

**LAKESHORE UNITED METHODIST COMMUNITY OF FAITH**

*Ou****r Mission: “We are a welcoming caring Christian congregation seeking spiritual growth by sharing God’s love, making disciples of Jesus Christ in our community and world”***

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Dear Lakeshore,

Many of you have expressed concern after watching me limp my way through the last month or so.  Thank you; I appreciate your concern and care. During one of the mildest winters ever, I managed to slip on ice and tore the meniscus in one of my knees.  I'm currently in a phase of doing therapy and "waiting to see how much it will recover."

The lessons in this experience are many! I do not believe God sends bad or painful things to punish us or 'teach us a lesson.'  But I also believe we miss great lessons if we fail to learn from the experiences of our lives. So far, I have learned more than I understood before about the difference between sympathy and empathy!  (Sympathy is when we feel sadness or regret for what someone else is experiencing, but empathy is when we share or understand someone else's feelings about what they're going through.)  Here are some of the things I now have more empathy for:

* Sometimes there is no clear answer to health-related questions like: 'how are you?' or 'what happens next?'
* Most of us (me included) do not do well taking in everything medical professionals have to say to us when it's about our own health.  If you have an appointment when you may be getting complicated news, take along a friend or your pastor to take notes!
* Doing ordinary things when one is hurt, or recovering is harder than I knew. Before this injury - I didn't know enough to be deeply impressed by people who can walk upstairs with a cane and talk at the same time. Now I do.  When there's something else I'm missing when you are going through something hard - feel free to tell me!

We all have times when we will wait for something to get better - or change somehow.  God's creation is a continually state of change and so are we. Learning what we can as we change - or the circumstances of our lives change - can be part of finding new life. Time to name, claim and celebrate new learning in all the times of our lives!

Happy Easter to you and your loved ones -

Cherie

**Lakeshore Staff**

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*Sunday 8:00- noon*

*M-Th- 9:00 – 3:30*

*Friday Closed*

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2. Jacob Hang

 Diane Lohr

3. Dave Bauman

6. Keith Cribbs

8. Ronald “Tiny” Schofield

9. Joni Shavlik

11. Kim Chong

12. Jimmy Kasper

23. MacKenzie Garrett

 Claudia Klein

25. Jim Garrett

30. Jerry Schubring

 Nancy Twichell



 14. Sarah & Charlie Mathews

 20. Keith & Lisa Geiger

22. Rich & Kathy Kettner

**Sermons and Scripture for April**

April 7 “Possibilities”

Acts 1:3-14 *Rev. Carly Kuntz*

April 14 “Can I Get a Witness?"

Luke 24:36b-48

April 21 “The Work of a Shepherd"

 John 10:11-18

April 28 “The World as Our Parish"

Acts 8:26-40

**Community Garden Ministry**

**Think Spring!**

**Sign up for a Raised Garden bed**

A chart is available in the Gathering Area for

members of the congregation who would like

to sign up for a raised garden bed. Please

read the Guidelines for Planting and

Maintaining a Raised Vegetable Garden Bed

before signing up for a bed so that you

have a full understanding of the responsibility of caring for your raised garden bed. If you have any questions, please ask any member of the Community Garden Ministry task group: Andy Shavlik, Kris Walch, Patty Peterson, Diane &Bert Lohr,

 Al Robinson, or Neil Piepenburg

**Planning Fundraising @ Lakeshore**

Our budget for ministry this year includes the plan that we will raise some needed funds through all-church fundraising projects.  Leadership is pulling together some plans; we need some additional help!  If you are interested in helping with fundraising for the church in 2024, please join us at the meeting on Monday, April 22 at 3:30 pm.

**ADULT EDUCATION OPPORTUNITIES**

**Bible Study to Be Offered**

**“Short Stories by Jesus”**

We will discover how the parables are not just about Jesus but are also about us—and when read rightly, still challenge and provoke us two thousand years later. Hopefully, this exploration will embolden our critical application of Jesus' ancient stories to modern hearts and minds. This study will run Tuesdays, from April 9 to May 14, meeting from **1:30-2:30 PM**. There is no cost for this study, but please let Jackie Ackerman know if you will be coming so materials can be ready for you (920-793-1594 or ackermanj481@gmail.com.

**New book study, *“Being United Methodist Christians: Living a Life of Grace and Hope”***

**starts in April w/ 2 timeslots.**

We'll read and discuss one chapter of this book each week.  Books will be available for $14 in the office; let Pastor Cherie if you need help - never let book cost be an obstacle!  Please choose 1 of 2 timeslots to attend and sign up in the church office:

* Tuesdays, April 9 @**2:30 pm** - taught by Jackie Ackerman *(immediately following “Short Stories” class)*
* Wednesdays, April 10 @**6:30 pm** - taught by Pastor Cherie

**New Member Class**

Whether you are new to this congregation and interested in joining the church - or you're a long-time member who wants a refresher - you are welcome to be part of the next 'New Member Class' Pastor Cherie will be teaching between worship services in April. (9:40 - 10:20 am) Please let her know if you're interested in being part of the class, starting in mid-April!

**Suicide Prevention: “Question, Persuade, Refer” - QPR Classes**

Let’s act to preserve life! You are invited to register for the QPR classes we will be hosting for the community to help prevent suicide.  Please check your calendar and register to attend by calling the church office or signing up on our website for one of the classes:

Wednesday, April 24 @ 1:00 PM or Thursday or April 25 @ 6:30 PM.

**Lakeshore Missions Team Updates**

During the 1 st quarter of 2024 we helped sponsor annual fundraising events for InCourage and The Haven, with contributions of $500 and $250, respectively. We also voted to give $100 to the Boys and Girls Club of Manitowoc County to help with bus fees to get kids to the club after school and $540 was distributed to T.R.E.P. (Two Rivers & Mishicot food pantry) from designated congregational giving.

Coin Jar Re-designation – Beginning April 14th the coin jar proceeds in the gathering space and loose change in the offering plates will be deposited into the Lakeshore Support Fund. Since the beginning of 2020 until now, your contributions amounted to over $1,930 for the church building fund, which has helped with the renovation and needed repairs! Thank you all for your support of our church - and thanks to Jerry Schubring for collecting and counting all the change!

The annual Pine Lake Camp VIM (volunteers in mission) spring clean-up event is scheduled for May 12th-18th. Volunteers will be cleaning up the cabins and grounds, staging boat docks and making necessary repairs to prepare for the arrival of summer campers. The cost is $40/day or $200/wk. And includes lodging and food. You are encouraged to attend any number of days that you could help. The Missions team will pay 50% of the cost for those wanting to participate. Registration is due by April 30th with a deposit of $40. Please contact Patty Peterson for a registration form. For more information on this and all other VIM trips scheduled this year, please visit the Wisconsin UMC website; there is a link for this on our church website.

April is Sexual Assault Awareness Month*. InCourage* (Domestic Violence Center) is hosting a 5K

Run/walk event at Red Arrow Park on April 27th. The cost is $30 for attendees. If you are interested in participating in this to support their organization, please see the posted details on the bulletin board in the gathering space.

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**Men’s Group to Hear New Tourism Director**

Joe Metzen, Two Rivers new Tourism Director, will be the guest speaker at the Men’s Group

meeting on Monday, April 22. The meeting will begin at 1:30 pm. In his new position Joe will be

working with the board of directors of Explore Two Rivers in developing and carrying out

strategies to further promote and develop tourism in Two Rivers. Joe has a long history of promoting the Lakeshore, serving as Associate Director of the Manitowoc YMCA and most recently as Development and Finance Officer at the Hamilton Wood Type and Printing Museum and also played a key role in creating the Spirit of the Rivers Monument. You can see what’s happening in TR by going to www.exploretworivers.com. Or better yet, join us on April 22nd. Anyone wishing to attend is welcome.

**United Methodist General Conference is April 23 - May 3, 2024**

This spring (April 23-May 3), 862 voting delegates from around the world and thousands of visitors will gather for the United Methodist General Conference at the Charlotte Convention Center in Charlotte, North Carolina.  The voting delegates will come from the United States (55.9%), Africa (32%), the Philippines (6%), Europe (4.6%) and representatives of churches that have close ties to The United Methodist Church (1.5%). Half will be clergy, half lay. As you probably know, the denomination’s 59 bishops preside at General Conference but do not have a vote...

General Conference is usually held every four years. This conference will begin by focusing on the business of our denomination that was planned for the 2020 General Conference. Unfortunately, it was postponed by the pandemic - all the way to this year. All plenary sessions; worship services; the Episcopal, Laity and Young People’s addresses; and other special events will be livestreamed. Archived versions of these sessions will also be available for viewing. Users can obtain general information about the legislative process. Updates on General Conference will be posted each day. Please check out the General Conference website: <https://www.resourceumc.org/en/churchwide/general-conference-2020>   (Remember - this is the 2020 Conference we never got to have during the pandemic!)

New, updated church directories are available at the welcome center near the sanctuary doors. Help yourself! Please look over your information and let the office know of any needed corrections. Thank you.

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**Thank you to everyone who gave flowers and special gifts this Easter season.**

 **Flowers…**

**Given By:** **In Memory Of:**

Ruth Malzahn----------------------------------------- My Husband, Bob Malzahn

Tracey Schultz-----------------------------------------My Dad, Robert Skeels

Jim & Jenny Sittman----------------------------------Our Parents

Andy & Joni Shavlik----------------------------------- Allen & Carol Shavlik, Robert Stegmann

Brain & Wendy Lambrecht---------------------------Lorin & Jean Lambrecht, Gary Waier

**Given By: In Honor Of:**

 Tracey Schultz------------------------------------------My Mom, Joan Skeels

 Jim Kornely----------------------------------------------My wife, Joan

 Michael & LuAnn Pinelli----------------------------- All Our Grands, Eli, Ella, Joe, Elijah & Kalani

 **Special Gifts Given…**

LUMC Support Fund Given By Ken & Ceil Schneider

LUMC Support Fund Given by Janet & Jim Garrett

in memory of our parents

LUMC Support Fund Given by Jack & Marcia Christiansen in Memory of

Norman & E.Betty Kornely, Robert & Jeanette Christiansen, Kielmar & Gen Christiansen

LUMC Support Fund Given by Jack & Marcia Christiansen in Honor of our children, Hans & Nicholas, and their families.

The Operating Fund Given by the Casebeer Family

in memory of Jim Casebeer

The Operating Fund Given in memory of Jack & Betty Ackerman

**United Women in Faith** *believe*

***Faith****,* ***Hope*** *and* ***Love*** *in action can change the world*

*Wesley Community Center in Mobile Alabama offers a transitional housing program to help women and their families who are experiencing homelessness. They provide 24 months of case management services, life skill classes and therapy for* **The United Women in Faith** will hold their monthly luncheon meeting on

April 17 with: 11:30 social, lunch at noon, 1:00 program. Guest speaker, Michael Melzahn, will talk about the scenic shore, 150-mile, 2 day ride for Leukemia Lymphoma Cancer Society. Sign up ahead of time & join us!!

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***Mission Moment****: The Dumas trauma, sobriety and mental health. The Sybil H. Smith Family Village was founded in 1999 to fill a void in the housing market but has developed into a life altering program*.

**Sewing Center** is busy on Thursday mornings from 9 until noon. Come & join in the creative process and fellowship. Bring your ideas to share or come help on the projects.

* **The United Women in Faith Spring Retreat**

will be held in Kaukauna on **Saturday, April 27 from 9:00 until 3:00**. **Deadline to register is** **April 13**. Along with other presentations, a special guest will inspire and lead us on how to sing the Psalms located in the back of the hymnal. **Contact Sandy Klein for information, registration and car pool arrangements.** All women invited to join in this opportunity to learn, to enjoy food, fellowship and fun.

Membership in the United Women in Faith has changed to an open concept, meaning you do not have to be a Methodist to join. So invited a friend to come and be a part of this special group. All Women Welcome!

***May the God who gives endurance and encouragement, give you a spirit of unity among yourselves as you follow Christ Jesus, so that with one heart and one voice you may glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ***. *Romans 15:5-6* Submitted by Barb Mamerow, Spiritual Growth