

March 2024

GoodNews

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Happy Birthday!!



MARCH

7	Kris Trumbo
8	Elise Hansen
11	Richard Boris
11	Lennie Hill
17	Ruth Callan
19	James Mulroy
24	Gary Dreyer
24	Karen Lindsey
26	Arlene Maxwell
27	Eleda Winther
28	Alan Mulroy

APRIL

8	Betty Wolf
13	Arnold Parise
19	Carter Frieri-Gaines
21	Michelle Christensen
24	Charles Miller
28	Kim Sekas

TRUSTEE RESPONSIBILITIES

The simple answer to “What are the trustee responsibilities?” is:

Maintain the grounds and building and garage and create a safe and comfortable environment for everyone using the facilities.

Grounds maintenance includes plowing the entire lot and snow blowing the sidewalk—3/4 of the entire block. Plowing is hired out while snow blowing has been handled by trustee volunteers. The summer requires grass cutting - with both a rider and hand mower- and trimming and edging 1 mile of sidewalk. Trimming of trees and bushes, again done by volunteers. In addition, all equipment needs regular maintenance , replacement and gas.

Building maintenance involves heating, air conditioning, hot and cold water, elevator, office equipment, lighting and all cleaning . Much of the work is handled by the trustees, some of the work needs to be hired out, and we never turn down volunteers to help keep Wesley a clean and efficient space for worship, meetings and other special events.

If you see something that needs attention, contact the church office so the trustees can work to resolve the issue or find the people who will do so. Doing this and respecting the building will make Wesley a safe and more comfortable environment for all using our Wesley home.

Prayer Requests



Kathy Mulroy
Stella Guadalupe
Jen Rose
Bill Peche
Virginia Rodgers
Ellen Shuemate
Ruth Callan

Melodies of Compassion in March goes to Faith, Hope, and Love.

To keep our list updated, we will remove names after 30 days. Please notify the office to place/re-place a name on the list. Thank you for your help with this ministry.



UWF

UWF Elizabeth Circle will be meeting on

Tuesday, March 5th, 2024 at 9:30a.m.

Please join us in fellowship, as we continue to explore the teachings related to the prayer "Our Father".

The Deborah Circle will be meeting on
Wednesday, March 20 at 6:30 pm.

The next SPRC Meeting is at 6:00 pm
on **Thursday, March 14.**

Counters



March

3 Kris Trumbo & Bob Dorsey
10 Arnold Parise & Patti Sloca
17 Jean Thompson & Lana Frank-Krause
24 Tom Shaughnessy & Jennifer Rose
31 Kris Trumbo & Bob Dorsey



March 12

Heather and Joe Briscoe



Maundy Thursday Soup
dinner at 6:30.
Sign up sheet will be posted.

March 28

A VIEW FROM THE PEW

One of the misconceptions of our modern Christian language is that we constantly are telling people that they need to invite Jesus into their lives. The reality is that God doesn't want to be invited into **your** life, God wants you and invites you to be a part of **God's** life. The famous question "What would Jesus Do?" Is irrelevant- we are not Jesus and could not do what Jesus could, even if we wanted to. The real question we should be asking is what would God want US to do? God wants us to be a part of the community and the relationship that makes up the Holy Trinity.

As Jesus tells Nicodemus in the famous verse John 3:16, *For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth on him should not perish, but have eternal life.*

This is how God showed his love for the world. Now, it gets challenging though. Because God calls us into his relationship, and to live after Christ's example before the world. God is active, vital, and loving this world right now. What is amazing is that God invites **us** to join him in that work. This is God's purpose for us, and I think that many of us have taken a wrong step here. We are not here to judge and punish people for not living up to God's standards. We are asked to place our lives in God's life, and when you do, the difference is amazing.

No longer are people nasty, petty, selfish; instead they are poor, hungry, and ignorant. They do not need to be punished and corrected, they need to be fed, healed, defended, and taught. The whole world is different, as we see things anew. That is because we are seeing things through God's eyes, not our own. We are walking through life while living as part of the community of God. It is hard to do that and not feel for people created in His image. It is hard not to feel compassionate about feeding the hungry, helping the sick, and reaching out to the poorest in spirit. It is hard to sit back and watch people be oppressed, tortured, and even killed. That is because when we place ourselves inside of God's life, we are changed.

A VIEW FROM THE PEW cont.

The God we worship is a God of unconditional love. We are invited into relationship with Him. We are appointed stewards of God's creation, called to be his Hands and Feet. As we stand at the fork in the road we realize that the path we need to walk is the one God is walking. When we are ready, we step forward in the work God is doing, the love that God is showing. When we decide to give our lives to God, when we are born again of the Spirit, we are invited to join that relationship. And it is an ACTIVE relationship, not a Stewardship outsourced to Government, the Global Church, or even to our Church leadership.

Lately, we are constantly bombarded by calls to Unity. We are told that unity is strength and a virtue. But is it? Really? Nicodemus left a unified community of faith to seek a closer relationship with God, because he knew there was something missing. Throughout history, and in popular culture, the mob may be strong, but that doesn't make them the hero. Was the Mob that called for Jesus' crucifixion right because they were many? Maybe, just maybe, we are better off ignoring the louder voices in the country and instead following the call of Jesus, to enter into his life, His world.

God's call is to US, echoing through the ages, Saying 'Come join in my Loving relationship with creation. Use what I have given you.' How will you answer? God showed his love by sending his Only begotten Son. How will you show your love?

Alan Mulroy,

Lay Leader



Yarners

Our Wesley Yarners will be meeting on
March 7 at 10:00 am
March 14 at 10:00 am



The Yarners are open to everyone and anyone who knows how or would like to learn to knit or crochet. If you are interested in attending but can not attend during the day and would like to join but are unable to attend at 10 am. Please let Kathy Mulroy know either by email amulroy@wi.rr.com or give her a call at 262-942-1744. This is a landline so does not receive texts at that number(yes, we still have a landline ☺). We would love to make the group bigger and are open to different times. We also have members who are willing to teach either skill and we do have yarn and needles for you. So, no need to invest in this craft to start and try it out. So please join us or let me know if a different time or day works better for you.



A reminder that Saturday Academy will be March 2,9,16 and 23 from 9-12. We have 45 youth signed up for Saturday Academy. YAY.



Feed My Starving Children

Be on the lookout for more information coming, we are planning another trip to Feed My Starving Children. We are planning for a Saturday in April after KUSD's spring break. If you are interested in joining our field trip, please let Michelle Christensen or Kathy Mulroy know so we can have an estimate to how many people would like to come. When we have a firm date, please let us know if the day works for you as we will need a number for our registration. Remember this is a service trip that is for all ages 5-99. There are also sitting jobs also in case you can not stand for too long. So join us to serve this wonderful organization.

Melodies of Compassion



Faith, Hope and Love

In 2013 the founders of Hope, Faith and Love learned that children entering foster care, sometimes taken out of dangerous situations, had 5 mins to collect their belongings- usually in a black garbage bag. That year they started giving out duffel bags with personal care and comfort items. Since they started giving out the duffel bags, they have given away more than 6,500. Since 2022 they have serviced all 72 counties of Wisconsin.

Their hopes for the children when they receive the duffel bags are:

They know that they are loved, it is important for the children to feel comforted.

They feel at home, they want the children to feel safe, valued, and significant during their transition.

They have confidence, instead of feeling vulnerable and afraid during uneasy circumstances,

They maintain a healthy lifestyle; the duffel bags contain hygiene supplies so they can continue to maintain healthy habits.

Duffels For Kids include:

Duffel bag

- Fleece blanket
- Stuffed animal
- Storybook
- Flashlight

- and Hygiene items: toothpaste, toothbrush, hair brush, shampoo/conditioner and lotion (ages 3-17) deodorant (ages 10-17), baby wipes, powder, shampoo, wash, and lotion (ages 0-2)

Thank
You

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COME WORSHIP WITH US!

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