



Maple Leaf Parish

"What A Friend We Have in Jesus"

There were days especially in mid summer when I was growing up that I experienced being lonesome. Friends were nowhere to be found and at times I would feel really alone. Sometimes I would sit in the back yard and play catch with my scruffy, old dog, Pepper. At other times, Pepper and I would go for a walk around the neighborhood. Pepper was a good dog and a good companion. I remember the winter day, when Pepper was almost hit by a car going past our house. I am so thankful the rear tires missed my dog. That night I said an extra prayer and Pepper snuggled in my bed. I think we all feel alone from time to time. Friends and family get busy, too many commitments crop up, and things just don't line up very well. A few days ago, I was feeling kind of lonely and kind of discouraged. It had been foggy, dreary, gloomy, overcast and gray. I allowed too many depressing thoughts to enter my mind and I was feeling kind of "bummed out." I think we all have days like this from time to time. People I enjoyed visiting with were nowhere to be found, people were busy, there was too much to be done and there was too much negative news. Things were not lining up very well that day. Do you ever have days like that? Then I heard someone comment on how their best friend was none other than Jesus. They were talking about a lot of the same things I was experiencing, loneliness, discouragement and sadness. They talked about how friends sometimes let them down and about what a faithful friend Jesus is. As we move further into this season of Lent, we might experience loneliness and discouragement, Lent can sometimes be that way, especially on long, late winter days. Lent is a somber time when we think about the suffering, rejection and ultimate death of Jesus. But you know something? Jesus is such an awesome friend that he will never abandon us or leave us alone. Jesus goes with us through all of life. He is the kind of friend who is always there, the kind of friend who is continually faithful, dedicated and loyal. Jesus' friendship with us is based in true, genuine love. There is no love greater than the kind of love Jesus has for you and me.

Today, the sunshine is streaming in the office window and I feel much, much better. Sunshine has a way of lifting the soul. Jesus does, too. I opened up my hymnal and turned to page 526 and began thinking about the message of this great song. "What a friend we have in Jesus, all our sins and griefs to bear! What a privilege to carry everything to God in prayer! O what peace we often forfeit, O what needless pain we bear, all because we do not carry everything to God in prayer. Have we trials and temptations? Is there trouble anywhere? We should never be discouraged; take it to the Lord in prayer. Can we find a friend so faithful who will all our sorrows share? Jesus knows our every weakness; take it to the Lord in prayer. Are we weak and heavy laden, cumbered with a load of care? Precious Savior, still our refuge; take it to the Lord in prayer. Do thy friends despise, forsake thee? Take it to the Lord in prayer! IN his arms he'll take and shield thee; thou wilt find a solace there." (Joseph M. Scriven, 1855)

Jesus is our best friend in so many ways. During this Lenten season may our friendship with Jesus grow stronger and stronger. As the sun streamed in the window, I felt so much better knowing that Jesus truly is my best friend. As we journey through Lent, we come ever closer to the cross of Jesus and we realize again and again just what an awesome friend Jesus is. He goes all the way to the cross and extends to us a love that will never, never end.

God's blessings always.

It is a blessing to share in mission and ministry with you. Pastor Mark Woodward

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The more you know...

Did you know we're on Facebook?

You can find Cherry Grove UMC at:

[https://www.facebook.com/
cherrygrovechurch/](https://www.facebook.com/cherrygrovechurch/)

You can find Faith UMC at:

[https://www.facebook.com/Faith-
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YouTube Too!!

Just search for- Maple Leaf Parish
UMC- Minnesota

Faith Online Giving Instructions

1. Visit the church website at
<http://faithsv.net/home/donations/>
 2. Click on the **GIVE NOW** button,
 3. Click on the Create Profile
- Follow the onscreen instructions to create an online profile and to schedule your contributions.

-Service Groups-

The Service Group handles the Sunday Coffee/Fellowship
Hour for the entire month of Sundays.

Faith UMC Service Group

*Terry & Diane Howard	507-346-7829
Jim & Kathy Casady	507-440-7494
Christina Howard	507-251-4273
Dan & Natasha Howard	507-346-1882
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Sandy Merkel	507-346-2597
Seth & Amber Merkel	507-951-2470
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Cherry Grove UMC Service Group

JANUARY-APRIL

Chairpersons – Corey & Holly Sanford	507-273- 7172/507-937-3645
Co-Chair Ryan & Angela Forland	507-272-7698
Marlo & Janice Mensink	507-346-1771/ 507-259-3533
Jeff & Natalie Atwood	507-951-9501
Deb Curry	507-259-3871
Chuck Forland	507-696-2231
Gene & Beth Mulhern	507-346-7511
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Shawn & Megan Merkel	507-251-5756
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Deadlines

Newsletter: The newsletter deadline is the 21st of every month at 4:00 pm.

Bulletin: Please submit announcements for the Sunday bulletin by noon on Thursday.

Occasionally these deadlines may need to be adjusted. Please submit your articles as soon as possible.

Thank you for understanding.

**MAPLE LEAF PARISH
LENTEN SCHEDULE**

March 6 at Spring Valley Faith
5:45-6:30 Soup Supper
6:30 p.m.-7 p.m. Service with dialogue
message on
"Christ, Our Example in Love"

March 13 at Cherry Grove UMC
5:45-6:30 Soup Supper
6:30 p.m.-7 p.m. Service with dialogue
message on
"Christ, Our Example in Strength"

March 20 at Spring Valley Faith
5:45-6:30 Soup Supper
6:30 p.m.-7 p.m. Service with dialogue
message on
"Christ, Our Example in Power"

Friday, March 29 Good Friday service
at Spring Valley Faith
beginning at 7 p.m.

Schedule for Palm Sunday

March 24th

8:30 Fountain Worship
9 Faith Worship-
10-Palm Sunday
Breakfast
10 CG Worship-
11 Brunch
11 Preston Worship



Schedule for Easter Sunday

March 31st

8:30 Fountain Worship
9 Faith Worship
Easter Egg Hunt to
follow service
No Sunday School
10 CG Worship
No Sunday School
11 Preston Worship



*Easter
sunrise service*

6:52 a.m.

Spring Valley: Faith Church.....
EASTER SUNRISE SERVICE BEING
PLANNED... JESUS IS ALIVE!!!!

We are planning an outdoor Easter Sunrise
service at sunrise on Easter morning near the
Cross and campfire area at Faith
Church. Bring lawn chairs. Please Invite
people to come join in this special event. (If
the weather is inclement...the service will be
held indoors)

This will be a festive morning please help us
in spreading the word.

March is Minnesota FoodShare Month

The challenge is on! The Faith UMC Missions Committee goal this year is 800 lbs/cash for the month of March. (\$1.00=1lb.) This goal is double what we collected in 2023, which was lower than previous years. We can do it! Let's keep the narthex grocery cart overflowing through the Month of March.

Food shelf visits are up 36% from the previous year. And as you all know, food prices are up considerably. Foods most impacted by inflation are beef, fresh fruits, fats and oils, cereal and bakery items.

When you shop for your family, add some items for this food drive. Cash is even better, since our food shelf's dollar can buy more from the Rochester Channel One Food Bank than your dollar at the grocery store. Make checks payable to "FUMC" and write "FoodShare" in the memo. All donations will go to the Spring Valley Area Food Shelf.

Ideas for donating high quality, nutritious food:

Ideas for donating high quality

Grains
Cereal (low sugar)
Pasta
Brown rice
Flour

Meat and protein

Dried beans and lentils
Canned tuna, ham, chicken
Peanut butter
Baked beans

Fruits and vegetables

Canned fruit (in fruit juice)
Canned vegetables
Dried fruit
100% juice

Items need but not available through Channel One

Diapers & wipes
Baby food
Laundry & dish detergent
Personal Care items
Toilet paper

Suggestions for giving

Week 1. Pasta & cereal
Week 2 Canned meals & meats
Week 3 Diapers, wipes, laundry
detergent
Week 4 Canned fruit & vegetables,
100% juice

Minnesota FoodShare is an interfaith collaboration formed in 1982 to help restock food shelves across the state.

"Happy is the one whose help is the God of Jacob, whose hope is in the Lord his God, who made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them; who executes justice for the oppressed; who gives food to the hungry." Psalm 146: 5-7

"Make us worthy, Lord, to serve those throughout the world who live and die in poverty or hunger. Give them, through our hands this day their daily bread: and by our understanding love, give peace and joy. Amen." Mother Teresa

Thanking you with grateful hearts, your neighbors in need.

Food for Kidz
Saturday, April 6, 2024
Stewartville Civic Center
9:30 - 4:00

Are you game? Are you willing to be one of 300 volunteers to help save the lives of thousands of starving children and their families. Yes, thousands. By participating in the Food for Kidz packaging event in Stewartville. You will help package between 80,000 to 100,000 meals. The number of meals is partly determined by how many volunteers are present. Will you be one of them? No experience required. All ages welcome.

You will have a choice of standing or sitting. Plus it's fun. Invite your friends, ball team, 4-H Club, Scouts, family, etc. Sign up for a 2 hour shift or call the church office. The shifts start at 9:30, 11:30 and 3:30.

This is the 20th year that this event has been held in Stewartville. During this time, over 2 million meals have been packaged and delivered. Picture the faces of 2 million children, moms and dads. Wow! However you picture it, your help is needed.

Sign up at church today or call the church office.

Questions: Contact Denny or Nancy Cornell



Clothing Drive

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Kingsland National Honor Society is holding their yearly clothing drive in early April this year. Faith UMC will be a drop off location for the community to donate clothes. Details will be included in the April Newsletter.

MUSICAL GROUPS FOR 2024.....

We're hoping to involve various musical groups to be with us in 2024 in the lives of our churches..... stay tuned for special music groups this spring, summer and fall...

Sister Luv

Walter Bradley and Steve Arnold

Country at Heart

Cindy Seabright

Brad Boice

Matt and Brenda Stier

Tom Schram

and others..... :)



Ellie and the Cello Man

Ellie the cello has come to town. Previous residences include France (built in 1830), Nazi Germany, Philadelphia, Kansas, Iowa, California and Las Vegas. Through the decades she has been noted for her rich tones and beautiful look. Mark Sanders got her when he was playing in the Wichita Youth Symphony. He was 15. For over 60 years they have been a pair, bringing pleasure to hundreds of listeners. Maybe you'll hear them play for you!



MISSION AND MINISTRY to make a positive difference for that which is good.....

UNITED METHODISTS KNOWN AS HAPPY PEOPLE!!!!

Sometimes we hear a lot of negative, discouraging news, there are many things in our world today that are challenging to fully comprehend. The churches of the Maple Leaf Parish want to be bringers of Good News, Hope, Joy, Encouragement, Compassion and Love among people.

Early on United Methodists were often described as "happy people." Even though we are influenced by the events of our world today, we need to strive to reclaim our happiness and inner joy which is born of the Holy Spirit.

Let's focus on:

Happy News
Encouraging one another
Building people up
The positive
Things that renew hope
Things that bring people together
Ways to bring people to Jesus
New ideas in mission and ministry
Being people who laugh
Being people who care
Being active in the mission and ministry of our church
Giving of ourselves in ways that build up the Body of Christ
Living our lives with the Joy of Jesus in our Hearts.....
Let's be happy people who live and share the Redeeming love of Jesus in all that we do!!!





Hop into Spring

Craft & Vendor Show

March 23 10am-2pm

Preston United Methodist Church

212 St Anthony Street

Preston, MN

hosted by Preston Pop Up Market



EACH MAPLE LEAF PARISH CHURCH HAS SOMETHING SPECIAL TO OFFER....

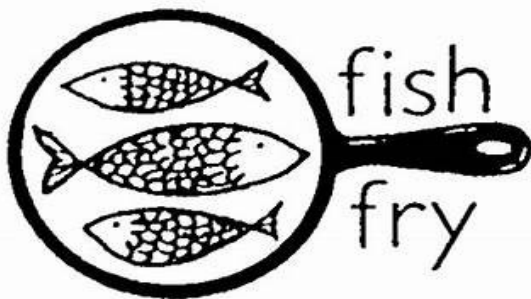
TOGETHER WE CELEBRATE:

*CHERRY GROVE CHURCH*FOUNTAIN CHURCH*PRESTON CHURCH*SPRING VALLEY: FAITH

Each of these churches working together as a team have something special to offer in mission and ministry to our local Fillmore County communities and throughout the world. Please keep each of these churches in prayer as we live and share the Good News of Jesus. We pray that we may be vitally alive to be compassionate, caring and loving churches. We keep each of our Maple Leaf Parish Churches in prayer....

SAVE THE DATE

The Big Annual Fish Fry and Potluck Supper at the Boland cabin is scheduled! Save the date- Saturday June 22nd! Rain date is July 27th. More info to come.



FINANCIAL UPDATE

FOR SPRING VALLEY FAITH CHURCH....

finances are a bit tight right now....we need to build up a stronger cash reserve in our checking account. Prayerful financial support is greatly appreciated.



COMMITTEES, MINISTRY TEAMS, VOLUNTEERS NEEDED....

Would you be up for sharing your talents and abilities in some special ways in our churches?

YOU ARE NEEDED! How Can God Use You Today in the life of our churches?

Worship committee
Staff Parish Relations committee
Sunday School
Finance team
Spring Valley Treasurer
other ministry teams

Together we are called to use our gifts, graces, talents and abilities to the glory of God...



**JOIN US ON
MARCH 3RD
AT 6 P.M.
IN CHERRY GROVE**

THE HISTORIC LENORA CHURCH

Is closed now for the winter season,
but it will re-open in May, 2023.
Would you like to be a part of the team
that guides the ministry at Lenora?
Please let Pastor Mark know.



You're Invited!

SAVE THE DATE

**Preston Codfish
Dinner will be
Friday, April 5th.
More
Information
in next
month's
newsletter**



**World Day of Prayer
March 1, 2024**

St. Ignatius Church in Spring Valley is
hosting World Day of Prayer on Friday,
March 1st, it will start with coffee and
fellowship at
9:00 a.m.
The theme "Bear With One Another in
Love" service written by Palestinian
Christian Women.

**A FINANCIAL PICTURE OF OUR MAPLE LEAF PARISH CHURCHES
PRAYER, ATTENDANCE, GIFTS, SERVICE AND WITNESS**

Our Maple Leaf Parish Churches exercise good financial stewardship of our finances. It requires Prayerful, Spiritual, Committed and Financial support to allow our churches to function in vital, effective ways. It takes money to support the mission and ministry of each of our churches. Annually it requires approximately:

\$180,000.00 for Spring Valley Faith Church

\$75,000.00 for Cherry Grove Church

\$55,000.00 for Preston Church

\$25,000.00 for Fountain Church

These are approximate figures but provide a general picture of the annual budgets of our churches. As we enter this new year of 2024, let's keep in mind important ways we can work together to the glory of God in supporting our churches. Our churches depend on everyone to be actively involved and share in mission and ministry together. **PRAYER, ATTENDANCE, GIFTS, SERVICE AND WITNESS ARE ESSENTIAL IN OUR CHURCHES.**



BUILDING UP THE BODY OF CHRIST

The importance of inviting and encouraging people to come to church....
 It begins with each one of us...invite someone to come to church with you!
 Outreach and evangelism are most effective when people...people just like you and me invite people to come to church with us..... a personal invitation is the best form of outreach and evangelism!


INVITE SOMEONE TODAY!



Lighted butterfly windows on the front door of the Preston Church.
 The butterfly is a symbol of the resurrection of Jesus.


Blood Drive at Faith UMC. Thursday, March 28th
 1 p.m. -7 p.m.
 Make an Appointment by calling 1-800-RED-CROSS
 or visit RedCrossBlood.org

SAVE A LIFE



GIVE BLOOD

**LIVING IN FAITH
 TOGETHER TO RESUME
 IN APRIL**



After a several week break, the LIFT program will resume in Preston on April 3rd. Living in Faith Together—LIFT---is an after school program for elementary school children that meets on Wednesdays at Preston United Methodist Church. The theme for the spring session of LIFT is “Change Your Hearts and Lives” and focuses on St. Paul and other early Christians. Children from kindergarten through sixth grade are welcome, and each week the group enjoys snacks, a bible lesson, craft and music time. Bussing is available from the Fillmore Central School. For more information, contact Nancy Dahly at 507-765-2480.

**Cherry Grove United Methodist Church
Administrative Council Meeting
February 12, 2024 @ 7:00 p.m.**

Members Present: Mark Woodward, Deanna Woodward, Corey Sanford, Marlo Mensink, Janice Mensink, Denny Brusse, Peggy Brusse, and Phil Hebrink

Administrative Council Meeting

The February Administrative Council Meeting was called to order by Denny Brusse.

Opening Prayer was given by Pastor Mark.

The minutes from the previous meeting were reviewed and approved as written. A motion was made by Marlo Mensink and seconded by Corey Sanford to approve.

Financial Report: The financial report was reviewed. The money received from Lucille Prinsen was deposited to the account. Following discussion, a motion was made and seconded to use a portion of the Prinsen funds to sponsor construction of a small house in the Dominican Republic, with the majority of the funds to be invested in a Certificate of Deposit. Motion carried. A motion was made by Peggy Brusse and seconded by Phil Hebrink to approve the report.

Trustees Report:

The cross on the outside of the church is not working.

The cement is going to need replacement in front of the door this spring.

Ball Diamond Light Updates – A quote from Haakenson Electric was received to replaced the lights and poles on the ballfield. Harlen Lichty donated \$5000 towards the project. Marlo Mensink made a motion to approve placement of the new lights and poles and Mark Woodward seconded it.

Parish Relations Committee:

Nothing new to report.

Pastor's Report

Lent begins on February 14 – Ash Wednesday

Spring Valley Food Shelf is always accepting donations.

A motion was made by Phil Hebrink and seconded by Peggy Brusse to adjourn the meeting.

**Preston United Methodist Church
Charge Conference Meeting
February 13, 2024**

Present: Pastor Mark Woodward, Pastor Deanna Woodward, Jenny Dornink, Marlene Peterson, Dan Miller, Greg Dornink, Sue Hovey, Jerry Brink, Kristi Anderson, Dollie Acton, John Goutcher.

Pastor Mark called the meeting to order on February 13, 2024 at 7:20pm.

The pastoral compensation package and the 2024 Housing Resolution were approved at the Council meeting in November 2023.

Pastor Deanna presented her 2023 Appointed Clergy Report and reviewed parish activities from 2023. Pastor Mark presented his 2023 Appointed Clergy Report and reviewed 2023 parish activities.

The 2024 Leadership Roster was presented. Marlene moved to approve roster with corrections. Seconded by Kristi. Motion passed.

Kristi presented the 2024 budget. The budget increased 6.5% over last year. The increase mainly reflects additions to evangelism, salary, and the increase in church insurance. She added line items for donations and for more special activities so those can be tracked better. Jenny moved to approve the 2024 budget. Seconded by Dollie. Motion passed.

John moved to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Marlene. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted, Jenny Dornink, PUMC Council Secretary

**Preston United Methodist Church
Administrative Council Minutes
February 13, 2024**

Present: Pastor Mark Woodward, Pastor Deanna Woodward, Jenny Dornink, Marlene Peterson, Dan Miller, Greg Dornink, Sue Hovey, Jerry Brink, Kristi Anderson, Dollie Acton, John Goutcher.

Greg called the meeting to order on February 13, 2024 at 6:00 pm. Devotion and prayer was led by Pastor Mark.

Jenny moved to approve the agenda with additions. Seconded by Jerry. Motion passed.

Sue moved to approve the Secretary's Report. Seconded by Pastor Mark. Motion passed.

In the Treasurer's Report, Kristi reported the expenses in December 2023 were consistent with previous months. December expenditures were about \$1780 over income. The 4th quarter office expense reimbursement was paid to Faith UMC. The final apportionment payment of \$4747.00 was submitted to the MN Conference using 4th quarter donated funds of \$2462.50 and the balance of \$2284.50 from the general fund. This fulfilled our obligation of \$6646.00 for apportionments. Kristi reported expenses in January have remained consistent. The milder winter has kept the utility and snow removal expenses down from previous winters. January income was about \$938 over expenses. Our 2024 apportionment obligation is \$6750.00. Pastor Mark moved to approve the Treasurer's Report as presented. Seconded by Jenny. Motion passed.

From the Finance Committee, Dan reported the average weekly offering for December was \$1284.00, which was above the weekly needed amount of \$1000.17. Apportionment contributions received in December was \$240. Average attendance during December services was about 28.

Average weekly offering for January was \$1022.50, which was just under the weekly needed amount of \$1065.56 for 2024. Apportionment contributions received in January was \$290.

Average attendance during January services was about 22.

From the Trustees Committee, Jerry reported cleaning is ongoing throughout the church.

From the Worship Committee, Pastor Deanna reported Ash Wednesday is on February 14 and there is a schedule of Lenten Services in the newsletter and bulletins. The Ash Wednesday service will be in Fountain at 7pm. The Wednesday soup suppers and Lenten Services will rotate among the churches. PUMC will be hosting the soup supper on February 28.

From the Missions Committee, Sue reported March will be FoodShare Month for collecting donations for the Food Shelf. The donations are matched by the state MN FoodShare program.

From Staff/Parish Relations Committee, Marlene reported the committee met on January 5 to discuss the janitor position. They agreed to keep things as is with Jerry coming in on Tuesdays to take care of what needs to be done.

From Evangelism and Outreach Committee, Pastor Mark reported this is an ongoing endeavor to reach out to the public. Our Superintendent, Reverend Michelle Hargrave, will be preaching in Spring Valley and Preston on May 19. There is discussion about having a potluck following the Preston service. She will preach in Lenora in the afternoon. Fillmore Central Baccalaureate Service will be at PUMC in the evening of May 19.

From the Education Committee, Marlene reported the 2nd session of LIFT started in January and there were about 18 kids participating. This group was very energetic. The next session will start on April 3.

In Business, Jenny reported the Codfish Dinner will be April 5. Watch for more information.

Dollie moved to donate \$100 to the Fillmore Central Post Prom. Seconded by Sue. Motion passed.

Dan brought up the idea of donating to the Fillmore Central Booster Club for the next school year. This can be discussed further before the next school year starts.

Kristi reported we received notice from our insurance agent, Cherrie Brink, that the church's insurance will go up 22% in May. Cherrie is willing to come in March to discuss options of deductibles, etc.

John has been working on updating the cell phone list for church members but has met with struggles to get phone numbers. He will keep working on it.

There was nothing further to add in the Pastor's Report.

John moved to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Jenny. Meeting adjourned at 7:15 pm.

**Faith United Methodist Church
Administrative Council Minutes**

February 8, 2024 6:30 p.m.

Members Present: Pastors Deanna and Mark Woodward, Diane Howard, Gail Rollie, Gene Halverson, Nancy and Denis Cornell, Stu Gross, Harry Boland, and Jane Baker

Finance Committee: Jane gave report. Discussion regarding multiple accounts held at First National Bank (FNB), Diane felt it was in best interest of church to continue with these accounts instead of moving into one General account. Mark explained the Pastor Discretionary Account versus the Spring Valley Ministerial Association account. The Line of Credit has now been established. The \$11,000 Mission Endowment CD was used as collateral. When the CD renews the Line of Credit will auto-renew. Jane reported that we pay a \$5 paper fee statement on each of the eight accounts at FNB, Harry will sign all accounts up for e-statement to eliminate this fee. Recommendation was made to move the Cursillo Checking dollars, \$821, to the Mission Endowment Savings account. Nancy made motion to approve the Finance report, Gail seconded. Motion approved.

Church Council: Pastor Mark led with a prayer. Diane Howard called the meeting to order. The minutes of the previous meeting were reviewed. Stu made a motion to approve, Gene seconded. Motion approved.

United Women in Faith: World Day of Prayer will be held at St. Ignatius Catholic Church on Friday, March 1. The United Women in Faith will be participating.

Missions: UMCOR Sunday will be February 18. The UMCOR Sunday offering underwrites UMCOR's administrative costs. The offering allows UMCOR to use 100% of all funds given to humanitarian response and recovery efforts directly to communities in need.

Membership Committee: Total Membership 247

Education Committee: Diane is coordinating the March 24 Palm Sunday Breakfast. Anyone interested in donating or assisting should contact Diane Howard. Jane will include in bulletin announcements.

Trustee: The car abandoned in the parking lot has been removed. Tom Ramaker will be removing an Ash tree behind the church. The Wykoff Commons has donated \$100 for the old projector screen. Furnace filters were changed and CO detectors checked, all are in good condition considering their age.

Pastors Report: Lenten schedule is set and will be distributed in bulletins. Deanna is asking for volunteers to participate in the dialogue portion of the service. Pastors will continue to minister to the youth group, hoping to increase attendance.

Gene made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Dennis.

The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted, Secretary, Jane Baker

Women of Faith

February 14

Pastor Deanna opened the meeting with prayer. Nancy did devotion's from Daily Whispers of Wisdom. Food, Faith, and Fellowship to be a unit, look for ways to incorporate new people into our group.

World Day of Prayer will be held at St. Ignatius Catholic Church on March 1st. "Bear With One Another in Love" service written by Palestinian Christian Women. Vivian made a motion to accept the minutes of the last meeting, second by Danette. Motion carried.

Food for Kidz will be in Stewartville on April 6th to pack food (80,000 meals) 20 cents per meal, need to raise \$16,000. Marilyn made a motion to give \$100 to Food for Kidz, second by Deanna. Motion carried.

Need to make decision regarding Lent offerings. Norma will do devotions on March 6th at Women of Faith meeting. Motion to adjourn by Vivian and second by Danette. Motion carried.

Submitted by Norma Merkel

ON THE ROAD TO EASTER WORD SEARCH



Ash Wednesday

Holy Thursday

Forty Days

Sacrifice

Good Friday

Jesus

Almsgiving

Holy Saturday

Passover

Prayer

Easter

Foot Washing

Fasting

Palm Sunday

Resurrection

Lent

Purple

Holy Week

Palm Branch



MARCH 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>3 Communion 8:30 Fountain Worship 9 Faith Worship 10 CG Worship 11 Preston Worship 6pm Cowboy Church</p>	<p>4 Faith Bell Choir Practice 6 p.m.</p>	<p>5 Men's Breakfast in Preston- 8 am Faith Trustees- 6:30</p>	<p>6 Faith UMW- 9:30 Lent service Spring Valley Faith 5:45 Soup Supper 6:30-Worship</p>	<p>7</p>	<p>1 World Day Of Prayer-9 a.m. at St. Ignatius in SV</p>	<p>2</p>
<p>10 8:30 Fountain Worship 9 Faith Worship 10 CG Worship 11 Preston Worship</p>	<p>11 Cherry Grove Council -7</p>	<p>12 Men's Breakfast in Preston - 8 am Preston Council -7</p>	<p>13 Lent service Cherry Grove 5:45 Soup Supper 6:30-Worship</p>	<p>14 Faith SPRC-6 Faith Finance-6:30 Faith Council-7</p>	<p>15</p>	<p>16</p>
<p>17 8:30 Fountain Worship 9 Faith Worship 10 CG Worship 11 Preston Worship</p>	<p>18</p>	<p>19 Men's Breakfast in Preston- 8 am SV Ministerial at Faith- 10 a.m.</p>	<p>20 Lent service Spring Valley Faith 5:45 Soup Supper 6:30-Worship</p>	<p>21 Newsletter Deadline</p>	<p>22</p>	<p>23 Spring Craft Show @ Preston UMC 10-2</p>
<p>24 Palm Sunday- See schedule on Page 3 31 Easter Sunday- See schedule on Page 3</p>	<p>25</p>	<p>26 Men's Breakfast in Preston- 8 am</p>	<p>27</p>	<p>28 Maundy Thursday Blood Drive at Faith UMC-1 p.m.-7p.m.</p>	<p>29 Good Friday Service at Faith UMC 7 p.m.</p>	<p>30</p>

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