

From the Pastor...

We have an important vote coming up at the end of this month. I hope you can be there.

This last year we have been conversing about how we can become more clear about what sort of welcome this congregation wants to extend to our friends, family and community. Since the February 2019 General Conference of the United Methodist Church which reaffirmed the historical position that “we do not condone the practice of homosexuality and consider this practice incompatible with Christian teaching,” we as a congregation have been meeting and discussing what we want to do next.

It began with an invitation to Dave Nuchols to preach and lead a congregational meeting on June 2. On June 10 our newly formed Inclusion/Reconciling Team met to discuss ways to engage the congregation in further discussion. Another couple meetings in July and August helped plan for our September 22 potluck and informational meeting where we talked about how we got to where we currently are in our conversation about homosexuality and we had table discussions about our own personal interactions with those in the LGBTQ (Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender and Questioning) community.

For the next three weeks after the congregational meeting, we had a question box available for anyone’s anonymous or signed questions. All these questions would go to Pastor Holly. We also passed out the Annual Conference Resolution 100 at the congregational meeting and kept copies available by the question box.

The Inclusion/Reconciling Team continued to meet monthly and came up with a survey for the congregation to fill out during worship the first two Sundays in January. Part of the survey included a sample statement for our congregation to consider as our Inclusion/Reconciling statement. Fifty-six people filled out the surveys, gave their feedback on our sample statement and based on the feedback given we crafted the new Inclusion/Reconciling Statement that now reads: “All are welcome—people of all ages, ethnicities, abilities, sexual orientations, gender identities—to fully participate in all aspects of our hometown church with a global connection.”

We encourage you to come to church on Sunday, March 29 and stay after worship for the written vote on this statement which offers clarity on who we, as a congregation, welcome to our hometown church.

As we move forward, let us continue to focus on our mission to reach all people with the love of Jesus Christ and give thanks that God is not finished with us yet as we continue to share the love of Jesus Christ for all of God’s people.

--Pastor Holly

Thank You’s

Many thanks to the work of the Tuesday morning Spiritual Prayer Group for their coordinating and sending Valentine’s cookies and treats to our college students. Lois S., Janet R., Carole A., and Diane D. helped our students remember that God loves them and so do we!

Don and Joyce Metcalf want to thank you for your calls, cards, love and prayers when we were down and out... We couldn’t do without them. Our son Troy still needs your prayers in his fight against blood cancer. Thank you!

March Celebrations

Birthdays

- 3/2 Laurie D. Sharron F.
- 3/3 Madelyn J. Madelynn K.
- 3/17 Pat A. Jessica S.
- 3/18 Samantha Jo K.
- 3/19 Steve K.
- 3/24 Wendy C.
- 3/26 Rick C.
- 3/27 Tommy A. Andy E. Kaylee E. Donna K.
- 3/28 Janet R. Gary S.
- 3/29 Bessie G. Linda R.

Anniversaries

- 3/8 Larry & Pat A.
- 3/31 Karl & Jeanne L.



Servant Schedule

- Ushers: Tom Sausen and Rick Cieluch
- Sunday, March 1**
- Greeters: Ron & Barb Lind
- Coffee Service: Donna Keacher and Lisa Iver-son
- AV: Deb Hulbert
- Children’s Message: Lois Janke
- Sunday School: Lois Janke
- Sunday, March 8**
- Greeters: Gary & Marti Gustafson
- Coffee Service: Linda Richnofsky and Glenna Quist
- AV: Karyla Parrish
- Children’s Message: Pastor Holly
- Sunday School: Lois Janke
- Sunday, March 15**
- Greeters: Shirley Faber and Cyndi Turbeville
- Coffee Service: Deb Hulbert and tbd
- AV: Melodie Paulsen
- Children’s Message: Pastor Holly
- Sunday School: Janet Rasmussen and Carole Aalderks
- Sunday, March 22**
- Greeters: Shirley Johnson and Cyndy Johnson
- Coffee Service: Bernie Sausen and Nancy Hebrink
- AV: Dave Aastuen
- Children’s Message: Jane Rylander
- Sunday School: Jane Rylander
- Sunday, March 29**
- Greeters: Denny & Nancy Hebrink
- Coffee Service: Karen Kramer
- AV: Deb Hulbert
- Children’s Message: Donna Keacher
- Sunday School: Donna Keacher

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 9:30am Fellowship Time 10:00am Worship Holy Communion 11:00am Confirmation	2 7-8:30pm OA meeting	3 7am Men’s Prayer Breakfast 7:30am Sunrise Study Gr. 9:30am Spiritual Prayer Group	4 7pm Choir	5 7pm Lenten Study	6	7 8am Men’s Ministry
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15 9:30am Fellowship Time 10:00am Worship w/ Guitar Guys Holy Communion 11:00am Confirmation	16 7-8:30pm OA meeting	17 7am Men’s Prayer Breakfast 7:30am Sunrise Study Gr. 9:30am Spiritual Prayer Group	18 9am-4pm Stitch n’ Rip Quilters 7pm Choir 7-8:30pm NA meeting April Newsletter articles due	19 7pm Lenten Study	20 	21 8am Men’s Ministry
22 9:30am Fellowship Time 10:00am Worship	23 11am Meadows Worship 7-8:30pm OA meeting	24 7am Men’s Prayer Breakfast 7:30am Sunrise Study Gr. 9:30am Spiritual Prayer Group	25 9am-4pm Stitch n’ Rip Quilters 7pm Choir 7-8:30pm NA meeting	26 7pm Lenten Study	27	28 8am Men’s Ministry
29 9:30am Fellowship Time 10:00am Worship Third Grade Bible Sunday 11:00am Congregational Meeting	30 7-8:30pm OA meeting	31 7am Men’s Prayer Breakfast 7:30am Sunrise Study Gr. 9:30am Spiritual Prayer Group				

MARCH 2020

MN Adult & Teen Challenge

We want to say a huge thank you to this congregation for all of the support given on February 23 for our Teen Challenge visitors. The welcome to all was amazing, from greetings to food, service, and cleanup. Your generosity through time, energy, food, and dollars was absolutely incredible. Our guests were overwhelmed by the hospitality of each of you. The offering for Teen Challenge, which was \$6203 surprised the gentleman who led the choir's portion of worship. God bless each of you who gave with the spirit of Jesus.

—Jan and Dave Freemore on behalf of the Mission Team



I thank my God every time I mention you in my prayers. I'm thankful for all of you every time I pray, and it's always a prayer full of joy.

— Philippians 1:3-4

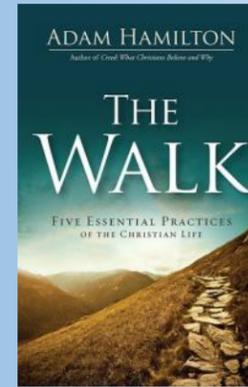
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Save the Date

April 18, 2020 will be our Feed My Starving Children food packing event at Hosanna Lutheran Church in Forest Lake. Feed My Starving Children is an organization that literally saves children's lives every day. It runs largely through the help of generous donations and volunteer hours to make a difference in the lives of God's hungry children throughout the world. Your Mission Team will be collecting donations from you from April 1 to April 12 to help defray the cost of the food.

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Lenten Study

You are invited to participate in weekly study sessions based on the book *The Walk: Five Essential Practices of the Christian Life* by Adam Hamilton. In the book, Hamilton focuses on five essential spiritual practices that are rooted in Jesus' own walk with God and taught throughout the New Testament. Each of these practices is a part of our daily walk with Christ and an essential part of growing together in the church. Books are available in the nook and are \$15 each. We meet every Thursday in March at 7pm. You are invited!

Calling all Hunger Heroes!

Family Pathways greets the New Year with a call for all Hunger Heroes as we kick off the largest grassroots food and fund drive in the state, The Minnesota FoodShare March Campaign. The March Campaign brings together community organizations, businesses, faith communities and individuals to help restock food shelves statewide.

We know when there is hunger, often there is hopelessness. Family Pathways provides healthy food to 1 in 8 people in our region every day. Our food shelf stock is running low after the holidays but the need continues. Utilities like heating and electric take their toll on an already tight budget. Family Pathways needs your help. What is raised in March will be matched in part financially—stretching your donation dollars even further! Help us continue to bring health and nutrition to kids like 7 year old Ryder, who said, "My tummy hurts...I wish I just had a piece of bread even..."

Here is how you can support Ryder and your neighbors: Financial donations make a great impact against hunger in our community. Every \$1 from you provides \$7 of buying power through Family Pathways' food bank partners.

In 2019 Family Pathways' 9 Food shelves and Mobile Food Truck gave hope to 103,500 people with 2.15 million meals! We're asking for your support March 1 through March 22 by writing "food" on your check or envelope with your donation.



Worship Services in March

Our sermon series this month focuses on our walk with Christ and five essential practices of the Christian Life. We will walk together through Lent, learning how to better follow Jesus in our personal lives and together in the life of the church. We pray that this sermon series, coupled with our Lenten Study group on Thursday evenings will help deepen your walk with Christ as we explore the five essential practices of worship, study, serving, giving and sharing our faith.

March 1

The Walk: A Living Hallelujah Psalm 100

March 8

The Walk: Growing in the Word Psalm 119: 97, 103-105

March 15

The Walk: Serving with Joy Matthew 20:20-28

March 22

The Walk: A Grateful Heart Luke 6:37-38

March 29

The Walk: Shine! Matthew 5:13-16



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Be strong, and let your heart take courage, all you who wait for the Lord! - Psalm 31:24