



Return Service Requested

Community Events

Mondovi Sharing Table



Wednesday, March 13

4:30—6:00 pm

Central Lutheran Church

Ruby's
PANTRY

Thursday, March 21

4:00—5:30 pm

Mondovi County Shop



OUTREACH

MARCH 2024



Pastor's Corner

This is a Lenten reflection by my wife, Pastor Jin. I hope it helps you in company with our Lord Jesus Christ in this Lenten season.

When we reflect on the passion of Jesus during Lent, we are often disconcerted by the passive suffering of Jesus, even though we know how it ends. Instead of the active Jesus who heals the sick, casts out demons, and speaks truth with authority to the hypocritical Pharisees, we are confronted with a seemingly helpless Jesus. Sometimes we feel like Peter, who couldn't accept Jesus' helpless suffering and death in the first place. Weakness is something that society discourages and something we don't want to experience. When we become old and weak or sick and frail, we may feel that we are useless.



When I had a cold recently, I was thinking, "I need to get better soon so I can do my job well," but as I rested, I realized that I needed to rest right now, and thanked God for allowing the cold to put the brakes on my busyness.

The other day I finally ate an old pumpkin that I had harvested last year. When I split the old pumpkin open, it was full of seeds. I had picked the others when they were young, but I left the one I wanted to get the seeds from until the end. The pumpkin stayed where it was, through sunshine and storms. Though it looked like it was doing nothing, the seeds of new life were diligently growing inside it.



When we are sick, need to rest, and are unable to do anything, our body and soul are preparing the seeds of resurrection like the helpless Jesus in his suffering, like that old pumpkin that just sat still, unmoving in one place. If we are in Christ, we are new creations (cf. 2 Cor 5:17). Even as we age, we are being made new creations day by day. Even when the elderly no longer have an active social life and need to be cared for in a nursing home or at home, the seeds of resurrection are growing in them if we see through the eyes of faith. Ironically, it is in the most helpless situation on the deathbed that the saint fights the greatest battle. It is in anticipation of death that the seed of resurrection grows stronger within them. That is the moment to run the final stretch toward completion of renewal in Christ.



Whether we are in a nursing home or bedridden with a cold, COVID, or some other illness, let us remember that we are creating the seeds of resurrection. Let us pray the pumpkin prayer, tending to those seeds in quietness, whether in the sunshine or the rain, for that static place of prayer is indeed the most dynamic place.

Pastor Jin

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Happy Birthday!

- 3/1 Tyler Fillmore
- 3/1 Marvin Moy
- 3/3 Dale Snyder
- 3/4 Brandon Saxe
- 3/6 Anna Kent
- 3/6 Eli Sandberg
- 3/7 Jim Hesselman
- 3/10 Gahngnin Kim
- 3/10 Kelly Welke
- 3/13 Hyuntae Kim
- 3/14 Dannica Zingshiem
- 3/17 Maddy Marten
- 3/20 JT Parr
- 3/22 Molly Marten
- 3/25 Alana Bishopp
- 3/25 Jim Dieckman
- 3/26 Jon Seipel
- 3/28 Jason Marten
- 3/28 Weston Sandberg
- 3/31 Lara Ramthun

Happy Anniversary!

- 3/8 Cody & Tonya Dziekan
- 3/25 Randy & Jill Poeschel
- 3/29 Jon & Amanda Seipel



Choir Schedule for March

- March 10**
OS Choir Practice 10 am
OS Sings 10:30 am
- March 27**
OS Choir Practice 6:30 pm
- March 31 Easter**
OS Choir Practice 10 am
OS Sings 10:30 am
- March 31 Easter**
G Choir Practice 8:30 am
G Choir Sings 9:00 am

Keep in Prayer...

Rescue of hostages (Israelis, Americans, and others) abducted by Hamas. Israeli soldiers. Protection, restoration, and salvation of Israel. U.S. Military. Nations in peril: Israel, South Korea, Taiwan, Ukraine, U.S. against Palestine, Iran, North Korea, China, Russia.

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.

Food Pantry Sunday is March 31



United Women in Faith

March 13, 2024 at 2:00 pm



We will serve soup, cheese, crackers, and bars. We have a sign-up sheet at the back of the sanctuary. Please sign up to make soup, bring crackers, cheese. People will be called to bring bars. Also, there is a sign-up sheet for the event, so we have an idea of how much soup to make. See you there!

**Wednesdays March 6, 13, 20
12-1 pm at Our Savior's UMC**

F3 News

- F3 will sing at the Palm Sunday worship service on March 24 at 10:30
- F3/confirmation will not meet on March 20 or 27



would be on February 21st. We do not have food at our meetings during Lent due to Soup and Study. Those scheduled to serve Women in Faith during Lent will fill in at other times during the year. Julie Brunsch reported that the reading program has changed. Please see Julie for further clarification on the change.

Our yearly pledge to Mission Services followed the meeting. Julie Brunsch gave a reading on "Living Water in Time of Drought: Reddiging the Wells of our Fore mothers."

Trustee Report (Sonny Sandberg, Chair)

Sonny reported he talked to the All Star representative who is planning to come next week to look at the elevator. A maintenance contract will be coming.

Sonny took the mailbox home to paint the mounting bracket and then will attach to the post at the church.

Ann Yelle reported the faucet in the bathroom by the Conference Room is hard to use. Sonny will look into that.

SPRC (Jim Williams, Chair)

Jim reported that Kathy will be out of the office the first two weeks of April, and Joanne will cover for her. Joanne will come down one day before that to work with Kathy.

Dave Boley inquired regarding vacuuming of the church, and Jim will follow-up.

Ann Yelle inquired about the amount of salt on the steps of the church. Jay Branger suggested possibly obtaining a hand-held spreader.

There will be a meeting in March.

Worship Committee (Lori Boley, Chair)

Worship Committee met on January 9, 2024.

The Communion server schedule stands as is with the exception of Rita/MaryBeth will serve in July 2024 and Julie/Lori will serve in August 2024.

Christmas Eve Service review: All agreed that it was a lovely service. Suggestion for improvement is that candles be picked up in front as we drop offerings off and gather in the circle. Perhaps have 4 people take light from Pastor to light at the front and back of the circle. It was mentioned to maybe do fewer verses of Silent Night and Joy to the World??

Ash Wednesday is February 14, 2024, and the service will be at 6:30. Pastor Kim is checking with Dora regarding F3 involvement.

We will have dry ashes instead of adding oil. Julie has ordered ashes.

We will meet on Thursday, February 1, 2024, at 6:30 due to scheduling conflicts. We will plan for the rest of Lent and Easter.

Pastor Kim, Julie Brunsch, Lori Boley, Linda Sandberg and Katie Sandberg were in attendance.

We also discussed needing to put new treat sign-up sheets out.

Lori Boley, Worship Chair

F3 Report (Dora and Randy Johnston absent)

Linda Johnston reported F3 was canceled on January 17, 2024.

Old Business

Discussion ensued regarding Christmas Bazaar tithing. Kolleen Branger suggested the K9 Unit program. Ann Yelle made a motion to donate 10% of the bazaar proceeds totaling \$725.00 to the K9 Unit. Lori Boley seconded. Motion carried. Dave Boley will do the presentation. Pastor suggested making an announcement in church for further donations.

New Business

Dave Boley presented an email from a representative from Bolton Refuge House for use of the church facility for meetings. Discussion ensued.

Dave Boley made a motion for him to proceed to contact the representative to obtain more information and receive a proposal. Jay Branger seconded. Motion carried.

We will be having Soup and Study at noon during Lent.

The nativity scene will be taken down February 4, 2024.

Lay Member-at-Large (Debbie Duncanson)

Debbie inquired if there are any new guidelines for masking.

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

Dave Boley closed the meeting with prayer.

Account Balances

- Checking \$6,510.67**
- Elevator Repair \$524.00**
- Local Disaster \$390.00**
- New Ministries \$2,19.80**
- Christmas Walk \$5,00.00**
- Scholarships/Youth Awards \$260.00**
- Sunday School \$340.00**
- Total Account Balances \$15,444.47**

Highlights from the Council Meeting—January 18, 2024

Council members present: Pastor Kim, Dave Boley, Lori Boley, Ann Yelle, Linda Johnston, Debbie Duncanson, Kolleen Branger, Jay Branger, Jim Williams, Jan Bechel, Sonny Sandberg.

Meeting called to order by Chairperson Dave Boley.

Ann Yelle opened the meeting with a reading “Learning to Say Yes.”

Breakthrough prayer read in unison by Council members.

Next Meeting: February 15, 2024, at 6:00 p.m.

Secretary’s Report

Motion to accept December Secretary’s Report made by Kolleen Branger and seconded by Jim Williams. Motion carried.

Finance Committee (Jay Branger, Chair)

Jay presented a year end letter he has drafted for the congregation regarding finances. Discussion ensued. Jay will make some revisions as discussed and the letter will be mailed to members of the congregation.

Jay has not been able to talk to an agent from Church Mutual as of yet. Jay inquired if we are required to go through Church Mutual for insurance. Jay reported Julie Brunsch is going to check with the conference regarding this. Lori Boley made a motion for Jay to get a quote from an independent insurance agent. Ann Yelle seconded. Motion carried.

Sonny Sandberg and Jay have drafted a letter to TKE

Executive Summary (Julie Brunsch, Treasurer, absent)

Checking account totals are as follows: Beginning balance of \$12,328.21; deposits of \$15,270.72; interest of \$9.76; expenditures of

\$11,265.07; uncleared transactions of \$2647.84 with an ending balance as of December 31, 2023, of \$13,695.28. Checking account reconciled with bank statement. Internal account balances are Checking \$4481.48; Elevator Repair \$524.00; Local Disaster \$390.00; New Ministries \$2019.80; Christmas Walk \$5400; Scholarships/Youth Awards \$260.00; Sunday School \$620.00 for balance of \$13,695.28. Other accounts: Building/Restoration \$1979.51; Youth Fellowship Account \$4165.95.

In Julie’s absence, Kolleen reported the current checkbook balance is \$8105.73 with bills due by the end of the month of \$5824.18.

Discussed apportionment payments for 2024.

Memorial Report (Ann Yelle, Chair)

Balance as of November 30, 2023, \$19,054.08 with credits of \$201.61 and debits of \$92.09 with \$15,000.00 in CD with ending balance of \$4163.60. Funds from the John Boley Memorial were used to pay \$92.09 for the new mailbox. A memorial of \$200.00 was added to the Lieberman Family Memorial. A correction was made to the Elevator Fund of \$40.00.

Finance Secretary (Kolleen Branger)

Kolleen reported she received an email from Vanco regarding using pew cards with different options of giving. Kolleen will follow up on this.

Kolleen presented a Welcome card to be presented to first time visitors, new residents, etc. Worship Committee will follow up on these.

Motion made by Jim Williams and seconded by Sonny Sandberg to accept the December 2023 Executive

Summary, Memorial and Finance Secretary Reports. Motion carried.

Pastor’s Report

December 21 to January 18

Visits: 5

January 18 - American Lutheran Home service with communion.

December 25-27, 2023 - Winter Retreat of the Korean Caucus of the Wisconsin Conference of the UMC.

Confirmation class.

Future Plans

February 5 to 6 - Racial Ethnic Clergy Summit at Green Lake.

February 15 - Bishop’s Day Apart at Lake Street UMC.

2023 Statistical Reports deadline February 29th; average attendance, church expenses including assets, pensions, etc.

United Women in Faith Report (Linda Johnston, Chair)

Linda Johnston presented the following as submitted by Ann Yelle.

On January 10, 2024, Women in Faith met with 8 people present.

Old Business: None.

Discussed Lent with Ash Wed

New Business: Discussion took place regarding our 2024 Bazaar. We assessed the need to shorten the hours. Hours discussed would be 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. It was noted that some people feel we should have a tip jar by our cookies and coffee. We agree we are together for fellowship and not for making money on our treats. We nesday being on February 14th. Our first Soup and Study

HOLY WEEK & EASTER WORSHIP SCHEDULE

- **March 24: Palm Sunday 9:00 am Gilmanton; 10:30 am Our Savior’s, Children Sing**
- **March 28: Maundy Thursday Worship with Holy Communion 6:30 pm**
- **March 29: Good Friday Community Worship at Central 1:30 pm**
- **March 31: Easter Sunday Worship with Holy Communion 9:00 am Gilmanton, Choir Sings; 10:30 Our Savior’s, Choir Sings**



Easter Garden

We invite you again this year to donate any variety of flowers or plants to beautify our sanctuary on Easter Sunday, March 31. Please call the office at 715-926-5354 if you will be donating, and your name will be included in the bulletin. You are invited to take your flowers home to enjoy after the service!

United Women of Faith

Mission Project 2024 ... OLD SOCKS!

Yes, mismatched, worn-out, even ‘holy’ ones and no mate socks...It’s okay, we WANT them!



There will be a collection box outside the office for your old socks. The last day to drop off is April 17. The socks will then be taken to the Spring Day of Enrichment on April 27.

SPRING DAY OF ENRICHMENT
 Saturday, April 27
 Parkview Turtle Lake UMC
 236 Maple Street N
 Turtle Lake, WI 54889

Lemon Bars *Hazel Auer*

1 pkg one-step angel food cake mix
 1 can lemon pie filling
 1 c. coconut

Mix ingredients together and pour into a 12x15 inch pan. Bake at 350 for 20-25 minutes. Drizzle a little powdered sugar frosting over top.



Welcome, New Members!



On February 11, Darrell & Jane Kleven became members of our church. It is such a joy to welcome a new family to our congregation. Our church welcomed them and presented them with membership certificates and a flower basket.

Lenten Soup & Sermon



Lenten soup & sermons have begun. I was unfortunately unable to take pictures of the study together and the delicious food, so I only took this picture, which is of those people washing dishes after the second meeting. I would like to thank those who attended the soup and sermon, prepared the food, and washed the dishes.

~ Pastor Kim

Memorials were received from family and friends of Bonnie Miles



What's New: Pew Cards!

OUR SAVIOR'S UMC Ways to Give:



In Person

Whether it's cash or check, we appreciate your kindness. Please place your donations in an offering envelope and drop them in the offering plate.



Online

Visit www.oursaviorsumc.org and click GIVE to set up a one-time or recurring donation or to make a payment.



QR Code

Scan the QR code to visit our online giving page.



Mobile App

Download the Vanco Mobile app from your app store to set up a one-time or recurring donation. Choose Near Me, and then choose Our Savior's UMC. Available on [Apple](#) and [Android](#) devices.

Questions? Call the church office at 715-926-5354

March 2024

SUN	MO	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
					1 <i>World Day of Prayer</i>	2
3 <i>Holy Communion</i> 9:00 am Gilmanton Worship 10:30 am Our Savior's Worship	4	5 6:30 pm Worship Committee Meeting	6 12-1:00 pm Soup & Sermon 5:30-7 pm F3/Confirmation	7	8	9
10 9:00 am Gilmanton Worship 10:00 am OS Choir Practice 10:30 am Our Savior's Worship; Choir Sings	11	12	13 12-1:00 pm Soup & Sermon 2:00 UWF 5:30-7 pm F3/Confirmation	14	15	16
17 <i>St. Patrick's Day</i> 9:00 am Gilmanton Worship 10:30 am Our Savior's Worship	18	19	20 12-1:00 pm Soup & Sermon No F3/Confirmation	21 6:00 pm Council Meeting Newsletter deadline	22	23
24 <i>Palm Sunday</i> 9:00 am Gilmanton Worship 10:30 am Our Savior's Worship; Children Sing	25	26	27 No F3/Confirmation 6:30 pm OS Choir Practice	28 <i>Maundy Thursday</i> <i>Holy Communion</i> 6:30 pm Worship	29 <i>Good Friday</i> 1:30 pm Community Service at Central	30
31 <i>Easter Sunday</i> <i>Holy Communion</i> 8:30 am G Choir Practice 9:00 am Gilmanton Worship 10:00 am OS Choir Practice 10:30 am Our Savior's Worship						

Worship Service Helpers

	Greeters/Ushers	Worship Leader	Money Counters
Mar 3	Ann Yelle & Rita McDonnell	Lori Boley	Stephanie Stamm & MaryBeth Pichler
Mar 10	Sue Sie & Mary Beth Pichler	David Boley	David Saxe & Jay Branger
Mar 17	Bob & Sue Stoughton	Mike Bruning	Jan Bechel & Katie Sandberg
Mar 24	Linda Johnston & Terry Stiner	Rita McDonnell	Linda Johnston & Lorraine Diener
Mar 31	Jay & Kolleen Branger	Mary Beth Pichler	Katie Sandberg & Jay Branger

Camera Operators: Lori Boley & Saul Ness