

Montrose Messenger

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*"When you arise in the morning,
think of what a precious privilege it is to be alive
to breathe, to think, to enjoy, to love."*

- Marcus Aurelius

Pastor's Column



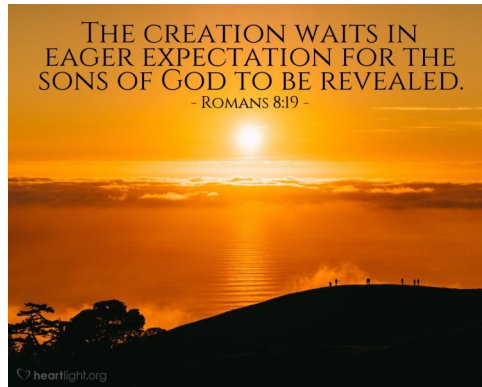
Resurrection and Remembrance: Walking with Indigenous Kin in the Season of New Life.

This Eastertide, as we celebrate Christ's triumph over death, I've been thinking about how resurrection isn't just a one-time miracle - it's a rhythm woven into creation. Indigenous traditions know this rhythm well. In my conversations with Indigenous neighbors, I've been struck by how their ceremonies - like the Cherokee Green Corn Ceremony or the Lakota Wiyáyang Wačhípi (Sun Dance) - honor cycles of dying and rising, of repentance and restoration. Isn't that what Easter invites us into? Not just rejoicing in an empty tomb, but living as people who trust that God can restore what's been broken.

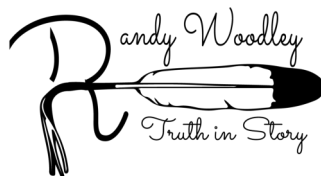
But resurrection hope demands honesty about the wounds that still need healing. For Native communities, that means confronting the legacy of colonialism - land theft, forced assimilation, and even the misuse of Christian doctrine to justify boarding schools. I've been convicted lately by how Acts 4 calls the early church to hold "all things in common," while our Indigenous siblings still fight for basic rights: clean water on reservations, protection of sacred lands like Oak Flat, or the return of ancestral remains. If Easter is about God making all things new, how can we, the Church, be part of repair?

I'm learning from Indigenous theologians like Randy Woodley (Cherokee descendant), who writes that shalom isn't just peace between people, but with the land itself. Jesus' resurrected body still bore scars, yet it was whole. Likewise, Native resilience teaches us that justice isn't about erasing history, but transforming it. This spring, I'm asking myself: Where am I being called to listen, to advocate, or to stand with Native leaders?

Friends, the good news of Easter isn't just for individuals—it's for all creation (Romans 8:19-21). Let's honor this season by supporting Indigenous-led efforts like protecting Oak Flats, protecting wild rice, or by reading works by Native Christians like *Becoming Rooted* by Randy Woodley. Christ is risen—and in Him, may we rise to the work of justice, remembrance, and kinship.



PICTURED ABOVE: Dr. Randy Woodley. Author. Speaker. Truth in story.



Love and Blessings.
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May Worship Theme

"Resurrection and Remembrance: Walking With Indigenous Kin in the Season of New Life"

Sunday, May 4, 2025

**NATIVE AMERICAN SUNDAY
COMMUNION**

Communion Steward: Christie Illies

Message: "Stephen's Witness"

Scripture: Acts 6:1-7.2a, 44-60

Sunday, May 11, 2025

MOTHER'S DAY

Message: "Ethiopian Eunuch Baptized"

Scripture: Acts 8:26-39

Sunday, May 18, 2025

SUNDAY SCHOOL AWARDS

Message: "Council at Jerusalem"

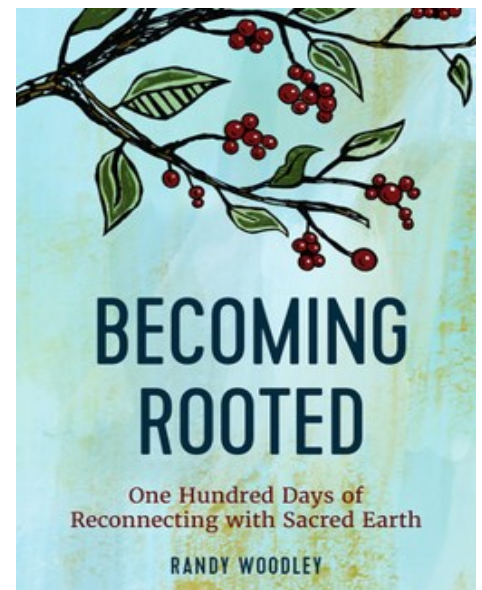
Scripture: Acts 15:1-18

Sunday, May 25, 2025

MEMORIAL DAY WEEKEND

Message: "Living by Faith"

Scripture: Galatians 1:13-17;
2:11-21





PRAYER REQUESTS LIFTED IN APRIL

Grieving with Families

† **The Kenny Brevik Family.** Kenny, friend of Diane Folkestad's, passed away April 9th at 77 years old.

† **The Timothy Nix Family.** Tim, a friend of Sherry and Tod Oval's, passed away April 9th at 63 years old.

† **The Gerald "Gerry" Kreisch Family.** Jerry, friend of Roger Vanderlinde's, passed away April 12th at 88 years old.



Living at Home...

Gloria Adickes
John Hylland



Lifting in Our Prayers

Delilah, friend of Amber Bloom's, involved in a car accident.

People struggling with addiction, that they can overcome this.

Angie Ferrell's Mom, Betty, tripped and fell breaking her collar bone and bruising her face.

Denise, friend of Carol and Keith Prestidge's, finally had her heart transplant. Prayers needed now for healing as she has fluid on her lungs and blood clots. *UPDATE:* Denise, doing better, was moved to rehabilitation to heal for 2-3 months.

Ricki Malerich, her last-living Aunt passed away. Her funeral was in VA April 14th.

Faith Prestidge and Family, having her father Lynn Hunter's Celebration of Life April 13th then laid him to rest at Ft. Snelling National Cemetery April 14th.

Kim Wagner, tripped and fell at work badly bruising both knees and right elbow.

Laurie, Diane Folkestad's sister, told cancer free, however new scans showed cancer has returned. Laurie and her doctors will navigate next steps.

Eric Langerman, Kim Wagner's nephew. While on a family vacation in New Orleans, Eric tried to stop a pick pocket from getting his father-in-law's wallet. Eric was knocked to the ground hard and suffered multiple fractures to his head. *UPDATE:* He had to have emergency brain surgery for a subdural hematoma 4/23. He was able to return home to MN 4/30.

Mike Wagner, sick again with virus in his lungs.



Joys & Blessings

The Joy of joint worship service with House of Grace during the Lenten Season!

Adam Rux, Diane and Terry Rux's grandson, will attend Gustavus Adolphus this fall!

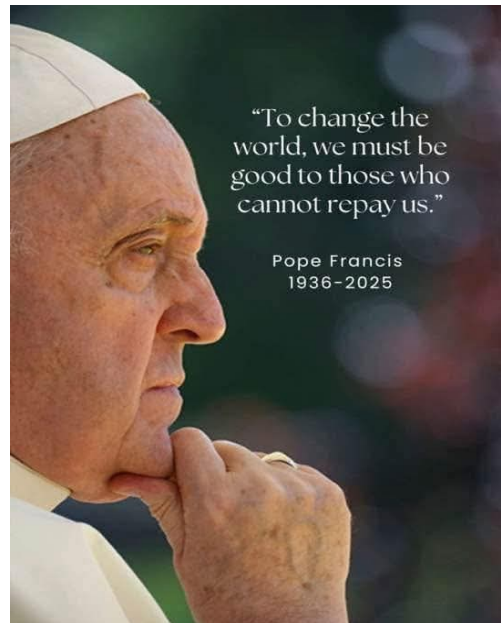
Evelyn "Evie" Reinhart's 4H Club, her team won Grand Championship at the Dog Knowledge Bowl Games!

Don and Betty Danford, successfully transitioned from house to apartment and enjoying life!

Our Snowbirds returning from Arizona! Carol & Galen Becker, Donna Marquette, Diane & Terry Rux!

Terry Rux, a blessing he wasn't hurt while breaking branches and thrown in the air - doing somersaults!

Josh Illies, graduating with his Bachelor's Degree from SDSU on May 10th and **Kalley Illies,** graduating with her 2-year General Degree from Central Lakes College Brainerd May 16th!

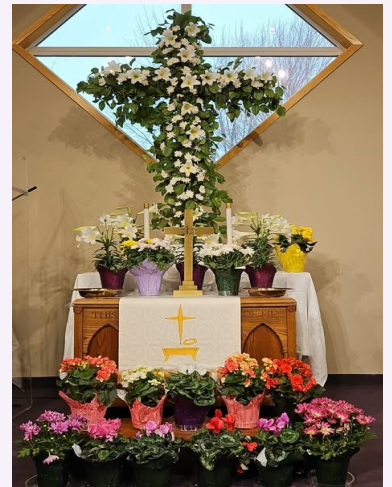


United
Women
in Faith

**Montrose UMC
United Women in Faith
Hannah Circle**

**Our next meeting is Monday, May 19th
at 6:30 pm in the lower-level classroom area.**

Hannah Circle expresses our sincere thanks to everyone that donated Easter Flowers to help decorate the sanctuary for Easter, and a special thank you to Linda Marquette and Jessica Reinhart for assembling the floral cross again this year. It was beautiful, as always!



NOTE: The Mother's Day Event for Saturday May 10th has been **canceled** due to anticipated low attendance with so many having travel plans that weekend.

Hannah Circle members decided to attend the play **"CHURCH BASEMENT LADIES"** showing at the Plymouth Playhouse Theater July 10th through August 24th! Some of us are attending the Saturday, August 16th 2 pm matinee. This is the 20th Anniversary of the play! Tickets can be purchased online through the Plymouth Playhouse Theater for anyone interested in going!

Hannah Circle will once again perform a community outreach program by providing a meal for the Fresh Start Program, offered by Love INC, on Monday, May 10th.

Our next meeting is Mon., May 19th 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.

FE-ED UPDATE



FE-ED REPORT FOR APRIL 22nd FOOD DROP

We had lovely day to hold our food drop. The students from the Phoenix Learning Center were having tests so unavailable, but we had extra volunteers this month so we were prepared to start on time! What a blessing!

Since moving our distribution start time to 2 pm we've had a few boxes carry over until Wednesday which are distributed at Grace Place.

FE-ED participated at the **Volunteer Opportunity Awareness Event** at the Montrose Community Center on Wednesday, April 30 at 6:30 pm along with many other community organizations seeking volunteers. We had some folks interested in volunteering at future drops! We distributed our new brochures with our **new logo** and gave out small bottles with our FE-ED banner logo. We want people to be aware of the different opportunities available to become involved with FE-ED. We have board member openings and other ways to help from securing and picking up food items to the counting, boxing, and loading of boxes into cars. Anyone is welcome to join us at our FE-ED Planning meetings on the 3rd Tuesday of the month at 12 pm!

We'd love to have ambassadors to tell our 10 year history and promote FE-ED! We still get questions about the day and time, the procedures and if it costs anything. There is no cost or requirements.

FOURTH TUESDAY OF THE MONTH AT 2 PM

April was volunteer month so we honored our volunteers with cake and an abundance of thanks! 31 volunteers gave 107.5 hours of service at this food drop!

FE-ED Thanks all of our Amazing Volunteers!

**WE LOVE
OUR VOLUNTEERS**

Our surrounding communities contributed many extras:

- 100 lbs. of chips and ice cream from Monticello Help Center.
- 3 lbs. of snack chips from Montrose Casey's.
- 100 lbs. of bread from Breadsmith Bakery.

April Statistics:

- 7,269 pounds of food from Second Harvest Heartland
- Families served 200
- Individuals served 538
- New Visitors 4
- Veterans served 40
- Communities served 21

Respectfully submitted,
Pam Johnson

FINANCE UPDATE



Happy May! Still not a lot happening in the Finance Team's world right now. Below is a summary of the income and expenditures for March. While it looks like a good month on paper, please note we didn't have some of our quarterly invoices for insurance. Also, in April we had a \$15,000 invoice for the lighting upgrades which came out of our building fund account.

March Income:

General Fund - designated giving (includes rent)	\$8,634.70
General Fund - Loose	\$ 88.00
Apportionments Giving	\$762.64
Raise Right Income	\$111.46
Sunday School Giving	\$100.00
Other	\$000.00
Total General Fund Giving	\$9,696.80
Building Fund Giving	\$1,364.00
Total March Giving	\$11,060.80

March Expenses:

Salaries	\$4,200.07
Trustees & other	
(utility, copier, insurance)	\$1,710.00
Total Expenses	\$5,910.07

As always - let me know if you have any questions.

Kelly Rux, Finance Chair

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A special Thank You!



There are many things that happen in the church that go unseen, unnoticed, or taken for granted! We need to be grateful for all they do.

Bob Prestidge - rarely missing a Sunday, he opens the church and prepares the sanctuary for worship services. He also stops in during the week to check on everything.

Kelly Rux and Sonya Tourville - operating the sound booth and live recording for Facebook every Sunday.

Kelly Rux - the Keurig Coffee Maker she bought last year broke on Easter morning, of all days! Kelly just bought a new, industrial size Keurig Coffee Maker. She has also been providing all the K-Cups of coffee, tea and cocoa we've been using at Fellowship.

Carol & Galen Becker - they have been providing the water we use for the coffee maker, rather than our tap water, taking empty jugs and getting them refilled each month.

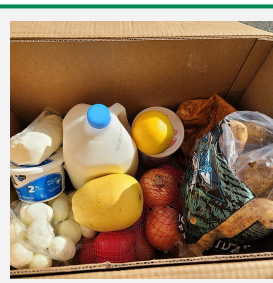
Mike Wagner - he stripped, scrubbed and waxed the downstairs hallway floor by hand. Yes, he is the church custodian, but this was a big job!

Marilyn Tompkins - sending out all the Birthday and Anniversary cards! Postage is donated by someone in the church too!

Rux Family - they have already begun work on the church grounds; fertilizing, treating weeds, and mowing. They also finished clearing out the front garden of mulch, dead shrubs, roots, etc. as we prepare that area for a new look. (Small rocks, potted flowers, Lions bench, etc.)

Carol Becker - will once again plant flowers in front of the church marquee sign.

Meri Ault - will be our representative at UMC Annual Conference.



FE-ED FOOD DISTRIBUTION

TUESDAY, MAY 27th
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
Wednesday, May 14th Annandale UMC Hosts the Ernie, Jason & Memphis Couch Revival Concert Chili Supper 5-6:30 pm Seating 6:30 pm Concert 7 pm **FREE WILL DONATION**			Pastor Mark is on vacation May 12 - 18	1 7-9 pm Palabra Viva Bible Study (S)	2 RAISERIGHT ORDER DAY! 7-9 pm Palabra Viva Music Practice (S)	3 4-9:30 pm Palabra Viva Worship (S/F)
4 COMMUNION and NATIVE AMERICAN SUNDAY 9:30 am Sunday School (C) 9:30 am Coffee & Fellowship (F) 10:30 am Worship Service (S)	5 6:30 pm Boy Scouts (C) 7 - 9 pm Palabra Viva School of Ministry (F)	6 10 am Coffee & Conversation (F) 7 pm Bell Choir Rehearsal (S)	7 7 pm Choir Rehearsal (S)	8 6:30 pm Cub Scouts (K) 6:30 pm 4H Club Franklin Friends (C) 7-8 pm Palabra Viva Bible Study (S)	9 7-9 pm Palabra Viva Music Practice (S)	10 4-9:30 pm Palabra Viva Worship (S/F)
11 MOTHER'S DAY NO SUNDAY SCHOOL 9:30 am Muffins For Mom Fellowship (F) 10:30 am Worship Service (S)	12 4-6 pm Hannah Circle Outreach (OFF) 6:30 pm Boy Scouts (C) 7 - 9 pm Palabra Viva School of Ministry (F)	13 NO COFFEE & CONVERSATION	14 Annandale UMC 5-6:30 pm Chili Supper 7 pm Ernie & Jason Couch Concert	15 7-9 pm Palabra Viva Bible Study (S)	16 RAISERIGHT ORDER DAY! 7-9 pm Palabra Viva Music Practice (S)	17 4-9:30 pm Palabra Viva Worship (S/F)
18 SUNDAY SCHOOL AWARD SUNDAY! 9:30 am LAST DAY of Sunday School (C) 9:30 am Coffee & Fellowship (F) 10:30 am Worship Service (S)	19 6:30 pm Hannah Circle (C) 6:30 pm Boy Scouts (K) 7 - 9 pm Palabra Viva School of Ministry (F)	20 10 am Coffee & Conversation (F) 12 pm FE-ED Mtg. (MUMC) 7 pm Bell Choir Rehearsal (S)	21 5:30 - 7 pm Youth Group (OFF)	22 6:30 pm Cub Scouts (K) 7-9 pm Palabra Viva Bible Study (S)	23 7-9 pm Palabra Viva Music Practice (S)	24 4-9:30 pm Palabra Viva Worship (S/F)
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MAY BIRTHDAYS!

1st-Kinsley Rae Chaffins
 2nd-Chad Larson
 7th-Jeff Peterson-Lomker
 12th-Lee Reinhart
 15th-Jennifer Sanchez Blair
 16th-John Hylland

17th-Laura Vanderlinde
 22nd-Brianna Dockter
 22nd-Skyler Chaffins
 23rd-Ashley Parks
 23rd-Linda Prestidge

MAY ANNIVERSARIES!

2nd-Amy & Mark Schlasner
 17th-Nancy & Wayne Oberlander
 31st-Brenda & Randy Segler



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

THE NEXT FREE
FOOD DISTRIBUTION:
Tuesday, May 28th

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

Watch Worship Service at 10:30 am
on **Facebook Live!**

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