



# MILACA UNITED METHODIST



March 2018 Newsletter

## Open Hearts, Open Minds, Open Doors



### Feed My Starving Children



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- Sunday Service 9:30am
- Coffee & Fellowship Following Service
- Bible Studies
- Youth Group
- Sunday School
- Vacation Bible School
- UMW
- Much, much, more!

# Enemy Love

*Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.*

**Each of us is something of a schizophrenic personality.** We're split up and divided against ourselves. And there is something of a civil war going on within all of our lives. There is a recalcitrant South of our soul revolting against the North of our soul. And there is this continual struggle within the very structure of every individual life. There is something within all of us that causes us to cry out with Ovid, the Latin poet, "I see and approve the better things of life, but the evil things I do." There is something within all of us that causes us to cry out with Plato that the human personality is like a charioteer with two headstrong horses, each wanting to go in different directions. There is something within each of us that causes us to cry out with Goethe, "There is enough stuff in me to make both a gentleman and a rogue." There is something within each of us that causes us to cry out with Apostle Paul, "I see and approve the better things of life, but the evil things I do."

So somehow the "isness" of our present nature is out of harmony with the eternal "oughtness" that forever confronts us. And this simply means this: That within the best of us, there is some evil, and within the worst of us, there is some good. When we come to see this, we take a different attitude toward individuals. The person who hates you most has some good in him; even the nation that hates you most has some good in it; even the race that hates you most has some good in it.

**When you come to the point** that you look in the face of every person and see deep down within him what religion calls "the image of God," you begin to love him in spite of. No matter what he does, you see God's image there. There is an element of goodness that he can never sluff off. Discover the element of good in your enemy. And as you seek to hate him, find the center of goodness and place your attention there and you will take a new attitude.

And when the opportunity presents itself for you to defeat your enemy, this is the time which you must not do it. There will come a time, in many instances, when the person who hates you most, the person who has misused you most, the person who has gossiped about you most, the person who has spread false rumors about you most, there will come a time when you will have an opportunity to defeat that person. It might be in terms of a recommendation for a job; it might be in terms of helping that person to make some move in life. That's the time you must do it. That is the meaning of love.

**In the final analysis,** love is not this sentimental something that we talk about. It's not merely an emotional something. Love is creative, understanding goodwill for all people. It is the refusal to defeat any individual. When you rise to the level of love, of its great beauty and power, you seek only to defeat evil systems. Individuals who happen to be caught up in that system, you love, but you seek to defeat the system.



## Pastor Joyce Will Be On a Medical Leave

**Monday February 5 – end of April**

I had a total hip replacement Tuesday, February 6<sup>th</sup> and will be on a medical leave for 3 months.

Retired ministers Rev. Shirley Nelson, and Rev. Kevin Dunn will be handling pastoral care needs and preaching most Sundays. Our Lay Leader, Jere Day will share a message with you some Sundays and the UMW will host a service at the end of February.

The surgeon has told me to plan to take 3 months off due to healing time and the fact that the surgery is on my right hip which is also the leg you need to drive. He wants to be sure things are healed enough to ensure I can comfortably move my foot from the gas to the brake and back without discomfort or problems. I could come back earlier than 3 months, but that will be determined as I heal. Please make note of the information below:

### Pastoral Care Needs:

Feb 5 <sup>th</sup> – April 1 <sup>st</sup>	Pastor Shirley	218-750-0663 cell phone
April 2 <sup>nd</sup> – April 30 <sup>th</sup>	Pastor Kevin	320-492-3425 cell phone

### Preaching Schedule:

Feb. 11 <sup>th</sup>	Jere Day	
Feb. 14 <sup>th</sup>	At Zion Lutheran 10 am or 7 pm	Ash Wednesday
Feb. 18 <sup>th</sup>	Pastor Shirley	
Feb. 25 <sup>th</sup>	UMW Sunday	
Mar. 4 <sup>th</sup>	Jere Day	No Communion
Mar. 11 <sup>th</sup>	Pastor Shirley	Communion Sunday
Mar. 18 <sup>th</sup>	Pastor Shirley	
Mar. 25 <sup>th</sup>	Jere Day	Palm/Passion Sunday
Mar. 29 <sup>th</sup>	Pastor Shirley	Maundy Thursday – Communion
Mar. 30 <sup>th</sup>	Joint Service with Trinity & Zion	Good Friday at Trinity or Zion
April 1 <sup>st</sup>	Pastor Shirley	Easter - Communion
April 8 <sup>th</sup>	Pastor Kevin	
April 15 <sup>th</sup>	Pastor Kevin	
April 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Pastor Kevin	
April 29 <sup>th</sup>	Pastor Kevin	
May 6 <sup>th</sup>	Pastor Joyce	Communion

## While Pastor Joyce is Gone

To make things easier there will be prayer request slips in a brown basket on the table in the Gathering Space for you to share your prayer needs with the person preaching that week.

Before worship please fill out a slip with your prayer need and be sure to check your preference for the request to be shared publicly in the service or if you wish the person to keep your prayer private.

After filling out the slip, place it in the prayer box found on the table and the person preaching will lift up the public requests and pray privately for those marked private.

You may always contact the **Prayer Chain** to lift up any prayer needs you have. Please call Sue Olson at 320-983-3497 and share with her your need and she will pass it along to the prayer chain – the members of the chain keep all requests private and only share with those on the prayer chain.

Also feel free to contact Pastor Shirley Nelson at 218-750-0663 with any prayer needs.



## Soup Luncheons

The theme this year is "Thy Will Be Done." Drawing from Christ's prayer in Gethsemane, "Thy will be done," these services reflect on the idea of seeking God's will in all aspects of our lives, especially during Lent, in terms of our identity, our dreams for the future, our worldview and our response to Christ the Crucified. Reflections will use the biblical figures of Abraham, Moses, David, Mary, Paul and Lydia as insightful reference points to our own lives. This will probably be the last year for this program and the schedule for the lunches will be as follows:



- 2/21 @ Trinity Lutheran
- 2/28 @ St. Louis Catholic
- 3/7 @ Zion Lutheran
- 3/14 @ Milaca UMC
- 3/21 @ St. Mary's Catholic

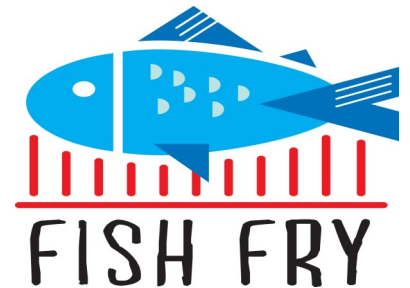
# Men's Group

## By Jere Day



On Tuesday Feb.21,2018 the Men's Group met with Jere Day, Bruce Cochran, Dale Gilbert, Jim Fladmoe, and Frank Crooms attending. Purpose of the meeting was to discuss some cleaning issues and the fish fry for 2018. Frank agreed to clean the carpets in the nursery / pre-school room by March 17, 2018. Jere, Bruce, or Dale will scrub entry way, hallway and kitchen as needed.

We agreed to keep fish fry menu the same and the two serving times of 5:00 - 6:00 and 6:30 - 7:30 PM. We will add a dish of rainbow sherbet to our choices to desserts as an alternate. We will use Teal's to purchase fish supplies and supplies as much as possible. Next meeting will be March 14th, 2018 at 6:30 to discuss and plan food purchases, fish order, ads placement and purchase, and also signage, and help and workers.



Submitted by Jere Day

p.s. The fish fry notebook is missing or misplaced, if anyone has seen it or knows where it is I would appreciate getting it for next meeting.



### March Campaign Overview

Minnesota FoodShare began its work in 1982 with a campaign advanced by congregations to restock food shelves in the 7-county Twin Cities Metropolitan Area. The effort was so successful and the need was so evident, the March Campaign became a statewide program just one year later.

The largest grassroots food and fund drive in the state, the Minnesota FoodShare March Campaign brings together various community organizations, businesses, and faith communities to help stock nearly 300 food shelves statewide. In 2017, over \$8 million dollars and 4.7 million pounds of food were raised by Minnesota food shelves and Minnesota FoodShare.

Minnesota FoodShare envisions a Minnesota where all residents have access to healthy food and no one struggles with food insecurity. The March Campaign addresses these issues directly and we invite you to join our efforts and advocate for long-term solutions to food insecurity and poverty in our communities.

# **Help feed Milaca area families & end food insecurity**

*“Our mission is to provide food for those in need in the communities surrounding Milaca”*

## **2017 statistics shows the continued need for Food Support :**

- \* We averaged 69 households from the surrounding area each week.
  - \* 1102 people were over the age of 65 - That’s a 20% increase from last year!
  - \* 4849 people were under the age of 18
  - \* 3391 household units were helped - many have a need to return more than once a month.
  - \* 178,591 lbs of food & other products were distributed...Lots of muscle building going on!
  - \* We were helped by volunteer staff & open 63 days – (plus busy stocking, cleaning, etc. as many days and more.) “Thanks” goes to every volunteer, church, business, school group, and community organization that helped!
  - \* We continue to stock as much fresh & practical foods by ordering what Second Harvest Food Bank has available, and purchase from grocers as needed. That inventory is complimented by tons (literally) of valuable “rescue foods” we have volunteers go and pick up (free to us) each week from Teal’s Market, Coborn’s, Holiday, Pan-O-gold Bakery, and Heggie’s Pizza.
- In harvest time, bushels of vegetables and fruits from area gardeners are made available.
- \* What a blessing all this is to the community, but MAP is still in need of your financial support.*

**Townships, Churches, businesses, schools, civic organizations and individuals are encouraged to take the lead in fund raising promotions and activities.**

***Contact our Director, Debbie Girard with your fundraising plans.***

***Remember, each \$1 raised will purchase enough food from Second Harvest Food Bank to provide 2-3 meals.***

(For us to be eligible for complimentary funding from MN Food Share, please make sure your donations are received by the Pantry no later than Friday April 6, 2018)

**\*\* Monetary donations can be mailed to the Milaca Area Food Pantry Box 133 Milaca, MN 56353 or delivered during hours of operation. For special arrangements call 982-3773.**

We are currently OPEN the first FOUR Thursday’s of the month. 10 am-6pm.

**The Milaca Area Pantry thanks you for your willingness to Help End Hunger in the Milaca Area!**

**Sincerely,**

**Milaca Area Pantry Board**





February is almost over and getting a little closer to spring. Lent has started, also another sign of spring coming.

February 1st we served Circle of Hope. There were about 65 served that night. They had tater to hot dish, jello and cupcakes and were well pleased. What was left was served on Sunday fellowship coffee. The hot dish was given to whoever wanted some. The red heart on Fellowship door was from the Circle of Hope that was given to us when we were leaving. We were asked to do November and said we would unless something changed.

On Tuesday, February 13th we served 68 ladies for Women's Connection. They enjoyed a brunch of mini chicken pot pies, strawberries and caramel monkey bread. All were very pleased and some wanted the recipe. After we were cleaning up getting to leave church, Jeanette had her accident. She slipped on the snowy ice by her car in the parking lot. She broke her left leg above the knee. We called the ambulance and she was taken to Princeton Hospital. It was a bad break so they had to do surgery on Wednesday afternoon. She is doing pretty well and is now in Elim Home recovering. It will be a long healing process. Our prayers for her to heal as quickly as she can.

Thursday, February 15th several of us had lunch at the Dining Site. We enjoyed a turkey dinner. Afterwards the Mary Martha Circle met and during our meeting we decided on the content and people to do the UMW Sunday service. We also had a few suggestions for the Lenten Soup Luncheon on March 14th, Wednesday, at our church.

March starts our month of serving coffee at Elim Home on Sundays. We still need a few more to sign up. It is from 1:45 to 3:00pm. They furnish the treat and coffee.

March 14th is Soup Luncheon

March 15th is UMW meeting

Until next month—See you in church

UMW President,

Audrey Bowe



**ATTENTION:** To anyone or group that uses the freezer. Please date your things and after 2 to 6 months you haven't used it, take it home or throw away. Joyce S and I cleaned the freezer on Monday, February 12th and there were things in there from June and the Cookie Walk.

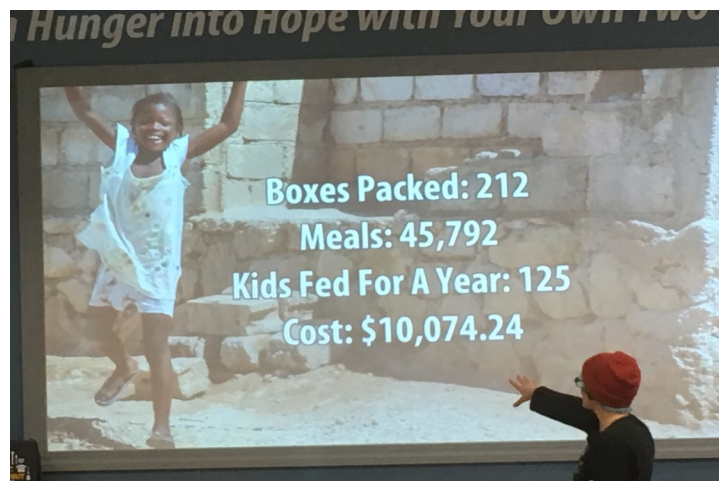
## March Calendar Items:

- 4<sup>th</sup> – UMW Coffee @ Elim  
 7<sup>th</sup> – Milaca Ministerial Meeting 8:30am  
     Red Brick Learning 3:00pm  
     Youth Supper 5:30pm Youth Class 6:00pm  
 8<sup>th</sup> – Church Council 6:45pm  
 11<sup>th</sup> – UMW Coffee @ Elim  
     Java & Jesus 6:00pm  
 13<sup>th</sup> – Women's Connection  
 14<sup>th</sup> – Lenten Soup Luncheon  
     Red Brick Learning 3:00pm  
     Men's Group 6:30pm  
 15<sup>th</sup> – United Methodist Women 1:00pm  
     Church Council 6:30pm  
 19<sup>th</sup> – Newsletter Items Due  
     UMW Coffee @ Elim  
     4-H Mystery Dinner 1:00-8:00pm  
 21<sup>st</sup> – Red Brick Learning 3:00pm  
     Youth Supper 5:30pm Youth Class 6:00pm  
 25<sup>th</sup> – Change Shaker Sunday  
     UMW Coffee @ Elim  
 28<sup>th</sup> – Red Brick Learning 3:00pm



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~ February 17th ~



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BIRTHDAYS



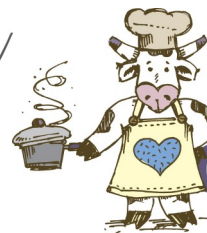
March  
ANNIVERSARIES

## *Birthdays:*

- 1- Ed Bekius  
 1- Jim Fladmoe  
 2- Raymond Hoffman  
 8- Jim Coughlin  
 12- Laura Stobb  
 18- Garrett Hall  
 24- Marilyn Anderson  
 27- Jane Johnson  
 28- Jere Day  
 29- Lisa Bates

## *Anniversaries:*

- 13- Vern & Delores Quam  
 17- Bob & Marilyn Anderson



What's  
Cooking?

## High Rise Meal

March 15th

Seating 11:15-Served at 11:30, \$4.00.

## Menu:

Chicken & dressing casserole,  
 seasoned corn,  
 cucumber/tomato salad,  
 cowboy cookie

