

# Montrose Messenger

Newsletter for Montrose United Methodist Church

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*"All things bright and beautiful, all creatures great and small,  
all things wise and wonderful, the Lord God made them all."*

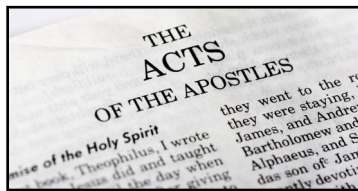
Hymn by Cecil Frances Alexander



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## Pastor Mark's Column



*The community of believers was one in heart and mind. None of them would say, "This is mine!" about any of their possessions, but held everything in common... There were no needy persons among them. Those who owned properties or houses would sell them, bring the proceeds from the sales, and place them in the care and under the authority of the apostles. Then it was distributed to anyone who was in need.*  
- Acts 4:32, 34-35

When I was in middle school, I attended a Christian school that changed my life. I was exposed to charismatic Christianity where they lean heavily on the authority of scripture and the power of the Holy Spirit. They spoke in tongues, performed faith healings, and spoke out against popular culture. Obviously this place wasn't a United Methodist school. They firmly believed in an insular faith: you were supposed to do the right thing and make believers. That was the task and it was as simple as that. They got it very wrong in many ways: they would kick students out if they got pregnant, teach that pop culture was utterly depraved, and they weren't concerned at all with helping their community. But they also got a few things right: leading a life of faith focused on spiritual growth and the power of the Holy Spirit.

I admit that even though the Christian school showed me the wrong way of living a life of faith they did introduce me to the Holy Spirit that still drives me today to be a better Christian and pastor. I still believe that spiritual growth and the power of the Holy Spirit are important to living a healthy life. I've gone through many difficulties in life, but the Holy Spirit's presence always brought me back to the faith.

The Spirit has been my rock during the good and the bad. It has been the shining light that good will overcome the evils of this world. That's why I think it's time for us to reconnect. It's time for us to reconnect with hope. It's time to reconnect with our faith. It's time to reconnect with the Holy Spirit.

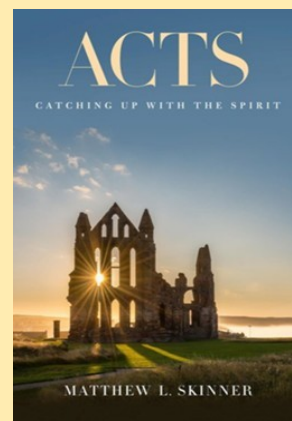
It's time for us to delve into the book of Acts to explore the third person of the Holy Trinity and Jesus' continuing presence in this world. \*Spoiler alert!\* Jesus lives in each and every one of us when we choose love instead of anger. Jesus lives in us when we choose hope instead of despair. Jesus lives in us when we choose healing over destruction.

The book of Acts reminds me somewhat of that Christian school. The Holy Spirit is prevalent and wild calling everyone into a life of faith through Jesus Christ. Miracles and spontaneous baptisms occur in the unlikeliest of places. This is very unlike United Methodists! Acts challenges our faith in uncomfortable ways. It depicts the very beginnings of Christianity, but not in a way that we would expect. You see, ancient historians didn't care about differentiating between fact and fiction. All the historians cared about was depicting the events in such a manner that you *felt* that you were there. Acts is a story changing our perceptions of how Christ is still involved in the world post-resurrection.

During the next six weeks, we'll explore the wilderness of Acts, catch up with the Holy Spirit, and use our imagination! The sermon series will follow the book "**Acts: Catching Up with the Spirit**" by Matthew L. Skinner. Skinner reminds us that this isn't a boring book chronicling the very beginning of Christianity (in fact Acts was written 50-60 years after Jesus' death and resurrection). Instead, Acts challenges us to think of how the good news of Jesus Christ changes the world! We'll have to use our imagination to expound and explore this wild world of miracles, angels, and healings. We'll explore the works of the Holy Spirit and discern how the Spirit is working in our lives. This series isn't a search for knowledge, but an adventurous search for Jesus' continued presence in our lives!



I invite you to join us in this adventurous spiritual renewal as we delve into the book of Acts. If you've ever wondered where God is in this world of pain and hurt, then this is the series for you! If you've ever wondered where the Holy Spirit comes from and how the third person



**Starting September 4th**  
**A six-week Sermon Series**  
**"Acts: Catching Up With the Spirit"**  
**Book by Matthew L. Skinner**

**Sunday, September 4, 2022**  
**Communion Sunday**  
**"What God Has Done"**  
Scripture: Acts 1:3-11

**Sunday, September 11, 2022**  
**"What God Does"**  
Scripture: Acts 10:34-43

**Sunday, September 18, 2022**  
**"How We Discern and Change"**  
Scripture: Acts 15:1-2, 4-11

**Sunday, September 25, 2022**  
**"How We Handle Opposition"**  
Scripture: Acts 25:1-12

**Sunday, October 2, 2022**  
**"Saints Around the Edges"**  
Scripture: Acts 12:1-17

**Sunday, October 9, 2022**  
**"This Changes Everything"**  
Scripture: Acts 16:16-33

of the trinity moves, then this is the series for you! I know that the Spirit is moving, and you don't want to miss out! So please join us for our six week series: *Acts: Catching Up with the Spirit* starting September 4th!

Blessings!

Pastor Mark Schlasner

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## PRAYER PAGE

### Grieving with Families

† **The Family of Angie Ferrell's nephew.** His wife's father passed away August 6th.

† **The Betty Beddows Family.** Betty, Chad Larson's mother, passed away August 7th.

† **The John Mohring Family.** John, Linda Marquette's cousin, passed away August 12th at 78 years of age.




### Our Friends at Home....

Living at Home -  
**Gloria Adickes**  
**John Hylland**



### Lifting in Our Prayers

 Continued prayers for Ukraine and the people that seek refuge from the war.



**Continued prayers for Don Danford,** recovering from two surgeries; one on a leg artery, the other on his broken ankle, and suffering from a bleeding ulcer. Also for Betty as she cares for Don and drives to/from appointments.  
**Jessie, Sherry Oval's sister-in-law.** A second breast check and scan showing benign cyst, and she's waiting for results of uterine scan.

**Allan Malerich,** continued prayers for neurological tests to become available for Allan sooner than January 2023. Also for improvements on his blood sugar levels.

**Those sick with Covid;** in our families, our community, workplaces, etc.

**Patty, a co-worker of Mike & Kim Wagner's,** and her family going through a rough time right now.

### Blessings and Celebrations

Several new visitors attending worship service at Montrose UMC!

The joy of much needed rainfall!

**Ricki, Allan & David Malerich traveling to MI,** to visit family and celebrate Bella's Birthday!

**Prayers of thanks to the Rux Family taking care of the church grounds!** Mowing, weeding the gardens and parking lot, etc.

**Burgers in the Park event August 20th!** Well attended and good fundraiser for the Boy Scout's!

**Another successful FE+ED food drop,** with over 130 families served!

**Roger Vanderlinde's Mom,** celebrating her 95th birthday August 27th!



*We celebrate the many special Birthdays and Anniversaries in August!*



## PASTOR MEET & GREET

SPRC is coordinating dates & locations for Meet & Greets so Pastor Mark can meet everyone and share in the conversation Of what his/your vision is for the next chapter at Montrose United Methodist Church and how we get there together!

More details to follow soon!

## BOARD OF TRUSTEES UPDATE



◆ You can access the church on 2nd St. So. By the Fire Dept., 3rd St. So. by the City Offices and Center Ave. So. from Hwy. 12. Please be cautious as there is a lot of heavy equipment moving around the streets daily.

- ◆ Do to a large concrete bump at our parking lot entrance, we suggest parking in the Community Center lot and walking over.
- ◆ Work putting in a new sewer drain on south side of church is done, however the sewer catch basin in the SW corner of the parking lot is yet to be complete. That work is expected to be done in Oct. - Nov.
- ◆ Great news... a new sidewalk is being installed in front of the church and should be poured in the next couple of weeks ~ less to mow! Bad news... It's more we will have to shovel/snow blow in the winter. We will get the snowblower working before the snow flies.
- ◆ At the last Board of Trustees meeting, August 8th, Jason Chaffins resigned as Trustee's Chair. We thank Jason for his 6 years on the BOT. If you are interested in becoming a member of the Board of Trustees, please let Roger Vanderlinde or Kim Wagner know. We thank Diane Rux for joining the BOT even if it's 6 months out of the year!
- ◆ Please say **"THANK YOU"** to the Rux Family for mowing, weed whacking and pulling weeds in the gardens, grounds and parking lot! It's appreciated more than words can say!

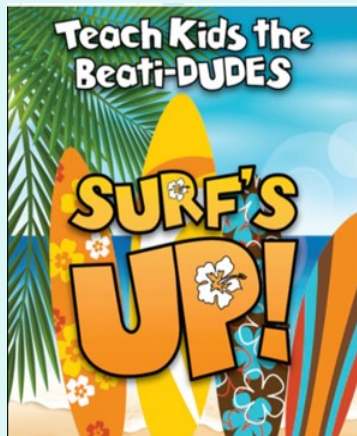


- ◆ Does anyone know who borrowed/took the new, unopened **DEHUMIDIFIER** from the Janitor's Closet back in July?
- ◆ The Trustees are looking at re-keying the church, with another key or with a keypad and code. This decision made since we no longer have volunteers cleaning each week and needing access to the church. We will announce when this is scheduled to happen.

## MUMC ANNOUNCEMENTS & UPCOMING EVENTS

### SUNDAY SCHOOL UPDATE

Teach Kids the Beatitudes  
("Be-attitudes")  
with the Beati-DUDES!



We will be starting the Sunday School year off with a 10-week unit on the *Beatitudes* starting on Rally Sunday, Sept. 11<sup>th</sup> at 9:30am!

The kids will enjoy skits, crafts, object lessons, games & more! You never know what the week will bring – so you don't want to miss it!

In the first sermon he ever preached, Jesus gave us the *Beatitudes*, eight blessings promised to those who seek Jesus and live for him. The *Beatitudes* can change the way we look at life and help us to live in a way that honors Jesus.

If you would be interested in helping out at Sunday School, please contact Angie Ferrell.

To register for Sunday School, please contact our Christian Education Director Angie Ferrell.  
Phone: (763) 442-4876  
Email: ang.myitworks@yahoo.com

**NOTE:** We will be doing a fall Community Service Project at FMSC (Feed My Starving Children) on an upcoming Saturday at the Chanhassen location, possibly Sept. 24th or Oct. 1st!  
We will notify you once it's all finalized!



**SEPTEMBER 11th**

9:30 am Sunday School  
9:30 am Coffee & Fellowship  
10:30 am Worship Service

**Church Potluck Picnic  
11:30 am - 1:30 pm  
Lion's Park**

(after worship service ~ see food sign-up sheet)

**We hope you'll join us for  
Fun, Food & Fellowship!**



**Family Game Day  
with Food, Fun and  
Fellowship!**

**Sunday, Sept. 18th  
11:30 am - 1:30 pm**

Bring your favorite game, a snack to share, a beverage and let's have some fun!



**Hand Bell Choir**  
The Hand Bell Choir will move to weekly rehearsals starting on Tue., Sept. 20th at 7 pm

**If you are interested in joining the Hand Bell Choir, no experience is necessary!**

**Contact Jacque Vanderlinde  
(763) 675-3423**



**Chancel Choir**  
The Chancel Choir will resume their rehearsals starting on Wed., Sept. 7th at 7 pm

**If singing is your talent and you are interested in joining the Chancel Choir please contact:**

**Jewell "Ricki" Malerich  
(763) 682-1780**

## COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS & UPCOMING EVENTS



### Minnesota Oktoberfest

Saturday, September 17, 2022

12:00 PM – 11:00 PM

Delano Central Park • 650 River St N

Presented by  
St. Peter Lutheran Church - Watertown Lu-  
pine Brewing Co. - Delano

Admission 21 years & up \$5.

The first 500 attendees will receive a limited edition  
mug free with paid admission.  
20 years and under free.

#### Schedule of Events:

12 pm - 2 pm	The Bavarian Musikmeisters
12 pm - 3 pm	Die Schweizer Streicher in the park
2 pm - 2:30 pm	S.G. Edelweiss Schuhplattlers
2:30 pm - 3:30 pm	The Bavarian Musikmeisters
3:30 pm - 4:00 pm	S.G. Edelweiss Schuhplattlers
4 pm - 7 pm	The Dale Pexa Band
7 pm	Keg Tapping Ceremony
7:30 pm -10:30 pm	The Brass Barn Polka Band

### Northern Star Scouting



The Montrose area Boy Scout Troop 312  
and Cub Scout Pack 312  
are welcoming new members!

The Boy Scouts meet weekly on Mondays at 6:30 pm.

The Cub Scouts will meet the 1st & 3rd Thursdays  
of the month at 6:30 pm.

The Cub Scouts first meeting is Parents Orientation  
On Thur., Sept. 22 at 6:30 pm.

All meetings are held at the  
Montrose United Methodist Church.

If you would like more information for the  
Boy Scouts or Cub Scouts Program,  
Please call Greg Youmans (612) 597-3637



MINNESOTA 4-H

### Franklin Friends 4H Club

Meets at the church on the  
2nd Thursday of the month.

**NOTE:** Their September  
meeting will be at Deer Lake  
Orchard in Buffalo!

#### Key Leader - Tiara Paulus

If you would like more information about the  
4H Club please contact the extension office at  
763-682-7394

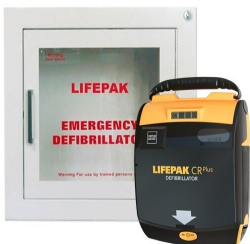
### AED TRAINING VIDEO

The MUMC Church Council encourages everyone to  
watch the AED Training video via the website below.  
This training can be life-saving and we'd like everyone  
to see it in the event of an emergency.  
The links to watch at home are below.

Training videos (copy links to your browser)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tfpjfHXh6UE&t=9s>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pOaCxzDINhw&t=305s>



Watch this one until EMT's  
arrive. This is the real deal!

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?  
v=ICODRFoWZkw&t=54s](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ICODRFoWZkw&t=54s)



Designer Purse Bingo  
Saturday, September 17th at 3 pm  
(doors open at 2:30 pm)  
At The Blue Note Ballroom  
320 3rd St S, Winsted

10 Games for \$20  
Must be 18 years old to Play

All proceeds benefit Holy Trinity School in  
Winsted, MN

## Finance Update



Happy September Everyone!  
I'll keep the finance article fairly short this month - I know everyone doesn't like finance as much as I do!

First, I sent out giving statements to church members, if they had giving, and letters discussing our church parking lot. Also included was a quick form to fill in on how you are willing to support our church parking lot. Please make sure you fill out this form and return it in the self-addressed envelope or place it in the offering plate. We want to make sure there is church support before we move forward with anything.

Second, a reminder that we have to pay apportionments to our church conference each year. We are fairly low in our giving towards our apportionments through July (\$1,700 of the \$10,000 we need to pay). Your support towards this is appreciated. We need to avoid pulling money from our savings to pay this if we can.

As always, feel free to reach out to me with any questions you might have.

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



It's **Back-To-School** time, why not utilize the **RaiseRight** app/program to get the school clothes and supplies you need while giving something back to the church?

### **September & October Order Dates:**

**Friday ~ September 2<sup>nd</sup>**  
(On Friday because Monday is the Labor Day Holiday)  
**Monday ~ September 19<sup>th</sup>**  
**Monday - October 3rd, 17th & 31st**

**RaiseRight can help the church pay for the parking lot next spring, just by all of us shopping, traveling & going out to eat!**  
**Those rebates add up quick and can be slated for the parking lot, or apportionments, Sunday School, etc..**  
(I wish I could get my home improvements paid for this way!)

See Angie Ferrell or Kelly Rux for gift cards or if you have any questions on downloading the app!

... **And, introduced in the August Newsletter!**

<https://smile.amazon.com/ch/41-1473681>



## FE-ED UPDATE



**We were so happy to be back at the Montrose Community Center after 2 months of being outside in the weather!** It was a little challenging for the people to turn around in the parking lot with many vehicles parked there. The city streets are definitely getting better and we hope next month they will be greatly improved.

Our FE-ED booth at the **"Burgers in the Park"** event was well attended and we noticed more people from the Montrose community coming to this month's drop. Grace Place and Montrose United Methodist Church shared the booth since they are the FE-ED partners. Volunteers, Pastor Cathy and Pastor Mark handed out information, candy, and LED light bulbs.

FE-ED meets on the third Tuesday of the month at noon to place our order for the food items from SHH (Second Harvest Heartland) and review and make plans for the drops. We share a potluck meal and rotate between MUMC and Grace Place locations. Join us if you want to be more involved. We can always use more volunteers the day of the drop too.

### **Our community contributed a lot of extras:**

- We received 15 large boxes of bread, 4-5 boxes of apples, 1 box of cauliflower, and 3-4 boxes of onions from the Waverly food shelf.
- We received fresh green beans from Dennis Epple's Farm (Diane Rux's brother).

- Untiedt's provided 55 bags of beautiful sweet corn, 10 boxes of eggplant, zucchini, and 20 boxes of cantaloupe.
- We received a lot of frozen meat from Buffalo Food Shelf and KFC.



### **August 23rd Statistics:**

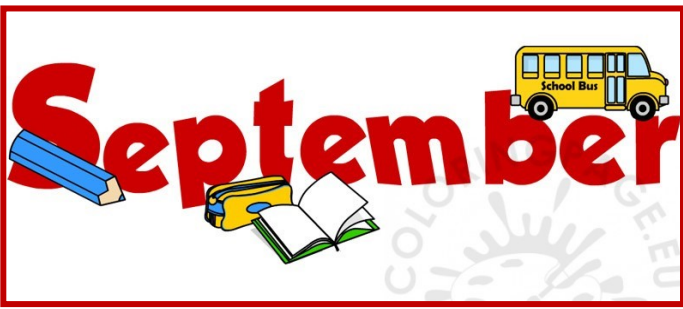
- 5,440 pounds of food from SHH!
- Families served 132!
- Individuals served 364!
- Veterans served 29!
- Communities served 16 (we had more people from Montrose & Waverly this month)!

Respectfully submitted,  
Pam Johnson

Donate



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



**FOOD DROP**

**Tuesday, Sept. 27th at 3 pm**


Drive-thru pick-up on a first come-first serve basis while quantities last.

**LOCATION: Community Center**

EVERYONE IS WELCOME!

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 7 pm Palabra Viva Worship (S)	2 <b>RAISERIGHT ORDER DAY</b>	3 5 - 9 pm Palabra Viva Worship (S) 8 - 10 pm AA Meeting
4 <b>Communion Sunday</b> 9:30 am Coffee & Fellowship (F) 10:30 am Worship Service (S) 	5  <b>Labor Day</b>	6 7 pm Bell Choir Rehearsal (S)	7 7 pm Chancel Choir <u>Rehearsal (S)</u> 7 pm Palabra Viva Ofc Hour (O)	8 6:30 pm 4H Club <u>Meeting (OFF)</u> 7 pm Palabra Viva Worship (S)	9	10 5 - 9 pm Palabra Viva Worship (S) 8 - 10 pm AA Meeting (C)
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<p><b>BIRTHDAYS!</b></p> <p>2nd-Macy Prestidge 2nd-Roger Vanderlinde 6th-Isabelle Lieser 6th-Aubree Sanchez 7th-Hunter Reinhart 14th-Barry Burdick</p>	<p>15th-Jason Chaffins 16th-Judy Mumford-Torres 16th-Kaija Tourville 18th-Marilyn Tompkins 22nd-Sonya Tourville 23rd-Glen Ross 27th-Amanda Folkestad</p>	<p>28th-Jaimee Ashbaugh 29th-Lee Gutknecht 30th-Kalley Illies</p> <p><b>ANNIVERSARIES!</b></p> <p>5th-Jacque &amp; Roger Vanderlinde 24th-Ann &amp; Barry Burdick 28th-Amy &amp; Jason Chaffins</p>	
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## Montrose United Methodist Church



**FE+ED**  
**For Each and Every Day**  
**(4th Tuesday of the Month)**  
A Partnership between Montrose United Methodist Church and Grace Place, with support from SHH (Second Harvest Heartland) and many others in our community.

**NEXT FREE FOOD**  
**DISTRIBUTION:**  
**Tuesday, September 27th**

**Starting at 3:00 pm ~ Drive thru Event**

**LOCATION:**  
**Montrose Community Center**

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

Go to the FEED website for more information:  
**[www.fe-ed.org](http://www.fe-ed.org)**

**Rally Sunday**  
**Sunday, September 11th**  
**All Welcome!**



**Rev. Mark Schlasner, Pastor**

- ◆ First day of Sunday School at 9:30 am
- ◆ Coffee & Fellowship at 9:30 am
- ◆ Worship Service at 10:30 am (Watch us on Facebook Live!)
- ◆ Church Potluck Picnic 11:45 am at Lion's Park (behind the church).
- ◆ Join us Sunday, Sept. 18th for Family Game Day! (See page 4 for information)