

# ***Northern Voice Newsletter***

## **Spring (February-March-April 2023)**

### **The Waiting Game** ~Timothy Merrill

Life involves lots of waiting. We wait in groups, in lines, in cars. We wait for packages, for the bus, for the sun to rise. We wait in doctors' offices, at the post office, at the DMV. Waiting implies we're at someone else's mercy, but it's also usually linked to hope. Perhaps that's why Paul Tillich called waiting a metaphor for faith. Why would one wait if there weren't the firm belief that the object of one's wait will eventually materialize?

Waiting can be enervating, which is why Isaiah 40:31 is so promising: "They who wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength." Yet waiting is tough if you have nothing to do while waiting. That's why Jesus, when talking about waiting, also talked about working — work for the night is coming.

Sometimes it's less tiring to work than it is to wait. There's a lot of waiting during Lent. You're waiting for a payoff. You're waiting for the Resurrection. You're waiting for spiritual growth. And then you realize this isn't waiting at all. It's life. It's joy. It's opportunity. It's blessing.

### **Refocus for Lent** ~Author unknown

Give up complaining — focus on gratitude.  
Give up harsh judgments — think kind thoughts.  
Give up worry — trust God to provide.  
Give up discouragement — be full of hope.  
Give up bitterness — turn to forgiveness.  
Give up hatred — return good for evil.  
Give up anger — be more patient.  
Give up pettiness — become mature.  
Give up jealousy — pray for trust.  
Give up gossiping —  
                    control your tongue.  
Give up sin — turn to virtue.  
Give up giving up — persevere.





Join us in worship this Lent for



Sunday's beginning February 26

## *Sermon Series for Lent*

*"Luke: Jesus and the Outsiders, Outcasts,  
and Outlaws"*

*Based on the book by Adam Hamilton  
Books Available*



## Lenten Schedule

February 22nd      Ash Wednesday at  
Calvary Lutheran 12&6pm

February 26th      Lent 1  
"Lifting Up the Lowly"

March 5th              Lent 2  
"Simon, Do You See This Women?"

March 12th            Lent 3  
""Parables from the Underside"

March 19th            Lent 4  
"The Journey to Jerusalem"

March 26th            Lent 5  
"Five Days Before the Crucifixion"

**April 2nd              Palm Sunday**  
**April 6th              Maundy Thursday 7pm**  
**April 7th              Good Friday**  
                             **at Riverside    6:30pm**  
**April 9th              Easter Sunday**

*Please check the Bulletin and Friday  
Announcements for details as these dates get closer!*

# Soup Supper



*Come for a Soup Supper and  
Bible Study During Lent*

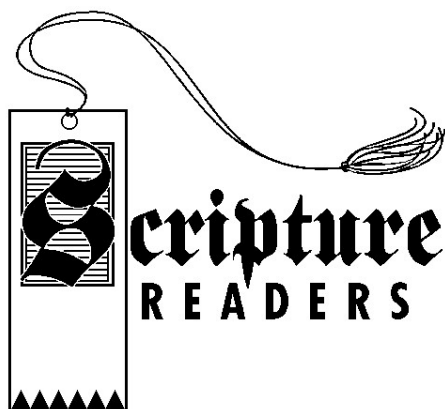
Wednesdays at 5:30pm  
March 1, 8, 22, and 29

The Bible study for Lent is based on  
"Luke: Jesus and the Outsiders, Outcasts, and  
Outlaws" by Adam Hamilton

## **Volunteers Needed for Set-Up: (Also Ushers & Greeters!)**

We are looking for volunteers, either to help with set-up and take-down of funerals, and other group functions held at HUMC or any unscheduled cleaning as needed as well as ushers and greeters. If you are willing to help Please sign up on the **Volunteers Needed** sign- up sheets near the Nametag area and/or call the office.

Thank you!



## *Scripture Readers*

Please consider  
volunteering for this  
important part of our  
Sunday Worship. Sign  
up sheet is available  
by the nametags  
or call

Diane Thielke at

218-255-5557

**Thank you for your willingness to serve!**





## **OCTOBER Mission Giving**

11-5-22

### **MISSION COMMITTEE**

Storm Kits

\$1005.88

**Total Mission Committee**

**\$1005.88**

### **DESIGNATED MISSION GIVING**

Pastor's Discretionary

\$425.00

**TOTAL MISSION GIVING**

**\$1,430.88**

## **NOVEMBER Mission Giving**

12-7-22

### **MISSION COMMITTEE**

UMCOR Distribution

\$200.00

Midwest Mission Dist. Center

\$3,972.00

**Total Mission Committee**

**\$4,172.00**

### **DESIGNATED MISSION GIVING**

UMCOR

\$9,800.00

Wellspring

\$8,000.00

Meals on Wheels

\$443.00

UWF

\$10.00

Pastor's Discretionary

\$650.00

**TOTAL MISSION GIVING**

**\$23,075.00**

Volunteers from HUMC deliver  
**Meals on Wheels** to Park Rapids  
 residents once every 5 weeks.  
 If you are interested in becoming a  
 delivery person for this  
 rewarding activity,  
 please contact  
 Arnie Kuhn at 701-730-3667.  
*"Thank You"* to our many  
 dedicated volunteers.



**Hubbard MOW Dates:**

February 20-24

March 27-31

May 1-5 (no April)

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| <b>DECEMBER Mission Giving</b>       | 1-6-23            |
| <b>MISSION COMMITTEE</b>             |                   |
| Toys for Tots                        | \$500.00          |
| Family Safety Network                | \$500.00          |
| Global Ministries-<br>Advance#12109Z | \$2,000.00        |
| <b>Total Mission Committee</b>       | <b>\$3,000.00</b> |
| <b>DESIGNATED MISSION GIVING</b>     |                   |
| Pastor's Discretionary               | \$2,250.00        |
| UMCOR                                | \$1,160.00        |
| Toys for Tots                        | \$625.00          |
| <b>TOTAL MISSION GIVING</b>          | <b>\$7,035.00</b> |

## *Monthly Mission News*

In addition to the mission financials on the preceding pages I would like to highlight the Rice Meal Packing Event for Ukraine that was held Jan. 21st where we joined with other churches and packed 6,000 meals that will feed 36,000 people.



Looking forward to future events:

Pastor Lauren just confirmed that Belinda Forbes will make a visit to HUMC this spring. Belinda is a missionary in Nicaragua that we have supported for many years. We also have another packing event coming up in February where we will pack 40 School Kits for early elementary students. These will be distributed by our contact at Centennial School.

The Meals on Wheels ministry continues with the number of clients roughly doubling in the last 2 years. Thanks again to our church members and attendees for your enthusiastic support of our ministry efforts!

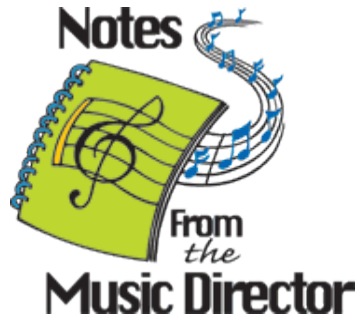
Arnie Kuhn, Mission Team Chair

# Choir

Choir continues in 2023  
with the same schedule.

Choir sings:

**1st & 3rd Sundays** with  
rehearsals the week before  
on **Wed. night at 7pm** and  
**Sun. morning** at 8am.



Upcoming rehearsal dates, Wednesdays at 7pm:  
Feb. 1 & 15 Mar. 1, 15, & 29  
Apr. 5 (Easter rehearsal)

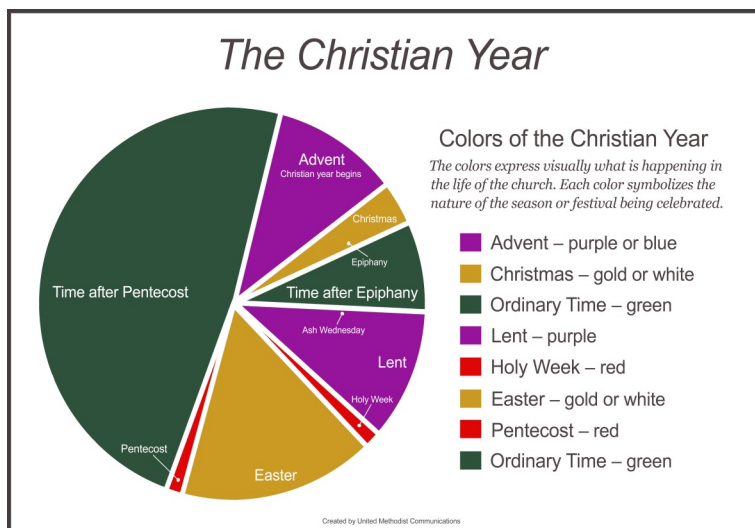
Sundays we sing with rehearsal at 8am: Feb. 5 & 19  
Mar. 5 & 19 Apr. 2 (Palm Sunday) & Apr. 9 (Easter)  
We are also singing on Ash Wednesday, Feb. 22 at  
Calvary. Watch for emails from Jennie with details.

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*If you would like to have a prayer request printed in the  
bulletin or given to our telephone prayer chain, please  
inform the office. Remember, due to patient privacy,  
please get permission from the person needing  
prayers to have their name printed.*



# *What is Ordinary Time??*



The Christian year includes two central cycles focused on major events in the life of Christ: the Christmas cycle (Advent-Christmas-Epiphany) and Easter cycle (Lent-Easter-Pentecost). Each of these seasons begins with a time of preparation and anticipation followed by a time of celebration.

A season designated as Ordinary Time follows each cycle. The word "ordinary" here does not mean "routine" or "not special." Instead, it refers to the "ordinal numbers" (first Sunday, second Sunday, third, etc.) The first period of Ordinary Time, called the Season after Epiphany, begins on Epiphany Day and ends on the day before Ash Wednesday (the beginning of Lent).

The second period of Ordinary Time, the Season after Pentecost, follows the Easter cycle. Every year, Christians experience the contrast between the central seasons of Christmas and Easter, where we see God in the events around the coming of Christ, and the in-between times, where we see, speak about and join God's ongoing work in the world.

We thus experience two regular cycles of preparation, celebration and action in ministry each year.

*Taken from UMC Communications Website. The online library is available to answer all your questions!*



## *Northern Voice* *Newsletter Deadline*

The Northern Voice newsletter is now published quarterly. The deadline for submitting articles is the 15th of the month, so mark your calendar: the **Summer 2023 Issue deadline is April 15th**. Thank you!!



**Lent** begins February 22<sup>nd</sup> with Ash Wednesday. We will have a joint service at Calvary Lutheran. (watch for additional information regarding an in-person study as well lead by Pastor Lauren). We will be using the book: "Luke, Jesus and the Outsiders ,Outcasts and Outlaws" written by Adam Hamilton. Books available soon.

The ONLINE study will be held March 8,15,22,29 at 10am. Let Marion Hansen know if you would like to join this study in person, via sign up sheet in the Welcome area or via email: [marionha@wcta.net](mailto:marionha@wcta.net)

### *"Books with a Purpose"*

Check out the books in the Welcome area. This is a great time to settle in with a book. These "Books with a Purpose" will be available in January and February to borrow and read. Perhaps you will be inspired to write a short report for the next newsletter. If you have questions or a book you would like to share, see Marion Hansen, President, United Women in Faith

# BIRTHDAYS!

## February

|                   |    |
|-------------------|----|
| Lynne Boulden     | 1  |
| Ed Poitras        | 1  |
| Pat Tanner        | 2  |
| Brent Selander    | 2  |
| Day-Ana Fietek    | 3  |
| Cecilia Taggart   | 4  |
| Renee Manlove     | 6  |
| Tom Good          | 7  |
| Boo Groth         | 7  |
| Tonya Bolton      | 8  |
| Terry Greenawalt  | 9  |
| Avryl Thornton    | 13 |
| Dick Boehmer      | 14 |
| William Brunsdale | 17 |
| Jenny Seaton      | 19 |
| Jim Vogt          | 20 |
| Donald Saunders   | 23 |
| Eileen Bolton     | 28 |

## March

|                  |    |
|------------------|----|
| Tom Stetzler     | 1  |
| Hank Hallstrom   | 2  |
| Shirley Green    | 5  |
| Jackie Lundstrom | 9  |
| Mary C. Hansen   | 11 |
| Bob Roman        | 12 |
| Ken Manlove      | 12 |
| Jill Eisele      | 17 |
| Jack Derr        | 18 |
| Oliver Manlove   | 18 |
| Peggy Novak      | 21 |
| Joanne Torfin    | 23 |
| Andrea Otto      | 25 |
| Jeff Hauger      | 30 |
| Dick Lundstrom   | 31 |

## April

|                  |    |
|------------------|----|
| Nancy Seaberg    | 1  |
| Karen Odegard    | 3  |
| Tom Harmon       | 4  |
| Katherine Zander | 4  |
| Sue Heggen       | 5  |
| Deb Haagenson    | 6  |
| Evalt Laine      | 6  |
| Richard Perrine  | 6  |
| Larry Odegard    | 9  |
| Barb Boyd        | 11 |
| Richard Anderson | 11 |
| Juliann Kjenaas  | 17 |
| Jackie Swanson   | 18 |
| Genelle Forsberg | 22 |
| Patrick Kimball  | 23 |

# ANNIVERSARIES

## February

|                     |   |
|---------------------|---|
| John & Evelyn Davis | 5 |
|---------------------|---|

## March

|                      |    |
|----------------------|----|
| Tack & Martha Tacker | 18 |
| Randy & Robyn Wimmer | 10 |

## April

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| Jim & Janet Pieper | 30 |
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## United Women in Faith

The United Women of Faith meet  
the 1st Wednesday of the month at 1:00pm  
All are welcome!

### *March 3, 2023:*

Taiwan is the focus of this year's World Day of Prayer. Let us join together as we give thanks for this beautiful island and the people of Taiwan, and to encourage one another in our faith just as the Apostle Paul did in his letters.



### **Help Wanted: Digital Campus Innovators!**

Are you curious about our  
Digital Campus?  
Wondering how you can get  
involved?

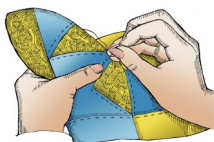
You don't have to be a  
technical wizard to be a  
part of our "Hub!"

Here is a place for you to play!

Contact Pastor Lauren or Marion  
Hansen to learn more.



## Care And Comfort



Threads of Love

### **Remembering 9/11: The Pentagon Quilts**

*Love and memories we impart,  
To quilt the fabric of the heart.*

Several weeks ago our granddaughter, Sara, a member of the US Air Force, invited us for a tour and lunch at the Pentagon, where she works as a Cyber Officer.

Imagine my surprise when we entered one of the corridors (there are 17 miles of corridors in the Pentagon) and discovered a display of 50 commemorative quilts sent by Americans who wanted to express their feelings after the terrorist attacks of 9/11. The total collection includes more than 100 quilts made by children, civilians, churches, companies, and artists from across the country and world.

Many quilts feature the American flag; one includes photos of those killed in the Pentagon and on American Airlines Flight 77. The Hearts Across America Quilt, made by children in six states, contains drawings of hearts, patriotic themes, the Twin Towers, the Pentagon and airplanes.



As I walked the corridor, remembering 9/11 and viewing quilts that expressed a collective feeling of sorrow, I was reminded once again of how scraps of fabric, sewn together with love, can create an object of art that heals “those in need of care and comfort,” which includes all of us at one time or another.

*~Joy Derr*

# ***The Cup of Grace***

*What I make with my hands, I give with my heart.*

There is an artist at work among us, one who designs and quilts works of art.

Sue Harmon's most recent gift to the church is *The Cup of Grace*, a banner that will grace the front of the sanctuary the first Sunday of each month, as the congregation celebrates Holy Communion.

"I began researching communion symbols this past summer, looking for images of chalices that would translate well to fabric," she explained.

"I work with photos of the symbols, moving them around on freezer paper the size of the banner, until I am satisfied with the layout, especially from a distance. Then I look at fabrics to see what colors will look good together. For this banner I used Cherrywood hand-dyed fabric; the colors compliment each other. I then cut the design pieces, sewing them together, and fusing smaller pieces (grapes and wheat) to hold them in place."

Sue quilted the banner (quilting includes three layers—top, batting, and back), using her own sewing machine. Her final step was to bind the edges and then add a label that includes the name of the quilt, who made it, and the date.

You may recall seeing other banners that Sue has made for the church, including ones for Lent, Pentecost, Advent, and now, Communion. She also designed and quilted the sunflower banner honoring Ukraine, and a banner for the Breakthrough Renewal Institutes hosted by HUMC in 2017 and 2019.

Sue has nearly 40 years experience as a quilt teacher, shop owner, lecturer, quilt historian, and certified appraiser. Knowledgeable in quilt history, care and restoration, she has a collection of more than 100 quilts, one dating back to 1840.

You can find her almost every Tuesday in the Fellowship Hall, helping the Threads of Love Quilter make quilts for those in need of care and comfort. She would be happy to talk to you about her love of quilting!

(PHOTO ON NEXT PAGE)

# *Beautiful New Communion Banner*

designed and made  
by Sue Harmon

