

The United Methodist Churches of Lakeview & Spooner

The Good Word

News for August 2020

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FOR CHURCH SERVICES AND ACTIVITIES

Spooner UMC is at
312 Elm Street in Spooner
Across from City Hall

Lakeview UMC is at
23980 County Rd X
At the corner of Williams & Cty Rd X,
2 miles south of Hwy 70 and Hertel

Find us on


Church Meetings

At Spooner UMC

Council/Church- Tuesday, Sept. 8th at 6:00pm
via ZOOM

Finance- Tuesday, Sept. 8th at 10:00am

Missions - Wednesday, August 26th at 5:30pm via Zoom

At Lakeview UMC - Next Meeting Tuesday, Sept. 15th at 6pm

*Minutes of Church Council & Trustee meetings are posted at each church.
Ask at Office.*



Check out the Spooner UMC website!

www.spoonerumc.org

You can view the calendar, newsletter & any upcoming church events! Spooner UMC can now accept online giving!



Some people are not following the daily news nowadays. It's like a never-ending film series wherein the plot and the characters are

always the same to the dismay of the audiences. However, this time, what we have is a real-life story where people are really suffering and dying. Our plans and dreams in the future are shattered or are in limbo. News' headlines send mixed messages and we seldom get good news from them. They are screaming loud but not necessarily clear to us. Check these examples which are taken from the Homiletics Magazine (7/2020).

Although we're as likely to encounter news headlines today in the breaking-news crawl at the bottom of a TV screen as we are in large-point Helvetica type on the newspaper page, some headlines have unintended meanings. For example:

- **Something Went Wrong in Jet Crash, Expert Says**
- **Miners Refuse to Work after Death**
- **Juvenile Court to Try Shooting Defendant**
- **War Dims Hope for Peace**
- **Red Tape Holds Up New Bridges**
- **New Study of Obesity Looks for Larger Test Group**
- **Local High School Dropouts Cut in Half**
- **Typhoon Rips Through Cemetery; Hundreds Dead**

How we wish that when we read or hear the headline, it will bring a smile on our faces or even to some extent make us open our eyes and mouth widely in total surprise or amazement. But the opposite happens. They make us frustrated and sad. The psalmist prayer in 13:1 – “How long, O Lord?” is still apt until today. Yet there is a time that we have just not found the right words about it. We just bow down, hold a deep breath and sigh, and then throw our arms in the air.

But hold a second, did you know that sighing is also a form of prayer? When David is looking for deliverance from his enemies, he says, “**Give ear to my words, O Lord; give heed to my sighing.**” (Psalm 5:1). Mark Batterson, a pastor and author re “Whisper: How to Hear the Voice of God” (2017), explains:

A sigh is a long, deep breath. It's a physiological response to sadness. And it is very similar to the gentle whisper of the still small voice. Sighing is what we do when we don't

know what to say. But according to the psalmist, it's more than a low-frequency distress signal; it's a wordless prayer.

Therefore, every sigh is definitely a prayer; it's audible, loud, and clear to our Lord Almighty. Let us quit living as if our Lord Jesus is still nailed on the cross. The only thing nailed to the cross is our sin. (Colossians 2:14). Let's put our trust and hope in God. Remember this promise, this prayer (which is also my prayer for you). May you keep it as the daily headline in your heart and soul, that our God is more able and faithful than we could ask or imagine. Ephesians 3:20-21 proclaims,

Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine...to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever! Amen.

The journey continues,

Pastor Ferdinand B. Serra

Wisconsin Annual Conference 2020

The 2020 Wisconsin Annual Conference will be held virtually on October 23 & 24.



WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

Wednesday Evenings

The Wednesday night Women's Bible Study that was scheduled for September is on hold for now. Watch for future announcements.

VOLUNTEER DRIVERS NEEDED:

Pat Morris is in need of drivers to take her to her dialysis appointments in Rice Lake. She goes every Monday, Wednesday & Friday. You would need to leave Spooner at 10a.m. If you can help Pat out, please call her directly at 715-635-2067. Thank you!

Mission News



Harbor House Crisis Shelters has been providing almost 20 years of services with emergency shelter, transitional living and permanent housing. They serve families and individuals with case management, self help education and spiritual support. June, July and August we are highlighting this mission opportunity and raising funds for their program. Gifts can be given through our church marked Harbor House. We are also collecting some supplies that are an on-going needs such a shampoo, and cleaning supplies. Bring them to church and the mission team will deliver them to Harbor House in Superior. Thank you and God bless, Billie LaBumbard Mission Chair 715-939-0118



Thank you to Mabel Mathiesen & Jean Parker for sorting and organizing the accumulated rummage in our basement. We do not know when our next rummage sale will be...maybe in the spring? I also do not think it is wise to hold our August salad supper...hopefully district, conference, state & national UMW activities will be given the go-ahead in a few months. I miss seeing everybody! I did go on the UMW website & order the 2020-2021 Program Book so I am hopeful we will meet next year.

On a happier note...Kris Busch brought skeins of yarn into the church. This all belonged to Carole Sorensen, & was wrapped in the original packaging! Thank you Kris! Keep healthy & reach out to others! Even a phone call helps that shut-in feeling....
Jean Kissack, UMW Local President



Spooner Coffee Fellowship

Coffee Fellowship is temporarily closed until further notice.

Spooner Ushers & Greeters for August

If you would like to volunteer, please contact Mary Shepherd 715-635-3742.

Online Worship Services Still Offered

If you are not comfortable/ready to come back to worship in-person, do not worry. Online Worship Services are posted on our Facebook page, "Spooner United Methodist Church", OR on YouTube - search for "Spooner Church Online Service August xx, 2020". (Change the date for each Sunday.)



PARISH NURSING NEWS

Spiritual Stress Busters

Stress affects us not only emotionally, but also spiritually.

We tend to lose sight that some ways to combat stress may be more spiritual in nature. Try these stress busters for this week:

- Write thoughts and inspirations down.
- Have problems? Talk to God on the spot.
- Make friends with Godly people.
- Laugh—laugh some more!
- Develop a forgiving attitude.
- Be kind to unkind people.
- Talk less; listen more.
- Slow down.
- Remind yourself that you are not the general manager of the universe. That is God's job.
- Every night before bed, think of one thing you're grateful for that you've never been grateful for before.



Spooner Prayer Ministry

We have a vital and active prayer ministry at Spooner. We invite you to be a part of it. On this page you will find some of the ways you can participate. If you are interested, please contact: Jean Parker 635-3203 with questions.

There is such a cry for prayer right now & we need all the prayer warriors we can get. Wars, rumors of wars, natural disasters, unrest in our own country & many others, unrest in the house of the Lord. If you feel the burden too, join us every Tuesday at 4:30pm for a time of online prayer. Let Pastor know you would like to join. Everyone is welcome!

Cyber Prayer Chain

Call Jean Parker with your prayer request at 635-3203 or email parkerji@charter.net.



Daytime Prayer Chain

Evelyn Safeblade 635-7536

In Our Thoughts & Prayers

Eddie Hovey; Ted Mitchell; Muriel Mitchell; Edith Todd; Judy Andrea; Luann Bergmann; Darlene Heller; Chet Peterson; Terri's sister Debbie; John Safeblade; Tammera Hartwig; Marge Bestler; Julie and Don Lawrence; Paty Brayton's mom, Shirley; Brad Patchin & his daughters, Leah & Sophia; Colleen Haines; Sandy Christner; Michael Stair; Sue Staves' cousin, Julie Dahlgren; Elizabeth Walker; Mavis Cook; Pearl Andrea; Pat Morris; Florence Millard

Remember our Shut-Ins in your prayers:

Glenview Living Center - Mavis Cook

Maple Ridge Care Center- Grace Daniels; Jo Henrikson; Avis

Thompson

At Home- Laurel Caruthers; Pat Morris

***We are working on cleaning up the prayer lists. If you see someone that needs to be added (or added back onto the list), please let Carol know in the office. (715-635-3227 or spoonerumc@gmail.com) If you see someone that could be removed at this time, please also let Carol know. Thank you.*





August 8th
2nd Saturday Morning of Every Month
At the Fairgrounds
NO INCOME REQUIREMENTS
 Distribution 9:30am

\$20 donation – cash only – checks not accepted
 For info or to volunteer call 715-635-9309



Greetings Pastors and NW District Congregations,

I offer up prayers of gratitude and thanksgiving for reaching the 50% or higher support of apportionments by your congregations. Please

share with your congregations my deepest gratitude for their support of ministry and mission. Our work to "make disciples for the transformation of the world" is enhance by your faithfulness.

Grace and Peace,
Rev. Barbara Certa-Werner, District Superintendent



SEPTEMBER NEWSLETTER DEADLINE FOR WILL BE MONDAY, AUGUST 24TH.

Lakeview News & Notes

Online Worship Services Still Offered

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August 2nd is Food Pantry Sunday

Don't forget your first Sunday donations for the Food Pantry. Non-perishable goods, cleaning products, personal grooming items, laundry soaps & don't forget the pets....the list is endless everything is needed. Everything is much appreciated!



Lakeview's **Undie Sunday** will be observed on Sunday, August 16th. Please bring your donations of **new; unopened underwear and/or socks** to be distributed to local elementary schools. You may place your donations in the basket near the entrance.

Coffee Fellowship Servers

Coffee Fellowship is temporarily closed until further notice.

August Birthdays

Mark Knoop	2nd
James Andreas	21st
Terecia Zwart	25th



August Anniversaries

Bret & Carol Iverson	4th
Randy & Arlene Schacht	8th
James & Marie Andreas	29th

Lakeview Prayer Ministry

Keep these friends in Prayer:

Deb Korthoff (Spooner); Harvey Asmus; Matthew Allwine; Eleanor Grunnes; Jimmy Harden; Pat Israel; Gene Hotchkiss; Scott Hotchkiss; Joyce Jacobs; Kay Krentz; Steven Durand; Hank & Karen Mangelsen; Laverne Hubbard; Desire Rosseli. All who need our prayers.

Those military deployed: Matt Lester; David Lester.

****If you have any news regarding people on our prayer list please let Connie know so that she can update the list.**