



# FAITH UNITED METHODIST CHURCH NEWSLETTER

## FAITH FOCUS

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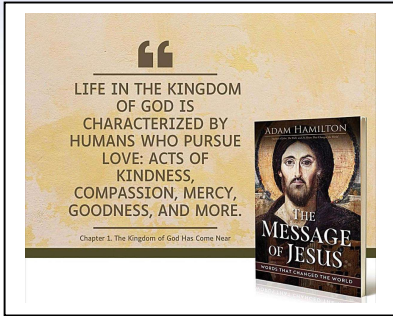
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### Upcoming Scripture.....

**March 2:** Ex 34:29-35; Ps 99; 2 Cor 3:12—4:2;  
Luke 9:28-43

#### Special Lenten Worship Series



**March 9:** "The Kingdom of God Has Come Near" Ps 99:11-4; Mk 1:14-15; Mt 13:31-33

**March 16:** "The World's Most Important Sermon" Mt 5:1-16; Mt 7:21-23

**March 23:** "Jesus Spoke to Them in Parables" Mt 25:31-40, (41-46); Lk 10:29-37; Lk 15:11-32 (or 15:11-13, 17-20, 28-32)

**March 30:** "Who Do YOU Say that I Am?" Jn 6:35; Jn 8:12; Jn 10:7-10; Jn 10:11-15; Jn 11:21-27; Jn 14:5-7; Jn 15:1-5

#### Newsletter Articles + Information:

**Deadline for April Newsletter:  
March 20<sup>th</sup>.**



Please let us know your email address so that we may save money by electronically delivering your "Faith Focus" Newsletter as an attachment to your email.  
**(Plus, you'll get it sooner!)**

*...hear and understand,  
and bear fruit...Matthew 13:23, NRSV*



Hello, church family!

It's hard to believe we are into month two of our time as a 3-church charge. God is good! Will there be some growing pains? You bet! We are still getting to know each other at Bloomer and New Auburn, and Ladysmith is adapting to sharing their pastor. I pray we

can come together with patience and grace as we love and serve the Lord and bring as many disciples to Jesus as possible! My door is always open for phone calls, texts, emails, or visits. I am blessed to serve a wonderful group of people who love God and want to love on each other and our communities. Be open to the possibilities as we let God work through us. I am excited about the good things we can do together!

This year, our Lenten Sermon Series will be from "The Message of Jesus" by Adam Hamilton. It is not necessary, but you may purchase the book from Cokesbury or Amazon, if you desire. We will "lift up some of the most important things that Jesus said and invite us to consider what they mean for our lives, in the hope that we might 'hear and understand, and bear fruit (Matt 13:23)'" ~Adam Hamilton. Our Wednesday services will be with our Ecumenical group. Please find the schedule in this newsletter. A lot is going on at church this month and I pray you can be a part of it. Let us "hear and understand, and bear fruit" for Jesus!

Stay warm and healthy. You are in my prayers.

God bless you all! ~Pastor Mary



## "PAINLESS" FUNDRAISING FOR THE CHURCH!

**MARIAN'S MARKET:** In our Narthex. Stop by and browse. If you need Greeting cards, note cards, gift bags, canvas tote bags, scrubbies, etc., buy them here and raise money for the church.

**SCRIP CARDS:** Cards are available from local and surrounding area businesses, restaurants, and gift credit cards. You receive the face value of the card, and Faith UMC earns a percentage from each card purchase! Please let Pastor Mary or Marsha know by the last week of the month, so we may order these cards.

**KWIK TRIP CARDS:** We still have 2 "CAR WASH CARDS" available, and will order more as needed (we receive our orders quickly.) We will also order "GIFT CARDS" for other Kwik Trip purchases—see Pastor Mary or Marsha about this.

## *Our 2<sup>nd</sup> "ART for the heART" Session on February 25th: Prayer Beads ....*



## FAITH UMC AD. BOARD MEETING HIGHLIGHTS February 16, 2025

**Finance:** Contributions were down in January, we did miss one Sunday due to weather. Last bill for the 3-month insurance reported.

**Trustees:** Mike S. and Armond reset thermostats, Armond will continue to monitor them for accuracy, having had to re-set them a few times already. Call was made to Northwest Sanitation regarding smell in Nursery bathroom. Water poured down the drains seemed to fix it. Mary, Paul, and Armond put Christmas trees away. Mike and Armond changed filters and light bulbs. Possible buyer interested in Tony cemetery. A letter was written to ask DS Peace about selling it. We are looking for additional input to the letter. Our safe deposit box needs to be gone through and unneeded items discarded.

**Outreach & Events:** Sunday Coffee Hour is now 10:00 am—before our church service. World Day of Prayer preparations are continuing. February 25<sup>th</sup> is set for Art for the Heart, at 5:30 pm. The Wednesday Lenten service to be at Faith is March 19<sup>th</sup>, 5:30pm Supper, 6:30pm Worship. Ecumenical services are set between Faith, Nathaniel Lutheran, St. Mary's, and Weyerhaeuser. Maundy Thursday and Sedar/Agape meal will be here at 5:30 pm. Possible Easter brunch to be held here. Mother's Day Tea here on May 3<sup>rd</sup>. Scott to get eggs from Exeland fundraiser. We need more volunteers for the Senior Center meals and for refreshments.

**Pastor:** Mary completed her current class. Next class starts April 1<sup>st</sup> on Theology/Early Church. Funeral here this week. Mary will be here for the two of the Lenten services. Lenten Sunday Worship series is "The Message of Jesus" starting March 9<sup>th</sup>.

**SPRC:** First combined SPRC meeting was February 4<sup>th</sup> at New Auburn. Will be having a meeting once a month. Next one is March 4<sup>th</sup> at New Auburn.

**Old Business:** Yoga to change dates. (Since the date of this Ad. Board meeting, Yoga classes were cancelled.)

Next meeting is March 16<sup>th</sup> after church service.





**REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN!**

Offering a mixture of fun activities and spiritual growth. A place to belong, to try new things, gain confidence, and find life-long friendships. Visit our website [www.WIUMCamps.org](http://www.WIUMCamps.org) to learn all about your options for planning your best week of the summer! Some scholarships, or a 4-month payment plan, are available. In addition to information found at the website, we have a brochure available on the table in the Fellowship Hall at church for you to look through and decide which type of camp and which location (Pine Lake in Westfield, WI, or Lake Lucerne in Nashkoro, WI) is best for you.

*Community Outreach*

**Senior Center Lunch March 17-21: 11:15am.** Sign up to help serve lunch & wipe up tables afterwards. Works best in pairs of two. Stay for free lunch!

**Worship Service at Ladysmith Care**

**Community:** Chapel services at the Ladysmith Care & Rehab Center are every Wed. from 2:30pm – 3:15pm. You are welcome to come worship with your friends there. (The next service Pastor Mary will be Good Friday, 4/18.)

**“Soles 4 Souls”** – We continue to collect these needed items in the special box on the pew in the church Narthex. Please rubber band the shoes together in pairs (no boxes.) Many thanks!

**Lighthouse Homeless Centers** – Many thanks for helping the homeless with your donations of personal care and household items. They still have an urgent need for: TOOTHBRUSHES, TOILET PAPER, PAPER TOWELS, & LIQUID LAUNDRY SOAP. Please place in the donation basket on the pew in the church Narthex.

**Sleeping Mat Project** – We have plenty of plastic bags at the time of this writing, But we need you to join us for cutting, “looping,” and weaving, after worship, or whenever. Together, we can get mat #3 finished soon!

**1 Corinthians 12:4, 7** *“Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit. To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good.”*



**From a grateful church...**

- ...to Reen, Gus, Ann, & Karen, who helped serve lunch at the Senior Center, 2/10 – 2/14.
- ...to Gus for making popcorn for our Tuesday Bible Study sessions.
- ...to our Scripture readers.
- ...to those who bring treats for our “before Worship” Coffee Hour at 10:00am.
- ...to our acolytes, Reen, Ann, Karen & Gus, who light the candles, bring the offering forward, help Pastor serve Communion, and help put our Worship Service up on the screen.
- ...to Karen and others on the Outreach and Events Committee for all the planning of Dinners and Events held at our church and doing the work of carrying those plans out.

*We all have been given “gifts from the Spirit.” Please sign up on one of the volunteer sheets in the Fellowship Hall to share your gifts where they are needed!*



**TUESDAY  
BIBLE STUDY  
10:00am to 11:30am**

**Popcorn is served!**

**Bible Study continues EVERY WEEK here at Faith at the same time, but now on TUESDAYS (instead of Wednesdays.)**

Our current Bible Study is **“Sunday Sneak Peek.”** Sessions involve the upcoming Sunday Scripture and include some lively discussions as we ponder their meaning and implications for our lives with Pastor Mary!



# ASH WEDNESDAY

March 5, 2025

**LENT BEGINS** and we will once again get together to observe this meaningful time with our **Ecumenical Wednesday Evening Lent services, starting with the Ash Wednesday service.** Churches involved in hosting these services include Ladysmith Faith UMC, Nathaniel Lutheran in Bruce, St. Mary's Catholic in Bruce, and Weyerhaeuser UMC, but of course **ALL IN THE COMMUNITY ARE INVITED!**

**ASH WEDNESDAY, March 5, 2025**

**Host: Bruce Federated Church:**

**5:30pm – Supper**

**6:30pm – Worship Services with ashes**



**Wednesday, March 12 – at Nathaniel Lutheran in Bruce:**

5:30pm Supper 6:30pm Worship Speaker: Deacon Tom

**Wednesday, March 19 – at Ladysmith Faith UMC:**

5:30pm Supper 6:30pm Worship Speaker: Janelle Thompson

**Wednesday, March 26 – at St. Mary's Catholic in Bruce:**

5:30pm Supper 6:30pm Worship Speaker: Pastor Mark

**Wednesday, April 2 – at Weyerhaeuser UMC**

5:30pm Supper 6:30pm Worship Speaker: Pastor Mary

**Wednesday, April 9 – at Nathaniel Lutheran in Bruce:**

**7:00pm BLUE HILLS CHORALE is performing**

# PALM SUNDAY

**April 13<sup>th</sup> – 10:00am Worship at Faith UMC**



**WORLD DAY OF PRAYER**

Friday, March 7, 2025

1:00 p.m.

HOST: FAITH U.M.C.

W8125 Shady Lane

Ladysmith, WI

(Watch for church sign by our driveway on Hwy. 8, just west of East Mart.)

World Day of Prayer is an international, ecumenical organization which enables us to hear the thoughts of women from all parts of the world: their hopes, concerns and prayers. This year, we in Ladysmith, WI and around our country, will join with more than 120 other countries, in celebrating their worship service for 2025, prepared by the women of The Cook Islands of the south Pacific. The topic is "I Made You Wonderful." *Psalm 139:14.*

**Join us here at Faith UMC. All our invited! Come and enjoy a beautiful worship service with music and food inspired by the people of the Cook Islands of the south Pacific.**



## Ecumenical Worship:

**Holy Monday, 4/14 – 8:30am** Worship at Faith UMC & light breakfast to follow. Janet Gerber speaking.

**Holy Tuesday, 4/15 – 8:30am** Worship at Bruce Federated Church. Light breakfast to follow. Karen Evert speaking.

**Holy Wednesday, 4/16 – 8:30am** Worship at Weyerhaeuser UMC. Light breakfast to follow. Scott Von Haden speaking.

**Maundy Thursday, 4/17 – At Faith UMC** 5:30pm simple Agape/Seder meal, 6:30pm Worship with collaborative speaking.

**Good Friday, 4/18 –**

**3:00pm** Worship at Birchwood UMC

**5:30pm** Worship at Nathaniel Lutheran.

Pastor Kathy speaking.

**Holy Saturday, 4/19 – On-line at** brucefederated Tou Tube



### *ANNIVERSARIES:*

9 Bonnie & Jim

### BIRTHDAYS:

- 1 Mike Milutinovich
- 3 Glenn Miller
- 8 Elizabeth Dumlao
- 10 Hailey Miller
- 11 Emily Skrypek
- 18 Christopher Miller
- 21 Rev. Mark Bartlett



SUNDAY, APRIL 20, 2024

## EASTER WORSHIP

At FAITH UMC  
11:00am Worship and Communion. Invite your friends + neighbors!



Office Hours: Tue. + Thur.  
10 a.m. to 2 p.m.  
Call ahead to verify Pastor Mary is in.

Sunday

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

Saturday

					Pastor's day off	1
2 Coffee Hour at 10:00am <b>11:00am</b> Worship Service w/ <b>COMMUNION</b>	3 10am to 12:30 pm— Line Dancing at Faith UMC	4 <b>10am BIBLE STUDY</b> - "Sunday Sneak Peak"	5  Ash Wednesday <b>Ecumenical ASH WEDNESDAY Service:</b> 5:3pm Supper + 6:30pm Worship At <u>Bruce Federated Church</u>	6	7 <b>1:00pm WORLD DAY OF PRAYER at FAITH UMC.</b> Featuring food + worship from the Cook Islands	8
9 <b>DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME BEGINS - set your clocks forward!</b>  Coffee Hour at 10:00am <b>11:00am</b> Worship Service	10 10am to 12:30 pm— Line Dancing at Faith UMC	11 <b>10am BIBLE STUDY</b> - "Sunday Sneak Peak"	12 <b>Ecumenical Lent Service</b> 5:3pm Supper + 6:30pm Worship At <u>Nathaniel Lutheran</u>	13	14 Pastor's Day Off	15
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11:15am Faith UMC helps serve lunch at the Senior Center						
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30 <b>11:00am</b> Worship Service followed by "END OF THE MONTH POTLUCK" "5 <sup>th</sup> <b>SUNDAY NOISY OFFERINGS</b> "	31					

(More about items highlighted with a green background earlier in this Newsletter.)

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Office Hours: **Tuesday** and Thursday  
10:00 am-2:00 pm

**\* Pastor is in church during office hours, but due to special meetings, please call to verify that she is in.**

**Sunday Worship**

**11:00 am**

**Join us in person, on Facebook Live,  
or watch later on our Facebook page  
or on our website.**

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