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Open Hearts, Open Minds, Open Doors



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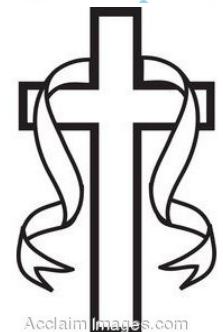
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- Sunday Morning Service
9:30 am
- Coffee & Fellowship
Following Service
- Bible Studies
- Youth Group
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- UMW



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From Pastor Joyce:

I do hope you will attend the Holy Week Services listed below – we may be tempted to avoid the sadness and suffering we find in these services, but by doing so we diminish for ourselves the impact of the resurrection. There is no way to avoid the cross in favor of the crown. We do an injustice to ourselves and the Good News of the Gospel if we go from the “Yay, hurray – Jesus is coming” on Palm Sunday and skip the intimacy of the Last Supper on Thursday and the pain of the crucifixion on Friday and go directly to the “Yay, hurray – Jesus is Risen!”

By traveling the full breadth of Jesus sacrifice, suffering and death we can more fully appreciate the wonder of his resurrection and acknowledge through our belief in him as the Messiah, the Son of God – we are given the promise of resurrection and eternal life.

There is an inspirational song by Avery and Marsh called “Every Morning Is Easter Morning”. It captures the truth that Christians are an Easter People. We are a new creation and meet each new day in the power of our Living Lord, Jesus Christ. Resurrection is more than an event in the long ago and the far away; it becomes a present experience in the heart of the believer that transforms all of life. You can almost feel the joy and the throb of new life as you read the words:

Ev'ry morning is Easter morning from now on!

Ev'ry day's resurrection day, the past is over and gone!

Goodbye guilt, goodbye fear, good riddance!

Hello Lord, hello sun!

I am one of the Easter People! My new life has begun!

Daily news is so bad, it seems the Good News seldom gets heard.

Get it straight from the Easter People: God's in charge! Spread the word!

Ev'ry morning is Easter morning from now on!

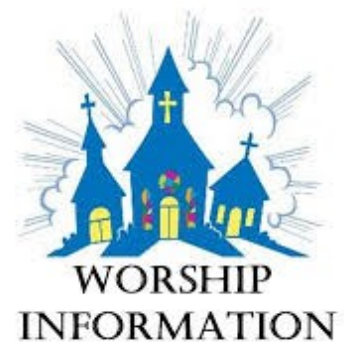
Yesterday I was bored and lonely; but today look and see!

I belong to the Easter People! Life's exciting to me!

Blessings and See You in Church!

Pastor Joyce <><





April 2 7pm **Maundy Thursday**

the Lord's Last Supper

April 3 7pm **Good Friday** Service of Darkness
at Trinity Lutheran.

April 5 9:30am **Easter Morning** Service
special music & communion

April 12 9:30 am **Sunday Worship** – guests will
provide special music.

April 12 6pm **Java & Jesus** – free light meal followed by a short, casual worship.

April 19 9:30am **Invitation Sunday** – bring a friend or neighbor with you – brunch.

April 26 9:30am **Sunday Worship** – Baptism & Change Shaker Collection



Reminder of Our Giving to the Ministry of the Church

For the past few months our giving is not meeting the expense needs of the church.

Just as you do, the church has bills to pay, salaries to disburse and ongoing expenses for ministries and programs that are more easily handled when everyone is up to date with their offering. Thank you for your giving – The Finance Committee.

Youth Group Schedule for April

April 1 – 5:30 supper, 6:00 AJ plans our event

April 8 – 5:30 supper 6:00 upcoming missions

April 15 – 5:30 supper, 6:00

April 22 – 5:30 supper 6:00 fun activity for all

April 29 – No Youth Group due to High Tea



High Chairs & Booster Seats Needed



Our Java & Jesus meal & worship has multiple babies & toddlers and we only have 1 high chair at church. Do you have an extra high chair or booster seat around your house or know of one that someone might want to donate? We could sure use them to make our littlest guests more comfortable.



Keys, Keys, Who Has a Key??????

The Trustees would appreciate the return of church keys that are not being used or if you have one from when you were the Chair of a committee, but are no longer it would be best to return it. We currently don't have any extra keys, but realize there are many keys out there. So to save the church the time and finances to make more keys please consider returning yours to the office. Many thanks.



All Church Spring Clean-Up Day

Saturday April 11th 9:00 am – 12:00 pm

Projects to do inside & outside the church

Please bring your own supplies for whatever cleaning you would like to do.

You may sign up to clean a specific room.



Invitation Sunday – April 19th

Ask God using the prayer below to show you who you might invite to attend with you on April 19th. Tell them you will pick them up and that there is a delicious brunch following worship.

Prayer for Invitation Sunday:

Lord, place upon my heart some people that I know, that are in my circle of friends, that I already have a relationship with and can ask to come to church with me on April 19th. Give me courage to not be afraid to share the relationship I have with you with them. Amen.

Names of the person or people God gives you:



Interested in Joining MUMC?

Sunday April 12 – following worship

&

Tuesday April 28 – 6:30 pm

Join us for both of these classes to explore what membership at Milaca United Methodist Church is all about. Open to all interested folks. Each session will be about 1 ½ hours long.

United Methodist Camping Brochures

They are on the table in the gathering space. Find out about the many opportunities of camping for various interests for all ages and even families! Employment for those 18+ is also available through our camping program visit the web site www.campminnesota.org and click on summer employment if you're interested.



Fish Fry

Saturday April 25th 6:00 – 7:30 pm

Sponsored by the Men's Group

Help is needed in many areas – see Bruce Cochran to volunteer your time, fish or silent auction items. Tell your

friends and plan a fun evening out with great food and super silent auction items. Cost of \$12 benefits the church and the surrounding community.

Silent Auction Items for Fish Fry



Hey the Walleye Fry and Silent Auction is now less than a month away! It's time to plan your items for sale! Got a Christmas gift you can't use? An idea for a theme basket for a movie night, gift certificate to the theatre, or restaurant in town? Home made crafts and knick knacks or birdhouses or jams and jellies! Be creative and let your imagination run wild and get your auction item ready to drop off the week of April 19- 25th. Put your name and information with it so we can know who donated the item. If you want to donate fish or cash to the fry let Jere or Dale Gilbert know. Looking forward to another fun and successful fish frying event.



High Tea

Wednesday April 29th 3:00 – 5:00 pm.

Tell your friends this is the place to be for tea! A variety of sweet and savory treats will be served. A freewill offering will be received to benefit local charities.

Sponsored by The United Methodist Women group.

SAVE YOUR RECIEPTS & UPC CODES

In case you didn't know the UMW is asking everyone to save their **Teals receipts** and the UPC codes from any Our Family products. These are turned in for re-



bates and the money has been used for mission work as well as helping to pay for things around the church. Place your receipts and codes in the labeled box on the counter in the gathering space – that's all you have to do. We have earned more than \$1500 dollars through this program!



Workshop Opportunity:

Radical Hospitality

Saturday April 25, 2015 10a.m. - 4 p.m.

Minnetonka UMC 17611 Lake Street

Extension Minnetonka, MN 55345



Within the first five minutes of their initial visit to a church, guests make up their minds about whether to return. The question is, when does that five minutes actually start? Is it when they peruse a church's website? Or is it the first five minutes of worship? What are the most critical components when it comes to welcoming newcomers using everything from the website to the beginning of the worship service?

Participants will leave with a couple options for orders of worship services, materials for improving first impressions, and a plan for creating a system for keeping hospitality at the forefront of worship development. We'll carpool from Milaca UMC. **Please let Pastor Joyce know if you're interested in attending with her as most of the Missional Journey Team are unable to attend due to other commitments that same day.**

It's Coming!!!



*The first official meeting of the 2015 VBS program - Hometown Nazareth (Where Jesus was a Kid) will be on **Saturday, April 11th** at 9:00 a.m. This meeting is very important because we will be viewing a DVD previewing this new VBS program, which is different from all of the previous programs. If you are interested in assisting with VBS this coming year (June 8th-12th)*

PLEASE attend this meeting.

Caring, Sharing & Concerns

Happy Easter! Happy Spring!

Souper Bowl Sunday brought in \$118.00 and over 100 cans of soup for the Milaca Food Pantry. Thank You for your generous donations!

If interested in helping with the quilt for the Cookie Walk please speak with Delores Quam. Quilting Circle meets every Wednesday from 1-4 in the afternoon. Our next meeting will be April 26th after service. We will be planning a summer activity. All are welcome.

Upcoming dates:

April 1- Quilting 1-4p

April 8- Quilting 1-4p

April 11-All Church Spring Cleaning 9a-Noon

April 15-Quilting 1-4p

April 19- Invitation Sunday

April 22- Quilting 1-4p

April 26- CSC Meeting 10:45a



Blessings,

Melissa Gubrud

Secretary CSC

Dear Abby: If I sit at the end of a pew in church and someone comes in after me insisting I move because it's his/her "favorite" seat, should I do it or ask the person to sit somewhere else? Got here first In Pennsylvania

Dear GHF: If you're sitting in God's house, you should be on your best behavior. Don't commit a sin of omission; be an angel and shove over.

Pastor Joyce's Thoughts: If you're the church member and a guest is sitting in your usual spot be gracious and let them sit there or if there is room, join them and greet them. After service invite them with you to fellowship time. This is how we help people feel welcome in God's house.



Happy Easter everyone! Hopefully spring is here to stay but in Minnesota anything can happen.

We started out March with our monthly Christian Women brunch on Tuesday, March 10th. There were 62 ladies present and they enjoyed a brunch of caramel apple cinnamon French toast, sausage patty and banana. It was very good and we had lots compliments.

The Wednesday Soup Luncheon was on March 18th and we had about 50 people attend. It was the largest group of all the Lenten Soup Luncheons. Thank you to all who attended from our congregation. The proceeds were \$180 and we put in enough from our treasury to make it \$200 from the UMW for the Food Shelf.

The installation of the dishwasher booster was approved. Jeanette will contact Jensen Anderson to install it. Our 2013 Salad Luncheon proceeds will be used plus the 2014 proceeds if needed. We will accept any donations to help with the cost of it.

We should be hearing from the company that will be cleaning the stove exhaust fan. The weather is getting warm enough for them to do it. If we don't hear from them soon we will be contacting them again.

Joyce Stobb purchased 16 new books for the library with the remaining money from past book sales. They are in the magazine rack by Pastor Joyce's office. Please feel free to take them out to read.

The UMW will be sending the church's donation of \$300 to Emma Norton's. It is our member donation as per last year. The money will be from the UPC codes and Teal receipts money, which is from the congregation's sharing them.

The Sunday School has been collecting money in their classes on Sunday for the Heifer Project to purchase an animal for foreign poverty areas. We are matching their amount of \$100.

Peggy and Caroline will be delivering Easter baskets to the bars and other businesses again as they did for Christmas.

Big Waters District Spring Gathering will be on Saturday, April 25th at Princeton UMC from 9:00am-3:00pm. Early registration is to be in by April 20th. The cost is \$8.00 for early registration and \$9.00 for walk ins. Everyone is welcome to come to this, as you don't have to be a UMW member to attend. It is a spiritual and learning day. Bring paper products and personal care products for Emma Norton to the meeting. We will car pool from church.

The High Tea will be Wednesday, April 29th at 3:00-5:00pm. The committee will be meeting on April 1st to make the plans. More info will be posted in church.

I would like to thank all the people that served coffee at Elim the Sundays in March. Thank you so much for volunteering for this service.

Upcoming dates:

- April 5th Easter**
- 6th Grace Sarah Circle**
- 14th Christian Women 9:30am**
- 16th Dining Site 11:30am – Mary Martha Circle 1:00pm**
- 25th Big Waters Spring Gathering Princeton UMC**
- 29th High Tea 3:00-5:00pm**
- May 17th Graduation Sunday**

Until next month – Enjoy Spring.

Audrey Bowe, UMW President

April Calendar Items:

April 1st – Quilting 1:00-4:00pm

April 1st – Youth Group Meal 5:30pm Group Activity 6:00pm

April 2nd – Ministerial meeting 8:30am

April 2nd – Maundy Thursday & Communion 7:00pm

April 3rd – Good Friday Service @ Trinity 7:00pm

April 5th – Easter Sunday

April 6th – Grace Sarah Circle

April 6th – Grace Sarah Circle

April 7th – Emergency Finance meeting 6:30pm

April 8th – Quilting 1:00-4:00pm

April 8th – Youth Group Meal 5:30pm Group Activity 6:00pm

April 8th – Disciple II Bible Study 7:00pm

April 8th – Men's Group 7:00pm

April 9th – Church Council 6:30pm

April 11th – Vacation Bible School meeting 9:00am

April 11th – All Church Spring Clean Up 9-12:00noon

April 12th – Java & Jesus 6:00pm

April 14th – Christian Women

April 15th – Quilting 1:00-4:00pm

April 15th – Youth Group Meal 5:30pm Group Activity 6:00pm

April 15th – Disciple II Bible Study 7:00pm

April 16th – High Rise Meal 11:30am

April 16th – Mary Martha Circle 1:00pm



Birthdays:

12- Lori Hoffman

14- Troy Gilbert

14- Hailey Stobb

28- Joyce Anderson Jr

29- Mary Fuller



"My husband won't miss me 'til he realizes
I have the remote."

April 19th – Invitation Sunday

April 22nd – Quilting 1:00-4:00pm

April 22nd – Youth Group Meal 5:30pm Youth Activity 6:00pm

April 22nd – Men's Group 7:00pm

April 22nd – Disciple II Bible Study 7:00pm

April 25th – District Spring Gathering @ Princeton UMC

April 25th – Fish Fry serving 6:00-7:30pm

April 26th – Change Shaker Sunday

April 26th – Newsletter items due

April 28th – Caring, Sharing & Concerns meeting 10:45am

April 29th – High Tea 3:00-5:00pm



High Rise Meal Thursday, April 16th

Price \$4.00

Hot roast pork sandwiches,, whipped potatoes w/ gravy,

sweet potatoes, crunch bar.



Anniversaries:

19—Lance & Melissa Gubrud