

Our Savior's & Gilmanton  
United Methodist Churches

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## Holy Week & Easter Worship

April 2: Palm Sunday, Holy Communion  
9:00 & 10:30am Worship Services,  
Children sing at Our Savior's

April 7: Good Friday  
1:30pm Community Service at Our Savior's

April 9: Easter Sunday  
9:00am Gilmanton Worship  
10:30am Our Savior's  
Worship, Choir sings



## May Dates to Remember...

**Sunday, May 7**

Holy Communion, OS Choir sings

**Wednesday, May 10, 4:30-6pm**

Mondovi Sharing Table at  
Central Lutheran

**Sunday, May 28**

*Pentecost Sunday*

*Gilmanton Choir sings*

**Remember to wear red to  
church!**

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# Outreach

April 2023



## Pastor's Corner

My first winter in Wisconsin was very cold just like I was told, and it snowed a lot. It seemed that winter would never end, but by the time the spring equinox came around, most of the snow had melted.

Seasons are mysterious. Each year brings a new season, but each time it feels like the first time. Spring is especially welcome. All the trees and plants in the fields, mountains, and yards seem to go into a deep sleep and come back to life. Just as Jesus called out to Lazarus in the tomb, "Lazarus, come out," and he came out alive, so does God call out to all things, "Come out." During the Joys and Concerns portion of last Sunday's service, several people shared their gratitude for the nice weather and sunshine with bright, smiling faces. Spring brightens even our hearts.

In that respect, I think Easter and spring go well together. Easter is set on a Sunday, 15 days after the vernal equinox. This date is determined by the lunar calendar, so the date of Easter changes slightly every year. After the vernal equinox, the length of the day gets longer. This seems to show that when Jesus is resurrected, the darkness of the world recedes and becomes bright.

After the vernal equinox, farmers in rural areas dig up the soil and prepare for sowing. Most churches have a Bible study during Lent. In our church, we have a simple lunch followed by a Bible study. The sharing of personal faith experiences in small groups is a beautiful example of the early church, with members breaking bread and sharing the Word together. It's a good tradition. Even if not everyone in the congregation is present, I'm sure they are personally focused on God's Word in their home.

Just as farmers prepare to sow in the spring, we are sowing the seeds of the Word in the field of our hearts. When a baby is feeding well on its mother's milk, the mother of the baby is happy just to see that. Because she knows the baby will grow up healthy. God will be pleased when he sees us diligently reading and sharing the Word. God makes the word planted in us to bear good fruit. I hope that the Church will be filled with beautiful news of the good fruit that has been produced in the lives of members who love the Word.

"Every word of God proves true; he is a shield to those who take refuge in him." - Proverbs 30:5

Waiting for the morning of the resurrection,  
Rev. Dr. Hyuntae Kim

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## April Birthdays



- 1 Cole Ede
- 2 Perry Nyseth
- 3 Jordon Bursaw
- 4 Randy Duncanson
- 4 Leona Anderson (G)
- 4 Bonnie Lindsay
- 4 Nic Thompson
- 6 Marty Swanson
- 7 Karen Lier
- 8 Jim Coppage (G)
- 13 Larry Davis
- 13 Aleah Biederman
- 15 Brooklyn Thornton (G)
- 16 Quintin Coppage (G)
- 16 Macayla Thompson
- 20 Garry Brixen (G)
- 20 Jacob Fillmore (G)
- 20 Ian Scott
- 21 Gloria Williams
- 24 Saul Ness
- 26 Chelsey Bursaw
- 29 Mya Saxe
- 30 Jacob Ede



## Anniversaries

### April

- 12 Randy & Debbie Duncanson
- 16 Dave & Darlene Saxe
- 17 Bill & Karen Lier
- 24 Brad & Lisa Saxe
- 26 Nicholas & Rachel Kent
- 28 Gary & Jean Gibson

### Keep in Prayer...

- Tornado victims in Alabama and Mississippi**
- Members who are in long-term care facilities**
- Military Veterans**
- All Firefighters, EMTs, Police and Military Personnel**
- Brothers and Sisters in Christ around the world**



*Prayers to the family of Larry Lindsay, who passed away on Saturday, March 25. A visitation for Larry will be held on Saturday, April 8 from 4-7pm at the Mondovi Conservation Club. A private family service will be held at a later date.*

### EASTER GARDEN:



Please consider donating a plant or lily in honor or in memory of loved ones for the Easter church services at Gilmanton and Our Savior's. The church will not be purchasing them. Please call the office at 926-5354 by April 5 if you will be donating a plant or lily and the names will be included in the Easter bulletin. You may bring them to the church during office hours the week before or on Easter Sunday. Thank you!

pay the fee for whoever attends. Mileage will be paid to drivers also. Information on Aspire, a women's event to be held in Eau Claire on May 5<sup>th</sup> was discussed. Soup and Study during Lent was discussed. Making personal Dignity Kits, to be delivered to Midwest Distribution Center during the Annual Conference in June, was discussed. We decided to once again participate in this project. Information on this project, for both Mondovi and Gilmanton UMC 's, will be put in the bulletins and the Newsletter. Julie Brunsch presented a program on pledges, the money going to improve the lives of women, children and youth throughout the world. Our pledge service occurs annually.

Trustee Report (Sonny Sandberg, Chair) Sonny reported he will be taking up the lights and extension cords from the Christmas lights.

The light in the back entryway needs to be replaced.

Sonny had no more information on the mailbox location.

He will be following up regarding the elevator repair.

SPRC (Jim Williams, Chair) Jim reported he had no new information since last Council meeting.

He reported there has been no response to the ad for Administrative Secretary, and was inquiring regarding a possible pay raise. Discussion ensued. Jim will have Joanne again place the ad.

Worship Committee (Rita McDonnell, Interim Chair, absent) Dave Boley presented the following email from Rita.

I most likely will not be at the meeting because it is very hard for me to see at night to drive. The one thing I wanted to bring up as Lay Leader is potluck. We are scheduled to have a Welcome Back potluck on 2/26 at 1 PM. We can set up downstairs after church. But I want to try and bring some of our people back into the fold. I thought that maybe a monthly potluck would be a good boost, at least during the school year. I don't know how

you feel about during the summer, but that usually doesn't fly from my experience. I am open to whatever the Council decides. We would have to pick dates, such as 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of the month, etc, and then get it somewhat organized. It would be fun to play a game or two after lunch or have a hymn sing. Please talk about this at the meeting and let me know what you decide. I am open to other suggestions of course. Discussion ensued and decision was made to further discuss at the March meeting.

Pastor reported he would like special music for the Ash Wednesday Service. Sonny Sandberg will contact Katie Sandberg and have Katie get in contact with Pastor.

F3 Report (Dora and Randy Johnston, absent) Linda Johnston reported there were 16 children present this week.

New Business Julie Brunsch made a motion to make a memorial donation of \$250.00 in memory of Pastor Kim's mother, Youngja Kwon, to Healing Guatemala in Duluth, GA. Sonny Sandberg seconded. Motion carried. The memorial donation will be provided from the John Boley Designated Memorial.

Lay Member to Annual Conference (Ann Yelle) Ann read information that Bishop Jung from the Wisconsin Conference had provided on the devastation in Turkey and Syria and that UMCOR is assisting. Ann presented information on UMCOR, and Ann will present this information to the congregation on UMCOR Sunday, March 19, 2023.

Lay Member-at-Large (Debbie Duncanson)

Debbie asked members to review information in the Issues Bin.

Ann Yelle read a prayer by Bishop Jung.

Motion to adjourn made by Kolleen Branger, seconded by Julie Brunsch. Motion carried.

## Account Balances

Ending 2/28/2023

Checking	\$ 12.13
Elevator Repair	\$ 524.00
Local Disaster	\$ 390.00
New Ministries	\$ 2,019.80
Christmas Walk	\$12,566.00
Scholarships/Youth	
Awards	\$ 260.00
<u>Sunday School</u>	<u>\$ 1,050.18</u>
Total Account	
Balances	\$16,822.11



## Council Meeting Highlights

Council members present: Dave Boley, Pastor Kim, Debbie Duncanson, Ann Yelle, Kolleen Branger, Linda Johnston, Jim Williams, Julie Brunsch, Sonny Sandberg, Jan Bechel. Guest: Bob Stoughton.

Meeting called to order by Chairperson Dave Boley. Pastor Kim opened with prayer.

Next Meeting: March 16, 2023, at 6:00 pm.

### United Methodist Church Calendar

Ash Wednesday, Feb. 22, 2023, at 6:30pm.

Women's History Month, March.

Sundays in Lent; February 26, March 5, 12, 19, 26, 2023.

World Day of Prayer, March 3, 2023.

Scouting Ministries Sunday (alternate), March 12, 2023.

UMCOR Sunday, March 19, 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. (No F3 March 22 and April 5).

Thursdays - Bible Study, 5:30 p.m., through March (No Bible Study on days of Council meetings).

### Activities on the Calendar

Wednesday, March 8, 2023 - United

Women in Faith, 2:00 p.m., Prayer and Self-Denial Service.

Thursday, March 16, 2023 - Council meeting, 6:00 p.m.

Tuesday, March 28, 2023 - April newsletter deadline.

Wednesday, March 29, 2023 - OS choir practice, 6:30 p.m.

Sunday, April 2, 2023 - Palm Sunday, Holy Communion, children sing.

Friday, April 7, 2023 - Community Good Friday Service at Our Savior's UMC, 1:30 p.m.

Sunday, April 9, 2023 - Easter Worship, 10:30 a.m.

Sunday, April 23, 2023 - Festival of God's Creation and Native American Ministries Sunday.

Tuesday, April 25, 2023 - World Malaria Day.

Guest Inquiry: Bob Stoughton inquired regarding the status of the Methodist Church regarding disaffiliation. Discussion ensued.

Secretary's Report: Motion to accept January 2023 Secretary's Report made by Kolleen Branger and seconded by Julie Brunsch. Motion carried.

Finance Committee (Kolleen Branger, Chair) Kolleen indicated she had nothing new to report since last Council meeting.

Executive Summary (Julie Brunsch, Treasurer) Checking account totals are as follows: Beginning balance of \$13,822.58; deposits of \$16,892.81; interest of \$8.57; expenditures of \$10,570.47; uncleared transactions of \$2512.71 with an ending balance as of January 31, 2023, of \$17,640.78.

Checking account reconciled with bank statement. Internal account balances are Checking \$257.21; Elevator Repair \$524.00; Local Disaster \$390.00; New Ministries \$2019.80; Christmas Walk \$13,146.59; Scholarships/Youth Awards \$260.00; Sunday School \$1043.18 for balance of \$17,640.78. Other accounts: Building/Restoration \$1965.69; Youth Fellowship Account \$4236.52.

Julie reported to meet the bills in January she used \$1500.00 from the Christmas Walk fund.

The money from the 2022 Christmas Walk, spring thrift salt and fall pickle sales was deposited on January 24, 2023. Dave Boley delivered the 10% tithe to the community of \$628 to the representative for the Mondovi library building fund.

Julie deposited \$50.00 of credit card rewards in the checking account.

We received \$32.26 from Amazon Smile.

The audit has been done and submitted to the Conference.

Current checkbook balance is \$659.39 with \$4611.20 in bills to be paid by the end of the month.

Memorial Report (Ann Yelle, Chair)

Balance as of December 31, 2022, \$18,733.84 with credits of \$8.21 and no debits with ending balance of \$18,742.05.

Motion made by Debbie Duncanson and seconded by Linda Johnston to accept the January 2023 Executive Summary and Memorial Report. Motion carried.

Pastor's Report Pastor reported he attended the local clergy meeting in Mondovi today. He attended the Racial Ethnic Clergy Summit at Green Lake Conference Center on February 13 and 14, 2023. He performed a worship service for American Lutheran Home.

Regarding the Membership Committee, Debbie Duncanson reported they are contacting members who have not been active members for phone numbers and addresses. Sue Sie has contacted members through Facebook also.

United Women in Faith Report (Linda Johnston, Chair) Linda presented the following as submitted by Ann Yelle.

United Women of Faith met on February 8, 2023, with 12 women present. Old Business: 10 per cent of the thrift sale, bazaar sales and pickles sales was given back to the community via a check to the new library building fund. The amount given was \$628.00. This was per action of the Administrative Board. A picture of the gift giving was recently in the local paper. A craft Saturday was held recently at the church, with crafters totaling 16, from various towns, present. Linda Johnston updated on the quilt given to fire victim, Kathy Smith. Updates were given on the tins of cookies delivered in December.

New Business: The North West Spring Day of Enrichment will be held on March 25<sup>th</sup> at New Richmond UMC. Those interested in attending need to contact Julie Brunsch before March 15<sup>th</sup>. So far, Ann Yelle and Debbie Duncanson plan to attend. Mission giving for this event is Faith House, located in Hudson, WI. A motion was passed to pay \$25 toward this mission as well as to

2/16/2023

## Personal Dignity Kits

*United Women in Faith will once again be collecting items for Personal Dignity Kits if you want to participate in this mission. There will be a table in the hallway outside the office starting April 1 and running thru June 1. Watch for collection bins! Thank you!*

### Items for the Kits:

- ◆ 1 Hand Towel - No kitchen towels
- ◆ 1 Washcloth - No dishcloths
- ◆ 1 Adult Toothbrush - No multi-packs
- ◆ 1 Bar Soap - 3-4 oz
- ◆ 1 Shampoo - 12-19 oz
- ◆ 1 Deodorant - 2-3 oz - stick, roll-on, or pump
- ◆ 1 1-gal Resealable Plastic Bag

All items must be NEW & placed in a 1-gal resealable plastic bag. Please follow the list exactly because they cannot use them if they are not packed as per the list provided.

The \$2 donation is covered — (DO NOT INCLUDE DONATION IN BAG).



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### Mandarin Salad

1 sm. can mandarin oranges  
1 (12 oz.) ctn. small-curd cottage cheese

Sharol Molland

Equal amount of Cool Whip to  
cottage cheese  
1 (3 oz.) pkg. orange gelatin

Mix Cool Whip and cottage cheese together in a bowl. Add orange Jello. Cut in mandarin orange slices. Stir. Chill.

Serve with meal as salad.

This is really great for holidays or hot days. Great low-calorie snack when you have a sweet tooth anytime.

# April 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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<b>2—Palm Sunday</b> <i>Holy Communion</i> 9:00 Gilmanton worship, SS after church 10:30 Our Savior's worship, children sing	3	4	5	6 <i>Holy Thursday</i>	7  <i>Good Friday</i> 1:30pm Community Service at Our Savior's	8
<b>9-Easter Sunday</b> 9:00 Gilmanton worship 10:30 Our Savior's worship, choir sings	10	11	12 12:30 Membership Committee 2:00pm United Women in Faith 4:30-6pm Sharing Table at Central 5:30-7pm F3	13	14	15
16 9:00 Gilmanton worship, SS after church 10:30 Our Savior's worship	17	18	19 5:30-7pm F3	20 6:00pm OS Council	21	22
23 9:00 Gilmanton worship, SS after church 10:30 Our Savior's worship	24	25 May Newsletter Deadline	26  5:30-7pm Last day F3—food, games, & a movie at church 6:30 OS choir practice	27	28	29
30 8:30 Gilm choir practice 9:00 Gilmanton worship, choir sings, SS after church 10:30 Our Savior's worship						



### Congratulations to Our Savior's Dartball Team!

They won the local tournament in February and received 2nd place at the All-Northwest Church tournament at Calvary Church in Eau Claire on March 18. Great job team!

### Our Savior's Worship Service Helpers

**GILMANTON WORSHIP LEADER**  
*Terry Plank*

	<b><u>April 2</u></b>		<b><u>April 30</u></b>
Greet/Usher	<i>David &amp; Lori Boley</i>	Greet/Usher	<i>Ann Yelle &amp; Rita McDonnell</i>
Worship Leader	<i>Brendan Williams</i>	Worship Leader	<i>Mary Beth Pichler</i>
Money Counters	<i>David Saxe &amp; Bill Lier</i>	Money Counters	<i>David Saxe &amp; Mary Beth Pichler</i>
	<b><u>April 7 - Good Friday</u></b>		<b><u>May 7</u></b>
Greet	<i>Rita McDonnell &amp; Sue Sie</i>	Greet/Usher	<i>Linda Johnston &amp; Terry Stiner</i>
Worship Leader	<i>Rita McDonnell</i>	Worship Leader	<i>Brendan Williams</i>
Money Counters	<i>Linda Johnston &amp; Jan Bechel</i>	Money Counters	<i>Kolleen Branger &amp; Jan Bechel</i>
	<b><u>April 9 - Easter Sunday</u></b>		<b><u>May 14</u></b>
Greet/Usher	<i>Bob &amp; Sue Stoughton</i>	Greet/Usher	<i>Bill &amp; Karen Lier</i>
Worship Leader	<i>Lori Boley</i>	Worship Leader	<i>Dannica Zingshiem</i>
Money Counters	<i>Bill Lier &amp; Kolleen Branger</i>	Money Counters	<i>Bill Lier &amp; Donna Moy</i>
	<b><u>April 16</u></b>		<b><u>May 21</u></b>
Greet/Usher	<i>Jim &amp; Gloria Williams</i>	Greet/Usher	<i>Mary Beth Pichler &amp; Jan Bechel</i>
Worship Leader	<i>Mike Bruning</i>	Worship Leader	<i>Rita McDonnell</i>
Money Counters	<i>Deb Bruning &amp; Marvin Moy</i>	Money Counters	<i>Deb Bruning &amp; Mary Beth Pichler</i>
	<b><u>April 23</u></b>		<b><u>May 28</u></b>
Greet/Usher	<i>Jay &amp; Kolleen Branger</i>	Greet/Usher	<i>Randy &amp; Dora Johnston</i>
Worship Leader	<i>Katie Sandberg</i>	Worship Leader	<i>David Boley</i>
Money Counters	<i>Linda Johnston &amp; Jay Branger</i>	Money Counters	<i>Jay Branger &amp; Linda Johnston</i>

**Camera Operators: Lori Boley & Saul Ness**

\*If you cannot usher/greet/read/count on the Sunday you are scheduled please find someone to switch with you and let the office know of the change for the bulletin. ~THANK YOU!!