



Evergreen United Methodist Church

1120 Evergreen Court, Wahpeton, ND 58075

March, 2023

Wednesday Evenings During Lent - Soup Suppers



Soup Suppers will be a part of our observance again this year. Each Wednesday in March we will gather for fellowship and a brief meditation and reflection time. Serving Groups will be coordinating the simple soup meals. Plan to make this a part of your Lenten time.

Our Devotions will be formed around the familiar family mealtime prayer:

God is great! God is good!
Now we thank him for our food.
By his hand we all are fed.
Give us Lord our daily bread. Amen.

Come and find new dimensions in this prayer as we explore one phrase a week.



Our mission is to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the Transformation of the world. One way this congregation does that is through our support of UMCOR, the United Methodist Committee on Relief. Our special offering on March 19 will support this part of the church

structure, so that we can give other times and 100% of our gift gets to the people in need. A special envelope is included in this mailing. You can include it with your gift at any time, and we will dedicate our gifts on March 19th.

“The earth laughs in flowers.” –
Ralph Waldo Emerson



Let's see how much laughing we can inspire with an Easter flower garden. We have a tradition at Evergreen of bringing flowering plants for Easter Sunday. The worship committee puts them on display for Easter Sunday and it can be so beautiful! If you would like to help with the garden, here are two ways for you to do that:

1. Bring a flowering plant to the church no later than Good Friday, April 7th.
2. Give a monetary donation so that flowers can be purchased. Please have any money at church no later than Palm Sunday, April 2nd. Thank you!

United Women in Faith By Kay Nelson

A BIG thank-you goes to Fern Bailey for writing the newsletter articles for me the last few months. I was "out of the office" for several reasons and appreciate her willingness to keep you informed.

The weather has not been co-operating for us to have our circle meetings. Hope you have taken advantage of the extra time locked in to continue the reading program. We will soon be out walking/working in the sunshine and not have time to read.

UWF Meetings in March:

*March 9, 1 p.m. General Meeting, Hostess is Faith Circle
March 14, 7 p.m., Joy Circle
March 21, 9:30 a.m., Hope Circle
March 21 1:30 p.m., Faith Circle

*You don't want to miss our Easter program March 9, 1 p.m., when Gary Osborn presents a portrayal on Peter's denial of Christ.

Our next prayer vigil is set for March 22, 1:15 – 2:00 p.m. The focus of our prayers is "ending mass incarceration and criminalization of communities of color."

Blessings to all!!

LOOKING FOR SUNDAY MORNING SONG LEADERS

The music worship team is interested in finding more persons who would be willing to lead singing at worship services. We have some faithful singers, but more would be very welcome. One doesn't have to be a pro and it doesn't have to be scary. Being able to carry a tune is a plus! Music with very high notes has been transposed down, so even the vocal range is easier than it used to be. Please consider this opportunity to serve if you can. Summertime, especially, is a time when we need help. If you are willing to serve as song leader, call the office, Bonnie Beeson, or me and we'll talk with you, gratefully, Sandy Olson.



Evergreen Prayer Concerns

Listed below are persons in need of ongoing prayer. Please contact the office to have names added and/or removed from our prayer concerns list.

Please pray for: Sonny Blaufuss, Bev Stone, Dave Gripentrog, Alta Lehmann, Harriet Fleenor, Merle Rubish, Kermith Krueger, Fay Woy, Donna Stone, Cheryl Holding Eagle, Bernice Oliver, Kurt Bloms and Alan Jones (nephews of Marlene Jones), Randy Rittenour (Richardson's son-in-law)

From Pastor Mary Ann

Back in New York, about this time of year, when the highs were above freezing and the lows below freezing, the sun is strong enough to pull the sap up out of it's winter storage in the tree roots. That sap is food. The tree lives because of it. SOMEone, probably by accident, found out that we could tap those maples, and take a share of the tree's sap for ourselves. Fresh from the tree it's barely sweet, but boiled down (a 5 gallon pail makes one pint of syrup) it's really a special spring treat.

In Lent, the same God who made maple trees is available to us. Like the warming sun, our prayers in Lent, draw up new fresh experiences of God in our lives. Like the process of tapping trees and gathering and reducing the sap, when we follow our Lenten disciplines, we participate in God's Spring Gift. Lent means Spring. We awaken to God's new Life, physically, and spiritually and mentally.

Maple sap can't be harvested all year round, only in that special window of time. So, too, our relationship with God has this special time in which we can be restored and enlivened. It's not too late to observe the season, and to have a holy Lent. Pray. Give. Attend to the Presence of God. Serve each other. Open your life to God's life.

Monthly Offering

February Offering:
\$16,403.75

Monthly Need:
\$21,890.00

Bucket Offering:
\$52.43



February Attendance

Date	In Person	Online	Total
2/5	66	---	66
2/12	61	91	152
2/19	65	86	151
2/26	79	93	172

Evergreen Celebrates March Birthdays and Anniversaries

*Denotes anniversaries

2-Bernice Oliver	19-KrisCinda & Michael Erickson*
2-Pam Nagel	
2-Scott Schmitt	23-Renee Ehlers
5-Konstantin Arutyunov	24-Breanne Gripenot
6-Tyson Stevens	24-Cody Meyer
7-Anna Busta	27-Maxine Leinen
7-Justin & Tiana Bohn*	27-George & Alinda Bassingthwaite*
9-Brent Meyer	
9-Carolyn Stone	28-Darwin Bladow
11-Merle Rubish	28-Connie Metcalf
11-Kim Bladow	30-Layne Levery
12-David & Pam Burre*	31-Mark & Kristie Boyer*
12-Bryan & Sarah Lutgen*	
13-Jeanenne Thomas	
13-Alexis Stevens	
15-Mary Ann Bernard	
18-Darren Johnson	
18-Denise Eastin	





ONE THING FOR RICHLAND WILKIN FOOD PANTRY

Thank you to everyone for their generous donations of 67 jars of peanut butter and 12 pudding cups.

The donation requests for the food pantry are:

March- jelly or jam

April- vegetable oil



Our sympathy to John and Kim Dassenko and family on the January 22 death of John's brother James Dassenko of Dickinson, ND.

Our sympathy to friends and family of June Edwards. June died February 21 and her service was held at Evergreen UMC on February 25.

MEET THE NEW BISHOP

United Methodists in the Dakotas are invited to come to meet Bishop Lanette, our new bishop, hear some of her story, worship together, enjoy warm hospitality and good conversation, and leave with a renewed sense of hope for the future.

- **Fargo Faith UMC**, 909 19th Ave N, Fargo, ND, Saturday, March 18, 11:30 a.m.— 1:30 p.m., soup and bread will be served at noon followed by speaking and conversation.

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Monday-Thursday
8 am - 3 pm
Friday
8 am - Noon

Sundays:

9 am, Adult Sunday School & Coffee
10 am, Worship

Wednesdays:


6 pm, Lenten Soup Suppers

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March, 2023						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 6 pm, Lenten Soup Supper	2 9 am, Sewing	3	4
5 9 am, Adult Sunday School & Coffee 10 am, Worship, Holy Communion	6	7	8 11 am, Newsletter folding 6 pm, Lenten Soup Supper	9 9 am, Sewing 1 pm, UWF Meeting	10	11 <i>Change your clocks! Daylight Saving Time Begins.</i> 
12 9 am, Adult Sunday School & Coffee 10 am, Worship (noisy buckets)	13	14 7 pm, Joy Circle	15 6 pm, Lenten Soup Supper	16 9 am, Sewing	17	18 11:30 am, Meet the New Bishop, Fargo Faith UMC
19 UMCOR Sunday 9 am, Adult Sunday School & Coffee 10 am, Worship	20	21 9:30 am, Hope 1:30 pm, Faith	22 1:15 - 2 pm, UWF Prayer Vigil 6 pm, Lenten Soup Supper	23 9 am, Sewing	24 <u>Newsletter article deadline</u>	25
26 9 am, Adult Sunday School & Coffee 10 am, Worship	27	28	29 11 am, Newsletter Folding 6 pm, Lenten Soup Supper	30 9 am, Sewing	31	April 1

March One Thing - Jam/Jelly

Lenten Giving Opportunity Three Rivers Crisis Center

Lent is a great time to reach out to those in need in our community. During Lent we have an opportunity to help individuals that request assistance from Three Rivers Crisis Center in Wahpeton. We are collecting personal care items and gift cards throughout **April 9** (Easter).

The Three Rivers Crisis Center serves victims of domestic violence, sexual assault, and child sexual abuse in Richland County.

WISH LIST (only new items, full size containers)

- Lotion
- Deodorant
- Shampoo/conditioner
- Toothbrushes
- Toothpaste
- Sanitary pads/ Tampons
- Diapers
- Baby shampoo
- Baby wipes
- Razors
- Shaving cream
- Dish soap
- Laundry detergent
- Cleaning supplies
- Toilet paper
- Paper towels
- Kleenex tissues
- First aid supplies
- Gift Cards- especially needed are gas cards. A gift card from Econo could be used for fuel or groceries. Walmart gift cards are also appreciated.

Place your items in a tote in the fellowship hall. Thank you for your generous giving!

February Administrative Council

At the February meeting of the administrative council, the following were topics of discussion:

-Committees are urged to set goals and continue to keep minutes and to file minutes in the office.

-Finances are OK so far; we may have to take from reserve funds to cover expenses later in 2023. A large offering from one party came in at the end of 2022.

-A memorial gift was given to install stained glass windows this year in the triangular spaces near the altar.

Illustrations are available for anyone who is interested.

-A bid has been accepted to fix the leak and condensation problem in the chapel roof.

-The church sign by 11th street will be converted to LED lights.

-Pastor Mary Ann urges us to pray for the new pastor, whomever that may be.

-In December, the council voted unanimously to remain part of the United Methodist Church. Our goal is to hear all opinions at Evergreen. Please contact ad council members when you have questions.

Sandy Olson, ad council chair



Palm Sunday, April 2 - 10 am

Maundy Thursday, April 6 - 7 pm

Good Friday, April 7 - 7 pm

Easter, April 9 - 10 am



**2023 Appointment
Evergreen United
Methodist Church
Wahpeton, North Dakota**
Rev. Kori Lehrkamp

Contact Information
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Spiritual Disciplines and Study

Beginning each day with a devotional time spent reading scripture and praying is hugely important to me. This set the tone for the day and allows me to focus on whatever lies before me. I would consider myself a life-long learner and I am always reading new books that enhance my knowledge and understanding of scripture and my own faith. I am part of different covenantal circles in which we learn, grow, pray and hold one another accountable in our daily lives and ministry.

What I Like to Do for Fun

Watching my kids do pretty much anything. I enjoy attending youth events especially sports but music, drama, FFA, Rodeo you name it, I will go. Michael and I enjoy golfing. I love cooking and hosting people in our home. Reading, knitting and crafting are things I enjoy doing but tend to not have enough time for. Camping, fishing, and outdoor activities when the weather is warm. Brandings and working cattle are always a good time in the spring. Hallmark and baking when the weather is not so great.

Family

My husband Michael and I have been married since 2001 and have three children. Michael currently works as a large equipment operator for an Excavation Company. He enjoys volunteering and helping anyway he can. He was Volunteer Fireman for 15 years. Has served on multiple boards and agency in the agriculture/livestock field. Has always been an active member of any church we have been a part of helping in a variety of ways.

Paige is 20 years old and is a sophomore at SDSU double majoring in Agriculture Education and Ag Leadership minoring in Business Management. Grady is 18 years old and a senior. Following high school graduation he intends to attend a technical college. Maddie is 15 years old and a freshman. She plays volleyball, recently took up wrestling and loves to rodeo competing in barrels, poles, goat tying and hoping to try her hand at break away. We have an Australian shepherd name Lily and a cat name Whiskey. As a family we have showed a lot of cattle and sheep Gelbvieh/Balancers and Suffolks respectively are our favorites.

Theological Perspective

I am fully Wesleyan leaning fully into the evangelical gospel and the social gospel and understanding the necessity of both. I am not above flipping some tables in light of injustice.

The three Simple Rules (Do no harm, Do good and stay in love with God.)

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**Christ with me,
Christ before me,
Christ behind me,
Christ in me,
Christ beneath me,
Christ above me,
Christ on my right,
Christ on my left,
Christ when I lie down,
Christ when I sit down,
Christ when I arise...**



This is taken from the hymn called "St. Patrick's Breastplate". It is attributed to Patrick of Ireland, in the 5th century A.D. Perhaps you would like to use it to celebrate St. Patrick's Day.