



FEBRUARY 2020

Dear Friends,

I wanted to think of an opening line that would encourage you to read the rest of this note and decided to say, "I saw ALL of the candles". Yes, standing at the front of the sanctuary on Christmas Eve, I saw all your candles shining brightly as we sang Silent Night and Joy to the World. What a beautiful sight it was. I wanted you to see them also but as a congregation we were too large to form a circle that all might see our candles. That night in your candles, I saw a glimpse of what God sees in us. We are the church and each shines in the task we are called to do. We are the church not only for one another, but for the community and yes even for the world. Please see your candle glow and allow God to show you a glimpse now and then of all our candles aglow. Never tire in the huge task before us and never tire of the blessings and the fruit God grows in our lives and the life of our church.

God bless you all and see you in Church.

Pastor Bob.



Lenten study

Meeting God in PAUL by Rowan Williams

March 4: Reading: Introduction & Chapter 1, pg. 3-10

March 11: Reading: Chapter 1, pg. 11-25

March 18: Reading: Chapter 2 pg. 29-43

March 25: Reading: Chapter 2 pg. 43-55

April 1: Reading: Chapter 3 pg. 59-81



In addition the study book includes a scripture for each day of Lent and reflection for each Sunday in Lent to use as you wish. Also there are reflection questions that we may use in our time together for each of the 3 short Chapters in the study book. I will have additional questions for us to consider and will be given to you when you get your book (\$4), but our primary objective is to enjoy our time together and perhaps learn something along the way that will help grow our faith. This study is for anyone no matter our knowledge of the Bible, because there really are not wrong answers, and we will learn from one another. Please sign up (signup sheet in the back) and be prepared to have fun. God bless.

6:00 - Lenten Lunch

6:30 – gathering and singing

6:40 – 7:30 Lenten Study and Children's Activities

Child care provided

Opportunities to serve in Worship for 10:00 service

Please fill out and turn in to the office. We'd love to have everyone involved in our service!

NAME _____

I would like to share my gifts to help with:

_____ Usher/Greeter

Help with the offering, hand out bulletins, assist people during worship service as needed.

Greet people as they enter to welcome them and answer any questions they may.

Communion

_____ Prep

Help with the preparation for Holy Communion

_____ Serve

Assist the Pastor in serving Holy Communion during Worship

_____ Read Scripture

Read the Scripture and Call to Worship during service

_____ Acolyte

Light Candles for the worship service

_____ Choir

Participate with the selected music during worship

Special Music

_____ Solo, Duet, Quartet, Instrumental

_____ Children's Sermon

Share a two to three minute lesson with the children during worship.

Audio/Visual

_____ Run Sound board

_____ Run Computer

_____ Design Media Shout



Servants for FEBRUARY

Greeters/Ushers

Feb. 2

Wayne & Jasmine Gaston & Family, Judy Mether

Feb. 9

Justin & Mindy Parson & girls

Feb. 16

Gary & Colleen Schulz, Mark & Judy Hora

Feb. 23

Dennis & Lisa Sparks, Chris & Gabriel Jesse

Liturgists

Feb. 2 Bill Starr

Feb. 9 Gabriel Jesse

Feb. 16 Jack Thomsen

Feb. 23 Corey Lorenzen

Children's Time

Feb. 2 Pastor Bob

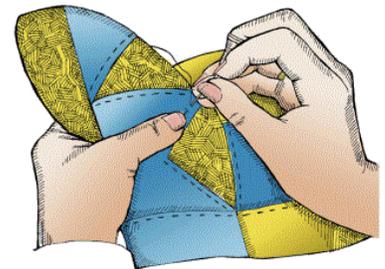
Feb. 9 Peg Mullen

Feb. 16 Colleen Schulz

Feb. 23 Mary Fratzke

Fellowship

February Worship



QUILTING RETREAT

Quilting Retreat Update

We will be meeting in Fellowship Hall Friday evening at 5:00 pm February 21st and again on Saturday morning February 22nd, at 9:00 am.

We will be working on an applied towel project for Easter. An email will be going out to those who have signed up with more details.

Education Dates to Remember

Friday, February 14: Share the love! Valentine's Day.
Sunday, February 23: Children's Choir sings in church

SAVE the Date:

June 22-25th VBS Fun
"Rocky Railway: Jesus' Power Pulls Us Through!"



HEIFER International PROJECT:

On the first Sunday of each month...February through May, we are asking the Sunday School classes to bring in their QUARTERS and we will collect them to share in our church's mission of the Heifer Animal Project. "Giving an animal" is like giving someone a small business, providing wool, milk, eggs and more. Animal donations can provide families a hand up, increasing access to medicine, school, food and a sustainable livelihood.

Our animal donation will support the lives of families in need.

Thank you for your participation in a program helping to end world hunger!

Outreach

You might be interested to know that in 2019, 52 jars of peanut butter were given to local children's families to supplement their food. Keep up this generosity.

We have contributed \$500 to Jubilee Methodist Church in Waterloo for their work with the homeless and people with other basic needs.

We will be making Valentines to be sent to our shut-in members. You can join us on Tuesday, Feb. at 6:00

Our annual Food Pantry drive will be happening in February. Grocery bags will be handed out on Sunday the 9th. Please Please return them any time before the 23rd.

The needs are:

Dish soap, Kleenex toothpaste, tooth brushes, laundry soap, shampoo, canned fruit and other food.

Remember the Noisy Sunday gifts go to orphanages in Haiti and Malawi.

Many groups are in need of socks. We will collect socks to help all ages.

Be sure to pick up an Upper Room for March to use during the Lenten season.

May God bless you as you bless others.

Terri, Deenie, Danny, Lisa, Mindy, Peg, Christina and Colleen.



Snow Cancellations!!

With winter upon us, please remember that during the week, if the school is closed, then the church is also closed and all activities are cancelled.

On Sunday, please tune into KWWL 7 for closure announcements.



UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

February is traditionally called the “LOVE MONTH”. Remember when we were in grade school and we always had a big Valentine’s Day Party. We would buy a special pack of valentines and be sure that we had one for everybody and a very special one for our Teacher. We may still send some Valentines but usually we think of giving a Valentine card or gift to someone or someone’s who are very special to us.

1 Corinthians 13:3 says, “And now these three remain: faith, hope, and love. But the greatest of these is love.” God loves us so much that He sent his son Jesus to save us that we could have eternal life if we would believe in Him. Then He commanded us to love one another. Maybe every month should be declared, “LOVE MONTH.” This Valentine’s Day make plans to let all the people in your life know how very special they are to you. Spend extra time with your family, call up an old friend, make a new friend, and make plans to visit someone you haven’t seen in a while. Put a smile on your face and share God’s love with everyone.

Lenten Season will be starting February 26 with Ash Wednesday. Make plans to come to our Ash Wednesday Service that evening. Our Lenten Evening Services will be starting March 11 and continue each Wednesday during Lent. There will be a light meal with each service. Make plans to come for an evening of inspiration and fellowship during this time of preparation for Easter. UMW will be in charge of the meal on March 18. Please let Charlene or Pat know if you would like to help with this.

In January I shared some thoughts from Max Lucado’s Devotional Book “Grace For The Moment”. January’s choice was love; February’s choice is to choose Joy. I will invite my God to be the God of circumstance. I will refuse the temptation to be cynical... the tool of the lazy thinker. I will refuse to see people as anything less than human beings, created by God. I will refuse to see any problem as anything less than an opportunity to see God.

Our Bible Verse for February is found in John 3:16.

“For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but have eternal life.”

Blessings to you and your loved ones.
Pat and Charlene

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(John 3:16, NKJV)

Thoughts from your Lay Leader: Cindy Morse

Thoughts from your lay leader----

These winter months can be stressful for many of us, especially when we have ice under the snow and on the streets, I personally can deal with snow but when ice is involved it makes me just want to stay in.

February is here, we think of our hearts along with Valentines Day and loved ones.

In Jeremiah 17:9-10 it says, The heart is devious, above all else; it is perverse- who can understand it ? I the Lord test the mind and search the heart, to give to all according to their ways, according to the fruit of their doings.

Jesus told us that what is in our hearts ultimately works it's way into our public life. The great wise man of Proverbs told us to guard our heart because it is the well spring of our lives.

Jeremiah wants us to know that God knows our hearts. We want to stress the importance of what goes into our hearts because it really makes a difference in what goes on inside our heart. Invite the Lord into what you do and think and read and watch and hear.

2020 Community Easter Cantata Announced



Over the last few decades, a chorus of community singers have performed an Easter cantata. First of all, let's define what a cantata is...it is a collection of songs. In this case, the Easter cantata highlights and celebrates the Easter season and usually during Holy week from Palm Sunday to Easter Sunday. This year's cantata, **Once Upon a Morning: From Resurrection to Pentacost** is unique as the cantata's scenario begins post-Easter when Jesus arises. Therefore, the cantata will be performed the weekend AFTER Easter – April 18th - 19th in both Dysart and LaPorte City. Practices will begin on **Sunday, February 23rd at the Dysart United Methodist Church at 4 p.m.** There will be 8 practices and each practice lasts between 60-90 minutes.

If you have a love for music but have never joined the community chorus, chorus members strongly encourage you to "try it, you'll like it". All voices are welcome. From the perspective of people involved, whether singing or serving as narrators for the event, the experience of the cantata practices adds so much meaning to the Lenten season.

Hope to see you at the first practice on February 23rd! Please contact Deb Oliver, 2020 Easter Cantata Director, if you have any questions.... oliver@netins.net OR 319-538-1410.

JANUARY REVIEW

Date	General Budget
Jan 5	\$3,580.00
Jan. 12	\$1,865.51
Jan. 19	\$1,932.22
Needed monthly:	\$13,352.00



*Be sure to pick up your giving statement for 2019. Thank you for your continued faithfulness to God's work in our church.
Finance Committee*

Love



Sunday	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 Fitness @ 8 am
2 Worship Service 10 am Sunday School 8:45	3 Pastor Bob in Office 9-12 Fitness @ 6 pm Shawl Ministry 7 pm	4 Outreach Mtg. 5:30 pm Trustees Mtg. 7 pm	5 Prayer 9:30 am Worship Mtg. 9 am Chimes 4:15 pm Finance 6:30 pm Education 7 pm Isaiah Study 7 pm	6 Fitness @ 6 pm	7	8 Fitness @ 8 am
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16 Worship Service 10 am Josh Troutman preaching Sunday School 8:45	17 Pastor Bob in Office 9-12 Fitness @ 6 pm Shawl Ministry 7 pm	18 Newsletter Articles due!! Meekness meets @ 7 pm	19 Joy Circle 9 am Prayer 9:30 am Chimes 4:15 pm Choir 5 pm Isaiah Study 7 pm	20 Fitness @ 6 pm	21 Quilt Retreat 5:00 pm Fel- lowship Hall	22 Fitness @ 8 am Quilt Retreat 9:00 am Fellowship Hall
23 Worship Service 10 am Josh Troutman preaching Kids Sing Sunday School 8:45 Cantata Practice	24 Pastor Bob in Office 9-12 Fitness @ 6 pm Shawl Ministry 7 pm	25	26	27	28 29  IT'S LEAP YEAR!	

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