

Our Savior's & Gilmanton United  
Methodist Churches

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Return Service Requested

Community Events

Mondovi Sharing Table



Wednesday, April 9  
4:30—6:00 pm  
Central Lutheran Church



Thursday, April 17  
4:00—5:30 pm  
Mondovi County Shop

OUTREACH

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APRIL 2025

PASTOR'S CORNER

A Journey Toward Resurrection Hope

Dear Beloved in Christ,

As we pass the halfway point of our Lenten journey, we move ever closer to the joy of Easter morning. This sacred season of reflection, repentance, and renewal is a time to prepare our hearts for the glorious resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ. Though Lent invites us into a season of sacrifice and self-examination, it also leads us toward the hope and victory found in the empty tomb.

Throughout these weeks, we have walked the path of Christ's suffering, remembering His humility, His love, and His unwavering obedience to the Father. But our journey does not end at the cross—it leads to resurrection, to new life, and to the promise of redemption. As the days lengthen and the light of spring begins to break through the darkness of winter, we are reminded that the love of Christ is victorious over sin and death.



Let us hold fast to this hope. Even in our struggles, we are never without God's grace. Even in moments of weariness, we can lift our eyes to the risen Christ, who walks beside us and strengthens our hearts. The promise of Easter is not just for one day, it is a living reality that transforms us daily, filling us with faith, joy, and renewed purpose.

As we anticipate the celebration of resurrection, may we embrace the remaining days of Lent with hearts open to God's refining work. Let us seek His presence, extend His love, and live as people of hope, knowing that the dawn of Easter is near.

May the peace and grace of our Lord be with you in abundance.

*"For his anger lasts only a moment,  
but his favor lasts a lifetime;  
weeping may stay for the night,  
but rejoicing comes in the morning." Psalm 30:5*

In Christ's love,  
Rev. Hyuntae Kim Ph.D.

Happy Birthday!

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

Happy Anniversary!

- 4/4 Hyuntae Kim & Hae Jin Bahng
- 4/12 Randy & Debbie Duncanson
- 4/16 Dave & Darlene Saxe
- 4/17 Bill & Karen Lier
- 4/24 Brad & Lisa Saxe
- 4/26 Nicholas & Rachel Kent
- 4/28 Gary & Jean Gibson



Keep in Prayer...

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.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 23  
WILL BE THE LAST DAY  
OF  
F3 & CONFIRMATION  
UNTIL FALL



April 9 2025, at 2:00 pm



Easter Garden

*We invite you again this year to donate any variety of flowers or plants to beautify our sanctuary on Easter Sunday, April 20. Flowers can be dropped off during office hours April 15-17.*

*If you would like your donation listed in the bulletin, please call the office at 715-926-5354. You are invited to take your flowers home to enjoy after the service!*



**Wednesdays  
April 2, 9 & 23  
12-1 pm at Our Savior's UMC**

We will serve soup, cheese, crackers, and bars. There is a sign-up sheet at the back of the sanctuary. Please sign up to make soup or bring crackers and cheese. People will be called to bring bars. See you there!

United Women in Faith Report (Linda Johnston, Chair)

Linda reported the following as submitted by Ann Yelle.

On February 12, 2025, Women in Faith met with 8 people present.

Old Business: Soup and Study during Lent was discussed. The first Soup and Study will be March 12<sup>th</sup>. A sign-up sheet to prepare soup was available. Gloria Williams will be calling people for bars. We were reminded of other upcoming events. Maundy Thursday services will be in Gilmanton on April 17<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m. Good Friday services will be joint, here, with Central and other participating churches at 1:30 p.m. Our joint Thanksgiving service will be at our church this year on the Tuesday before Thanksgiving. It was shared that 1000 pounds of old socks were received from the North West District last year for the sock project.

New Business: We were informed of a recent house fire and the clothing needs of the family. A quilt will be given to the family, made by church members. Thank yous were read from Kathy Weiss and Josie Pace for remembering them at Christmas. Spring Day of Enrichment was discussed. It will be held at Cumberland United Methodist Church on May 3<sup>rd</sup>. Pastor Cherie Miskimen, along with her Praise Band, will be the keynote speaker. We will be doing Dignity Kits again this year. Ann Yelle will take them to Annual Conference if there is no closer drop-off point. Discussion took place regarding minutes being available to the women on a timely basis, other than the church newsletter.

Julie Brunsch presented our Pledge Service. Pledge commitments for 2025 were made.

Trustee Report (Sonny Sandberg, Chair)

Sonny reported he had no new information to report.

SPRC (Jim Williams, Chair)

Jim reported he had no new information to

report.

Worship Committee

Rita reported a discussion was held regarding obtaining feedback following an event at the church to see how future events could be improved.

Old Business

Discussion was held regarding if permission needs to be obtained before placing photos in the newsletter.

Safe Sanctuary Policy was discussed. This will be updated and signed at the March meeting.

Facility Use Policy was discussed. Linda Johnston and Rita McDonnell will follow up.

Rita reported statistical report needs to be submitted by February 28<sup>th</sup>.

New Business

Church Constitutional Amendment: The Conference will now be going to Regional Conferences in place of Central Conferences.

Jay Branger reported that his hours will be changing so future meetings will be planned month-to-month.

Linda Johnson reported a quilt will be given to the family who had the fire by the women's group and inquired if the Council would authorize a financial contribution. Debbie Duncanson made a motion to donate \$125.00 from the Disaster Fund to the family. Jim Williams seconded. Motion carried.

Linda Johnston requested use of the Fellowship Hall for making pillowcases for Sleep in Heavenly Peace. Linda will follow up with a date.

Ann Yelle reported the CD comes due on March 20<sup>th</sup> and inquired if the earned interest should be transferred to the General Fund. A decision was made to transfer to the General Fund.

Jan Bechel inquired about donating 10% of Christmas Bazaar earnings to the community. This will be discussed further at the March meeting.

Lay Member to Annual Conference (Ann Yelle)

Ann reported registrations are open for Annual Conference which is June 5<sup>th</sup> to June 8<sup>th</sup> in Sun Prairie.

Motion to adjourn made by Jay Branger, seconded by Jim Williams. Motion carried.

**Account Balances**

General Operating Funds  
\$62.14

Prepaid Giving  
\$8,800.00

Elevator Repair  
\$524.00

Local Disaster  
\$390.00

New Ministries  
\$1,299.82

Christmas Bazaar  
\$8,439.12

Scholarships/Youth Awards  
0

Sunday School  
\$482.92

**Total Account Balances  
\$19,998.00**



Highlights from the Council Meeting—February 2025

Council members present: Pastor, Rita McDonnell, Sonny Sandberg, Ann Yelle, Mary Beth Pichler, Linda Johnston, Julie Brunsch, Dawn Moy, Jan Bechel, Jim Williams, Debbie Duncanson, Jay Branger, Kolleen Branger.

Meeting called to order by Chairperson Rita McDonnell who read Ephesians 4:1-7 and 11-13 (The Unity of the Body).

Breakthrough prayer read in unison by Council members.

Next Meeting: March 20, 2025, at 6:00 p.m.; April meeting April 24, 2025, at 6:00 p.m.

Secretary's Report

Motion to accept January 2025 Secretary's Report made by Julie Brunsch and seconded by Linda Johnston. Motion carried.

Finance Committee (Jay Branger, Chair)

Jay reported he talked to Sarah Snyder from the Conference regarding an email stating there could be possible financial help from the Conference for churches who receive a large increase in insurance premiums. Jay will be in contact with her again after the insurance renewals are completed. Current insurance payments will now be paid to the Conference.

Worker's Compensation payment is \$973.00 per year.

The conference is still working on finalizing the property, casualty and umbrella aspects of insurance.

Jay reported that TKE has sent emails stating that we are past due \$1456.00. Kathy forwarded to them a copy of a letter that was sent to them from January of 2024 informing them that we were discontinuing their service. Jay will follow up with TKE.

Executive Summary (Julie Brunsch/Dawn Moy, Co-Treasurers)

Checking account totals are as follows: Beginning balance of \$22,039.10; deposits

of \$14,416.27; interest of \$14.45; expenditures of \$7369.37; uncleared transactions of \$5178.19; Bank Charge Back Fees \$0.00; with an ending balance as of January 31, 2025, of \$23,922.26. Checking account reconciled with bank statement. Checking account balance including internal designated account balances: General Operating Funds \$45.32; Prepaid Giving \$9600; Elevator Repair \$524.00; Local Disaster \$390.00; New Ministries \$1299.82; Christmas Bazaar \$11,439.12; Scholarships/Youth Awards \$0.00; Sunday School \$624.00 for balance of \$23,922.26. Other accounts: Building/Restoration \$1994.39; Youth Fellowship Account \$4197.28.

Dawn reported she transferred \$2000.00 from Christmas Bazaar fund to General Operating Fund to cover January bills.

Current checkbook balance is \$19,955.34 with estimated bills remaining for February of \$4775.00 with 2 Sundays left. Dawn reported the Gilmanton portion of \$1611.59 has been paid.

Dawn reported Worker's Comp has been switched over to SFM Insurance Agency.

Memorial Report (Ann Yelle, Chair)

Balance as of December 31, 2024, \$2294.84 with credits of \$0.69 and debits of \$500.00 with ending balance in checkbook of \$1795.53 and \$15,000.00 in CD with total balance of \$16,795.53.

Finance Secretary (Kolleen Branger)

Kolleen reported she had no new information to report.

Motion made by Debbie Duncanson and seconded by Jim Williams to accept the January 2025 Executive Summary and Memorial reports. Motion carried.

Pastor's Report

Visits: 3  
Leading the Confirmation class.

American Lutheran Home Service.  
WI Annual Conference: Bible Study with Bishop (Onalaska UMC)

Upcoming Worship Services

March – 5<sup>th</sup>: 6:30 p.m., **Ash Wednesday**  
March 12<sup>th</sup>-April 9<sup>th</sup> (3/12, 3/19, 3/26, 4/3, 4/9) 12:00 to 1:00 p.m., **Lenten Soup and Sermon**  
April 13<sup>th</sup>: 9:00 a.m., Gilmanton, 10:30 Our Savior's, **Palm Sunday**  
April 17<sup>th</sup>: 6:30 p.m., **Maundy Thursday** (at Gilmanton, joint service)  
April 18<sup>th</sup>: 1:30 p.m., **Good Friday** (at Our Savior's, Community Service)  
April 20<sup>th</sup>: 9:00 a.m. Gilmanton, 10:30 a.m. Our Savior's, **Easter Sunday**.

**Pastor's Thank You Note:** Thank you for praying for me while I was visiting Korea, and a special thank you to Rita and Mary Beth for preaching on my behalf.

As I wrote in the February newsletter, I had a warm and enjoyable time meeting with family and friends and old fellow pastors, and I had the opportunity to visit and preach in the churches that have been praying for me in Korea.

I am glad to see you all safe and sound.

Membership Committee: Debbie Duncanson reported the Membership Committee has developed a list for active and friend members, as well as 1<sup>st</sup> contact, 2<sup>nd</sup> contact, and comments or questions. They will be going through the list of inactive members and sending a letter with a card with different options to be completed and returned. Discussion ensued. Discussed including a self-addressed, stamped envelope with the letter.

Jay Branger made a motion to send letters to inactive members and the church will cover the postage. Ann Yelle seconded. Motion carried.

Holy Week & Easter Worship Schedule

April 13: Palm Sunday 9 am Gilmanton; 10:30 am Our Saviors  
April 17: Maundy Thursday Joint Worship/Holy Communion at Gilmanton 6:30 pm; Combined Choir Sings  
April 18: Good Friday Community Worship at Our Savior's 1:30 pm  
April 20: Easter Sunday Worship/Holy Communion 9 am Gilmanton (Choir Sings); 10:30 am Our Savior's Worship/Holy Communion (Choir Sings)

He is Risen



Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. The one who believes in me will live, even though they die; and whoever lives by believing in me will never die. Do you believe this?"

John 11:25-26



[midwestmission.org](http://midwestmission.org)

UWF will once again be collecting items for Personal Dignity Kits through May 25, 2025. There is a collection bin outside the office. All items must be new and placed in a 1-gallon resealable plastic bag. Please follow the list exactly; they cannot use the item if it is not packed as per the list below.

PERSONAL DIGNITY KIT SHOPPING LIST

- ◇ 1 hand towel (no kitchen towels)
- ◇ 1 washcloth (no dishcloths)
- ◇ 1 toothbrush (no multipacks)
- ◇ 1 bar soap, 3-4 oz
- ◇ 1 shampoo, 12-19 oz
- ◇ 1 deodorant, 2-3 oz (stick, roll-on, or pump)
- ◇ 1 lotion, 8-10 oz
- ◇ 1 1-gallon resealable plastic bag



### Lenten "Soup and Sermon"

Join us for this year's Lenten "Soup and Sermon" series, where we explore the life and teachings of John Wesley. Sessions will be held on April 2 and 9, and a make-up session for the weather cancellation on April 23.

Each week, we gather on Wednesday to enjoy delicious soups crafted from special recipes, along with light refreshments. This is a wonderful opportunity for fellowship and spiritual growth. Everyone is welcome—bring a friend and share the warmth!



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 6:30 pm Worship Committee Meeting	2 12:00 pm Soup & Sermon 5:30-7:00 pm F3/Confirmation	3 6:00 pm SPRC Meeting	4	5
6 Holy Communion 9:00 am Gilmanton Worship 10:30 am Our Savior's Worship	7	8	9 12:00 pm Soup & Sermon 2:00 pm UWF 5:30-7:00 pm F3/Confirmation	10	11	12
13 Palm Sunday 9:00 am Gilmanton Worship 10:30 am Our Savior's Worship	14	15	16	17 Holy Communion 6:30 pm Maundy Thursday Joint Worship at Gilmanton; combined choirs sing	18 1:30 pm Good Friday Community Worship at Our Savior's	19
20 Holy Communion Easter Sunday 9:00 am Gilmanton Worship 10:30 am Our Savior's Worship	21	22	23 5:30-7:00 pm F3/Confirmation	24 6:00 pm Council Meeting	25	26
27 8:30 am Gilmanton Choir Practice 9:00 am Gilmanton Worship 10:30 am Our Savior's Worship	28	29	30 6:30 pm OS Choir Practice			



### April Worship Service Helpers

	Greeters/Ushers	Worship Leader	Money Counters
<b>Apr 6</b>	Randy & Dora Johnston	Rita McDonnell	David Saxe & Jay Branger
<b>Apr 13</b>	Ann Yelle & Rita McDonnell	Mary Beth Pichler	Jan Bechel & Stephanie Stamm
<b>Apr 20</b>	Linda Johnston & Terry Stiner	Katie Sandberg	Linda Johnston & Mary Beth Pichler
<b>Apr 27</b>	Sue Sie & Jan Bechel	Ann Yelle	Katie Sandberg & Leah Pichler

Camera Operator: Saul Ness



Come worship with us!



In an effort to keep our database information current, please inform the office if you have a change of address, email address, or phone number.  
Thank you!



Refreshments will be served after church at Our Savior's on the 2nd & 4th Sundays of the month. There is a sign-up sheet in the back of the church.