, because they will receive mercy. Happy are people who have pure hearts, because they will see God. Happy are people who make peace, because they will be called God's children. Happy are people whose lives are harassed because they are righteous, because the kingdom of heaven is theirs. Happy are you when people insult you and harass you and speak all kinds of bad and false things about you, all because of me. Be full of joy and be glad, because you have a great reward in heaven. In the same way, people harassed the prophets who came before you." -

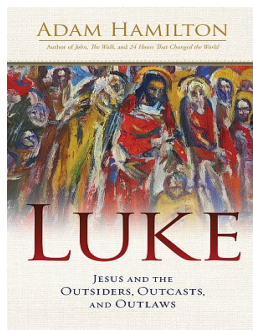
Matthew 5:3-12

Recognize this passage? It may seem familiar, but maybe not totally familiar. These are the Beatitudes! This translation uses the word "happy" instead of "blessed" and I find it a bit more relatable and refreshing for the scripture. It makes the verse easier to wrestle with and understand. What exactly is the difference between those two translations and why does it matter?

Without getting too detailed, the greek word used is *makarios* and it certainly means happy. Several commentators have translated it so, but we were raised with an understanding that the word means "blessed". The difference here is simply that this is Jesus' theory for happiness. That's right! Maybe now you're finally getting to realize how ridiculous it would've sounded to the people hearing this at the time. In order to be happy, you have to be hopeless, grieving, hungry for righteousness, etc. They're considered blessed because they will receive the kingdom of heaven, they will be made glad, they will inherit the earth, they will be fed, etc. They are happy because they will find blessing. It's when we fully trust in God that we find happiness and blessing.

It's tough to trust in God when you have to do everything yourself to make things happen. Our lives are so difficult already with all of our responsibilities. How can we rely on God when other people rely on us? Well of course we don't have to rely on God to do everything. Of course God won't do our taxes for us or shovel the snow in our driveways (believe me, I asked. He simply won't do it), but God does help give us the strength to do these tasks. God does help the things within our control easier to do. We rely on God for the many things which are outside of our control. It's there that we can find happiness because we understand that there will be justice. We will find mercy and comfort. Jesus promises us these things! That's why we are happy; that's why we find ourselves to be blessed. Those who don't rely on God can't find such relief from the stresses and injustice in life.

This month, leading up to Lent, we will be reading from the Gospel of Matthew. We will be reading more from the Sermon on the Mount as well as Jesus' transformation. Then for the last Sunday in February we will start our new Lenten sermon series from Adam Hamilton, "Luke: Jesus and the Outsiders, Outcasts, and Outlaws" where we'll dig into Jesus' history with imperfect people. We'll talk about how he dined and healed people who weren't perfect and how Luke depicts Jesus' ministry with such people.



Also, don't forget we have Ash Wednesday service this month on February 22nd. Service will be held in Annandale at 6:15 pm and Montrose at 7:30 pm. Hope to see you all there!!

Blessings!
Rev. Mark Schlasner
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February Worship Theme

"The Gospel of Matthew"

Sunday, February 5, 2023

Communion Sunday

Communion Steward: Christie Illies

Scripture: Matthew 5:13-20

Sunday, February 12, 2023

Scripture: Matthew 5: 21-37

Sunday, February 19, 2023

Transfiguration Sunday

Scripture: Matthew 17:1-9

~ ***LENTEN SEASON BEGINS*** ~

Wednesday, February 22, 2023

Ash Wednesday Service

7:30 pm

**NEW Sermon Series begins
from Adam Hamilton's book:
"Luke: Jesus and the Outsiders,
Outcasts, and Outlaws"**

Sunday, February 26, 2023

"Lifting Up the Lowly"

Scripture: Luke 1:51-53



**Ash Wednesday
February 22nd**

**Palm Sunday
April 2nd**

**Mauddy Thursday
April 6th**

**Good Friday
April 7th**

**Holy Saturday
April 8th**

**Easter Sunday
April 9th**



PRAYER PAGE

Grieving with Families

† **The Norman Duske Family.** Norman passed away Jan. 5th at 85 years of age.

† **The Kathy Ramthun Family.** Kathy passed away Jan. 19th at 71 years of age.

† **The Neva Adickes Family.** Neva passed away Jan. 26th at 90 years of age. Neva is Gloria Adickes' sister-in-law.

† **The Teri Wetmore Family.** Teri, very well known and loved in the Montrose community, passed away Jan. 31st - no details at time of print.

† **The Lee Gutknecht Family.** Lee passed away Feb. 1st. Please keep Gini and family in your prayers. A Celebration of Life will be announced for sometime in March.



Our Shut-In Friends

Living at Home -
Gloria Adickes
John Hylland



Lifting in our Prayers

Don Danford, had surgery on his carotid artery Jan. 10th. *UPDATE:* Surgery went well, now let's keep Don in our prayers as he continues to recover.

Everyone dealing with the snow! Shoveling it, plowing it, and driving in it!

Those that have taken falls on the icy sidewalks, driveways and parking lots.

Josh Illies and other young adults going back to college after Christmas break, Christie already missing him.



Allan & Ricki Malerich, as Allan is having trouble healing after his surgery and he is having many rough nights of sleep.

Neva Adickes, hospitalized with a blood infection and is in congestive heart failure. *UPDATE:* See grieving with families.

Christie Illies, suffered mild injuries after her car went off the road and head-on into a tree. Her car not so lucky - totaled!

The victims, their families and communities of the two separate mass shootings in California; 18 killed and 11 injuries.

(There have been 7 more mass shooting since Jan. 27th.)

The Tyre Nichols Family. Mr. Nichols was horrifically beaten Jan. 7th by 5 Memphis Police Officers, dying on Jan. 10th from his injuries.

Blessings and Celebrations

Roger Vanderlinde, THANK YOU! For snow blowing 10" of snow at front entry, handicap ramp and stairs!

The MUMC Leadership Retreat, 12 attended and enjoyed a good time together in prayer, music, conversation and fellowship.

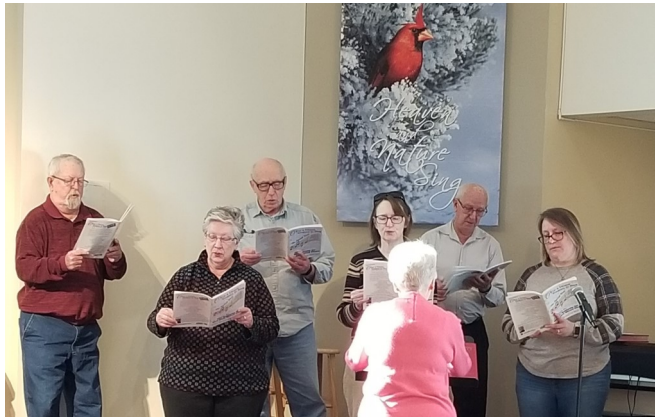
Virgil Mattson, a young man attending church for the first time.
Carol Hoppe, retiring from WCI after 44 years, 7 months and 22 days!

Nicole, a friend of Belle Johnson's, attending church for the first time!

The JOY of Music at MUMC!



Ricki, sharing a special song she wrote and playing her baritone ukulele.



LEFT: The Chancel Choir, directed by Ricki Malerich. Pictured L-R: Keith Prestidge, Carol Hoppe, Galen Becker, Sherry Oval, Bob Prestidge, Angie Ferrell, and Ricki Malerich (back turned - directing). (Not pictured) pianist, Jacque Vanderlinde.

BELOW: The Hand Bell Choir, directed by Jacque Vanderlinde.

Pictured L-R: Diane Sohns, Kelsey Marquette, Linda Marquette, Betty Danford, Sonya Tourville, Jacque Vanderlinde, Amy Chaffins, and Judy Mumford-Torres.



Prayers of JOY
for everyone that celebrated
Birthdays & Anniversaries in January!

February Announcements & Community Events

Family Game Day
Sunday, February 5th
12 pm - 2 pm



Everyone is Welcome!

We'll have Pizza & Beverages, but feel free to bring a snack to share if you'd like!



Join us for fun & games as we play dominoes, card games, board games, cribbage and more!
Bring your favorite game to play!
Bring your family, bring a friend, bring a neighbor!

We hope you'll join us for a fun time!

SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS!

We're wrapping up our January unit,
"Chill; Bible Lessons on Keeping Our Cool."

Starting in February, the Sunday school class will be doing the
CANDY HEARTS UNIT.



Luke 10:27 tells us;

"Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind; and, love your neighbor as yourself."

We'll see you on Sunday mornings at 9:30 am for our Memory Verse, Skit, Story, Games, Crafts and Snacks!

Angie Ferrell
Christian Education Director
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Love the Lord your God
with all your heart & with all your
soul & with all your strength
& with all your mind; & Love
your neighbor as yourself. Luke 10:27



RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE

Thursday, February 2nd
12:30 am - 6:30 pm
Montrose Community Center



MONTROSE FIRE DEPT. PRIME RIB/SHRIMP DINNER

Saturday, February 4th
5 pm - 8 pm
Montrose Community Center



KITES ON ICE FESTIVAL

Saturday, February 11th
11 am - 3 pm
on Buffalo Lake



BCT PRESENTS
Willy Wonka Jr.

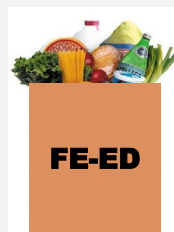


February 10, 11, 17, 18 at 7 pm
February 12, 19 Matinee at 2 pm
Discovery Auditorium Stage



MONTROSE LION'S PANCAKE & FRENCH TOAST BREAKFAST

Sunday, February 12th
8:30 am - Noon
Montrose Community Center



FE-ED FOOD DISTRIBUTION

Tuesday, February 28th
12:30 pm - 2 pm Set-up & Packing
3 pm Drive Thru Distribution
Montrose Community Center



ICE SKATING!

Everyday on Buffalo Lake
At Sturgis Park
(Cannot confirm if there's ice skate rentals)



It's time to register for camp!

Registration is open for the 2023 camping season! Check out the upcoming camp sessions at Camp Minnesota website and pick your favorite camp location:

- ◆ **Northern Pines** - On Fish Hook Lake, Park Rapids, MN Phone (218) 732-4713
- ◆ **Koronis Ministries** - On Lake Koronis, Paynesville, MN Phone (320) 243-4544
- ◆ **KoWakan Adventures** - On Section 12 Lake, Ely, MN Phone (320) 243-4544

Register by April 30th and receive a \$25 Camp Store credit and earn \$25 off your camp fee for every friend you bring to camp with the "Bring-A-Friend" discount! Montrose UMC has a scholarship program for MUMC youth wanting to attend camp.* (*Limit \$150 per person. Non MUMC youth given consideration.)

Go to www.campminnesota.org for more information and to register. The camps fill-up quickly - so get your registration in **TODAY!** Camp sessions begin in June.

Get your **2023 Minnesota Camp Brochure** in the SEASONAL EVENTS slot at the back entrance of the church. See Pastor Mark or Kim Wagner for information on the MUMC Camp Scholarship Program.



WALK TO EMMAUS RETREATS

While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself came near and walked with them.
- Luke 24:1

The Walk to Emmaus is an experience of Christian spiritual renewal and formation that begins with a three-day short course in Christianity. It is an opportunity to meet Jesus Christ in a new way as God's grace and love is revealed to you through other believers. You will enjoy three days of singing, learning, laughing, worshiping, reflecting, praying and participating in small groups. Discussions center around fifteen talks given by laity and clergy. These talks present the theme of God's grace, how that grace comes alive in the Christian community and how it is expressed in the world. You'll also discover how grace is real in your life, how you live a life of grace, and how you bring that grace to others.

www.mnemmaus.org

MEN'S WALK - FEBRUARY 16th - 19th , 2023

WOMEN'S WALK - FEBRUARY 23rd - 26th, 2023

Retreats being held at:

**Lakeview Methodist Health Care Center
610 Summit Dr., Fairmont, MN 56031**



RaiseRight News! First, thank you to everyone who continues to support the church through the RaiseRight (formerly Scrip) Program. While there has been a few changes in the past year; (shipping costs increased as did the fee for having funds taken directly from a linked bank account), I still feel this is a great program and such an easy way to support the church.

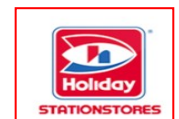
Last year we raised \$2,063.93!

Last month I told you MacDonald's joined the retailers on the program, which in our household is very exciting news! This month, while it isn't new this month, I'm excited to share the news that **KWIK TRIP** has added a "grocery card" that earns more points than the regular gas card. So who besides me buys things like bananas, potatoes, and milk from KWIK TRIP because they are normally cheaper there? And how about the great sales they have on butter & eggs from time to time? And have you tried the Cinnamon Rolls? Or the Turkey Sandwich on Wild Rice Bread (YUM!)? Did someone say Broasted Chicken?

You know I had to get myself one of these cards, so instead of earning a 4% rebate on my gas purchases, I can now earn another 10% when I'm buying my groceries! WOW!



As always, please feel free to reach out with any questions you have on the program or downloading the app. And remember we have the following gift cards on-hand in \$25 denominations that you can get from me or Kelly Rux anytime at the church or order during the monthly orders dates: Monday, February 6th & 20th.



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FINANCE UPDATE

Happy Winter Friends!!

A quick finance update. You should have received your giving statement for 2022.



If you haven't yet, please let me know and I'll mail another copy. W-2's for the church have been completed and all forms filed to the government. A huge thank you to Carol Hoppe for many years completing these forms - she has been gracious enough to train myself and Angie Ferrell on this process so we are taking it over for future years.

Next is the biggest item. We've mentioned in previous newsletters about the elevator repairs we have coming. We found out that our insurance company did cover \$5,000 for those repairs - which is the max coverage for that sort of issue (water damage).

Unfortunately, the repairs are \$29,000, leaving us with \$24,000 to come up

with. We do have some savings that we'll pull from to cover this, but appreciate any extra donations you can make so we don't have to drain our savings (excuse the pun). Also, in the late summer/early fall we did a parking lot campaign. I plan to use these funds for the elevator repairs. If you have an issue with your donations being used towards this, please reach out to me and I will hold them aside.



The final item is the street assessments for the Montrose Downtown Improvement Project.



We still do not know how much, if anything, we have to pay towards this. This obviously makes planning difficult.

I wanted to give you that heads-up that we may still have a large bill coming for this item as well.

Sorry to sound like doom & gloom, but want to be realistic with what is going on. As always, please feel free to reach out to me with any questions.

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TO GIVE SECURILY TO MUMC SCAN QR CODE OR GO TO ONLINE TO WEBSITE:
(Type URL info below into your web address bar)

https://www.paypal.com/donate/?hosted_button_id=XHRTL58RNZ5BE



FE+ED UPDATE



REPORT FOR THE JANUARY 24, 2023 FOOD DROP

Our first food drop of 2023 went very well.

Thank you to everyone who helped get the line

up information out ahead of time. We had cars use the church parking lot and Emerson Ave. after that to keep cars from lining up on Highway 12. This worked well despite the huge piles of snow and cars were not on Highway 12.

Thank you Angie Ferrell for donating funds through the *RaiseRight* Program to provide lunch from Casey's for the volunteer workers. Many expressed their appreciation for this gift. We will be getting pizzas for upcoming food drops.

The fresh produce, dairy products, meats, bread, and even EGGS were very much appreciated.

We were able to purchase a wide variety of fruits and vegetables this month.

We did not get the full amount of eggs but did get 85 dozen. FE-ED strives to provide nutritious food for our communities. This month we planned for 150 families. Last month we planned for 160 families and had a little extra. This month we could have used a little more. It's challenging to come out exactly right but no food ever goes to waste.

We received 32 boxes of bread from the Waverly Food Shelf and 240 lbs. of food from the Buffalo Food Shelf.

Statistics for the JANUARY food distribution are as follows:
POUNDS OF FOOD: 7,836
TOTAL FAMILIES SERVED: 159
TOTAL INDIVIDUALS SERVED: 464
NEW FAMILIES: 30
VETERANS SERVED: 33
COMMUNITIES SERVED: 20

Respectfully Submitted by
Pam Johnson

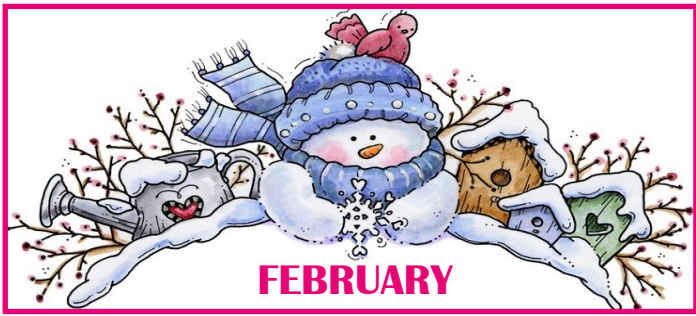


To Donate to FE-ED



Scan QR code above to donate to FE-ED

(Donations are tax deductible)



FE-ED FOOD DROP
Tuesday, February 28th
3 pm until gone
Montrose Community Center
 Drive-thru pick-up on a first come-
 first serve basis while quantities last.
ALL ARE WELCOME!

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p align="center">Montrose Lion's Annual Pancake/French Toast Breakfast Sunday, February 12th from 8:30 am to 12:30 pm Montrose Community Center</p>			<p>1 7 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal (S) 7 pm Palabra Viva Ofc Hour (O)</p>	<p>2 6:30 pm Cub Scouts (C) 7 pm Palabra Viva (S)</p>	<p>3</p>	<p>4 5-8 pm Montrose FD Annual Prime Rib/ Shrimp Dinner (MCC) 5 - 9 pm Palabra Viva <u>Worship (S/F)</u> 8 - 10 pm AA Mtg (C)</p>
<p>5 COMMUNION 9:30 am Fellowship Hour (F) 9:30 am Sunday School (C) 10:30 am Worship Service (S) 11:30-1:30 pm GAME DAY(F) 7 pm Confirmation Class (Y)</p>	<p>6 RAISERIGHT ORDER DAY! 6:30 pm Boy Scouts (C) 7 pm Palabra Viva</p>	<p>7 7 pm Hand Bells Rehearsal (S)</p>	<p>8 7 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal (S) 7 pm Palabra Viva Ofc Hour (O)</p>	<p>9 6:30 pm 4H Club (C) 7 pm SPRC Meeting (O) 7 pm Palabra Viva Worship (S)</p>	<p>10 4 pm Sound Booth Upgrade</p>	<p>11 5 - 9 pm Palabra Viva <u>Worship (S/F)</u> 8 - 10 pm AA Mtg (C)</p>
<p>12 SUPER BOWL SUNDAY 9:30 am Fellowship Hour (F) 9:30 am Sunday School (C) 10:30 am Worship Service (S) 7 pm Confirmation Class (Y)</p>	<p>13 6:30 pm Boy Scouts (C) 7 pm Palabra Viva Rehearsal (S)</p>	<p>14  7 pm Hand Bells Rehearsal (S)</p>	<p>15 NO CHOIR REHEARSAL 7 pm Palabra Viva <u>Ofc Hour (O)</u> 7:15 pm Church Council (L)</p>	<p>16 6:30 pm Cub Scouts (C) 7 pm Palabra Viva Worship (S)</p>	<p>17</p>	<p>18 5 - 9 pm Palabra Viva <u>Worship (S/F)</u> 8 - 10 pm AA Mtg (C)</p>
<p>19 TRANSFIGURATION SUNDAY 9:30 am Fellowship Hour (F) 9:30 am Sunday School (C) 10:30 am Worship Service (S) *NO CONFIRMATION CLASS*</p>	<p>20  RAISERIGHT ORDER DAY! 6:30 pm Boy Scouts (C) 7 pm Palabra Viva Rehearsal (S)</p>	<p>21 12 pm FE-ED Mtg. (MUMC) NO HAND BELLS REHEARSAL</p>	<p>22  ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE 7 pm Palabra Viva Ofc Hour (O)</p>	<p>23 7 pm Palabra Viva Worship (S)</p>	<p>24</p>	<p>25 5 - 9 pm Palabra Viva <u>Worship (S/F)</u> 8 - 10 pm AA Mtg (C)</p>
<p>26 9:30 am Fellowship Hour (F) 9:30 am Sunday School (C) 10:30 am Worship Service (S) 7 pm Confirmation Class (Y)</p>	<p>27 6:30 pm Boy Scouts (C) 7 pm Palabra Viva Rehearsal (S)</p>	<p>28 12:30 pm - 2 pm FE-ED Set-up (MCC) 3 pm FE-ED Distro (MCC) 7 pm Hand Bells Rehearsal (S)</p>	<p align="center"><i>Mark your calendars!</i> The Ernie & Jason Couch Revival Concert is back at Montrose UMC on Friday, April 28th ~ 7 pm! With a Pie Social after the concert.</p>			

BIRTHDAYS!
 1st-Josh Illies
 2nd-Alivia & Randy Jr. Segler
 6th-Sue Hylland
 6th-Kelsey Marquette
 7th-Sherry Oval
 9th-Kathy Jerde

13th-Joe Prestidge
 16th-Austin Peterson-Lomker
 24th-Russ Johnson
 25th-Stephen Hayes
 28th-Steve Lieser
 28th-Austin Torres



ANNIVERSARIES!
 No February Anniversaries!

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

UPCOMING FREE
FOOD DISTRIBUTIONS:
Tuesday, February 28th
Tuesday, March 28th
Tuesday, April 25th

Drive-Thru Event
Starting at 3:00 pm
Montrose Community Center

Volunteers are always needed & welcome
starting at 12:30 pm to help pack food boxes!

FE-ED will have drive-thru food distributions every
4th Tuesday of the month, giving out pre-packed boxes
of dairy, bread, produce and food items.

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

Come Worship with Us
this Lenten Season!

Ash Wednesday Service
Wednesday, February 22 at 7:30 PM



Rev. Mark Schlasner, Pastor

Coffee & Fellowship at 9:30 am
Worship Service at 10:30 am

Watch Worship Service at 10:30 am on
Facebook Live! Search Montrose United
Methodist Church (Montrose, MN).