

This year, we will be doing a bible study Sunday after service, and a dinner and study session covering the same material on Wednesday. The Sunday Session will start at 10:00 am with a video followed by a discussion. and the Wednesday will start with dinner at 5:30, and the video and discussion will begin at 6:30. (You are invited but not required to join the meal to take part in the class).

More than 3 billion people claim to follow Jesus. But aside from a few verses, how many actually know what he taught? In fact, much of what people think Jesus taught, he never said.

In this six-week study, pastor and best-selling author Adam Hamilton explores six of the most important themes in Jesus's teachings, why they matter, and how they speak to us today. The book will explore Jesus's preaching on the Kingdom of God, the Sermon on the Mount, the parables, the "I am" sayings in John, and more. Jesus's message is not only life-changing, but world-changing. Join Adam Hamilton in studying The Message of Jesus: Words That Changed the World.

If you would like to join the class, please notify Alan Mulroy or Janice in the office.

Books will cost \$15.00, but aid will be available if money is an issue.

## Greetings from the Pastor

Greetings in the name of Jesus Christ!

We will be in the Lenten season soon. Ash Wednesday of this year was the 5th of March. As you know, beginning the day until the day before Easter, we will be in the Lenten period. This means we will have Lent before we have spring this year. Are you ready for it? All right, then, let me inform you some more of Lent.

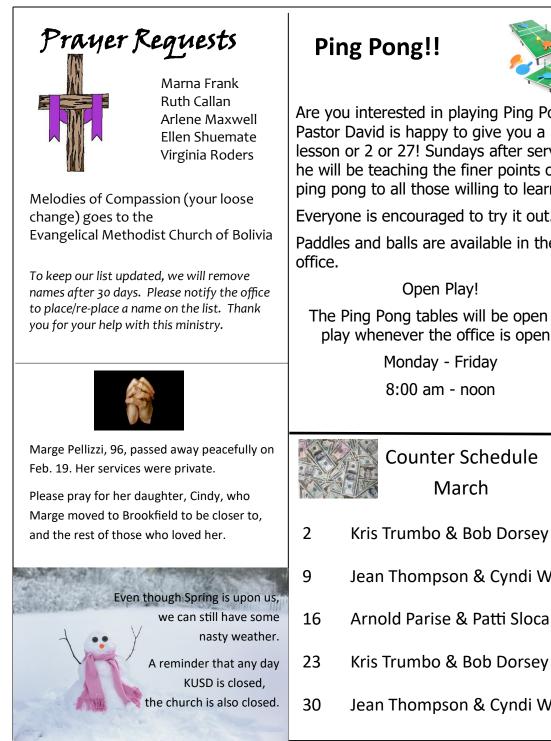
The Lent consisting of 40 days is rather well known. But go to a calendar... Count beginning on Ash Wednesday and ending with the day before Easter. The result? Not 40 days but 46 days! Why? Because the 40 days of Lent are fast days in the broad sense, times of discipline and self-restraint. But as we have seen, the Lord's Day is ever a feast within the church. Therefore in order to have 40 days of fasting, six Sundays must be excluded from the count. Lent in truth is 40 weekdays plus six Lord's Days.

Another point... How may we make Lent of this year a meaningful time? As described earlier, it is a time of discipline and self-restraint in preparation for Easter. In the past much was made of "giving up something" for Lent. Abstaining from some of our favorites - for example, chocolate, cigarettes or attendance at movies.

Despite its good intention - coming close to Jesus through self-restraint, it is rather passive and negative. In reaction, here is a newly adopted way for meaningful Lent - "take on something" to come close to Jesus: pay a visit or call each week to someone who is ill or shut in, add an additional passage of scripture or prayer to personal devotions, or increase charitable offerings for six weeks. How does it sound to you? Many on line service opportunities are available, too.

Through prayer, regular or charitable offering, committee activities, sharing of love and care, you and your family may be blessed and the Easter Spirit will be yours on Easter day.

God bless, Pastor David





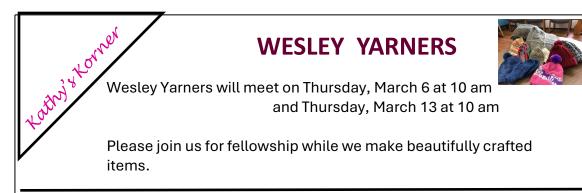
Are you interested in playing Ping Pong? Pastor David is happy to give you a lesson or 2 or 27! Sundays after service he will be teaching the finer points of ping pong to all those willing to learn.

Everyone is encouraged to try it out. Paddles and balls are available in the

The Ping Pong tables will be open for play whenever the office is open.

- Jean Thompson & Cyndi Wolf
- Arnold Parise & Patti Sloca
- Kris Trumbo & Bob Dorsey
- Jean Thompson & Cyndi Wolf





Saturday Academy

It is with sadness that I inform you that we will not be having Saturday Academy this March. With all the changes that happened within KUSD this last year, Curtis Strange is not able to provide the staffing for us. We are hopeful that we will be able to continue this great mission in the future.

## Looking Ahead

The Outreach team is planning on having a day of service in April, once all the snow is melted hopefully (3). We are looking for projects in and around the community to help others; whether it is yard work for an elderly person or someone who needs an extra pair of hands. We can help clean up around their yards or even other small projects they need help with. If you know of anyone who could use help let us know — we are looking for projects in the community.

## Save the Date Wesley is turning 75

On June 22, Wesley is planning on celebrating our 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary. *Please save the date.* 

We are still in the process of planning the events of the day, but we will be having a luncheon to celebrate. If you have any questions about this celebration, please either call Kathy Mulroy at 262.942.1744, email her at <u>amulroy@wi.rr.com</u> or talk to her on Sunday mornings.



## **OUR CHURCH IS MAKING A DIFFERENCE**

In May, 2024 United Women In Faith asked the member of Wesley to support a statewide project to benefit the Northcott Neighborhood House by collecting "old socks" to be recycled. You embraced this project and generously emptied your sock draws and we are so grateful for your time and effort. Statewide this project has raised \$158.20 thru June and \$1,888.90 thru December, 2024 bringing a total of \$2,047.10 for 2024.

Wesley members donated approximately 130 pounds of socks which is amazing, that means 130 pounds of socks did not go into a landfill and the proceeds help Northcott. Below is a copy of a "Thank You" from Tony A Kearney Sr., Executive Director of Northcott expressing his appreciation for participating in this project. Thank you, Wesley! United Women In Faith.

Dear Ms. Eyster,

As the Executive Director of Northcott Neighborhood House I would like to thank you for the \$1888.90 donation through the TerraCycle recycling socks for reward points. Your donation has already made an impact; when multiplied by millions of people, can transform the world. Your kindness supports our true mission of serving the community.

Northcott Neighborhood House has served the Milwaukee community for 65 years. Thank you for your donation and support of our mission, *"Building A Better Future & Honoring Our Legacies."* 

Sincerely,

Tony A. Kearney Sr.

Tony A. Kearney Sr. Executive Director



Congratulations and a big thank you to all of you sock collectors and recyclers out there! That is a thank you letter from Mr. Tony Kearney, Sr., Executive Director of Northcott Neighborhood House. They have just received a check from TerraCycle for all of the socks recycled in the last 6 months with reward points donated to Northcott our Wisconsin National Mission Institution.

All of those pounds of socks you collected, packed in boxes, hauled into town and shipped by UPS yielded \$1,888.90. That added to the \$158.20 check they received in June 2024 when we were just getting started means you have raised over \$2,000 for them in 2024!

We have United Women in Faith members from all sizes of churches in Wisconsin taking part. And you are all finding your own unique ways of doing it. Carrie Christianson from Wisconsin Rapids reports that they now have two local Christian thrift shops saving socks for them.

Laura Ida's group in River Falls has been slowly expanding their recycling to some of the other items handled by TerraCycle. Some groups have travelled to tour Josie Gobel's church's recycling center in Madison to learn more about the recycling they have been doing for the past several years.

Please feel free to forward this email to others who are involved in our recycling program who should receive thanks for their hard work. It has expanded so much since we started that I know I have not covered everyone.

Thank you all of you!

Marilyn Eyster

United Women in Faith



United Women In Faith, Elizabeth Circle will be meeting **Tuesday, March 4, 2025 at 9:30a.m.,** we hope you will join us for fellowship, and a program for "A Call to Prayer and Self-Denial".

Deborah Circle will meet on Wednesday, March 19 at 6:00 pm.

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