

Montrose Messenger

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*"It is good to renew ourselves, from time to time,
by closely examining the state of our souls,
as if we had never done it before;
for nothing tends more to the full assurance of faith,
than to keep ourselves by this means in humility,
and the exercise of all good works."*

- John Wesley

Pastor's Column

God's Presence in the Summer Season



As the warmth of summer settles in, we are reminded of God's faithfulness in every season. The longer days and sunlit evenings invite us to pause and recognize the ways God knits us together as one body in Christ. In shared meals, laughter, and moments of quiet reflection, we see glimpses of the unity He desires for His people—a unity that transcends differences and reflects His boundless love. Summer's rhythm calls us to open our hearts to one another, just as God opens His hands to bless us with abundance and connection.



This season also stirs within us a sense of divine awakening. Like the wind that swept through the upper room at Pentecost, God's Spirit moves in our midst, breathing new life into weary souls and igniting fresh purpose. The vibrant energy of summer mirrors the fire of the Holy Spirit, urging us to listen for God's call and step forward in faith. Whether in the stillness of a morning sunrise or the joy of gathered worship, God speaks, inviting us to trust His guidance even when the path ahead is unclear.



Yet summer is not without its storms—both literal and spiritual. When trials come or plans unravel, we are reminded that God is our refuge and strength. Like the prophet who watched words be rewritten, we learn that His mercies are never exhausted. Even in brokenness, God restores, weaving our struggles into a greater story of redemption. These long, sunlit days become a testament to His faithfulness, teaching us to lean into His promises when the heat of life feels overwhelming.

As we journey through these summer months, may we seek God in every moment—in the laughter of children, the shade of ancient trees, and the quiet whispers of His Spirit. Let us embrace this season as a sacred opportunity to grow closer to Him and one another, trusting that His light will guide us, His grace will sustain us, and His love will bind us together, now and always.



With Love and Blessings,
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**With Pastor Mark on
Tuesday mornings 10 am
in the Fellowship Hall!**

June Worship Theme ***"God's Presence in the Summer Season"***

Sunday, June 1, 2025

**ASCENSION AND
COMMUNION SUNDAY**
Communion Steward:

Carol Prestidge

Message: *"One In Christ"*

Scripture: Galatians 3:1-9, 23-29

Sunday, June 8, 2025

PENTECOST SUNDAY

Message: *"Pentecost"*

Scripture: Acts 2:1-4

Galatians 4:1-7

Sunday, June 15, 2025

FATHER'S DAY

"Donuts For Dads" Fellowship

Message: *"The Call"*

Scripture: Jeremiah 1:1-10

Sunday, June 22, 2025

Guest Speaker: Sherry Ovall

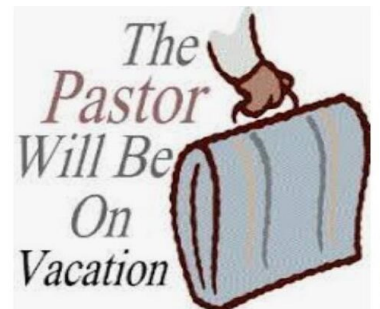
Message: TBA

Scripture: TBA

Sunday, June 29, 2025

Message: *"Scroll Burned and
Rewritten"*

Scripture: Jeremiah 36:1-8, 21-23,
27-31



**Monday, June 16th through
Monday, June 23rd.**

**Sherry Ovall will be our Guest
Speaker for Worship Service on
Sunday, June 22nd!**



PRAYER REQUESTS LIFTED IN MAY

Grieving with Families

† **The Ruth Koepke Family.** Ruth, Bob and Keith Prestidge's cousin, passed away May 3rd at 92 years old.

† **The Lorraine Kittock Family.** Lorraine passed away May 10th at 92 years old.



Living at Home...

Gloria Adickes
John Hylland



Lifting in Our Prayers

Christie Illies' co-worker's family. Her co-workers sister-in-law we've been praying for battling cancer, has been placed in hospice.

Mike Wagner, hospitalized 4 days with lung infection (again).

Jake Smothers, hospitalized in ICU with double-pneumonia and Bronchitis. **UPDATE:** After over a week in ICU, Jake is home recovering.

Laurie, Diane Folkestad's sister. Continued prayers for Laurie as she's scheduled to have her spleen and pancreas removed June 11th. **UPDATE:** doctors have found some suspicious lymph nodes and Laurie is feeling very fearful.

Gerry Smith, great friend of Don & Betty Danford's, hospitalized with pneumonia.

All those impacted by the horrible storms, flooding and tornadoes throughout the heartland and south.

Don Danford, hospitalized four days with severe congestion and heart issues.

All those who gave their lives for our Freedoms this Memorial weekend.



Joys & Blessings

Enjoyment of Buffalo High School Spring Concerts! The Chamber Strings & Jazz concert, and Spring Finale Concert. Hunter Reinhart, Isabella Johnson and Alyssa Prestidge all performing!

Heather Prestidge, receiving her Associates of Applied Science Degree and is on her way to becoming a Registered Nurse!

Linda Marquette, officially retired Friday May 9th!

Montrose UMC's front garden transition! Thank you for all of your hard work Terry, Diane, and Kelly Rux, and Sonya Tourville plus the Montrose Lion's for donating the bench!

Those fighting wildfires in the Boundary Waters/Arrowhead areas and the communities impacted.

Receiving much needed rain!

Diane Folkestad surprised on Mother's Day at church, with a visit from her son Joel and her two granddaughters!

Four generations of Marquette ladies at church on Mother's Day! Donna Marquette, Linda Marquette, Jessica Reinhart and Evie Reinhart!

Jewell "Ricki" Malerich, filling in as Guest Speaker May 18th at AUMC and MUMC for Pastor Mark while he was on vacation!

The JOY of visits from Family! Linda Marquette's cousins Barb & Richard visiting MN.

Prayers for the teachers, aides, and children as they end another school year and enjoy their summer!



United
Women
in Faith

Montrose UMC
United Women in Faith
Hannah Circle

**Our next meeting is Monday, June 16th
at 6:30 pm in the lower-level classroom area.**

Hannah Circle once again provided a wonderful meal for Love INC's Fresh Start Program on Monday, May 12th. Carol & Galen Becker, and Diane Rux served sandwiches, several pasta salads, tuna salad, hot dogs, chips, grapes, pumpkin bars, chocolate chip cookie bars, waters and milk! Per Carol Becker, "It was a feast that everyone enjoyed!" Thank you Carol B., Diane R., Jacque V., Sherry O., and Ricki M. for donating food items towards the meal. This is a great Community Outreach program that Hannah Circle looks forward to doing again in the fall!



Several of us in Hannah Circle and the congregation are attending the Sat., August 16th 2 pm performance of the "**CHURCH BASEMENT LADIES**", showing at the Plymouth Playhouse Theater July 10th through August 24th! This is the 20th Anniversary of the play! Tickets can be purchased online through the Plymouth Playhouse Theater for anyone interested in going!

Our next meeting is Mon., June 16th at 6:30 pm. We would love for more women to join us! We start with a short devotion program followed by our business meeting.

Have questions or suggestions for Hannah Circle? Please contact us at: montrosemnumw@gmail.com.

MONTROSE UMC OUTREACH COMMITTEE UPDATE

The Outreach Committee at Montrose UMC dropped off donations we received from the congregation, along with donations from Grace Place and Hearts-and-Hands, to **Rivers of Hope** in Monticello. The staff was very appreciative for the donations. We will continue to provide the donation bin in the Narthex for donations. **WE THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING THIS OUTREACH PROGRAM.**



Your Outreach Committee,
Diane Folkestad, Meri Ault and
Betty Danford

ITEMS TO DONATE:

Laundry Soap
Fabric Conditioners
Dish Soap
Comb/Brush
Shampoo/Conditioner
Bar or Liquid Body Soap
Deodorant
Toothbrush/Toothpaste
Feminine Supplies (Tampons, Pads, Panty Liners, etc.)

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY UPDATE



On Sunday, May 18th the Sunday School class was presented their awards for Sunday School attendance, and treated to a Children's Message by Ricki Malerich in Pastor Mark's absence! **Pictured left-to-right:** Heather Parks, Karlee Parks, Ricki Malerich, Kyzer Parks, and Angie Ferrell. **Not pictured:** Jack & Hazel Marquette, Evelyn "Evie" Reinhart, Kenadee Bickmann, and Kim Wagner.

Wishing all of our Sunday School families an amazing summer! We look forward to seeing everyone on Rally Sunday, the second Sunday in September, with new lessons, stories, crafts, games, snacks and more that bring us closer to God!

Angie Ferrell, Christian Education Director,
and Kim Wagner, Assistant Sunday School Teacher

FINANCE UPDATE



Not a lot happening in the Finance Team's world at this time. Look for the financial update for May & June in the next newsletter, as May's details were not quite ready at the time of print.

I will be sending out mid-year financial statements next month (July) so everyone is aware of where they are with their giving year-to-date. As always, please feel free to contact me with any questions that you have.

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What a Difference!

Last fall the Board of Trustees and Church Council decided/voted to clear out the front garden area, overgrown with weeds and dead bushes, then redesign something in the space come Springtime.

Well... look at last fall after most of the area was cleared out, and in the last few weeks more real heavy work done to pull out all the old shrubs. And now... the transition to what it looks like today! Beautiful and inviting space just to relax, sit with God, read a book, or soak up the sun! We **THANK** Terry, Diane & Kelly Rux for the work to remove everything this Spring, lay the rocks, donate the big planters, the Montrose Lion's for the new bench, Sonya Tourville for her help and the flower planter, and Carol Becker for planting flowers in front of the marquee again this year.

Pictured below: OLD garden space in October, with remaining shrubs pulled-up in early May. Terry Rux had to use a four-wheeler to pull them up!



NEW, welcoming space with flower pots, a bench and cleaner appearance to enjoy!



FE-ED UPDATE



FE-ED REPORT FOR May 26th FOOD DROP

FOURTH TUESDAY OF THE MONTH AT 2 PM

If you've never been to FE-ED's monthly food distributions or volunteered to help... Here is a snapshot of the work they do to pull it off!

Everyone typically shares a light lunch prior to the distribution!

1. All the empty boxes are brought over from MUMC, stacked and ready to be packed.
2. SHH truck arrives around noon and everything gets unloaded.
3. Everything is sorted onto tables by categories; fruits, vegetables, boxed or canned goods, milk, eggs, etc.
4. Volunteers pack items into boxes, lining them up on tables for distribution, packing 185 to 200 boxes each month.
5. Pastor ICathy & Pastor Mark lead the group in prayer before distribution begins.
6. Boxes are placed onto conveyor to easily transfer to cars as they pull up.



The May food drop was the last one this year with the PLC Student participation. A highlight of the day was thanking them for all of their help and to present them with a framed photo from one of the food drops! We provided *Thank You* bags to all the students as they left. The students spoke about what they liked about helping out at FE-ED and voted FE-ED as their MVP (Most Valuable Partner) this year! They will be greatly missed. Several FE-ED Board Members will attend their graduation ceremony on Thur., June 5th! Watching the volunteers and students interact with such caring and friendship is amazing and such a blessing! There were a lot of job offers and recommendations for jobs and general support as these young adults enter their next chapter. We hope new students at PLC can help next year, but they've experienced budget cuts and busing them to FE-ED is a \$300 expense each time.

Sandy Dmystyszyn, Russ and Pam Johnson attended the April 30th Volunteer Expo. It was a great opportunity to promote FE-ED and it's work over the past 10 years.

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**WATCH FOR MORE 10 YEAR ANNIVERSARY
EVENT OPPORTUNITIES THIS SUMMER!**

We received an abundance of fresh produce and other items this month! Carrots, cabbage, Celery, beets, onions, potatoes, sweet potatoes, apples, oranges, bananas, mixed greens, chocolate milk, whole milk, and more!

MAY FOOD DROP STATISTICS

Our surrounding community contributed extras:

- 480 lbs. of bananas and 120 lbs. of salad items from Monticello Help Center.

May Statistics:

- 9,547 pounds of food from Second Harvest Heartland
- 180 Families served
- 497 Individuals served
- 2 New Visitors
- 43 Veterans served
- 27 Communities served (including Fargo, ND!)

Respectfully submitted by,
Pam Johnson

COMMUNITY EVENTS

2025 Buffalo Days

Sun., June 8th through Sun., June 15th

Car Show, Fly-in Breakfast, Carnival, Fishing Clinics,
Food Stands, Grand Parade and More!

**Go to the website:
www.buffalochamber.com
for daily schedule and
more information.**



Thursday, June 19th

4:30 pm Fellowship

5 pm - 6:30 pm Dinner

At the Montrose Community Center

Brought to you by Grace Place and their partnership
with Ascentek and the Bame Foundation.



The Bison Fishing Forever season starts on May 27th and runs through August 28th. Trips are scheduled Monday through Thursday on Lake Pulaski with three time slots available:

10 am to 12 pm 1 pm to 3 pm 5:30 pm to 7:30 pm

A new law this year will require anyone over the age of 16 and under the age of 90 must have in their possession a valid fishing license. Kids under the age of 16 are able to fish without a license but must be accompanied by an adult with a valid fishing license. And, YES, this pertains to those that practice "catch & release".

Anyone who is interested in taking a group out fishing (or on a boat ride) this season can contact Teri Welter at the Buffalo Community Center (763) 682-6036 to secure a spot on the schedule.

Spots are limited so it's recommended you call today—do not delay!

Your Captains and Co-captains,
Russ Johnson, Galen Becker and Carol Becker



Concerts in the Park ~ Sturgis Park in Buffalo

Thursdays at 7 pm

Bring a chair or blanket and enjoy! WHAT'S THE SCOOP and other Food Trucks onsite!

****SPECIAL CONCERT** SUNDAY, JUNE 8th at 7 pm featuring the Buffalo Community Orchestra**

DATE

June 26th
July 3rd
July 10th
July 17th
July 24th
July 31st
August 7th
August 14th
August 21st
August 28th

PERFORMING

The 22nd Row
Little Chicago
West Addison Blues
GB Leighton
Sawyer's Dream
Tumblin Dice
Shane Martin Band
70's Magic Sunshine Band
High 48's
Holy Rocka Rollaz

GENRE

Elton John Tribute Band
60's & 70's (Horn Band)
Blues Brothers Tribute Band
American Roadhouse Roots
Pop, Rock, and Soul
Rolling Stones Tribute Band
Country
70's Music
Modern Bluegrass
50's Music





FE-ED FOOD DISTRIBUTION

TUESDAY, June 24th
2 pm until gone

Drive-thru pick-up on a first come,
first serve basis while quantities last.
ALL ARE WELCOME!

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 ASCENSION SUNDAY & COMMUNION 9:30 am Coffee & Fellowship (F) 10:30 am Worship Service (S) 6 pm AA Meeting (C)	2 7 - 9 pm Palabra Viva School of Ministry (F)	3 10 am Coffee & Conversation (F)	4 NO ACTIVITIES	5 7-9 pm Palabra Viva Bible Study (S)	6 7-9 pm Palabra Viva Music Practice (S)	7 4-9:30 pm Palabra Viva Worship (S/F)
8 PENTECOST SUNDAY 9:30 am Coffee & Fellowship (F) 10:30 am Worship Service (S) 11:30 am CHURCH COUNCIL Meeting (C) 6 pm AA Meeting (C)	9 7 - 9 pm Palabra Viva School of Ministry (F)	10 10 am Coffee & Conversation (F) 7 pm Bell Choir Rehearsal (S)	11 NO ACTIVITIES	12 6:30 pm 4H Club Franklin Friends (C) 7-8 pm Palabra Viva Bible Study (S)	13 RAISERIGHT ORDER DAY! 7-9 pm Palabra Viva Music Practice (S)	14 4-9:30 pm Palabra Viva Worship (S/F)
15 FATHER'S DAY 9:30 am Donuts For Dads Fellowship (F) 10:30 am Worship Service (S) 6 pm AA Meeting (C)	16 6:30 pm Hannah Circle Meeting (C) 7 - 9 pm Palabra Viva School of Ministry (F)	17 **NO COFFEE & CONVERSATION 12 pm FE-ED Meeting (GP)	18 5:30 - 7 pm Youth Group (OFF)	19 FREE COMMUNITY MEAL at MCC 4:30 Fellowship 5-6:30 Dinner 7-9 pm Palabra Viva Bible Study (S)	20 7-9 pm Palabra Viva Music Practice (S)	21 4-9:30 pm Palabra Viva Worship (S/F)
22 9:30 am Coffee & Fellowship (F) 10:30 am Worship Service (S) 6 pm AA Meeting (C)	23 7 - 9 pm Palabra Viva School of Ministry (F)	24 10 am Coffee & Conversation (F) 12 pm FE-ED Set-up (MCC) 2 pm FE-ED Food Distribution (MCC) 7 pm Bell Choir Rehearsal (S)	25 NO ACTIVITIES	26 7-9 pm Palabra Viva Bible Study (S)	27 RAISERIGHT ORDER DAY! 7-9 pm Palabra Viva Music Practice (S)	28 4-9:30 pm Palabra Viva Worship (S/F)
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**Pastor Mark will be on vacation
Monday, June 16th through Monday,
June 23rd.**

JUNE BIRTHDAYS!

1st-Nancy Oberlander
4th-Diane Mumford-Sohns
7th-Brayden Sage
13th-Luke Prestidge
16th-Lindsey Dahl (Prestidge)
22nd-John Gessinger
23rd-Diane Rux

25th-Karlee Parks
29th-Paul Baker

JUNE ANNIVERSARIES!

7th-Linda & Bob Prestidge
12th-Cheryl & David Goode
18th-Pam & Russ Johnson
19th-Sherry & Tod Ovall
27th-Kelsy & Erik Marquette



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

THE NEXT FREE
FOOD DISTRIBUTION:
Tuesday, June 24th

Drive-Thru event

Starting at 2 pm

Montrose Community Center

**Volunteers are needed & welcome starting at
12 pm to help sort food and pack food boxes!**

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

One box per car - Open to everyone.

No requirements - No cost.

Go to the FEED website for more information:

www.fe-ed.org

Come Worship with Us
Sunday Mornings!



Rev. Mark Schlasner, Pastor

Coffee & Fellowship 9:30 am
Worship Service 10:30 am
Communion is on
the 1st Sunday of the month

Can't make it to worship service? Watch us on Facebook
Live at 10:30 am or when it fits into your schedule!
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