



# The Current

August 2023

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Monthly News for our Port Edwards United Methodist Church Members

## Harbor House Mission Trip

(Thursday, July 13<sup>th</sup> - Saturday, July 15<sup>th</sup>)

SUPERIOR, WISCONSIN





**I have a fear of elevators  
but I am taking steps to avoid it . . . 😊**



Our sympathies to Christine Landowski on the passing of her husband, Mike, on July 13. His service was held on July 19. Please keep Chris and family in your prayers.



# Our "Casseroles for Your Soul" is now complete!

Port Edwards  
United Methodist Church



Casseroles for  
Your Soul

This is *\*NOT\** a cookbook,  
but a publication that  
“tells our church’s story.”

*Pick up your free household copy today!*

**This was a project of our Witness Team:**

Lindsey Hints, *coordinator*

Jennifer Suensen

Julie Berg

Nina Pelo

Pastor Caleb

## WANTED

**Alive Only :**

*Kathy McGrath*

*Lucy Silvester*

*Sandy Robinson*

*Mary Heuer*

for submitting a response  
for every “Casserole” question!

## Reward:

**\$10 Kwik Trip Card**



# CHILDRENS MINISTRIES FOR 2023-2024

Our Children's & Youth Ministry Team has been working hard hammering out the details for our programming for our children this school year.

We will be providing a program each for the 3 general age-groups in our church:

## **Pre-K through 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade - Sunday School**

WHEN: During the church service, following the Children's Message. 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Sundays of each month.

Curriculum: crafts and lesson

Led primarily by Lori Hintz and Ellen Mazurek + other volunteers

## **4<sup>th</sup> through 6<sup>th</sup> Grade – SPARK**

WHEN: the same time as our Confirmation Course (see below). (2x a month—school year)

Curriculum: Spark Storytelling Bible

Goal: to help students learn the Bible stories and apply basic lessons to their lives.

## **6<sup>th</sup> Grade through High School – CONFIRMATION**

WHEN: TBD by families' availability (2x a month – throughout the school year)

Curriculum: CONFIRM

Goal: prepare students to claim the faith for themselves  
and become active, Professing Members of the church.

Length: Two-year course. (36 sessions total)

## **FOR EVERY SUNDAY MORNING:**

**Quiet Bags** – for our toddler-age friends (filled with quiet toys)

**Activity bags** – for our younger & older children (filled with activity books, simple toys, crayons/colored pencils, and age-appropriate books)

**Children's Worship Bulletins** – for 3-6 AND 7-12 (handed out by the greeters).

Weekly activity pages based on Bible Stories.

**Children's Messages** – 2<sup>nd</sup> through 4<sup>th</sup>/5<sup>th</sup> Sundays. All who are young and young-at-heart.

# CONFIRMATION



2023-2024

This is the official Confirmation course  
in The United Methodist Church

## **How long is it?**

Two-year course (September 2023 – May 2025)

36 sessions (18 a school year, 2 a month – September-May).

Each session is 1 hour long. (*note the additional requirements outside the sessions time*)

**Ages:** 6<sup>th</sup> Grade through high school

**Cost:** free

**Times:** TBD (*participants will together discern a time of the week; this will be the set time for the whole year*);

with some exceptions, each session will be every two weeks.

**Leader:** Pastor Caleb, with the occasional church member as a volunteer.

**Location:** Fellowship Hall at PEUMC.

**Confirmation Ceremony:** Sunday, June 8<sup>th</sup>, 2025 (Day of Pentecost)  
(*may be adapted to coincide with student's 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Graduation Date*).

**Years A & B:** The 36 sessions will be divided into two years (A & B) of 18 sessions each. To include students each year, the *Confirm* will continue forward on a rotating basis, with incoming 7<sup>th</sup> graders in 2024 starting on session 19 with the 8<sup>th</sup> graders. This will allow us to continue including students without hosting multiple classes of Confirmation at once.

## BULLETIN BLOOPERS

- The pastor is asking if the ladies of the church would lend him their electric girdles for the pancake breakfast next Sunday.
- Evening Hymn-Sing at the Park—7 PM—bring a blanket and be prepared to sin!
- Potluck Supper—Sunday at 5:00 PM—medication and prayer to follow.
- Eight new choir robes are currently needed due to the addition of several new members  
and the deterioration of some older ones.
- Tonight's sermon title is "What is Hell?" Come early and hear our choir practice!
- A bean supper will be held on Tuesday evening. Music will follow.

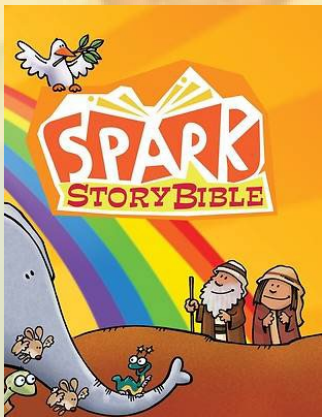
# Pre CONFIRMATION

Our Pre-Confirmation course is called



## This is for 4<sup>th</sup> through 6<sup>th</sup> Graders

These lessons will coincide with the regular Confirmation sessions.  
These will be led by church volunteers.



*Goal: To learn Bible stories and helping your child to think deeper about their faith life while connecting the Bible with real life.*

The course will use the Spark Bible curriculum from SparkHouse Publications.

There is **no cost** for this.

Lessons will take place at the same time as the *Confirm* course (2x a month; as determined by its participants) and will meet at the opposite end of the Fellowship Hall.

This is not a “course” but a continuous program for 4<sup>th</sup> through 6<sup>th</sup> graders, to prepare for Confirmation.

**Leader:** church volunteer, with Pastor Caleb on occasion.

**We will need teachers for SPARK!  
Each volunteer who signs up agrees to lead 2 sessions  
in a single month.**

# Restructuring the United Methodist Church

## (Regionalizing Our Connexion)

**BACKGROUND:** The Methodist movement started in England but became an established Church and exploded in numbers in the United States during the 18th-19th centuries. For much of this time, missionary work was always going \*out\* from the U.S. to other places in the world. Wherever missionaries were sent, and local numbers grew, provisional annual conferences were formed. As annual conferences themselves grew in numbers, they were formed into regional groupings called central conferences. Central conferences connect annual conferences for common ministry, adapt regulations as the conditions in the respective regions may require, and elect bishops.

Today, **Africa** has 3 central conferences:

- (1) **Africa:** 10 annual conferences in 11 countries;
- (2) **Congo:** 14 annual conferences in 9 countries;
- (3) **West Africa:** 6 annual conferences in 6 countries.

**Europe** has 3 central conferences:

- (1) **Central and Southern Europe:** 7 annual conferences in 15 countries;
- (2) **Germany:** 3 annual conferences in 1 country;
- (3) **Northern Europe and Eurasia:** 10 annual conferences in 14 countries.

The **Philippines** has 1 central conference comprising of 24 annual conferences in 1 country.

The United States, by nature of our history and sending missionaries outward, does not have its own central conference. Our 54 American annual conferences are grouped into 5 jurisdictional conferences, which have roughly the same powers and duties as the central conferences in other places of the world, mainly, electing bishops.



**However, . . .** unlike U.S. jurisdictions, central conferences have authority under page 31 of our Book of Discipline to make “such changes and adaptations” to the Book of Discipline as missional needs and differing legal contexts require. This limited freedom was given because our American-based Discipline featured legalities and policies that would not make sense or be practical in other parts of the world. For instance, central conferences already adapt parts of the Discipline to accommodate the

requirements of different property laws. Some central conferences, such as the Philippines, have different ways of credentialing clergy. These central conferences needed that adaptability because the Discipline was largely by the U.S. for the U.S.

But our U.S. annual/jurisdictional conferences, do not have that same freedom of adaptability to our context. To make changes relevant to our Western, North American context, we must



wait for the General Conference (think “Global”), which is supposed to happen every 4 years, but has not had a regular session since 2016. In other words, Africans can make changes suitable for Africans; Filipinos can do the same for themselves; Europeans, too. But Americans cannot, not without the votes of all the delegates from around the entire denomination. While other regions of the world can make changes, the U.S. must wait for the world’s delegates to gather, making General Conference a heavily U.S.-oriented time. It also keeps the U.S. from making necessary changes, especially as our denomination’s numbers are declining in the Western cultures and increasing in the Eastern cultures.

**BUT . . .** there is widespread consensus now within the leadership of the UMC that regionalization is a win/win proposition for the whole church.

The goal: ***make the United States its own central conference with the same freedoms of adaptability as the rest of the denomination:***

- It allows the sharing of resources without imposing cultural views on others.
- It takes the U.S. Church out of the center and creates a common global structure.
- It creates necessary missional space between progressive and traditional annual conferences.
- It focuses the church on mission, not conflict.

This would be the biggest change in policy and structure in the UMC since 1968—maybe even before.

### **THE CHALLENGES:**

**(1) We’ve tried this before at every G.C. for a generation.** They’ve all failed because each time it came up, the votes were taken as proxy on homosexuality. Traditionalists have long believed that with regionalization, the U.S. and Western Europe would allow ordination and marriage for LGBTQ persons. And they are right. A U.S. or European-only vote would have passed 12 years ago, similar to other U.S. denominations.

**(2) This requires multiple constitutional amendments.** Each constitutional amendment (not our nation’s Constitution, but our denomination’s) would require 2/3 majority of the G.C. present and a 2/3 ratification vote from each annual conference. In 2016, an amendment to the Constitution saying women are equal to men passed at G.C. but failed to be ratified by each annual conference.

**(3) Communication in the UMC is hard.** G.C. delegates in the US, Europe, and Philippines have their contact information posted online. Annual Conferences in Africa do not post this information. This is compounded by the reality of poor internet, lack of services, and unforeseen changes in who can get visas. This creates turnover and a communication vacuum that no one—not even the G.C. has solved. The G.C. struggles to get official UMC materials into the hands of delegates in Africa. This vacuum is a crisis that envelopes nearly 1/3 of all G.C. participants. We simply cannot communicate with one another.

**(4) Every region in the UMC has publicly expressed support for regionalization, except Africa.** Every U.S. J.C. has voted for it, so has conferences in Western Europe and the Philippines. Not a single A.C. in Africa has publicly voted to support regionalization. African



delegates comprise 1/3 of all votes at G.C. and delivered 60% of the votes for the Traditional Plan in 2019. There will be no regionalization without their approval. This is the question only African delegates can answer: Do regionalization provide enough distance and space to stay connected? The U.S. and European regions will openly ordain gay pastors; Africa will not.

**(5) The same groups are still working against regionalization.** The staff and board members of the conservative U.S. advocacy groups oppose regionalization, and they are not leaving. The Institute on Religion and Democracy, Good News, and the Wesleyan Covenant Association are all coming to G.C. 2024 to harvest more churches out of the UMC and into the Global Methodist Church. These groups have an undefeated record at G.C. in influencing votes in Africa. We must build a new coalition of those of us staying United Methodist, so our future church is not hijacked—again—by those who are leaving.

**CONCLUSION:** We have 9 months before G.C. 2024. Those of us around the globe who want to stay United Methodist have a once-in-a-generation opportunity to work together to build a great church! Regionalization offers the best path forward.



*--this article was taken largely from another article from Mainstream UMC.com, dated July 26th, 2023.*

## Harbor House Volunteers



# OUR 125<sup>TH</sup> POTLUCK

Members were asked to try to provide “old” recipes for our **Anniversary Potluck** on July 30<sup>th</sup>.

*Bragging rights* were given to those who could find a “turn-of-the-century” recipe and/or from an old Methodist cookbook. Those who brought recipes to the potluck were invited to fill out cards detailing their recipes. Some did not have cards, but the ones provided are listed below for your enjoyment:

- **Corn Ring** – “THE NEW SETTLEMENT COOKBOOK, 1<sup>ST</sup> EDITION” – 1901 – *Kathy Mills*
- **Seven Layer Salad** – First United Methodist Church – Hampshire, IL
- **Colby**, a semihard orange cheese, developed in Colby, WI, in 1885.
- **Grandma Wrasse’s Rice Pudding** – recipe shared by: De Ett Mann, submitted by: *Midge Herschleb*.
- **Roberta Bars** – Roberta Morrell’s nut bars
- **Brownie Recipe** - Found on the web: First-ever published brownie recipe found in the 1896 Sears and Roebuck’s Catalog. The frosting is my daughter’s homemade recipe. *Diane Sweat*.
- **Waldorf Triangles** (circa 1900) – *Sue Mitchell*
- **Streusel Coffee Cake** from a recipe that was made by my maternal grandmother for her 7 children.
- **Grated Apple Pie** – 1898 – from “WARE COOKBOOK,” Ware Methodist Episcopal Church in Ware, Massachusetts. (see Potato Puffs below)
- **Very Old Meatloaf Recipe** – A 207-year-old meatloaf recipe from 1807 or before. It called for deer meat, but I prefer using beef as did my Mother. Recipe by Jason Gaydos.
- **Pickled Beets**
- **My mother’s Apple Muffin** recipe found in a church cookbook from 1976. I have no idea how old the recipe is.
- **Potato Puffs** – recipe by Mrs. George S. Marsh – “LADIES OF THE METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH COOKBOOK, 1898”— Ware, Massachusetts (see Grated Apple Pie above) – *Pastor Caleb*



PEUMC is hosting a “town hall” open forum for South Wood County called **“Digital Equity.”** The event is sponsored by WISCONSIN COUNCIL OF CHURCHES who is partnering with the WISCONSIN STATE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION. Residents of SWC are invited to share their experience of local internet access. This event is to help the state identify problematic areas of insufficient internet access. The event will be **Thursday, August 17<sup>th</sup> at 2:30 PM** in our Fellowship Hall. **Every person who participates will receive a \$25 gift card.**



# GARRISON KEILLOR ON METHODISTS

\*Gary Edward "Garrison" Keillor (1942- ) is an American author, singer, humorist, voice actor, and radio personality from Anoka, Minnesota



We make fun of Methodists for their blandness, their excessive calm, their fear of giving offense, their lack of speed, and also for their secret fondness for macaroni and cheese.

But nobody sings like them. If you were to ask an audience in New York City, a relatively Methodist-less place, to sing along on the chorus of MICHAEL ROW THE BOAT ASHORE, they will look daggers at you as if you had asked them to strip to their underwear. But if you do this among Methodists, they'd smile and row that boat ashore and up on the beach! And down the road!

Many Methodists are bred from childhood to sing in four-part harmony, a talent that comes from sitting on the lap of someone singing alto or tenor or bass and hearing the harmonic intervals by putting your little head against that person's rib cage.

It's natural for Methodists to sing in harmony. They are too modest to be soloists, too worldly to sing in unison. When you're singing in the key of C and you slide into the A<sup>7</sup> and D<sup>7</sup> chords, all two hundred of you, it's an emotionally fulfilling moment. By joining in harmony, they somehow promise that they will not forsake each other.

I do believe this: People, these Methodists, who love to sing in four-part harmony are the sort of people you can call up when you're in deep distress.

***\*If you're dying, they will comfort you.***

***\*If you are lonely, they'll talk to you.***

***\*And if you are hungry, they'll give you tuna salad.***

***\*Methodists believe in prayer but would practically die if asked to pray out loud.***

***\*Methodists like to sing, except when confronted with a new hymn or a hymn with more than four stanzas.***

***\*Methodists believe their pastors will visit them in the hospital, even if they don't notify them that they are there.***

***\*Methodists usually follow the official liturgy and will feel it is their way of suffering for their sins.***

***\*Methodists believe in miracles and even expect miracles, especially during their stewardship visitation programs or when passing the plate.***

***Methodists think that the Bible forbids them from crossing the aisle while passing the peace.***

***\*Methodists drink coffee as if it were the Third Sacrament.***

***\*Methodists feel guilty for not staying to clean up after their own wedding reception in the Fellowship Hall.***

***\*Methodists are willing to pay up to one dollar for a meal at the church.***

***\*Methodists still serve Jell-O in the proper liturgical color of the season and think that peas in a tuna casserole adds too much color.***

***\*Methodists believe that it is OK to poke fun at themselves and never take themselves too seriously.***

***And finally, You know you are a Methodist when:***

***It's 100 degrees, with 90% humidity, and you still have coffee after the service.***

***You hear something funny during the sermon and smile as loudly as you can.***

***Donuts are a line item in the church budget, just like coffee.***

***When you watch a *Star Wars* movie and they say, "May the Force be with you," you respond, "and also with you."***

***And lastly, it takes ten minutes to say good-bye!***

# ONLINE ELECTRONIC GIVING

When you give financially online via our website, you now have 5 options to designate your giving:


General Operating:	<input type="text" value="0.00"/>
This provides funds for our daily operations.	
125th Anniversary Celebration Contributions:	<input type="text" value="0.00"/>
Donations accepted for the 125th Anniversary Celebration.	
Elevator Fund Donation:	<input type="text" value="0.00"/>
All Monies are for the purchase of an elevator.	
Bi-Monthly Designated Mission:	<input type="text" value="0.00"/>
Monies are provided to Bi-Monthly Designated Missions.	
Endowment:	<input type="text" value="0.00"/>
This gives to our endowment fund.	
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>

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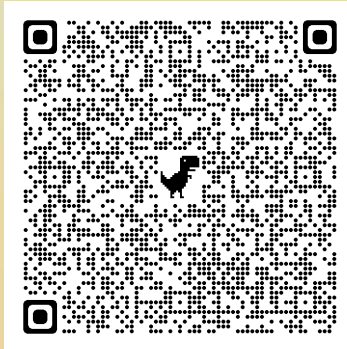
Donation Frequency:

**Consider Recurring Donations**

Recurring donations provide a steady stream of support. It is a great way to manage charitable giving without the worry of missing a payment- you set the frequency, select the payment method and your gift continues to give over time.

Donation Start Date:  mm/dd/yy 

Website link: [peumc.org/donate](https://peumc.org/donate) (click on “Donate Now”)  
OR use this QR code with the camera feature on your smartphone:



## **MISSION PROJECT AUGUST**

**Harbor House Transitional Housing:**

**A Ministry of the Wisconsin UMC Conference – Superior, WI.**

**Designate your gift to this project as “Harbor House” or “Monthly Mission”**



# Statement on Supreme Court Ruling on Affirmative Action

A statement from the General Secretaries of the General Board of Church and Society (GBCS), General Board of Higher Education and Ministry (GBHEM), General Commission on Religion and Race (GCORR), General Commission on the Status and Role of Women (GCSRW), and Discipleship Ministries.

June 29, 2023

Today's Supreme Court decision ruling unconstitutional the use of affirmative action is antithetical to the social teachings of The United Methodist Church. As stated in the Book of Resolutions, The United Methodist Church sees *"the most fundamental premise underlying the concept of affirmative action is both moral and spiritual ... According to biblical teaching, we are mandated, in the face of inhumane discrimination – whether that discrimination is intended or unintended – to do what we can to redress legitimate grievances and to create a society in which the lives of each and all will flourish"* (2016 Book of Resolutions, #3373: Affirmative Action). The Supreme Court's ruling will make the struggle to redress past injustices and advance equity even more difficult in our institutions and society.

As agencies of The United Methodist Church, we remain committed to the Wesleyan value of social justice and the social teachings of the Gospel as expressed in the Social Principles and Book of Resolutions and will continue to pursue inclusive and equitable practices in our hiring, programming, and institutional witness. We continue to believe *"given the tenacity of many forms of racism, sexism, and ableism – both blatant and subtle – the concept of affirmative action retains its relevance as part of an overall effort to create a more just and equitable social system"* (BOR 3373). **And** we will continue to reflect in our own practices and champion to the wider world the kin-dom values that seek to ensure access to and effective participation in all sectors of society for people of color, women, and persons with disabilities.

In response to today's ruling, we will advocate for a legislative response that will rectify historic inequities and expand present opportunities in the face of continued obstacles based on race, sex, and ability. Furthermore, we will advocate for an active response by United Methodists and people of faith to support our constituents, educational institutions, and ecumenical partners who will be negatively impacted by today's ruling and to recommit to our own practices of justice, inclusion, and equity in the church and society.

John Hill  
Interim General Secretary  
General Board of Church and Society

Rev. Greg Bergquist  
General Secretary  
General Board of Higher Education  
and Ministry  
Rev. Dr. Giovanni Arroyo

General Secretary  
General Commission on Race and  
Religion

Dawn Wiggins Hare  
General Secretary  
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Officer  
World Service & The Upper Room  
Discipleship Ministries

# Looking Ahead

## August Sermon Series



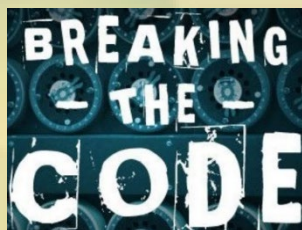
A series based on your choices!

To try to address as many of your questions, each Sunday will feature a sermon based on a response AND an bulletin article related to another response.

SUNDAY	SERMON TOPIC	BULLETIN INSERT
August 6 <sup>th</sup>	<i>Why is God so angry in the Old Testament and more loving in the New Testament?</i>	<i>How do we refute LGBTQ criticism with the Bible?</i>
August 13 <sup>th</sup>	<i>The Golden Rule—Matthew 7:12</i>	<i>Psychology behind racism and intolerance in America.</i>
August 20 <sup>th</sup>	<i>How to practice forgiveness</i>	<i>How to reach 20-40 year olds who have become disillusioned with organized religion?</i>
August 27 <sup>th</sup>	<i>Guest preacher, Rev. Bill Beaton (he will choose a topic from the list)</i>	<i>Themes in the Book of Genesis</i>

## Monday Bible Study

(starting in September)



### A study on the Book of Revelation

*(5 one-hour long sessions)*

**(11:00 AM OR 6:00 PM)**

participants will decide; based on availability

**Mondays: September 4<sup>th</sup> / 11<sup>th</sup> / 18<sup>th</sup> / 25<sup>th</sup> / October 2<sup>nd</sup>**

This study will feature 3 publications:

- (1) *A Non-Violent Revelation to John* by Thomas Robert Jones © 1998
- (2) *The Rapture Exposed: The Message of Hope in the Book of Revelation* by Barbara R. Rossing © 2004
- (3) *Breaking the Code: Understanding the Book of Revelation* by Bruce M. Metzger © 2019

These books are optional for participants. Buy them at your own will.

**LOOKING AHEAD TO SEPTEMBER**



## SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 3<sup>RD</sup>

- *Annual Labor Day Park Service*  
w/ Nekoosa United Church of Christ and  
Congregational Church (UCC) of Rapids
- 10:00 – 11:00 AM
- Edwards-Alexander Memorial Park (210 2<sup>nd</sup> Street, Port Edwards, WI 54469)

Host church: Nekoosa UCC (*this is the location in case of bad weather*)

Preacher: Pastor Caleb

Potluck to follow service

*(no church assignment for food; just bring food—desserts, sides, meat, desserts)*

*Service will NOT be live-streamed (no internet/cellular connection at park)  
but \*may\* be uploaded to FB later that day/week.*

## SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 10<sup>TH</sup>

- Back-to-School Sunday (Rally Sunday – Communion Sunday)
- cookout after church at church gazebo
- Start of Our Annual Series: Year 2, Our Journey Through the Bible

## Start of Our Annual Series

### Year 2, Our Journey Through the Bible

Theme: “LIVING OUT GOD’S KIN’DOM”

*(with a focus on the Gospel of Mark)*

*starts Sunday, September 10<sup>th</sup>*

**God’s plan for our world has not changed since the moment of Creation.**

**God created a world for people to work side-by-side in a community of love.**

**No matter how far humanity rejected that ideal and turned to selfishness,**

**God never gave up.**

**Throughout Scripture, God established a vision of a Peaceful Kin’dom.**

**God’s people continued to turn away, and God continued to love them.**

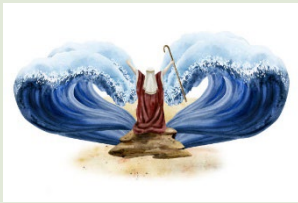
**After Jesus’ Resurrection,**

**He anointed His followers with His Holy Spirit**

**and charged them to spread the Good News throughout the world,**

**including the promise of the end of death and the final arrival of the Kin’dom.**

## Overview of 2023-2024



## OLD TESTAMENT

September 10, 17, & 24

GOD CREATES FAMILY

(Genesis 2, 18 & 21, 32)

October 1, 8, 15

RESPONDING TO GOD'S LOVE

(Exodus 3, Deut. 5 & 6, Ruth 1)

October 22 & 29, November 5

GOD'S WAY OF LEADING

(2 Samuel 5 & 6, 1 Kings 12, 1 Kings 18)

*EXTENDED LENT*

November 12, 19, & 26

OUR SIN, GOD'S FAITHFULNESS

(Hosea 1, Isaiah 5 & 11, 2 Kings 22 & 23)

December 3, 10, 17, 24, & 25

PROMISES MADE, PROMISES KEPT

(Jeremiah 33, Isaiah 40, Ezra 1 & 3,  
Luke 1, 2)



## NEW TESTAMENT

*Christmastide/Epiphanytide*

December 31, January 7 & 14

GOD'S KINGDOM ANNOUNCED

(Mark 1, 1, 2, 4)

January 21 & 28, February 4 & 11

THE POWER OF THE KINGDOM

(Mark 5, 5, 6, 8 & 9)

*Lent*

February 14, 18, & 25, March 3 & 10

THE CALL TO SERVE

(Mark 12, 9, 10, 10, 12, 12)

March 17, 24, & 31

GOD'S TRIUMPH

(Mark 13, 11, 14, 15, 14, 16)

*Easter tide*

April 7, 14, 21, & 28

GOD WORKS THROUGH US

(Acts 1, 3, 17; 18)

May 5, 12, & 19

THE POWER OF GOD'S LOVE

(1 Corinthians)



**Children/Youth Team** meets on August 15, at 10:00 AM

**Nurture Team** meets on August 29 at 1:00 PM.

During this meeting they will be making new quiet bags. If you have any items to share, please leave them in the basket in the entry before the meeting.





The Holiday Bazaar is just around the corner...

Saturday — November 4 — 10:00-2:00 pm

While sponsored by United Women in Faith (UWIF), the bazaar is a church-wide event and needs **MANY** people to make it a **SUCCESS**. When you get a call to help or donate, please say **YES!**

**Featuring:**

- 🌲 All-Day Lunch
- 🌲 Bakery & Candy
- 🌲 Handcrafted Items
- 🌲 Background Music
- 🌲 Stocking Stuffers

*Handmade items are needed and appreciated ~ Thank you!*

*Signup sheets will be available in church in September.*

*All Proceeds go to Missions, Scholarships, etc.*





# August

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
July 30	July 31	1	2	3	4	5
10:00 AM Service						
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
10:00 AM Service Holy Communion						
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
10:00 AM Service		10 AM Children/Youth Mtg		2:30 pm Digital Equity (see article)		
<b>Amy is on Vacation</b>						
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
10:00 AM Service 11:15 AM Church Council			<b>Pastor Caleb is on Vacation</b>			
27	28	29	30	31	Sept 1	Sept 2
10:00 AM Service Guest preacher, Rev. Beaton		1 PM Nurture Mtg				
<b>P.C. – vacay</b>						



# Noteworthy

## August Anniversaries

### August 3

Bill & Jody Parks

### August 8

Chuck & Rachel Lamb

### August 11

Phil & Ginnie Oliver

### August 14

Ken & Sue Brzezinski

### August 24

Curtis & Linda Frost

## August Birthdays

### August 7

Jeffrey Taylor

### August 11

Lori Hintz  
Barbara Taylor

### August 22

Gloria Wunrow

### August 23

LuAnn Slattery

### August 27

Michael Hintz

### August 28

Carlyn Cumberland

### August 29

Mable Johnson



**THANK YOU, VOLUNTEERS, FOR  
HELPING OUR NEIGHBORS IN JULY!**



A program of Aspirus Riverview Hospital  
made possible by United Way of  
South Wood & Adams Counties

### Home Delivered Meals Drivers

Julie Berg  
Pat & Kathy McGrath  
Sue Mitchell  
Leo & Sue Thomasgard

Every four weeks, PEUMC volunteers deliver a hot and nutritious noon meal to homes of Wisconsin Rapids area residents who are unable to prepare their own meals. Anyone interested in helping with this program may contact Becky Taylor (715-887-2163) for more information. **THANK YOU!**



Save the Date!

**Volunteering  
is a Work of Heart**

JOIN US WEDNESDAY  
**AUGUST 2, 2023**  
11AM-2PM or 4PM-7PM

Connect with friends  
and meet some new ones  
at Love INC's annual  
**VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION  
CELEBRATION**

Love In the Name of Christ Building  
710 20th Avenue South, Wisconsin Rapids, WI



# Pastoral \*Photo Dump

\*a "photo dump" is a Millennial term for uploading large amounts of photos from your smartphone in order to clear out space.

Below are some inspirational things I have collected on my phone for the better part of this year; some are funny, many are religious, some are encouraging, some are thought-provoking.

**CHURCH IS NOT AN ORGANIZATION THAT YOU JOIN: IT IS A FAMILY WHERE YOU BELONG, A HOME WHERE YOU ARE LOVED, & A HOSPITAL WHERE YOU FIND HEALING.**

Laughter is carbonated holiness.  
~Anne Lamott

## LIVING WITH DEMENTIA

1. Agree, never argue
2. Divert, never reason
3. Distract, never shame
4. Reassure, never lecture
5. Reminisce, never say "remember"
6. Repeat, never say "I told you"
7. Do what they can do, never say "you can't"
8. Ask, never demand
9. Encourage, never condescend
10. Reinforce, never force

## HOPE

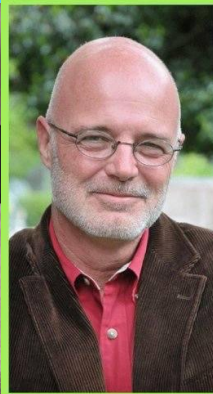
IS THE LITTLE VOICE YOU HEAR WHISPER, "MAYBE," WHEN IT SEEMS THE ENTIRE WORLD IS SHOUTING, "NO!"

GodVine.com

**FAITH** is not the belief that God will do what you WANT.

It is the belief that God will do what is **RIGHT**.  
-Max Lucado

Faith



It's not about the church meeting your needs; it's about joining the mission of God's people to meet the world's needs.

Brian D. McLaren

Religion says:  
God will love us if we change.

The Gospel says:  
God's love changes us.

I left a light on for you.

-God

*But the gospel doesn't need a coalition devoted to keeping the wrong people out. It needs a family of sinners, saved by grace, committed to tearing down the walls, throwing open the doors, and shouting, "Welcome! There's bread and wine. Come eat with us and talk." This isn't a kingdom for the worthy; it's a kingdom for the hungry.*

Rachel Held Evans

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**“IF GOD DIDN'T SEND JESUS INTO THE WORLD TO CONDEMN IT, I DOUBT HE SENT YOU.”**

- David Huskins



# THRIFTY SHOPPING WORKSHOP

JOIN CONNIE EISCH FOR THIS INSPIRING WORKSHOP  
SPONSORED BY NEW HOPE LIFE SKILLS!

THURSDAY, AUGUST 17th, 6:30-7:30 PM  
At the Love INC Building, 710 20th Avenue South, Wisconsin Rapids

EVERYONE IS WELCOME!

Come learn and share ways to save at the grocery store and still provide healthy, delicious and nutritious meals for you and your family. We will use store ads, coupons and substitution ideas to get the most out of your food dollars.



SEE YOU THERE!

# Junk Electronics Drop-Off

Saturday August 19<sup>th</sup>



At Immanuel Lutheran Church



Parking Lot

160 8<sup>th</sup> Street

Wis. Rapids

9am-1pm



9am-1pm

Flatscreen TV's

Microwaves

Power tools & battery packs

Tube TV's - all sizes

Servers

Fax machines

2-way radios

Household batteries

Cell phones

Keyboards & mice

Desktop printers

Stereos Scanners

Telephones

DVD players

Portable devices

Copiers

Computers - hard drives

Cables, wires & more

Monitors

Laptops

Circuit boards

Video game Systems

Vehicle batteries

Accepted Electronics at **NO COST!**

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thank you

To our family at PEUMC,  
I was delighted to see all the letters and gift cards from the church and the congregation! It truly brightened my day to read all the notes and know deeply the congregation cares about Nathan and I! Thank you to everyone for the letters and for always providing a welcoming and caring church environment!

Sincerely,

Brenda Swenson

PEUMC:

Thank you for the kind letters and the gift cards during the last week of the spring semester. I am so blessed to have such a wonderful church family 😊

Thank You!

Nathan Swenson