

Montrose Messenger

Newsletter for Montrose United Methodist Church

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The Lord's Faithful Love Fills the Whole Earth.

- Psalm 33:6

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Pastor Mark's Column

If the Lord hadn't helped me, I would live instantly in total silence. Whenever I feel my foot slipping, your faithful love steadies me, Lord.

- Psalm 94:17-18 (CEB)



For the past month we've been talking about discipleship. Today I want to expand on some of this stuff. Some of the biggest parts of discipleship has been growing closer to God and to one another not just through studious means, but through being in a relationship. When we reflect on how we're supposed to be a disciple before *doing* discipleship, then we realize that we need to take these small steps to grow in our faith.

Overall, the greatest lesson in discipleship is to support one another. As in the scripture reading from Psalms, God lovingly supports us.

As all of us journey in our faith, God carries us and supports us along the way. If we look at discipleship through the lens of being in relationship with God and others, then we see how support is the heart of discipleship.

Support means that we're there in the good times and the bad. This is what really builds trust and grows relationships. Sometimes it really seems like we're all alone in life. When things don't go as we had planned then who looks out for us? Part of being a responsible adult is learning that if you don't do it then it won't get done. If you don't save yourself, then no one will. Part of discipleship is taking that initiative to start supporting others. We all experience those harsh realities that make us feel alone, but God teaches us that he supports us along the way. God encourages us to support others too. Of course we aren't always able to do that financially, but how can we support others emotionally or spiritually?

How can we be a friendly face for others who are going through some of the best or worst moments of their life? God calls each and every one of us to reflect that same steadfast love that God provides to us.



So this month, let us be open to ways in which we can support others the way that God supports us. Of course it'll be impossible to support God as God doesn't have the low points that we do, but we can be open to God's support for us. We can also reach out to others and provide that loving, grace-filled relationship giving room for us and others to grow. May God continue to remind us of that support that steadies us as we fall so we too can support others when they start to fall.

Blessings!
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**DO ALL THE GOOD YOU CAN,
BY ALL THE MEANS YOU CAN,
IN ALL THE WAYS YOU CAN,
IN ALL THE PLACES YOU CAN,
AT ALL THE TIMES YOU CAN,
TO ALL THE PEOPLE YOU CAN,
AS LONG AS EVER YOU CAN.**

- JOHN WESLEY -

June Worship Theme

Sunday, June 4, 2023

Communion

Trinity Sunday

Special Giving Sunday:

"Peace with Justice"

Message: "Make Love the Measure of Maturity"

Scripture: Mark 10:17-22

Sunday, June 11, 2023

Message: "Break the Power of the Past"

Scripture: Romans 6:1-5

Sunday, June 18, 2023

FATHER'S DAY

Message: "Lead Out of Weakness and Vulnerability"

Scripture: II Corinthians 12:9-10

Sunday, June 25, 2023

Message: "Follow the Crucified Jesus"

Scripture: Matthew 16:21-23



Summer Meeting Dates:

Sunday, June 25th
11:30 am ~ 1 pm

Sunday, July 30th
11:30 am ~ 1 pm

(After Worship Service)

**MUMC
collected 33
Personal
Dignity Kits!**



These kits go to people in disaster areas recovering from tornadoes, floods, etc. and give the basic needs to keep clean and fresh.

Thank you Angie Ferrell (10), Diane Rux (6), Kelly Rux (6), Ricki Malerich (1), Jacque Vanderlinde (2), and Kim Wagner (8).



PRAYER PAGE

Grieving with Families

† **St. Croix County, WI Deputy Katie Leising**, age 29, killed in the line of duty on May 6th.

Prayers for her family, friends and the community as they grieve for another officer killed in the line of duty.

† **The Duane Isle Family and Duane's girlfriend, Janet Thomas**. Duane passed away May 15th at age 68. Janet just retired and the two of them were moving to Florida, closing on a house May 30th.

† **The Samantha "Sammy" Gibbs Family**. Sammy, daughter of a friend of Tod Oval's, passed away May 16th at age 31.

† **The Steve Adair Family**. Steve, a friend of Sherry Oval's, passed away after struggling with health issues.



Our Friends At Home

Living at Home -
Gloria Adickes
John Hylland



Lifting in Our Prayers



Continued prayers for Ukraine.

The families of the 8 people killed and 7 injured at a mass-shooting at a Texas Outlet Mall.

Allan Malerich, sick with influenza A. Prayers Ricki does not get sick.

Clayton Prestidge, needing healing and patience as he recovers from gall bladder surgery and an appendectomy.

14-month-old grandson of a friend of Ricki Malerich's. He's at Children's Hospital after he was accidentally injured and suffered a traumatic brain injury, causing paralysis to his left leg and arm.

Betty Danford, home ill.

Prayers for all those who are homeless. Duane Brunkow, Jane Gessinger's dad, tests show his cancer is back.

Bob Moberg, co-worker of Kim and Mike Wagner's, starting chemo and radiation treatments for lung cancer.

Summer Travelers, whether long or short trips!

All the Families of Servicemen and Women who gave their lives for our country.

Duane Brunkow, Jane Gessinger's dad, having oral surgery June 1st and unable to eat his favorite foods for about 3 months.

Lifting in Our Prayers - cont.

The families of the two house fires in Howard Lake now homeless, and the St. James Church, fire damage to the steeple.

Joys & Blessings

Jacque Vanderlinde's niece, done with chemo treatments and looking forward to some normalcy.



Gordy, friend of Tod & Sherry Oval's. Gordy's health has stabilized and he's able to begin chemo therapy again.

Josh Illies, graduating from Central Lakes College in Brainerd May 12th! Josh has already started working on his Bachelor of Science Degree in Wildlife and Fisheries Science at SDSU.

Celebrating our Youth May 21st with Sunday School Awards!

John Gessinger, Heather & Karlee Parks, Hunter & Evie Reinhart. Thank you to Angie Ferrell, Christian Education Director/Teacher, Jane Gessinger and Kim Wagner Assistant Teachers.

Collette Epple, Herman Epple's daughter from So. America, a Joy to be at MUMC today and home visiting family!



We celebrate all the special Birthdays & Anniversaries in May!

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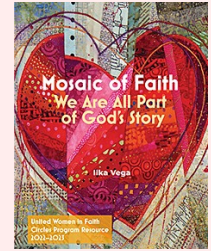
"THANKFUL THURSDAYS" COMMUNITY DINNERS

Thursday, June 15th
Serving 5 pm to 6:30 pm
Montrose Comm. Center

June's meal is Chicken Drumsticks, Potato Salad, Beverage and Brownies for Dessert!

Meals sponsored by Grace Place Collaborative and Local Family Donations.

Montrose UMC
United Women of Faith
Hannah Circle
Meeting Thursday, June 15th
7 pm in the Library



NEW MEETING DAY... the 3rd Thursday of the month!

We'll have a short devotion program from our program book, "Mosaic of Faith; We Are All Part of God's Story", then move to a short meeting.

We hope to see you there!

Have questions or suggestions? Please contact us at:

montrosemnumw@gmail.com



Order dates for June are **Monday the 12th & 26th.**

Gift Cards are always available before or after church service for all of your weekly shopping or gift-giving needs!

See Angie Ferrell or Kelly Rux to purchase GC or to place an order for other retailers, restaurants, etc.



FINANCE UPDATE



Here is a quick finance update for everyone since it's been a couple months since we've had one. Still nothing too exciting going on right now. A lot of what is going on is in a "holding pattern". We've paid half of the amount for the elevator repairs, which will begin on June 12th, and have enough in our savings account to pay the second half.

We are still waiting on the bill for our parking lot storm sewer & catch basin repair (\$9,900). Then there is the Montrose Downtown Improvement Project street assessment costs, which we still do not know how much if anything this will be, which makes planning very difficult. NOTE: The final layer of pavement on downtown streets was completed May 23rd! As the MDIP is completed, we should be closer to learning what street assessments will be, then can proceed on plans to repair our parking lot, the concrete on the front steps, the rusting front railings, and other building maintenance projects.

Thank you to all of you for your continued giving towards the variety of projects. I will start working on first-half of the year giving statements in mid July, so watch for those to come in your church mail box or via US Mail.

As always, please feel free to reach out to me with any questions.

Kelly Rux, Finance Chair
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Heartland

Basement Sale at Love INC Heartland Thrift Store

Shop various items at our Howard Lake Thrift Store on Friday, June 23, from 9am-2pm and Saturday, June 24, from 9am-12pm. Your free-will donation supports our mission to help churches help people In the Name of Christ. Questions? Call the Howard Lake store at 763-999-7087 or message thrift@loveinheartland.org

Love INC Volunteers needed to help prepare For Clothing Sale:

Our Delano thrift store seeks volunteers to prep for an upcoming clothing sale. Will you help sort, steam, and hang items? Volunteer with your group evenings during the week. Contact the Delano store at 763-999-7086 or thrift@loveinheartland.org to schedule today.

God's Overflowing Peace,

Julie Betterman
Creative & Communications Lead
Love In the Name of Christ—Heartland
loveinheartland.org

FE-ED Update



Recap for FE-ED Food Drop May 23, 2023

Return to the VFW building!!!! We were surprised to learn that the streets in downtown Montrose were going to get their final layer of pavement on the day of our food drop!

Second Harvest Heartland granted us one more exemption for change of location and the VFW allowed us to use it's site. We tried to get the word out of the location change with only a few days to do it! We secured tables, canopies, pallets to keep the food off the ground, we even borrowed a refrigerated trailer (but the electric cord was missing) to make this drop happen. It was a success!

We had the right amount of food and plenty of wonderful volunteers to make it happen. Thanks to everyone who literally **went the extra mile!** And a special thank you to Untied's for the asparagus!

We Love
OUR VOLUNTEERS

We have 2 new FE-ED Board Members this month: Gini Gutknecht and Kim Niska. Welcome to the group!

Kim Niska is already working on gathering items for **Blessing Bags** to be used when people have an unexpected catastrophe like a fire, flood, lay off, financial crisis, etc. This would include non-food items like paper products, cleaning products, and personal hygiene items. Tide detergent pods are something she is currently seeking. She also is collecting coupons for shampoo, soap, razors, etc.

We plan to be back at the community center in June which will be the eighth anniversary of our first FE-ED food distribution!

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Our community contributed a lot of extras:

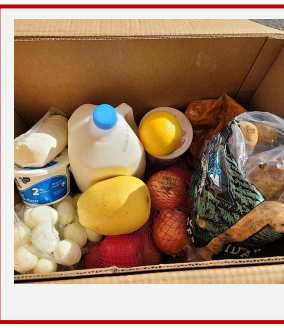
- 260 lbs. of bread from the Waverly Food Shelf!
- 960 lbs. of food from the Buffalo Food Shelf!
- 480 lbs. of Asparagus from Untied's!

May Statistics:

- 7,185 pounds of food from SHH
- Families served 165
- Individuals served 475
- New, first time families 16
- Veterans served 39
- Communities served 20

The next food drop is Tuesday, June 27th!

Respectfully Submitted by Pam Johnson, Secretary



FE-ED FOOD DISTRIBUTION
TUESDAY, JUNE 27th
3 pm until gone
 Drive-thru pick-up on a first come, first serve basis while quantities last.
ALL ARE WELCOME!
MONTROSE COMMUNITY CENTER

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>FREE Community Meal "Thankful Thursday" Thursday, June 15th - serving 5 pm to 6:30 pm - Montrose Comm. Center Chicken Drumsticks, Potato Salad, Beverage and Brownie FOOD, FUN, AND FELLOWSHIP FOR EVERYONE!</p>				1 8 pm Palabra Viva Worship (S)	2	3 5-9 pm Palabra Viva (S/F) 8-10 pm AA Meeting (C)
4 TRINITY SUNDAY 9:30 am Coffee & Fellowship (F) 10:30 am Worship Service (S) 	5 6:30 pm Boy Scouts (C) 7 pm Palabra Viva Rehearsal (S)	6	7	8 8 pm Palabra Viva Worship (S)	9	10 5-9 pm Palabra Viva (S/F) 8-10 pm AA Meeting (C)
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18 9:30 am Coffee & Fellowship (F) 10:30 am Worship Service (S) 	19 7 pm Palabra Viva Rehearsal (S)	20 12:30 pm FE+ED Mtg. (MUMC)	21 7:15 pm Church Council (L)	22 8 pm Palabra Viva Worship (S)	23	24 5-9 pm Palabra Viva (S/F) 8-10 pm AA Meeting (C)
25 9:30 am Coffee & Fellowship (F) 10:30 am Worship Service (S) 11:30 am - 1 pm Confirmation Class (C)	26 RAISERIGHT ORDER DAY! 6:30 pm Boy Scout's (C) 7 pm Palabra Viva Rehearsal (S)	27 12:30 pm FE+ED Set-up (MCC) 3 pm FE+ED Distro (MCC)	28	29 8 pm Palabra Viva Worship (S)	30	

JUNE BIRTHDAYS!

1st-Nancy Oberlander
 4th-Diane Mumford-Sohns
 6th-Allen Spreeman
 13th-Luke Prestidge
 16th-Lindsey Dahl (Prestidge)
 21st-Amy Mattheis

ANNIVERSARIES!

22nd-John Gessinger
 23rd-Diane Rux
 26th-Jim Trombley
 29th-Paul Baker
 7th-Linda & Bob Prestidge
 12th-Cheryl & David Goode
 18th-Pam & Russ Johnson
 19th-Sherry & Tod Ovall
 27th-Kelsey & Erik Marquette



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

UPCOMING FREE
FOOD DISTRIBUTIONS:
Tuesday, June 27th
Tuesday, July 25th

***Starting at 3:00 pm**

This is a drive thru event at the
Montrose Community Center

*sometimes the food distribution starts earlier if too many cars are lined-up, or if we have frozen goods.

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

FE-ED offers a drive-thru free food distributions every 4th Tuesday of the month! Pre-packed boxes of dairy, produce and food items will be distributed starting at 3 pm until gone at the Community Center parking lot.

Go to the FEED website for more information:

www.fe-ed.org



**School is out,
but church is still
in session!**

Join us on Sunday Mornings

Coffee & Fellowship 9:30 am

Worship Service 10:30 am

Rev. Mark Schlasner, Pastor

