

# Montrose Messenger

Newsletter for Montrose United Methodist Church

February 2024 Volume 2

*The Season of Lent begins*

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## Our Guest Speaker, Pastor Paul's Column



Friends, apparently, the following scripture has not been fulfilled yet.

*No, this is the covenant that I will make with the people of Israel after that time, declares the Lord. I will put my Instructions within them and engrave them on their hearts. I will be their God, and they will be my people. <sup>34</sup> They will no longer need to teach each other to say, "Know the Lord!" because they will all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, declares the Lord; for I will forgive their wrongdoing and never again remember their sins. (Jeremiah 31:33-34)*

It has been a real joy to renew connections with every one of you at Annandale and Montrose. It has been wonderful for me to take time in each service to explore different ways that doubt creeps into our faith lives, and how we can find a stronger faith by exploring and facing those doubts. I am thankful that once again, Adam Hamilton has hit a homerun with his new book, "Wrestling with Doubt, Finding Faith." I recommend it once again for anyone who is curious about that topic.

Thinking more about the verses in Jeremiah, in relation to doubt, I'm thankful that God has planted the seed of faith in all of our hearts. I'm thankful that on some level, all people know God, even if they don't know they know God. I'm thankful that God makes a special effort to know us, especially people who may feel left out a bit.



If you want to know more about how Jesus treated the Outsiders, the Outcasts, and the Outlaws, I suggest you take another run at the Gospel of Luke. It has always been my favorite gospel, because it tells the stories of how Jesus saw fit to make an effort to use and include those folks who the rest of society seemed to push off to the side. You might say, if you were ever picked last for kickball, Luke is the gospel for you.

Finally, please know that I will miss you after my time filling in for Pastor Mark is completed, however, I am thankful that you are in such capable hands. And once again, I thank you, Pastor Mark, for thinking of me when you needed someone to fill in during your parental leave.

*Change my heart O God, make it ever true. Change my heart O God, make me be like you.*

*You are the potter; I am the clay. Mold me and make me, this is what I pray.*



May God's Kingdom come, on earth as it is in heaven!

And thank You!

Pastor Paul D. Baker

**Pastor Mark Schlasner returns to work after his paternity leave on Wednesday, Feb. 21st, and back with us on Sunday, Feb. 25th!**

February Worship Theme  
Continues with the book by  
Adam Hamilton,  
*"Wrestling with Doubt, Finding Faith"*

Sunday, February 4, 2024

Communion Sunday

Communion Steward: Christie Illies

Message: *"Is Heaven Real?"*

Scripture: John 14:1-3

Sunday, February 11, 2024

Transfiguration Sunday

Message: *"When Prayers Go Unanswered"*

Scripture: Psalm 22:2, John 15:7, Luke 22:42

~ LENTEN SEASON BEGINS ~

Wednesday, February 14, 2024

Ash Wednesday ~ No Service

There will be an *Imposition of Ashes*

At Sunday, Feb. 18th Worship Service.

Sunday, February 18, 2024

IMPOSITION OF ASHES - 1st SUNDAY OF LENT

Message: *"Why Do the Innocent Suffer"*

Scripture: Genesis 1:26-28

Sunday, February 25, 2024

2nd SUNDAY OF LENT

Pastor Mark returns

(Worship Info to be announced later)



*Ash Wednesday - February 14th*

*Palm Sunday - March 24th*

*Maundy Thursday - March 28th*

*Good Friday - March 29th*

*Holy Saturday - March 30th*

*Easter Sunday - March 31st*



## PRAYER PAGE

### Grieving with Families

† **The Greg Valli Family (Marilyn Tompkins).**  
Greg, Marilyn's son, passed away Feb. 1st at 53 years-old.



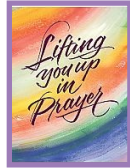
### Our Friends At Home

Gloria Adickes  
John Hylland



### Lifting in our Prayers

**Karen Duske**, starting chemotherapy.  
**Joe Prestidge**, had surgery Jan. 10th and home recovering.



**Don Danford**, had surgery Jan. 10th and home Recovering. At church Jan. 28th!

**Betty Danford**, as she cares for Don after his surgery.

**Jess Tousignant**, home from Mayo Clinic after surgery and recovering at home.

**Those suffering with Covid, RSV, Influenza, etc.**

**The Vang Family of St. Paul.** A house fire Jan. 3rd killed 4 children (twins age 5, 4 yr. old, and a 1 yr. old). The 3 yr. old was released from hospital 2/1, and a 6 yr. old and the mother continue to fight for their lives. The husband was at work at the time of the fire.

**Lisa Taft's brother, Rick**, at end of life. Lisa is Kim Wagner's friend from work and visited the church many times.

**Ricki Malerich**, having surgery Jan. 23rd. Home and doing well. Already back at choir rehearsal Jan. 31st!

**Kelly Rux's family in Idaho;** her cousin Whitlock, Donna's son, was seriously injured in an ATV/sled accident. And her aunt Donna's new grandson, Royce, born Jan. 15th is hospitalized.

**Debbie Baker**, traveling with her daughter to/from Colorado.

**Evelyn "Evie" Reinhart**, taken to Buffalo ER then transported to Children's Hospital for her appendix. She had surgery to remove her appendix Jan. 28th, appendix removed intact. Home and back to her normal schedule with some restrictions.

### Blessings and Celebrations

**Kaelob Preston**, friend of Isabella Johnson's, shoveled the church prior to two Sunday's service and accepted job of shoveling snow at the church over winter months.

**Heather Prestidge**, making the Dean's List for Fall Qtr. at Ridgewater College, in Hutchinson. She's on her way to becoming a Certified Medical Assistant.

**Josh Illies**, making the Dean's List for Fall Qtr. at So. Dakota State Univ., and just received an internship with the Forestry Dept. in Washington state -this summer!

**Josh Illies**, fundraiser breakfast to help with his costs for his Mission Trip Project in Los Angeles, CA raised \$945!



**Prayers of JOY  
for everyone that  
celebrated Birthdays  
in February!**



Josh Illies thanks the UWF Hannah Circle for sponsoring the fundraiser breakfast for his Mission trip to Los Angeles this March. The breakfast raised a little over \$1,000 towards his trip, and with other donations his trip is fully paid for! Thank you to everyone that brought food and supported the breakfast. *YOU ARE ALL AMAZING!* (Josh has actually received above what he needs for his trip, so will use that money to help another student's cost for the trip.)

Carol Hoppe of UWF Hannah Circle also thanked everyone for supporting this event for Josh. And a BIG thank you to Mike Wagner for all the prep work and set-up for the breakfast, and the clean-up afterwards.

## FE+ED UPDATE

### FE-ED REPORT FOR THE JANUARY 23, 2024 FOOD DROP



#### FE-ED

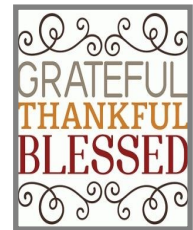
We had a few challenges this month. There was an event at the Montrose Community Center early in the morning and the Second Harvest Heartland truck didn't arrive until 2:15 pm. We began distributing the food boxes at 3:05, after our group prayer!

Thank you to the *Phoenix Learning Center* students who really hustled and made short work of all the hauling and sorting before their bus had to leave. They also made notes of encouragement for each food box while they waited for the SHH semi to arrive. *THANK YOU SO MUCH!*

This month we had 39 volunteers for 125.5 hours of volunteer labor the day of the event. There are many hours before the event securing, packaging, and gathering the food.

#### JANUARY STATISTICS:

- 6,542 pounds of food from Second Harvest Heartland.
- 120 pounds of bread products from Waverly Food Shelf.
- Families served 191
- Individuals served 556
- Veterans served 37
- First-time visitors 27
- Communities served 18



Respectfully submitted

Pam Johnson, Secretary

**NEW FE-ED EMAIL ADDRESS:  
feed.montrose.mn@gmail.com**



## February Announcements & Community Events

**Family Game Day**  
**Sunday, February 4th**  
**12 pm - 2 pm**



Everyone is Welcome!

We'll have Soups, Breads, Bars & 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!

Everyone is Welcome... bring a friend, bring a neighbor!

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

(See sign-up sheet if you'd like to bring food items)

### SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS!



The Sunday School Class will continue with our curriculum "*Fruit of the Spirit*", through March 3rd then start our new curriculum "*Jelly Beans*" just in time for Easter!

The fruit of the spirit is food for our hearts that helps us love like Jesus. Our memory verse is *Galatians 5:22-23*.

***22 But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, 23 gentleness, and self-control. There is no law against things like this.***



Hazel & Jack Marquette paint "PEACE" symbols.



Jack Marquette makes his "Sheep Graham" for LOVE!

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 - (763) 442-4876



### RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE

Thursday, February 1st  
 12:30 am - 6:30 pm  
 Montrose Community Center



### MONTROSE FIREFIGHTER'S RELIEF ASSOCIATION PRIME RIB or SHRIMP DINNER

Saturday, February 3rd  
 5 pm - 8 pm at the MCC



### KITES ON ICE FESTIVAL

Saturday, February 10th  
 11 am - 3 pm  
 on Buffalo Lake  
 (Pending Ice Safety on the Lake)



### MONTROSE LION'S PANCAKE & FRENCH TOAST BREAKFAST

Sunday, February 11th  
 8:30 am - 12:30 pm at the MCC



### FE-ED FOOD DISTRIBUTION

Tuesday, February 27th  
 12:30 pm - 2 pm Set-up & Packing  
 3 pm Drive-Thru Distribution  
 At the MCC



On Sat, Jan. 20th, the Youth Group helped pack 48 Emergency Food Boxes for the Waverly Food Shelf. (Pictured L-R: Tammy Prestidge, Angie Ferrell, Alyssa Prestidge, Kim Wagner & Heather Prestidge)



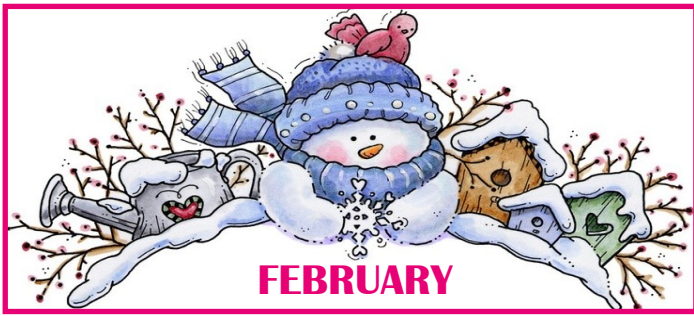
### FEBRUARY

Sun., Feb 4th Youth are encouraged to join the fun at GAME DAY! Perhaps a rematch of the game TELESTRATIONS!

Our next meeting will be Sun., Feb. 25th at 6 pm for our 2nd ALPHA lesson with Pastor Mark. We hope to have Youth's input on March & April activities at this meeting. Each month is one Mission or Fun thing, and one ALPHA Lesson.


Your Youth Group Leaders:

Pastor Mark Schlasner, Angie Ferrell & Kim Wagner



**FE-ED FOOD DROP**  
**Tuesday, February 27th**  
**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"><b>Montrose Lion's</b>  <b>Annual Pancake/French Toast Breakfast</b>  <b>Sunday, February 11th from 8:30 am to 12:30 pm</b>  <b>Montrose Community Center</b></p>				<p><b>1</b> 12:30 - 6:30 pm  <b>RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE (MCC)</b>          6:30 pm Cub Scouts (C)          7 pm Palabra Viva Bible Study (S)</p>	<p><b>2</b> <b>RAISE RIGHT ORDER DAY!</b></p>	<p><b>3</b> 5-8 pm MFD  <b>Annual Prime Rib/ Shrimp Dinner (MCC)</b>          5 - 9 pm Palabra Viva Worship (S/F)          8 - 10 pm AA Mtg (C)</p>
<p><b>4</b> <b>COMMUNION</b>          9:30 am Sunday School (C)          9:30 am Fellowship Hour (F)          10:30 am Worship Service (S)  <b>11:30-1:30 pm MUMC FAMILY GAME DAY(F)</b></p>	<p><b>5</b>          6:30 pm Boy Scouts (C)          7 pm Palabra Viva Rehearsal (S)</p>	<p><b>6</b>          7 pm Hand Bells Rehearsal (S)</p>	<p><b>7</b>          7 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal (S)          7 pm Palabra Viva Ofc Hour (O)</p>	<p><b>8</b>          6:30 pm 4H Club (C)          7 pm Palabra Viva Bible Study (S)</p>	<p><b>9</b></p>	<p><b>10</b>          5 - 9 pm Palabra Viva Worship (S/F)          8 - 10 pm AA Mtg (C)</p>
<p><b>11</b> <b>TRANSFIGURATION SUNDAY SUPER BOWL LVIII</b>          8:30 am - 12:30 pm LION'S BREAKFAST (MCC)          9:30 am Sunday School (C)          9:30 am Fellowship Hour (F)</p>	<p><b>12</b>          6:30 pm Boy Scouts (C)          7 pm Palabra Viva Rehearsal (S)</p>	<p><b>13</b>          7 pm Hand Bells Rehearsal (S)</p>	<p><b>14</b>   <b>6:30 pm Ash Wed. Community Service First Pres. Howard</b></p>	<p><b>15</b>          6:30 pm Cub Scouts (C)          7 pm Hannah Circle (L)          7 pm Palabra Viva Bible Study (S)</p>	<p><b>16</b> <b>RAISE RIGHT ORDER DAY!</b></p>	<p><b>17</b>  <b>TBA - VALLI Funeral &amp; Luncheon (S/F)</b>          5 - 9 pm Palabra Viva Worship (S/F)          8 - 10 pm AA Mtg (C)</p>
<p><b>18</b> <b>IMPOSITION OF ASHES</b>          9:30 am Sunday School (C)          9:30 am Fellowship Hour (F)          10:30 am Worship Service (S)</p>	<p><b>19</b>           7 pm Palabra Viva Rehearsal (S)</p>	<p><b>20</b>          12 pm FE-ED Mtg. (GP)          7 pm Hand Bell Rehearsal (S)</p>	<p><b>21</b> (Pastor Mark returns)          7:15 pm Church Council (L)</p>	<p><b>22</b> 9 am <b>COFFEE &amp; CONVERSATION (F)</b>  <b>6:30 - 8:30 Scouts Court of Honor (F)</b>          7 pm Palabra Viva Bible Study (S)</p>	<p><b>23</b></p>	<p><b>24</b>          5 - 9 pm Palabra Viva Worship (S/F)          8 - 10 pm AA Mtg (C)</p>
<p><b>25</b> <b>1st SUNDAY OF LENT</b>          9:30 am Sunday School (C)          9:30 am Fellowship Hour (F)          10:30 am Worship Service (S)  <b>6 pm YOUTH GROUP (Y)</b>   <b>***PACK THE PEWS***</b>  <b>FOOD DRIVE BEGINS</b></p>	<p><b>26</b>          6:30 pm Boy Scouts (C)          7 pm Palabra Viva Rehearsal (S)</p>	<p><b>27</b>          12:30 pm - 2 pm <b>FE-ED Set-up (MCC)</b>          3 pm <b>FE-ED Distro (MCC)</b>          7 pm Hand Bells Rehearsal (S)</p>	<p><b>28</b>          7 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal (S)</p>	<p><b>29</b>  <b>9 am COFFEE &amp; CONVERSATION (F)</b></p>	<p align="center"><b>Repair work from the Nov. water pipe break is expected to begin late February in the Sanctuary and lower-level (new side) . Areas may be off-limits during work.</b></p>	

<p><b>BIRTHDAYS!</b>          1st-Josh Illies          2nd-Alivia &amp; Randy Jr. Segler          6th-Sue Hylland          6th-Kelsey Marquette          7th-Sherry Oval</p>	<p>8th-Wayne Oberlander          9th-Kathy Jerde          13th-Joe Prestidge          16th-Austin Peterson-Lomker          24th-Russ Johnson          25th-Stephen Hayes</p>	<p>27th-Ann Burdick          28th-Steve Lieser          28th-Austin Torres</p> <p align="center"><b>ANNIVERSARIES!</b>          No February Anniversaries!</p>	
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**Montrose United Methodist Church**  
(A WCCA EMERGENCY FOOD BOX NETWORK PARTNER)



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

**THE NEXT FREE FOOD**  
**DISTRIBUTION IS:**  
**Tuesday, February 26th**

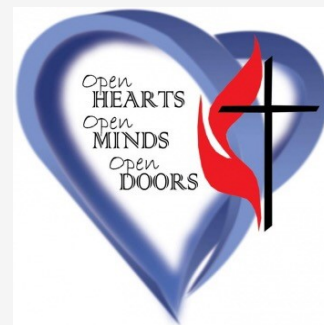
**Drive-Thru Event**  
**Starting at 3:00 pm**  
**Montrose Community Center**

**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.

For more information email us at:  
**[feed.montrose.mn@gmail.com](mailto:feed.montrose.mn@gmail.com)**  
Or go to the FE-ED website:  
**[www.fe-ed.org](http://www.fe-ed.org)**

*We invite you to join us on*  
*Sunday mornings!*



*Sunday School (K-6) 9:30 am*  
*Coffee & Fellowship 9:30 am*  
*Worship Service 10:30 am*

*Watch our Worship Service live on*  
*Facebook - Sundays at 10:30 am!*

