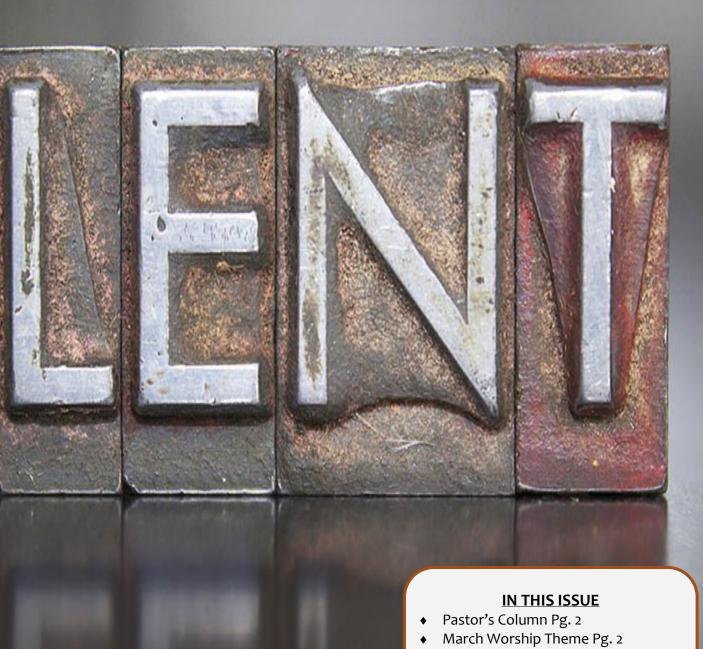
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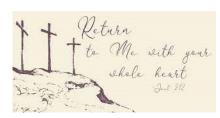
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Yet even now, says the Lord, return to me with all your hearts, with fasting, with weeping, and with sorrow; tear your hearts and not your clothing. Return to the Lord your God, for he is merciful and compassionate, very patient, full of faithful love, and ready to forgive. Who knows whether he will have a change of heart and leave a blessing behind him, a grain offering and a drink offering for the Lord your God? -

Joel 2:12-14



As we think of this time of Lent and how we're called to repent of our sins and come back to God. I find myself feeling a twinge of resentment at the idea. How come it's *assumed* that we need to repent?? What if we've been living a good life this entire time? Or even what if we've confessed all of our sins before God and have nothing left to repent from?

Martin Luther also found himself in a similar situation. That's why Martin Luther reformed how we think about confession and for-



giveness. Before Martin Luther posted the *Ninety-Five Theses* to the church door, he was a lowly monk in the Roman Catholic Church.

As a monk he had to confess his sins frequently. He would confess every single sin that he could remember, but still didn't find any consolation from his guilt. He was confessing so often that it became extremely difficult. Luther's relationship with confession became even more complicated with the introduction of selling indulgences for a fundraiser to rebuild the Basilica in Rome. Indulgences don't outright forgive sins or forgive future sins, but it makes the punishment for sin easier. That was the last straw and Martin Luther criticized the church for commercializing confession and absolution. Luther believed that confession isn't a guilt-trip reminding you of your many mistakes, but instead a practice to build our faith in the forgiveness of sins.

Pastor's Column

As we repent of our sins and seek to love and serve God this Lent, know this isn't because we're utterly depraved. Jesus didn't come to be the judge, jury, and executioner for all of humanity. That's why we see Jesus surround himself with the outsiders, outcasts, and outlaws. Forgiveness isn't something that's earned, but given. It isn't like an indulgence that you have to purchase. We are comforted by the idea that forgiveness is like the oxygen in our lungs: we need it in order to survive and it's given just as freely.

This Lent, where are you finding comfort and relief from guilt and suffering? Is it in the assurance of forgiveness? Is it in the love and kindness that we share with one another? Wherever you find the love of Jesus Christ this season remember that it's a gift meant to be shared. As we pass the peace we find in Jesus Christ, so too will our community find relief from guilt and shame. Praise be to God!



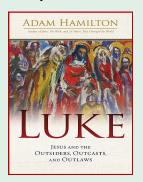
Blessings! Pastor Mark Schlasner Cell (763) 656-3490

> 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 -

Lenten Worship Theme

"Luke: Jesus, and the Outsiders, Outcasts, and Outlaws." Book by Adam Hamilton



Sunday, March 5, 2023 COMMUNION SUNDAY Communion Steward: Carol Prestidge

"Simon, Do you see This Woman?" Scripture: Luke 7:36-39

Sunday, March 12, 2023 UMCOR SPECIAL GIVING SUNDAY "Parables From the Underside" Scripture: Luke 18: 9-14

Sunday, March 19, 2023 "On the Journey To Jerusalem" Scripture: Luke 17:11-17

<u>Sunday, March 26, 2023</u>

"The Final Week" Scripture: Luke 19:1-10



Palm Sunday April 2, 2023

Maundy Thursday April 6, 2023

> Good Friday April 7, 2023

Holy Saturday April 8, 2023

Easter Sunday April 9, 2023

PRAYER PAGE

Grieving with Families...

† The Jean Marie Schlasner Family, Pastor Mark's grandmother. Jean passed away Feb. 4th at 92 years of age.

Our Friends Staying Safe at Home.... Gloria Adickes

Gloria Adickes John Hylland

Lifting in Our Prayers...

Continued prayers for UKRAINE, as Feb. 24th marked the 1-year anniversary of the Russian invasion.

Continued prayers for Gini Gutknecht and Family, as they grieve Lee's passing Feb. 1st. and plan his Celebration of Life for March.



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Continued prayers for Don Danford, as he continues to recover from surgery, battle illness, and has many trips to the doctor.

Prayers for people traveling, whether business or pleasure.

The people of Turkey & Syria, impacted by a major earthquake and multiple aftershocks. The death toll over 45,000 in Turkey, and over 3,700 in Syria.

Mike Wagner, seeing an ENT Doctor and getting test results on MRI for his ear. *UPDATE*: Tumor too small for surgery, so will see audiologist.

Clayton Prestidge, scheduled for hernia surgery in March. Prayers for patience too, as Clayton recovers and hates downtime!

Christie, friend of Sherry Ovall's, suffering with Shingles and having anxiety issues with it.

Several friends of Linda Marquette, sick with Covid-19. People of East Palestine, Ohio, impacted by train derailment and toxic fumes.

Former President Jimmy Carter, age 98, entering hospice care. Collin, friend of Virgil Mattson's, struggling with addiction and sobriety.

Collin, another friend of Virgil Mattson's, currently incarcerated. Jamal, friend of Virgil Mattson's, homeless and struggling with addiction.

Shiloh, friend of Evie Reinhart's, her child passed away. Folks in Michigan without power for days due to ice storm, including Jacque & Roger Vanderlinde's family.

Blessings and Celebrations

Jean Kuhn, in remission and able to head to Mexico with Jim for winter!

Joy & Blessings.

Josh Illies, celebrating his 21st Birthday!

Don & Betty Danford welcoming their 8th great-grandchild, a girl Violet Rose!

Willie Bauernschmitt, Montrose Fire Dept., retiring after 51 years! Heather Prestidge, starting college in August for nursing! Allan Malerich, doing much better and walking really good, surpris-

ing doctors at well he's getting around after surgery!

Andrew, a young man offering his snow blowing services to folks in the Pheasant Hills neighborhood!

Roger Vanderlinde, THANK YOU for snow blowing MUMC's front stairs, sidewalk, and handicap ramp!

Don & Betty Danford welcoming their 9th great-grandchild, a boy, Monty Jackson!



We celebrate the many special Birthdays in February!

March is Minnesota Food Share Month GET READY TO PACK THE PEWS



March is Minnesota Food Share Month! The Waverly Food Shelf is collecting <u>NON-PERISHABLE FOOD</u> <u>ITEMS</u>

NOW THROUGH APRIL 9TH

To help fight hunger in Minnesota. Every dollar you give provides an incredible 7 meals through WCCA's programs and partners.

They are also accepting monetary donations, which you can go to <u>www.wccaweb.com</u> And click on "Food Shelf Donation" button

- OR -

Mail your check too: WCCA Food Shelf PO Box 74, Waverly, MN 55390

We Appreciate You!

- Marilyn Tompkins for our Card Ministry!
- Bob Prestidge for our Sunday Morning Coffee!
 - Sonya Tourville, Kelly Rux & Kim Wagner -Sound Booth Operators!



- Mike Wagner Custodian & Building Maintenance!
- Roger Vanderlinde Help with snow-blowing and willingness to meet various service-people when access to building is needed!



Acknowledging the one-year anniversary of the invasion of Ukraine. Learn more at:

https://<u>umcmission.org/news-statements/join-us-in-prayer-</u> for-ukraine-on-friday-feb-24/



Montrose UMC United Women of Faith *Hannah Circle*

An announcement will come soon on our new meeting day and time!

UWF Special Giving Day Wednesday, March 22, 2023

The Future is Now! Step forward with Faith, Hope, and Love in action by giving to by giving to the **Legacy Endowment Fund.**

Ways to Give:

- Online at uwfaith.org/dayofgiving
- By phone 1-800-278-7771
- Text "ACTION" to 20503
- By check to: United Women in Faith ATTN: Legacy
 475 Riverside Dr., Ste. 1500
 New York, NY 10115
 Note "Day of Giving" in memo section.



<u>Easter is Sunday, April 9th</u>

UMW Hannah Circle invites you to participate in decorating our church again this year for Easter. Perhaps you would like to donate a plant and/or make a monetary donation for the floral Easter Cross. As in prior years, donated flowers are yours to keep and take home after Easter Worship Service.

LOOK FOR THE EASTER FLOWER ORDER FORM IN THE BULLETIN OR ON THE CENTER TABLE IN THE NARTHEX.

Please complete the form and give to Linda Marquette or Jacque Vanderlinde. (Make checks payable to MUMC Hanna Circle)

EASTER FLOWERS & PRICES**

Easter Lily (5+ Blooms)	\$15 each				
Begonias	\$14 each				
Cyclamen	\$14 each				
Easter Mums	\$14 each				
Tulips	\$12 each				
Azaleas	\$26 each				
Hydrangea Pink	\$26 each				
Hydrangea Blue	\$26 each				
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ORDER DEADLINE SUNDAY, MARCH 19TH!





Sunday School Update!

The Sunday School class kicks-off a new curriculum in March for Lenten Season called, **"Easter Eggs-Periments".**

This series will use science experiments involving eggs to reinforce the life-changing story of Easter: Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem, Judas' betrayal, Peter's denial, as well as Jesus' death, burial, and resurrection. In Easter

EGGS-periments, kids will learn that Jesus lives and can give us new life.

Their Memory Verse for this series is:

"But here is how God has shown his love for us. While we were still sinners, Christ died for us." - Romans 5:8

We have a fun time each week with skits, crafts, snacks and now science! The kids never know what to expect, or for this curriculum, egg-spect! It's going to be an "egg-citing" four weeks!

Angie, Jane and Kim



Join Us For A FEED MY STARVING CHILDREN Packing Event!

WHEN: Saturday, April 1st 11:30 am - 1:30 pm (Carpools meet at 10 am in church lot)

WHERE: Chanhassen FMSC Location 18732 Lake Drive East

MUMC currently has 12 slots reserved, and can reserve more if needed! This invitation is open to everyone!

Come and enjoy the fun as we pack nutritious Manna Meals which will be sent all over the world to help fight hunger.

If you're unable to attend, but would like to help, FMSC welcomes donations to help offset the cost of Food Supplies and Shipping Costs. Donate online or make checks payable to FMSC and we'll drop them in the donation box.



ATTN: MUMC YOUTH & FRIENDS Camp Minnesota 2023 Fundraising Mission Bagging Groceries at Cub Foods!



SEE SIGN-UP SHEET TO VOLUNTEER All donations received will go towards YOUR Camp Minnesota 2023 Scholarships!



Upcoming MUMC and Community Events!

MUMC FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT! <u>Friday, March 3rd - 6 pm - 8 pm</u> Snacks provided!

The Stray tells the true story of a dog who saves a struggling family in more ways than one. "Pluto" comes out of nowhere and quickly makes himself at home with the Davis family, who are on the brink of falling apart.



FISH FRYS!!

Friday, March 10th Celebrate Montrose Fish Fry Fundraiser (formerly Montrose Days Committee) 5 pm - 7 pm Montrose Comm. Center Adults \$12 Kids \$8 (12 and under) Fried fish, baked beans, scallop potatoes, coleslaw, roll, and beverage.

(Volunteers needed - check Sign-up Genius!)

Friday, March 17th

Montrose Lion's Club Fish Fry Fundraiser 4:30 pm - 8 pm Huikko's - Bison Creek Adults \$13 Kids \$8 (10 and under)

Fried Fish, baby red potatoes, green beans, coleslaw, and breadstick.

**See Roger Vanderlinde for Tickets

Friday, March 24th

Celebrate Montrose Fish Fry Fundraiser (formerly Montrose Days Committee) 5 pm - 7 pm Montrose Comm. Center Adults \$12 Kids \$8 (12 and under) Fried fish, baked beans, scallop potatoes, coleslaw, roll, and beverage.

(Volunteers needed - check Sign-up Genius!)

Friday, March 31st

Montrose Lion's Club Annual Smelt Fry 4 pm - 7 pm Montrose Comm. Center Adults \$13 Kids \$8 (10 and under)

FE-ED FOOD DISTRIBUTION Tuesday, March 28th

12:30 pm - 2 pm Set-up & Packing 3 pm Distribution Montrose Comm. Center (Drive through event)

WE WANT YOUR SHOES!!



WHEN January 2nd—March 31st

WHERE Montrose City Hall 311 Buffalo Ave S, Montrose MN 55363

Citizens State Bank 145 Nelson Blvd, Montrose MN 55363

EVERY PAIR OF GENTLY WORN, USED AND NEW SHOES YOU Donate to our shoe drive fundraiser turns into funds for supporting community events!!



Camps are filling up fast! Register for camp NOW!

Registration is open for the 2023 camping season! Check out the upcoming camp sessions at Camp Minnesota website and pick your favorite camp location: <u>MUMC has chosen Northern Pines!</u>

 Northern Pines - On Fish Hook Lake, Park Rapids, MN Phone (218) 732-4713

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 scholar-

ship program for MUMC youth wanting to attend camp.* (*Limit \$150 per person. Non MUMC youth given consideration.)

CAMP MINNESOTA SCHOLARSHIP FINDRAISER - SEE PG. 4

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

2023 Minnesota Camp Brochures are 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.

VHAT WE WAN

Gently worn, used and new shoes that are in good condition, clean & still wearable

WHAT WE CAN NOT TAKE

- No soles that are distorted, melted or falling off
- No broken heels or other broken parts
- No wet, moldy or unusable shoes
- No mismatched pairs
- No Excessive wear

MARCH 18TH

Can't make it to one of the drop off locations, no worries. If you leave your shoes out on March 18th on your door step by 8am we will come pick them up for you. Make sure they can be visibly seen from the street so

BENEFITING

Celebrate Montrose Community Events

Questions: please reach out : Facebook messenger : https://m.me/ch/AbaoGLYxuyxMH8ou/ Email: celebratemontrosemn@gmail.com

🎯 RaiseRight.

Are these local businesses part of your weekly shopping routine? Remember that we have these Gift Cards on-hand for those last minute shopping or gift-giving needs, and those rebates support the church at the same time!

Question? Please contact Angie Ferrell (763) 442-4876 or Kelly Rux (952) 221-8659.

MARCH ORDER DATES MONDAY MARCH 6th & 20th









Ernie & Jason Couch return to Montrose UMC for another great evening of fun entertainment! Tell your family, friends, Neighbors... EVERYONE!



Montrose UMC <u>Friday, April 28th , 2023</u> 7 pm - Concert 8 pm - Pie & Ice Cream Social

Free will offering

FE-ED UPDATE



FE-ED had another successful food drop, however, early Tuesday morning we received a message that we would not be getting a delivery from Second Harvest Heartland! Actually, it was a computer glitch! The delivery truck arrived early which caught us a little off guard, but things went very smoothly. We have some new volunteers and returning ones. We so appreciate everyone working together to make this happen for our neighbors.

March is traditionally the month to contribute to food banks. At least 2.5 billion dollars in monthly emergency food assistance benefits are expiring!! As high as 30% of families turn to food shelves. Second Harvest Heartland helped feed 813,000 neighbors. Our numbers are included in that total.

Please consider making a contribution to any of the following organizations to help support feeding our neighbors:

- Second Harvest Heartland: <u>https://secure.2harvest.org/site/</u> <u>donation</u> (absolutely the best place to donate since they can access food for pennies on the dollar and pass on that savings.)
- Waverly Food Shelf: https://www.WCCAweb.com
- FE-ED <u>https://foreachand everyday@gmail.com</u> (Checks to FE-ED can be placed in the offering plate at church)

Our community contributed a lot of extras:

- 48 boxes of bread from Waverly Food Shelf.
- Deli and rescue meats from the Buffalo Food Shelf.

February Statistics:

- 5,114 pounds of food from SHH
- Families served 168
- Individuals served 454
- New Visitors 18
- Veterans served 35
- Communities served 20

The next food drop is TUESDAY, MARCH 28TH!

Report prepared by Pam Johnson, Secretary

To Donate to FE-ED



Scan QR code above to donate to FE-ED (Donations are tax deductible)

Finance Update

Spring is March 20th, right around the corner! At that time we hope to have more information on street assessments, the parking lot project, etc. and share that in the April newsletter. Otherwise, the finance group is pretty quiet right now, so no updates to report!

Your continued support is truly appreciated. As always, any questions can be sent my way.

Kelly Rux, Finance Chair (952) 221-8659 Email: kellyrux@hotmail.com

TO GIVE SECURILY TO MUMC SCAN QR CODE OR GO ONLINE TO WEBSITE: (Type URL info below into your web address bar) https://www.paypal.com/donate/?







FE-ED FOOD DISTRIBUTION

TUESDAY, MARCH 28th 3 pm until gone

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

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Montrose United Methodist Church



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

UPCOMING FREE FOOD DISTRIBUTIONS: Tuesday, March 28th Tuesday, April 25th Tuesday, May 23rd

Drive-Thru event Starting at 3 pm Montrose Community Center

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

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

Go to the FEED website for more information: **www.fe-ed.org** Come Worship with Us this Lenten Season!



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).