

Lent starts Feb. 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.

Wednesday Connections

You are invited to Wednesday Connections at 5:00 pm. Meal will be served by Stephanie Bantell. A short devotion and fellowship will follow the meal. Come join us!





Need Your Support

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

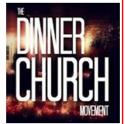
THANK YOU!

Upcoming Meetings

Tuesday	Jan. 23	Ad Council	5:30 pm
Wednesday	Jan. 24	Wednesday Connections Youth Group Confirmation Class	5:00 pm 6:00 pm 7:00 pm
Thursday	Jan. 25	Prayer Workshop	5:30 pm
Saturday	Jan. 27	Leadership Gathering	4—6 pm
Tuesday	Jan. 30	Children/Youth/Family	5:30 pm
Monday	Feb. 5	Trustees United Women in Faith	5:00 pm 5:30 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.



Youth Group

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

Join us for **Quake Youth Gathering**, Feb. 16-18 at Wisconsin Dells and **Wesley Herit-**

age Confirmation Retreat, March 1-2, at Camp Lake Lucern, WI. Contact Suzanne Goldsmith.

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 two Sundays January 28th and February 4th at 10:30 am.

Prayer Practices

4 Forms of Prayer Practices

January 25th 5:30 PM

Join us as we learn about four forms of Prayer life based on your personality type: **Ignatian Prayer**, **Augustinian Prayer**, **Franciscan Pray**

er, and Thomistic Prayer.

Ushers: Barb and Jeff Hagenbrock and Jean Anderson

Fellowship: Stephanie Bantell

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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ORDER OF WORSHIP

* Indicates, please stand if able.

Third Sunday after the Epiphany Jan. 21, 2024 9 am Liturgist: Roxie Hostrawser

WELCOME, PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST, & ANNOUNCEMENTS

*CALL TO WORSHIP

L: Christ is calling you as disciples

P: Lord Jesus, let us follow you faithfully.

L: You will be led into fields of mission and service.

P: Lord Jesus, where you lead us, we will go.

L: Listen for Christ's call to you.

P: We are ready to serve the Lord. AMEN.

*OPENING PRAYER (Psalm 62, Jonah 3, Mark 1)

God of unifying grace, we come distracted by the world. Our minds wander, and are filled with thoughts other than you. Our hearts are confused, and we are uncertain where we belong. Call us to follow you once more. Redeem the night and bless the day that greets us this morning. May your relentless ways never fail as we strive to live as your beloved people. Amen.

*OPENING HYMN

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Great Is Thy Faithfulness

CHILDREN'S TIME

Roxie Hostrawser

JOYS AND CONCERNS

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Jonah 3, Mark 1)

Holy One, you have called us from the seashore to service in this world. You have pulled us from our comfort to embrace the inconvenience of servanthood. You have put before us an opportunity that we never truly wanted. Like Jonah, who resented going where you sent him, we are restless and resistant. We'd rather sleep in a boat and go about a casual kind of life. We'd rather live

our days as we always have and let the tides carry us where they will. May the storms of our days shake us to new awareness and renewed paths of faithful living. Amen.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE (Jonah 3, Mark 1)

Hear the good news! Before you turned to God, God was on watch for you. Before you remembered your sin, God extended redeeming grace. Hear these words: You are forgiven.

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 (Psalm 62)

This is our time of offering, where we respond with gratitude to all that God has given us. Let us take a moment to consider what gifts we will bring and what commitments to action we will make this week.

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Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

OFFERTORY PRAYER

Rev. Shon

SCRIPTURE

Psalm 42:1-11

- 1 As the deer longs for streams of water, so I long for you, O God. 2 I thirst for God, the living God. When can I go and stand before him? 3 Day and night I have only tears for food, while my enemies continually taunt me, saying, "Where is this God of yours?"
- 4 My heart is breaking as I remember how it used to be: I walked among the crowds of worshipers, leading a great procession to the house of God, singing for joy and giving thanks amid the sound of a great celebration!

5 Why am I discouraged? Why is my heart so sad? I will put my hope in God! I will praise him again—my Savior and 6 my God! Now I am deeply discouraged, but I will remember you—even from distant Mount Hermon, the source of the Jordan, from the land of Mount Mizar.

7 I hear the tumult of the raging seas as your waves and surging tides sweep over me. 8 But each day the Lord pours his unfailing love upon me, and through each night I sing his songs, praying to God who gives me life.

9 "O God my rock," I cry, "Why have you forgotten me? Why must I wander around in grief, oppressed by my enemies?" 10 Their taunts break my bones. They scoff, "Where is this God of yours?"

11 Why am I discouraged? Why is my heart so sad? I will put my hope in God! I will praise him again—my Savior and my God!

*HYMN OF PRAISE

TFWS #2025

As the Deer

SERMON Rev. Shon

Are You Healthy?

*CLOSING HYMN

UMH #402

"Lord, I Want to Be a Christian"

*BENEDICTION

Rev. Shon

POSTLUDE

Joyce Moldenhauer

Bible Trivia

How was the Herod who had imprisoned Peter killed?

A. in a battle

B. by worms

C. by a heart attack

D. by a stroke

Answer: see Acts 12:23

Verse of the Week: Galatians 5:16 (NIV)

"So I say, walk by the Spirit, and you will not gratify the desires of the flesh.