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UNITED METHODIST CHURCHES**

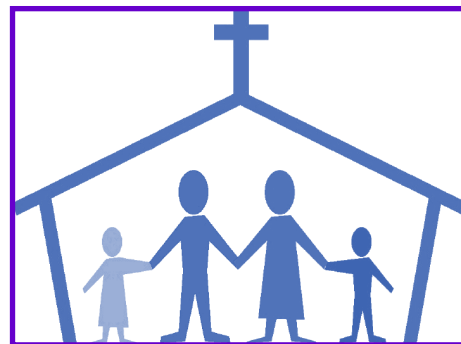
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# OUTREACH

## Pastor's Corner

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**June 2023**

Dear Friends,

For the first time since moving to Wisconsin, I've started farming in the backyard garden at the Colfax Parsonage. A few weeks ago, my wife and youngest son pulled all the weeds, tilled the soil and planted strawberry roots. Later, my wife and I planted vegetable seeds that we had been saving for a while - sesame, leeks, green onions, peppers, lettuce, and pumpkins. I actually never farmed when I lived in Korea. I only planted two or three vegetables a few times since coming to the US.

Once I planted the seeds, I wondered when they would sprout, so when I went to Colfax, I would look into the garden in the morning. It's been about three weeks now, and I've seen some tiny sprouts, but I can't tell if they're weeds or the sprouts of the vegetables I planted. But as long as I water the seeds in time and take care of them so that rabbits and birds don't come and eat them, I'm sure I'll be able to enjoy fresh vegetables from my garden this summer.



With my wife Pastor Jin



Methuselah

I had to search every nook and cranny of the house to find the seeds to farm this time because when I moved to Wisconsin last year and unpacked, I couldn't remember where I put them. Most of the seeds were given to us by someone a long time ago. Some were over a decade old. When we put them in the ground, they sprouted. No matter how old a seed is, if you plant it, it will sprout. Until 32,000-year-old seeds of a plant were discovered in 2012, the oldest seeds in the world were date palm seeds found in 1963 during excavations at Masada, an archaeological site in Israel. The seeds were dated to be over 2,000 years old. The scholars who found them planted some of them and named a date palm tree that grew from one seed Methuselah, the oldest living person in the Bible. The tree is now three meters tall. The vitality of the seed is amazing.

The Bible is full of stories about seeds and farming. Jesus says that the seed sown in good soil will bear fruit at least 30 times and up to 100 times (Mark 4:8, Matthew 13:8, Luke 8:8). The seed here is the Word of God. In this parable, Jesus says, "...as for what was sown on good soil, this is the one who hears the word and understands it, who indeed bears fruit and yields in one case a hundredfold, in another sixty, and in another thirty" (Matthew 13:23). In Mark's Gospel, Jesus describes the kingdom of God this way: "The kingdom of God is as if someone would scatter seed on the ground and would sleep and rise night and day, and the seed would sprout and grow, he does not know how" (Mark 4:26-27).

What if I planted a seed in my garden and it didn't sprout? We may be worried that the seeds of God's Word that we have sown will not bear fruit. We may look at ourselves and think, "Why haven't I seen any fruit since I believed in Jesus?" or "Why haven't I seen any change in someone with whom I shared the gospel?" However, God's seed does not change over thousands of years. When it falls into the right field, it sprouts, dispelling darkness, giving eternal life to those who believe in him, and producing abundant fruit of life. If a seed is planted, it will sprout and bear fruit even if it may be slow. The seed is growing even while we are not aware of it. God wants the seed to grow more than anyone else, so we must continue to sow the seed, God's Word, into our hearts and into the next generation. God, the most excellent farmer, will make sure we see good fruit. The psalmist confesses, "Those who sow with tears will reap with songs of joy. Those who go out weeping, carrying seed to sow, will return with songs of joy, carrying sheaves with them" (Psalm 126:5-6).

Love and blessings in Christ,

Pastor Dr. Hyuntae Kim

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Happy Birthday!

# June Anniversaries

- 6 *Scott & Linda Davis*
- 10 *Bob & Sue Stoughton*
- 12 *Andrew & Jennifer Sandberg*
- 15 *David & Susan Sie*
- 17 *Dale & Kim Snyder*
- 30 *Rich & Kim Becker*

- 1 Miriam Sandberg
- 2 Louise Duncanson
- 3 Galen Ede
- 5 Maddie Gilbertson
- 6 Brad Saxe
- 8 Mindy Fichtenbauer
- 9 Sandra Brixen
- 12 Ann Yelle
- 13 Tonya Dziekan
- 13 Sarah Thompson
- 18 Tyler Bishopp
- 19 Christy Mock
- 19 John Schwartz
- 22 Emma Boley
- 22 Jill Poeschel
- 23 David Boley
- 23 Amanda Seipel
- 28 Evon Moy
- 29 Justine Ring
- 30 Kole Amans



*As soon as they come out in leaf, you see for yourselves and know that the summer is already near. Luke 21:30*



p.m., Infant Baptism Preparation Class at Troy's house.  
 Thursday, April 13, 2023 – Noon MACA Pastors Meeting.  
 Thursday, April 13 and 20, 2023 – 9:00 a.m., Clergy Check-In.  
 Sunday, April 16, 2023 – 9:00 a.m., Infant Baptism, Troy Nordahl Klevgard. Parents: Gregory William Nordahl and Kayla Marie Klevgard.  
 Monday, April 17, 2023 – 11:00 a.m., Wisconsin Annual Conference Harmony Choir Rehearsal at Crossroads UMC.  
 Thursday, April 20, 2023 – 2:00 p.m., American Lutheran Homes Communion Service.

**Pastor Kim's offsite schedule**

Thursday, May 4 and 18, 2023 – 9:00 a.m., Clergy Check-in via zoom.  
 Wednesday, May 9, 2023 – 9:30 a.m., Circuit Meeting at Pepin UMC.  
 Thursday, May 11, 2023 – Noon, MACA Pastors Meeting.  
 Monday, May 22, 2023 – 11:00 a.m., Wisconsin Annual Conference Harmony Choir Rehearsal at Columbus UMC.  
 Wednesday, May 24, 2023 – Mondovi High School Baccalaureate.

**Pastor's Absence**

Sunday, June 11, 2023 (Wisconsin Annual Conference from June 9 to 12, 2023)  
 Sunday, July 2, 2023 (study leave from June 26 to July 2, 2023).

Sonny Sandberg reported that Linda had found on the conference website a good explanation of the Methodist Church.

Debbie Duncanson reported the Membership Committee met on April 12<sup>th</sup> with 7 people present. They are using the membership list from 2022 OSUM Annual Conference report with 185 members. They are working on contacting inactive members and identifying faithful members.

Jim Williams reported that Pastor Kim had asked him to contact members regarding home visits. After further discussion, Jim will put this on hold until the Membership Committee plan is presented.

United Women in Faith Report (Linda Johnston absent)

Ann Yelle presented the following report: On April 12, 2023, Women in Faith met with 11 people present.

Old Business: Information on Spring Day of Enrichment held at New Richmond on March 25<sup>th</sup> and attended by Ann Yelle and Debbie Duncanson was shared. Aspire, to be held in Eau Claire on May 5<sup>th</sup> was discussed. Anyone wishing to attend should let Joanne, our church secretary, know before April 25<sup>th</sup>. Filling Dignity Kits for the Midwest Distribution Center was discussed further. Ann Yelle will deliver them to Annual Conference in June. People need to fill a gallon baggie with the items on the list. The list needs to be followed strictly as laid out. Totes at the office entrance and the sanctuary entrance are available for collecting the items.

New Business: May 21<sup>st</sup> is Graduation Sunday. There are 7 youth who are graduating from high school. Questions existed regarding purchasing a gift for the youth graduating. If people pledged quarterly for money to the Northwest District, the second quarter is now due to our local treasurer, Julie Brunsch. Information was shared regarding a virtual presentation for Social Action Day on April 15<sup>th</sup>. There will be three speakers. The Fall Day of Enrichment will be held in River Falls on September 23<sup>rd</sup>.

Dave Boley thanked the UMW for the Sunshine Pin he and Lori received.

Trustee Report (Sonny Sandberg, Chair)

Sonny reported he had nothing new to report. He was finally able to get the Christmas lights out of the ice.

Dave Boley will follow up on the placement of the mailbox.

SPRC (Jim Williams, Chair)

Jim reported there is a potential candidate for the Administrative Secretary position and Jim will be following up on this.

Jim reported we will need a new custodian. This will be discussed further in May.

Worship Committee (Rita McDonnell, Interim Chair)

Rita reported the Worship Committee is working on graduation planning and Mother's Day. She will try to have a meeting on the first Monday of each month.

F3 Report (Dora and Randy Johnston)

Dora reported the last day of F3 was April 26, 2023.

Randy and Dora put in an offer on new cabinets for F3 supplies which was accepted, but were then told they were not available until May 10, 2023. Randy is going to see about getting them earlier.

Old Business

Rita McDonnell inquired regarding doing a potluck once a month. After discussion, this will be discussed at a future meeting.

New Business

Jan Bechel inquired regarding a parting gift for Joanne. Discussion ensued. Kolleen pointed out that April 26<sup>th</sup> is National Administrative Professional Day.

Ann made a motion that any employee receive a gift upon departure. Motion tabled at the current time.

**Account Balances 4/30/2023**

Checking	\$ 168.27
Elevator Repair	\$ 524.00
Local Disaster	\$ 390.00
New Ministries	\$ 2,019.80
Christmas Walk	\$ 8500.00
Scholarships/Youth Awards	\$ 260.00
Sunday School	\$ 925.18
Total Account Balances	\$12,787.25



# Highlights from the April Council Meeting

Minutes of Our Savior's Church Council Meeting  
April 20, 2023

**Council members present:** Pastor Kim, Dave Boley, Ann Yelle, Kolleen Branger, Julie Brunsch, Rita McDonnell, Jim Williams, Debbie Duncanson, Sonny Sandberg, Randy and Dora Johnston, Jan Bechel.

Meeting called to order by Chairperson Dave Boley.

Pastor Kim opened with prayer.

Next Meeting: May 18, 2023, at 6:00 p.m. Per Jan Bechel's request to change the night of the Council meetings from Thursday to Wednesday for the months of June, July and August, Ann Yelle made a motion to change meeting to Wednesday nights in June, July and August. Jim Williams seconded. Motion carried.

United Methodist Church Calendar

- Mother's Day – May 14, 2023.
- Trinity Sunday – June 4, 2023.
- Peace with Justice Sunday – June 4, 2023.
- Father's Day – June 18, 2023.

Our Savior's United Methodist Church Calendar

- Sundays – 10:30 a.m. Worship Service, in-person and online; Communion 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday; coffee/sweets 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays.
- Wednesdays – F3, 5:30 to 7:00 p.m. – last day April 26, 2023.

Activities on the Calendar

- Wednesday, April 26, 2023 – Choir practice, 6:30 p.m.
- Sunday, April 30, 2023 – Choir sings.
- Friday, May 5, 2023 – Aspire Event, Valleybrook Church, Eau Claire, 7:00 p.m.
- Sunday, May 7, 2023 – Holy Communion.
- Wednesday, May 10, 2023 – Membership Committee meeting, 12:30 p.m.
- Wednesday, May 10, 2023 – United Women in Faith, 2:00 p.m.
- Wednesday, May 10, 2023 – Mondovi Sharing Table at Central Lutheran, 4:30 to 6:00 p.m.
- Sunday, May 14, 2023 – Mother's Day.
- Thursday, May 18, 2023 – Council meeting, 6:00 p.m.

- Sunday, May 21, 2023 – High School Graduate Recognition.
- Wednesday, May 24, 2023 – Choir practice, 6:30 p.m.
- Wednesday, May 24, 2023 – Baccalaureate Service at Mondovi High School, 8:00 p.m.
- Sunday, May 28, 2023 – Pentecost Sunday, choir sings.

Debbie Duncanson requested that all Council members purchase an Official United Methodist Church Program Calendar.

Secretary's Report

Debbie Duncanson made a correction to the Executive Summary from March indicating Trivent should be Thrivent.

Motion to accept March 2023 Secretary's Report with the above correction made by Debbie Duncanson and seconded by Rita McDonnell. Motion carried.

Finance Committee (Kolleen Branger, Chair)

In regard to the Financial Secretary position, Kolleen reported that Jay Branger had volunteered to do some of the Financial Secretary duties, but after they discussed further, Kolleen has proposed to resign as Finance Chair and Jay Branger would take over the position as Finance Chair and Kolleen will accept the position as Financial Secretary. Debbie Duncanson made a motion to accept the proposal. Ann Yelle seconded. Motion carried.

Executive Summary (Julie Brunsch, Treasurer)

Checking account totals are as follows: Beginning balance of \$17,737.17; deposits of \$11,112.73; interest of \$9.87; expenditures of \$12,788.16; uncleared transactions of \$589.11 with an ending balance as of March 31, 2023, of \$15,482.50. Checking account reconciled with bank statement. Internal account balances are Checking \$363.52; Elevator Repair \$524.00; Local Disaster \$390.00; New Ministries \$2019.80; Christmas Walk \$11,000; Scholarships/Youth Awards \$260.00; Sunday School \$925.18 for balance of \$15,482.50. Other accounts: Building/Restoration \$1967.76; Youth Fellowship Account \$4240.98.

Julie reported to meet a shortfall for

bills for March she used \$1566.00 from the Christmas Walk fund. She paid \$125.00 from the F3 account for the fair booth.

The elevator permit has been approved until May 30, 2024.

Julie reported there is an IRS issue with the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter 941 showing we owe twice as much as was paid. Julie is questioning if they ran the 941 through twice and Julie will be following up on this.

Julie will be issuing a corrected W2 to Pastor Kim.

Current checkbook balance is \$-2580.69 with bills due by end of the month of \$2439.40.

Memorial Report (Ann Yelle, Chair)

Balance as of February 28, 2023, \$18,552.72 with credits of \$167.84 and debits of \$410.00 with ending balance of \$18,310.56. Of the \$410 that was sent to Healing Guatemala, \$160.00 was from a designated memorial for Pastor Kim's mother and the remaining \$250.00 came from the John Boley memorial.

Motion made by Jim Williams and seconded by Sonny Sandberg to accept the March 2023 Executive Summary, Memorial Report and Financial Secretary Report. Motion carried.

Pastor's Report

**Pastor's report from March 17, 2023, to April 20, 2023.**

- Wednesday, March 22 to 29, 2023 – 12 p.m. to 1 p.m., Soup and Sermon with Alpha Series.
- Thursday, March 23, 2023 – 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., Bishop's Day Apart for Clergy at Chetek UMC.
- Thursday, March 30, 2023 – 6:00 p.m., Gilmanton UMC Church Council meeting.
- Friday, April 7, 2023 – 1:30 p.m., Good Friday Community Worship at Our Savior's UMC.
- Saturday, April 8, 2023 – 5:00 p.m., visitation for Larry Leroy Lindsay.
- Tuesday, April 11, 2023 – 9:30 a.m., hosted Circuit Meeting at Gilmanton UMC.
- Wednesday, April 12, 2023 – 5:00



## Class of 2023



Celebrating the Class of 2023 graduates at our worship service on Sunday, May 21, are high school graduates Alana Bishopp, Nicholas Lindemoen, and Nicholas Thompson. Streaming of memorable photos of graduates in church activities, Confirmation of 2018, and mission trips were enjoyed before the worship service. During the recognition of our graduates, Pastor Hyuntae gave a blessing to the graduates and their families. A gift bag from the congregation was presented by the Pastor. Refreshments were served after the service.

### Strawberry Pie

Chris Kramschuster

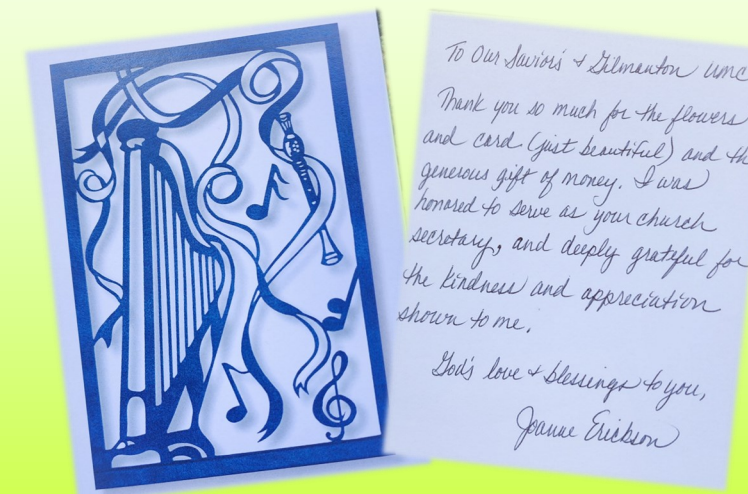
- 1 qt. strawberries
- 1 c. water
- 2 T. cornstarch
- 1 c. sugar

Cream together 1 (3-oz) package cream cheese and 3 tablespoons sour cream. Wash, drain, and hull berries. Boil 1 cup water and berries for 3 minutes; blend cornstarch, sugar, and 1/3 cup water. Add to boiling mixture and boil for 1 minute, stirring constantly. Cool. Spread sour cream and cream cheese over bottom of baked pie crust. Save half the berries. Put 2-1/2 cups berries in pie crust, tips up. Pour cooled mixture over tips and put choice one on top. Cool for 2 hours. Serve with whipped cream.

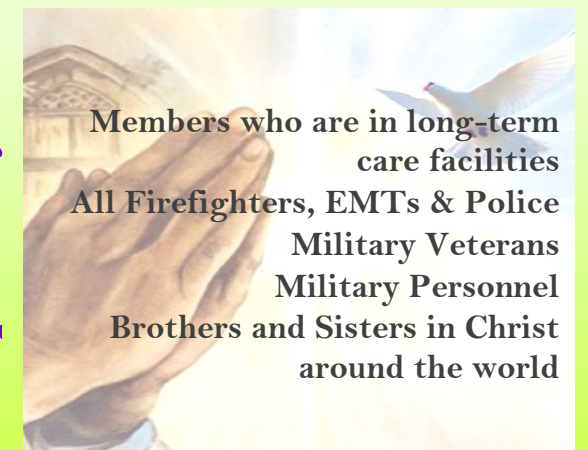


## United Women in Faith meets



June 14 at 2 pm



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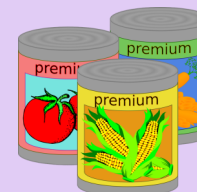
## Worship Service Helpers

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4 <i>Trinity Sunday</i> <i>Holy Communion</i> 9:00 am Gilmanton Worship 10:30 am OS Worship-Choir Sings	5	6	7	8	9	10
11 9:00 am Gilmanton Worship 10:30 am OS Worship	12	13	14 12:30 pm Membership Committee  2:00 pm United Women in Faith	15	16	17
18 <i>Father's Day</i> 9:00 am Gilmanton Worship 10:30 am OS Worship	19	20	21 6:00 pm Council Meeting at OS	22	23	24
25 8:30 am Gilmanton Choir practice 9:00 am Gilmanton Worship-Choir sings 10:30 am OS Worship	26	27	28 6:30 pm OS Choir practice	29	30	

	Worship Leader	Greeters/Ushers	Money Counters
June 4	Katie Sandberg	David & Lori Boley	Jan Bechel & Katie Sandberg
June 11	Dannica Zingshiem	Bob & Sue Stoughton	Marvin Moy & Linda Johnston
June 18	Ann Yelle	Jay & Kolleen Branger	David Saxe & Jay Branger
June 25	Linda Sandberg	Linda Johnston & Terry Stiner	Linda Johnston & Donna Moy
Camera Operators: Lori Boley & Saul Ness			

### Food Pantry Sunday

July 30



It's time to start thinking about the **CHRISTMAS BAZAAR!**  
NOVEMBER 4  
Mark your calendars!

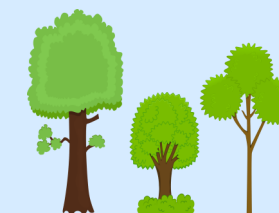
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#### WORSHIP IN THE PARK

Sunday, July 16

10:00 am

Combined Worship at Rainbow Lake Park in Gilmanton  
*Potluck to follow*



The **PICKLE PROJECT** will continue this summer as one of our major fundraising events. Jay and I are looking and hoping for the last week of July/first week of August, so put it on your calendars! As in the past, we will need a great crew to see this to completion. There will be more updates in the July newsletter, but I just wanted to let you all know that it is a go again for this year. If you know of someone who might like to participate and has not in the past, give them a friendly nudge in our direction!  
-Christine Kramschuster