

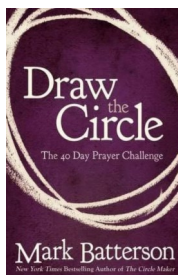


Lectio Divina

Would you like to develop a spiritual practice to fall in love with Jesus the Word of God in your daily life? Lectio Divina is Latin for “divine reading,” “spiritual reading,” or “holy reading.” Lectio Divina is “a slow, rhythmic reading and praying of a Scripture passage.” It will be offered every Thursday morning at 7:30 am. Dates, TBD

Beginning February 14th

Morning prayer series for Lent Season. If you wish to participate in this morning prayer series, please RSVP to Pastor Inwha or by calling the church office (715-284-4114) no later than January 21st. This will allow time for the proper amount of materials to be ordered. You can also order on your own.



Sewing Group

January 17, 2024 10:00 AM to 3:00 PM

PILLOWCASE DRESSES

In need of double fold bias tape (all colors) and gently used or new cotton pillow cases.



Consider gifting towards the upgrade of the sound and video system in the Sanctuary and/or boiler replacement needs. THANK YOU!

New Member Class

Want to join us in Black River Falls United Methodist Church? We offer the new member class January every year.

The first class will be held on three Sundays from January 14th at 10:30 am.



Youth Group

Meets every Wednesday at 5 pm for dinner and youth group at 6 pm.

MISSION OUTREACH

The start date for “**Dinner Church**” will be early March. It is a gathering of people from our church and community to share food and fellowship. Volunteers are needed to help prepare and serve food, greet and mingle. Volunteer sign-up sheets in the gathering area.



A coordinator is needed to help organize volunteers for Dinner Church. Computer knowledge is helpful. If interested, contact Marcia Hagen or Charlene Galston for further information about this.



January 18th & 25th 6:00 PM

Join us as we learn about four forms of Prayer life based on your personality type.

MEETINGS

Tuesday January 23	Admin Council	5:30 PM
Saturday January 27	New Leadership Gathering (Dinner will be provided.)	4:00 PM

Black River Falls United Methodist Church



UMC Mission Statement:

"To make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world."

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* Indicates, please stand if able.

Liturgist: Dan Brauner

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

P: Speak, Lord, your servants are listening.

P: Show us, Lord, your servants are paying attention.

P: Guide us, Lord, and we, your servants, will follow.

P: Thanks be to God! Amen.

Before you formed us in our mother's womb, you knew us completely. Before a word is on our lips, you perceive it. You hem us in, before and behind. You call us as your own and lay your hand upon us. Such knowledge is too wonderful for us; it is so high we cannot attain it. Even when we fail, Holy One, call us anew, that we might hear your voice and respond with expectation and joy: "Here I am." Amen.

“Majesty, Worship His Majesty”

JOYS AND CONCERNS

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Lord, somewhere long ago, someone convinced us that we would not be good material for God to use in healing

and would not be good material for God to use in healing and helping ministries for this world. We don't really believe that we have anything worthwhile to offer. It is relatively easy for us to donate funds for missions and the good works of the church, but we do not see ourselves worthy of further involvement. Remind us of your forgiving love, when we stubbornly refuse to believe your claim on our lives. Open our eyes and spirits to see the gifts with which you have blessed us, and to commit those gifts to serving you by serving others. There are so many things that we can do. And everything starts with prayer. So, patient God, bear with us as we settle down to pray, asking for your wisdom in our lives. Give us courage and strength to accomplish any task that you set before us. And give us hearts of grateful love to acknowledge your presence in our lives, and live that presence with great joy. In Jesus' Name, we pray. AMEN.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

From the very beginning, God has blessed you and planted within your spirit the words "I can do all things through God who strengthens me". Do not fear the task God sets before you. Rejoice, for God is with you every moment and God's love washes over you always, healing and nourishing your life. AMEN.

PASTORAL PRAYER Rev. Shon

THE LORD'S PRAYER *(In Unison)*

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING (John 1)

Can anything good come out of a Nazareth? Come and see. Can this church be the body of Christ? Come and see. Can our gifts make a difference in the world? Come and see. Let us give generously this morning, that the whole world may come and see the blessings of God.

*OFFERTORY PRAYER Rev. Shon

SCRIPTURE 2 Corinthians 5:16-21

¹⁶ So from now on we regard no one from a worldly point of view. Though we once regarded Christ in this way, we do so no longer. ¹⁷ Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here! ¹⁸ All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ and gave us the ministry of reconciliation: ¹⁹ that God was reconciling the world to himself in Christ, not counting people's sins against them. And he has committed to us the message of reconciliation. ²⁰ We are therefore Christ's ambassadors, as though God were making his appeal through us. We implore you on Christ's behalf: Be reconciled to God. ²¹ God made him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

*HYMN OF PRAISE #451

Be Thou My Vision

SERMON Rev. Shon

New Creation in Christ

*CLOSING HYMN TFWS #2088

“Lord I Lift Your Name On High”

*BENEDICTION Rev. Shon

POSTLUDE Joyce Moldenhauer

USHERS/GREETERS: Jim Bible & Imelda Kelly

FELLOWSHIP VOLUNTEER: Katrina McGillivray

Verse of the Week: 1 Peter 1:15-16 (NIV)

“But just as he who called you is holy, so be holy in all you do; for it is written: “Be holy, because I am holy.””