



# Circuit Rider

## February 2024

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### Something Very Easy (and Very Hard)

Pastor Jerry



There is nothing in the world that is easier to do than to pray. Even toddlers can do it. As soon as they grasp the concept of a God that they cannot see but who can hear them (a concept that they usually accept much more readily than adults do), they start chatting with God. Maybe you've heard a preschooler pray like this: they talk to God as if they were talking to a friend at preschool or to a patient grandmother or aunt – stream-of-consciousness one-sided conversations about what they like and don't like, what happened yesterday, and what they'd like to happen tomorrow.

Of course that doesn't last long. Perhaps they notice that grown-ups never seem to talk so casually to God, and they begin to get self-conscious or, worse, more conscious of who might be listening. They don't want to do it wrong, so they try to do it the way grown-ups do: seldom, briefly, usually just to ask for things, and often using a specialized prayer language. But there's the problem. That last part is hard. It takes a lot of work to learn that you're supposed to say, "Lord, today we ask you to . . ." instead of "God, will you . . . ?" the way you would talk to anyone else. You have to learn to ask for "your grace" or "your blessing" instead of saying "God, can you do me a favor?" You have to learn how to say "Forgive me" or "I ask your forgiveness" instead of "Sorry."

It's complicated, and as I say, learning how to speak Prayer takes practice – just like learning any new language. Many people never really get comfortable with it, even as adults. A lot of church members inhabit a strange middle ground, like someone who studied Spanish for several years in school. They can understand it all right when someone else speaks it, but they freeze up and get self-conscious when they have to speak it themselves. Fortunately, pastors and a few other church leaders are bilingual, so most people are happy to let those who are more fluent do the praying.

In the paragraph above, I was half-joking about how we've turned prayer into a specialized skill, but it's not funny. There is nothing more important to a growing Christian life than prayer. You could argue, in fact, that it's the *only* essential ingredient. This is why I keep harping on the subject. Since coming to Lake Street, I've done two different sermon series and I think three different Lenten series on prayer. And yes, this Lent we're going to do another one. It matters that much.

It would be great if we could all recover the un-self-consciousness of the preschooler chatting with God, but I don't see that happening. You can't turn the clock back on self-awareness. But there must be some way to recover the child's comfort with praying. And whatever we come up with should do the following things:

- It should get rid of the idea that there is a standard required prayer language.
- It should enable people to pray in a way that feels natural to them, so that prayer will not feel like a chore.

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**"CHRIST  
FOLLOWERS  
LIVING GOD'S  
LOVE"**

### SUNDAY SCHEDULE

**9:00 AM  
WORSHIP**  
IN-PERSON,  
BY RADIO (AM 880  
OR 106.3 FM), AND  
ON FACEBOOK  
AND YOUTUBE

STAY CONNECTED  
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### **OFFICE HOURS**

**Monday and Wednesday**  
9:00 am - 4:30 pm

**Tuesday and Thursday**  
9:00 am - 1:00 pm

## **A COMMUNITY OF WORSHIP**

*We seek to be a community of expectant, God-centered worship, through word and sacrament and God's gift of music – offering together our utmost for God's highest.*

### **Worship Services in February**

#### **Saturday-Sunday, February 3-4.\* Youth Leadership Sunday**

Living Room Worship: Available @ 6:00pm Saturday, Lake Street  
Facebook page

Traditional worship with Communion\*: 9:00am. Livestreamed on  
Facebook and YouTube. Radio broadcast 10:42 on AM 880  
and 106.3 FM.

Message: "On Worship"

Scripture: Isaiah 6:1-13

#### **Saturday-Sunday, February 10-11. Transfiguration Sunday**

Living Room Worship: Available @ 6:00pm Saturday, Lake Street  
Facebook page

Traditional worship: 9:00am. Livestreamed on Facebook and  
YouTube. Radio broadcast 10:42 on AM 880 and 106.3 FM.

Sermon: "Glimpses"

Scripture: Mark 9:2-9

### **Ash Wednesday Services, February 14**

1:00pm	Lake Street United Methodist Church
6:00pm	Hope United Methodist Church

#### **Saturday-Sunday, February 17-18. 1st Sunday in Lent**

Living Room Worship: Available @ 6:00pm Saturday, Lake Street  
Facebook page

Traditional worship: 9:00am. Livestreamed on Facebook and  
YouTube. Radio broadcast 10:42 on AM 880 and 106.3 FM.

Sermon: "How Humans Pray"

Scripture: Psalm 25:1-22

#### **Saturday-Sunday, February 24-25. 2nd Sunday in Lent**

Living Room Worship: Available @ 6:00pm Saturday, Lake Street  
Facebook page

Traditional worship: 9:00am. Livestreamed on Facebook and  
YouTube. Radio broadcast 10:42 on AM 880 and 106.3 FM.

Sermon: "Why Do We Follow Christ, Anyway?"

Scripture: Mark 8:27-38

\*Communion is served on the first Sunday of the month. United Methodists serve Open Communion, welcoming all to join Christ's table, because that's what he did, too.

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- Given that people are different and are not going to feel all natural doing the same thing the same way, it should acknowledge more than one style of prayer.

So that will be the focus of our Lenten study this year, beginning on February 21. Using the idea of “multiple learning intelligences,” developed by educational theorist Howard Gardner, we will talk about finding a way to pray that suits the way you think and learn. On the first Wednesday evening we will take a pre-test designed to help us each identify our individual learning intelligences, and those results will determine what we do at the following sessions. At all the sessions, we plan to share a meal together in the Fellowship Hall.

So come out on Wednesday evenings during Lent, enjoy some time with your church family around the table, and maybe find a way to take some of the stress and pressure of prayer by learning how to do it less like a standard issue grown-up and more like . . . well, you. And if prayer feels like you, maybe then, once again, it will be easy.

## ***Worship in February***

**Ash Wednesday.** Lent is early this year, beginning with Ash Wednesday, on February 14. This year we are trying something new: a joint Ash Wednesday service with Hope and Pleasant Valley United Methodist Churches. Actually two services. The first will be held at **1:00pm here at Lake Street**, and the second will be held at **6:00pm at Hope**. The idea is for members of all three churches who would prefer a daytime service to come to Lake Street and for those from all three churches who would rather have an evening service to gather at Hope, on Golf Road. The services will be basically the same, and Pastors Jen Barnet and Jerry Morris will lead both.

**Lent Services/Studies/Meals.** This year we will not be having special Lenten worship services. Instead, we are going to have Wednesday evening Lenten meals together in the Fellowship Hall at 5:00pm, which will include about half an hour of learning and talking together about different styles of prayer. (See the pastor’s article on p.1 and the article “Prayer Intelligences” on p. 6.)

The meals will be simple and will almost certainly include ordering pizza at least once, but they will be meals, not just snacks. Choir members, come early and eat together before going to rehearsal.

## **RADIO SERVICE SUPPORT \$165/week**

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## **ADDRESS CHANGES**

If you have had an address change within the past four months and are receiving the ***Circuit Rider*** newsletter electronically, please send your new address to the church office: **[adminsec@lakestreetumc.org](mailto:adminsec@lakestreetumc.org)**.

Because your digital issue does not go to the post office, there is no Address Service Requested changes that come back to the church office. We appreciate your help to keep our database up to date.

## ***March Circuit Rider***

Deadline is  
Wednesday, Feb. 21 for  
Thursday, Feb. 29  
mailing

Be sure to send your news  
to Ellen Prellwitz at  
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## A COMMUNITY OF INCLUSIVE WELCOME

*We embrace all of God's children as persons of sacred worth regardless of race, gender, ethnicity, socio-economic status, national origin, culture, tradition, physical or mental ability, sexual orientation, gender identity, or any other difference real or perceived, and welcome all people into the life of this congregation.*

*Last year Lake Street began a partnership with the Nueva Canaan (New Canaan) Methodist Church in El Alto, Bolivia (a large city adjoining La Paz). Informed of an immediate need to repair their roof, we sent them \$2,200.00 from our Mission Fund to pay for materials. (The congregation was doing the work itself.) This past month we received the following letter, translated for us by an English speaking Bolivian Methodist.*

Dear Brothers in Christ,

The Local Board of Directors and the Congregation as a whole of the New Canaan Evangelical Methodist Church of El Alto District, La Paz - Bolivia, express our deep gratitude to all the brothers, sisters and Pastor Jerry Morris and members of the Lake Street Methodist Church, for the valuable ECONOMIC contribution of **\$us.2.200.-** (Two thousand two hundred 00/100 US dollars), that were sent to us for the area of the laying of **our Chapel, whose economic resources have already been disbursed for the execution of the work, dear brothers we will begin with the work of laying down the chapel in the middle of this month of January, we will be inform as soon as the work was done to you.**

Dear brothers, sisters and pastor, your **CONTRIBUTIONS AND YOUR OFFERINGS**, are very valuable and it is a great blessing for our New Canaan Methodist Church located in the city of El Alto La Paz – Bolivia, so once again we express our deep thanks and gratitude to your church and your families, giving thanks to God, for their lives, for their work and the mission they carry out.

Dear Brothers and Sisters, The New Canaan Church here in Bolivia, we begin the year 2024 with the hope of continuing with the following works: expansion of the chapel, works with fine work on the parsonage and façade works of the chapel that we are already scheduled to carry out soon; Brothers and sisters of Lake Streec Methodist Church of the Wisconsin Conference and Pastor Jerry Morris, will understand our restlessness and concern and above all the need to conclude the work already scheduled, but we ask you and our God the Father Creator to help us to fulfill this goal.

Your brothers and sisters at New Canaan.

*One half of our Meaningful Christmas Offering from December will be sent to El Alto to help with their further work. - JM*



### Community Table Report

On January 17, Lake Street volunteers prepared and served 51 folks a meal of grilled cheese sandwiches, tomato soup, fruit salad, green salad and Crumbl cookies for dessert. Thanks to Brian and Kirsten Gierhart, Kent and Kathy Gierhart, Mary Rose Howard, Dave and Winnie Doxsie, Al and Jill Weisenbeck, Colleen Bates, Rev. Jerry Morris and Joanne Ures-Halverson.

Our next dates to prepare and serve are February 22, March 20, April 17 and May 29. Please contact Peter Nelson at 715-379-8135 or [petermnelson@sbcglobal.net](mailto:petermnelson@sbcglobal.net) to volunteer.

**Pancake Breakfast** — Join us on Sunday, **February 18** for our monthly breakfast. Great pancakes and French toast. Serving begins at **8:30 am**.

## A COMMUNITY OF COMPASSIONATE OUTREACH

*Our time and talents and resources are not gifts for our enjoyment but a calling to serve others,  
particularly the marginalized and those without other defenders.*

*We seek to serve God by serving God's children in our community, our nation, and our world.*

### Loose Change Mission Offering in February: Dignity Kits:

For the past few years, our Mission Team has devoted our monthly mission offerings in February and March to Flood Buckets to give through the Conference to the Midwest Mission Distribution Center, for disaster relief. This year, following the lead of the Conference, we are doing something slightly different: Dignity Kits. These are self-contained kits of personal toiletries. These also will be given through the conference to the Midwest Mission Center, but they are more flexible - still useful for people recovering from floods, but also useful for other natural disasters or simply for unhoused people. Each kit contains:

- 1 Hand towel
- 1 Washcloth
- 1 Adult toothbrush
- 1 Bar soap
- 1 Shampoo
- 1 Deodorant
- 1 1 gal resealable plastic bag.



Each kit will also include \$2.00 in cash for the purchase of a razor and toothpaste. The professional shoppers of the Mission Team will make the purchases (they have the specific instructions on what size and type of item to buy), and we will have a time later in the spring to put the kits together after church some Sunday.

### Community Table

Our next dates to cook and serve at the Community Table are:

**February 22 — 9:00-2:00pm**

**March 20 — 9:00-2:00pm**

**April 17 — 9:00-2:00pm**

Volunteers may sign up for the whole time or for the first or second half. To volunteer, contact Peter Nelson at [petermnelson@sbcglobal.net](mailto:petermnelson@sbcglobal.net) or 715-379-8135.



### Beacon House Hosting

Our congregation hosts the evening meals at Beacon House next during the weeks of

**March 17-23 and**

**June 9-15.**

If you can make a meal for unhoused families, contact Kent Gierhart at 715-864-2056.



### ARCW Wish List for February: Meal in a Can (Yes, Again)

Your assistance is requested again in providing "Meal in a Can" for clients of the AIDS Resource Center of Wisconsin Food Pantry located in downtown Eau Claire. This past month, more than 45+ cans of beef stew, soup, ravioli, spaghetti, chili, chow mein, etc. have been delivered to ARCW. Being such a popular item during the winter months, please plan to donate "meal in a can" during February.

Please place your donation in the AIDS Resource Center of Wisconsin box located by the entrance to Fellowship Hall. Your many additional items are also delivered to this food pantry and always gladly received.

### BUY SCRIP THIS YEAR

As the New Year continues, think about making Scrip a part of your regular shopping. A percentage of your regular grocery or gas expense can be used to support the church and its ministries. **In 2024, again, we have decided to designate our Scrip profits to Feed My People.**

Yes, we have had volunteers come forward to make it possible to keep our Scrip program going, but some things are going to be different. For instance, there will be more Sundays when Scrip cards are not available, especially in the winter months.



## A COMMUNITY OF SPIRITUAL FORMATION

*We seek to be a place where all God's children, of all ages and abilities, can grow together in knowledge and faith, through study, through participation in worship, and through service to others.*

### Prayer Intelligences

Every teacher knows that different people learn differently. One person can learn by sitting still and taking notes on a lecture; another gets antsy and needs to move. One person learns best in a group discussion; another does better going off with a book by herself. Trying to force everyone in a group to learn the same way is only going to leave some people out. The educational theorist Howard Gardner (see p. 1) breaks learning intelligences down into 8 general categories, which he calls:

- Verbal-Linguistic
- Logical-Mathematic
- Visual-Spatial
- Musical-Rhythmic
- Bodily-Kinesthetic
- Naturalist
- Intrapersonal
- Interpersonal

What if our prayer lives could be considered around the same categories? What if we've been trying to make people pray all in the same way, and just as in education, that has only been leaving some people out. That at least is the argument of Sister Caroljean Willie, a nun with a doctorate in education, who has written a workbook called *Praying All Ways: A Multiple Intelligences Approach to Prayer*.

That workbook will be the basis of our conversations on Wednesdays in Lent (February 21 - March 20). Come join us for a simple meal, beginning at 5pm in the Fellowship Hall, with a guided mealtime conversation on what might be the best way for each of us to pray.

#### **Men at Prayer: Thursdays @ 7:30am**

A weekly time of praying together and  
studying scripture verse by verse,  
chapter by chapter.

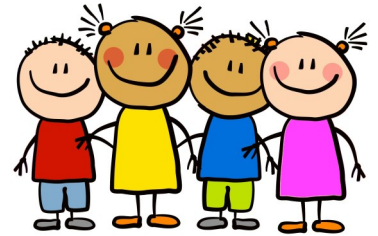
Followed by "After-MAP"  
at The Goat Coffee House on  
Water Street.

### CHILDREN'S FORMATION FOR FEBRUARY

In January, our children began their New Testament unit in the Book of Acts, which tells the story of the early church in the years after Jesus rose from the grave and returned to the Father.

The February classes are:

- Feb. 4 Peter Heals a Lame Man
- Feb. 11 Helpers (Deacons) at Church
- Feb. 18 *Pancake Breakfast. Children help serve.*
- Feb. 25 Philip, the Samaritans, and the Ethiopian



#### **Position Open in LSUMC Preschool**

Last month we regretfully said goodbye to Abby Norstad, the UWEC student who has been our competent, cheerful, and dependable Preschool Area Coordinator for most of the past two years. As Abby moves to a field placement next semester, then graduation, we wish her the best.

Staff-Parish is continuing to look for a replacement for Abby, but if you know someone who would like a position working with children for three hours on Sunday morning, at \$15.00 an hour, encourage them to contact Pastor Jerry at [pastor@lakestreetumc.org](mailto:pastor@lakestreetumc.org).

# UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH



United  
Women  
in Faith

## February UWF Notes

There will be no general meeting in February. Instead, members are encouraged to curl up with a book from selections in the UWF book cart in the library. The UWF reading list is on the book cart and books can also be obtained from the Eau Claire Public Library.

*Some more pictures from El Alto, Bolivia, on the occasion of Nueva Canaan's 43rd Anniversary.*



## February Birthdays

2/1 Corinne Gjerner  
2/6 Margo Bolton  
2/10 Virginia Markin (91)  
2/12 Amber Possehl (90)  
2/13 BJ Keepers (86)  
2/14 Joyce Mortt (92)  
2/23 Terry Willkom (81)  
2/27 Evelyn Peterson (91)

*Happy Birthday*



## STAMPERS

... will meet the 4th  
Thursday of February  
( 22nd ) at 1  
o'clock in  
Room 202.

We'd love to  
have you join  
us.



### Introduction to Amplify Media

Pastor Jerry



One of the traditional businesses that is trying to rediscover itself in the digital world is publishing. There is still – and for the foreseeable future will remain – a market for printed books, but now that has to be augmented by e-books to be downloaded on phones and tablets and e-readers. Moreover, as the video streaming world has changed the entertainment industry, publishers are scrambling to figure out how to use more video to promote and augment their books.

Cokesbury, the United Methodist Publishing House (including the Abingdon Books imprint), has been doing this for a while. Many of the books that they publish are intended as adult book studies, and so they have offered video companions to their studies. An author – for instance, the ubiquitous Adam Hamilton – records a ten minute introduction to each chapter, to be used at the beginning of each class gathering, to prompt discussion.

Now Cokesbury has taken another huge step. They have begun their own streaming service, sort of like a Methodist Netflix, called Amplify Media (I suppose Methflix was ruled out). This service includes not only the study-book related videos mentioned above, but also a large collection of Children's Bible videos both for use in children's classes but also for use by families at home.

And here's one difference between Amplify and Netflix. While Netflix is trying to crack down on account sharing, Amplify encourages it. The idea is for a church to purchase an account and then share access to that account with as many people in the congregation as possible. An Amplify account is supposed to belong to the whole congregation, so that people can use the videos in home study or entertainment as well as in church groups.

Lake Street's Communications Team has approved a one-year trial run with Amplify. We have the most basic level, and even at that level we are permitted to share access to 100 different people. If you think you might be interested begin by looking at Amplify Media (the website is [amplifymedia.com](http://amplifymedia.com)) to see if there is anything there you or your family might use. If you are interested, simply contact either Pastor Jerry or Aaron Athas for the church access code.

And if we use up all our 100 accounts, that will simply be a sign that this is working, and we'll add more. Take a look.

### Olson-Maser Scholarship

If you, or someone you know, is going to school to prepare for a helping profession (teaching, medical, social work, ministry) remember that we have an annual scholarship for such students.

The application is available from the office or can be downloaded from the church website.

## Memorials and Special Gifts through January 23

### MEMORIALS

In memory of Joyce Simpson;  
Donors: Marjorie Lynn  
Karges, Bonnie Prohaska,  
Jennifer Rae Margaret  
Milliman, Anonymous;  
Undesignated;

In memory of Kaye Davie;  
Donor: Carol Fawcett;  
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In memory of Kaye Davie;  
Donors: Greg and Brenda  
Wallace; Designated for:  
Radio Ministry;

In memory of Margaret Gelvin;  
Donor Bruce Gelvin;  
Designated for Gift to God;

### SPECIAL GIFTS

Donors: Paul and Virginia  
Hilbrich; Designated for:  
Radio Broadcast

Donor: Pat Peterson;  
Designated for Foundation  
Fund-Olson-Maser  
Scholarship;

Donor: Michelle(Larsen) Walter;  
Designated for Radio  
Ministry on December 31st in  
honor of Margaret Larsen's  
birthday;

## RESOURCES FOR MINISTRY

### End-of-Year Financial Report for 2023

As we had hoped, your giving was beyond generous in December, helping to erase nearly half of the deficit that we had at the end of November. We did still end with a deficit of \$18,000, and if you subtract from that number the \$7500 that was transferred to our Operating Fund from our Parsonage Investment Fund, the actual deficit is about \$10,500. (Because this money, designated for Clergy Housing Allowance, is an internal transfer, it is not counted as income.)

This is not to minimize the fact that we ended the year with a deficit. That is a concern, and an even greater concern is to look at the long term trends and note that our giving and budgets continue to grow smaller. This year we have cut an unfilled staff position from our budget at least partly because we recognize that even if we could afford that position now, we cannot plan of being able to do so for long.

But, by the measure that matters most to a church, we are still in good shape: we have the resources not only to support our current ministry but to look for new ways to serve others in the name of Christ. Our cash reserves remain strong (over \$200,000), and we have annual grants from the Lake Street Foundation to support new ministry efforts and special needs. Our congregation continues to give generously both to our budget and to special missions offerings. Lake Street is solid and financially stable.

And so, as always, thank you.

Pastor Jerry



#### Lake Street United Methodist Church

	Operating Fund		Building Fund		Total	
	Dec 2023	Budget Dec 2023	Dec 2023	Budget Dec 2023	Dec 2023	Budget Dec 2023
Offerings and other income *	\$ 379,513	386,445	\$ 5,782	\$ 1,320	\$ 385,296	\$ 387,765
Expenses	310,276	338,199	93,100	\$ 97,509	403,377	435,708
Net of Offerings less expenses	\$ 69,237	\$ 48,246	\$ (87,318)	\$ (96,189)	\$ (18,081)	\$ (47,943)

\* Excludes parsonage investment gain/loss because it is not included in budget

## CONFERENCE AND COMMUNITY

### Lake Street Hosts Bishop's Clergy Day Out Thursday, February 15, 10am - 3pm

Every winter, Bishop Hee Soo Jung, of the Wisconsin United Methodist Conference calls all the clergy of the conference together for a time of worship, a time of fellowship, and a time of talking through some of the issues facing the conference. (For instance, for the past two years at these meetings, Bishop Jung and the cabinet have talked about the long disaffiliation process that some of our churches were considering.) This year, as Bishop Jung completes his third and final four-year term as our bishop, and as the Wisconsin Conference prepares to share a bishop and some services with the Northern Illinois Conference, there are new questions and issues to deal with, so once again, Bishop Jung has called all the clergy for a time together.

This year he is holding two such meetings—one on the eastern side of the state and one on the western side—and he has asked if we would host the one on the western side. So, Lake Street will be welcoming between 100-150 clergy on Thursday, February 15. This involves physical welcoming, helping serve coffee and donuts as people arrive, and serving lunch. The conference is covering all expenses, and we will be serving pre-boxed sandwich lunches from the HyVee deli, so the work involved is not as much as it could be, but there will still be some work.

If you're interested in hanging out with a group of party animals for a day of adventures and outrageous hijinks on February 15, you probably should look elsewhere, but if you'd like to be a part of our United Methodist connection—maybe even catching up with some old friends—we could use some volunteers, especially around the lunch hour. Call the office or contact Pastor Jerry individually if you are willing.

### FEED MY PEOPLE FUND RAISER CONCERTS CHIPPEWA VALLEY AREA SING

Again this year the Chippewa Valley Area Sing will present concerts to support our local food bank, Feed My People. The music will begin at **2:00 pm and again at 7:00 pm on Sunday, March 3** at Trinity Lutheran Church on Clairemont Avenue. Mark your calendar. "Together We Sing" will be a mix of sacred, patriotic, gospel and more. Several Lake Streeters are participating and will have tickets to sell as we get near the date. Be sure to come to this upbeat, positive event.

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			<b>1</b> 7:30am MAP (Men At Prayer) [Fireside Library] 9:00am Quilters (Room 101A)	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b> 12:00pm Fireside Library In Use (NA Group) 6:00pm Living Room Worship on Facebook	
<b>4 Youth Leadership Sunday</b> <b>Mission Emphasis: Dignity Kits</b> <b>9:00am Worship with Communion (sanctuary) with livestream on Facebook and YouTube; Radio Ministry (92.1)</b> <i>Message: "On Worship";</i> <i>Text: Isaiah 6:1-13</i> 10:00am Fellowship and Scrip (Fellowship Hall) 10:15am Book Study (Conference Room) 10:15am Celebration Rehearsal (Sanctuary) 10:15am Children's Education (Room 102/103) 10:15am Confirmation (Fireside Library) <b>10:42am Radio Ministry (880AM/106.3 FM)</b> 3:45pm Moms on the Run (Fellowship Hall)	<b>5</b> 10:00am Fellowship Hall In Use (ARDC Brain and Body Fitness Class) 6:15pm Pack 128 Den (Rooms 101/102/103/202)	<b>6</b> 9:00am Staff Meeting (Lounge) 7:00pm Fellowship Hall In Use (EC Male Chorus)	<b>7</b> 10:00am Fellowship Hall In Use (ARDC Brain and Body Fitness Class) 6:00pm Handbell Choir (Lounge) 6:15pm Ellesi Rehearsal (Fellowship Hall) 6:30pm NA (Fireside Library) 7:00pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal (Fellowship Hall) 8:00pm Ensemble Rehearsal (Fellowship Hall)	<b>8</b> 7:30am MAP (Men At Prayer) [Fireside Library] 9:00am Quilters (Room 101A) 4:00pm Foundation Board (Room 202) 6:00pm Communications Team (on line)	<b>9</b> 10:00am Drive-Up Food Pantry (located at 2610 Alpine Rd)	<b>10</b> 12:00pm Fireside Library In Use (NA Group) Noon Fellowship Hall In Use (Per Forsberg Event) 6:00pm Living Room Worship on Facebook
<b>11 Transfiguration Sunday</b> <b>Mission Emphasis: Dignity Kits</b> <b>9:00am Worship (sanctuary) with livestream on Facebook and YouTube; Radio Ministry (92.1)</b> <i>Message: Glimpses"; Text: Mark 9:2-9;</i> 10:00am Fellowship and Scrip (Fellowship Hall) 10:15am Celebration Rehearsal (Sanctuary) 10:15am Children's Education (Room 102/103) 10:15am Confirmation (Fireside Library) <b>10:42am Radio Ministry (880AM/106.3 FM)</b> 10:45am AT-IT Team (Room 202) 3:45pm Moms on the Run (Fellowship Hall) 6:00pm Girl Scout Troop 3514 (Rooms 101/102/103/202)	<b>12</b> 10:00am Fellowship Hall In Use (ARDC Brain and Body Fitness Class) 3:00pm Staff Parish (Conference Room/on line) 6:00pm Welcome and Worship Team (Fellowship Hall/online)	<b>13</b> 9:00am Staff Meeting (Lounge) 7:00pm Fellowship Hall In Use (EC Male Chorus)	<b>14 ASH WEDNESDAY</b> 10:00am Fellowship Hall In Use (ARDC Brain and Body Fitness Class) <b>1:00pm Ash Wednesday Worship (Sanctuary)</b> <b>6:00pm Ash Wednesday Worship (Hope UMC)</b> 6:00pm Handbell Choir (Lounge) 6:15pm Pack 128 Committee (Room 202) 7:00pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal (Fellowship Hall) 8:00pm Ensemble Rehearsal (Fellowship Hall)	<b>15</b> 7:30am MAP (Men At Prayer) [Fireside Library] 9:00am Quilters (Room 101A) <b>10:00am Sanctuary and Fellowship Hall In Use (Bishop's Day Apart)</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b> 9:30am Confirmation Intensive (Lake Street Fellowship Hall)) 10:00am Room 202 In Use (Huntington's Disease Support Group) 12:00pm Fireside Library In Use (NA Group) 6:00pm Living Room Worship on Facebook

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<b>18 First Sunday in Lent</b> <b>Mission Emphasis: Dignity Kits</b> 8:30am Breakfast (Fellowship Hall) <b>9:00am Worship (sanctuary) with livestream on Facebook and YouTube; Radio Ministry (92.1)</b> <i>Message: "How Humans Pray";</i> <i>Text: Psalm 25:1-22;</i> 10:00am Fellowship and Scrip (Fellowship Hall) 10:15am Celebration Rehearsal (Sanctuary) 10:15am Children's Education -- helping with the Pancakes Breakfast 10:15am Confirmation -- helping with the Pancakes Breakfast <b>10:42am Radio Ministry (880AM/106.3 FM)</b> <b>3:00 pm IM Church (Sanctuary and Fellowship Hall)</b> 3:45pm Moms on the Run (Room 102/103)	<b>19</b> 10:00am Fellowship Hall In Use (ARDC Brain and Body Fitness Class) 6:15pm Pack 128 Den (Rooms 101/102/103/202)	<b>20</b> 9:00am Staff Meeting (Lounge) 5:30pm Trustees (not meeting this month) 6:30pm Finance Committee (not meeting this month) 7:00pm Fellowship Hall In Use (EC Male Chorus)	<b>21</b> <b>Circuit Rider Deadline</b> 10:00am Fellowship Hall In Use (ARDC Brain and Body Fitness Class) <b>5:00pm Lenten "Prayer All Ways" Study, Meal and Worship (Fellowship Hall)</b> 6:00pm Handbell Choir (Lounge) 7:00pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal (Fellowship Hall) 8:00pm Ensemble Rehearsal (Fellowship Hall)	<b>22</b> 7:30am MAP (Men At Prayer) [Fireside Library] 8:00am Fellowship Hall In Use (Sewing Guild) 9:00am Quilters (Room 101A) 9:00am The Community Table 1:00 pm Stampers (Room 202)	<b>23</b> 10:00am Drive-Up Food Pantry (located at 2610 Alpine Rd)	<b>24</b> 12:00pm Fireside Library In Use (NA Group) 6:00pm Living Room Worship on Facebook
<b>25 Second Sunday in Lent</b> <b>Mission Emphasis: Dignity Kits</b> <b>9:00am Worship (sanctuary) with livestream on Facebook and YouTube; Radio Ministry (92.1)</b> <i>Message: "Why Do We Follow Christ, Anyway?";</i> <i>Text: Mark 8:27-38;</i> 10:00am Fellowship and Scrip (Fellowship Hall) 10:15am Children's Education (Room 102/103) 10:15am Confirmation (Fireside Library) <b>10:42am Radio Ministry (880AM/106.3 FM)</b> 3:45pm Moms on the Run (Fellowship Hall) 6:00pm Girl Scout Troop 3514 (Rooms 101/102/103/202)	<b>26</b> 10:00am Fellowship Hall In Use (ARDC Brain and Body Fitness Class) <b>6:00pm Church Council (Fellowship Hall/online)</b> 6:15pm Pack 128 Den (Rooms 101/102/103/202)	<b>27</b> 9:00am Staff Meeting (Lounge) 7:00pm Fellowship Hall In Use (EC Male Chorus)	<b>28</b> 10:00am Fellowship Hall In Use (ARDC Brain and Body Fitness Class) 1:30pm Room 202/Fireside Library In Use (Early Memory Loss Support Group) <b>5:00pm Lenten "Prayer All Ways" Study, Meal and Worship (Fellowship Hall)</b> 6:00pm Handbell Choir (Lounge) 6:15pm Ellesi Rehearsal (Fellowship Hall) 7:00pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal (Fellowship Hall) 8:00pm Ensemble Rehearsal (Fellowship Hall)	<b>29</b> 7:30am MAP (Men At Prayer) [Fireside Library] 9:00am Quilters (Room 101A) <b>9:30am Circuit Rider Assembly (Room 202)</b>	