

40-Day Prayer Challenge

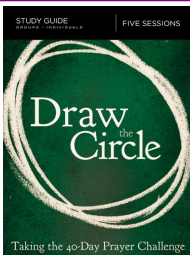
During Lent, 7:14 am

Have your prayers become stagnant? Do you long to see God move in fresh ways? Are you ready to move to new places in your walk with God? If so, it's time to take the 40-day prayer challenge and press into God like never before. Registration: \$10, or Free-will donation.

Study on Draw the Circle

5 Thursdays in Lent, 10 am
Feb. 15, 29, Mar. 7, 14, 21.

In this five-session video study, the author reveals how taking up this prayer challenge will not only change the way you pray today but also dramatically impact the rest of your life. You will witness the miraculous results in your life, church, community, and world that only God can bring. Registration: \$10, or Freewill donation.



Bible Study in Lent

5 Wednesdays, 6 pm
Feb. 28, Mar. 6, 13, 20, 27

Discovering how Jesus transforms and heals us through **altars!**

Altars have always represented change. They are the places where sacred space meets our surrender and leads into authentic spiritual transformation. From the beginning of time, God's people have built altars to mark the places where God spoke, gave direction, or gave his blessing. It is the place where God's people surrendered offerings to him in obedience. Registration: \$10, or Freewill donation.

Upcoming Meetings

Sun	Feb 11	Dinner Church Team	10:30 am
Tue	Feb. 13	Worship Committee	5:30 pm
Wed	Feb. 14	Wednesday Connections	5:00 pm
		Youth	6:00 pm
		Confirmation Class	7:00 pm
Thur	Feb. 15	Ad Council	5:30 pm

MISSION OUTREACH

The start date for "**Dinner Church**" will be on **March 13th**. 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 Heritage Confirmation Retreat, March 1-2**, at Camp Lake Lucern, WI. Contact Suzanne Goldsmith.

Leadership Gathering

Sat. March 9th. 4-6 pm

You're welcome to Leadership Gathering to envision our future. Dinner served.



Ash Wednesday Service

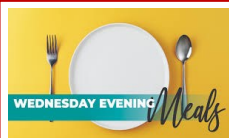
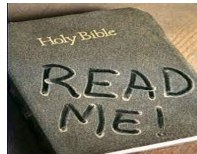
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Ash Wednesday emphasizes a dual encounter: we confront our own mortality and confess our sin before God within the community of faith.

Reading the Four Gospels in Lent

6 Saturdays, 8 am

A brief breakfast will be served.



Wednesday Connections

You are invited to Wednesday Connections at 5 pm. Meal will be served by Esther.

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.

Sixth Sunday after the Epiphany February 11, 2024 9 am
Liturgist: Jim Hornby

WELCOME, PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST,
& ANNOUNCEMENTS

*CALL TO WORSHIP (2 Kings 2, Psalm 50, 2 Corinthians 4)

L: As we live and as God lives,

P: God will not leave us.

L: When fire devours and storms blow us astray,

P: God will not leave us.

L: When truth is veiled and confusion reigns,

P: God will not leave us.

L: When the world changes around us,

P: God will not leave us.

L: When we long to speak but find no words,

P: God will not leave us.

L: When all around us is silent,

P: God will not leave us.

L: When faithfulness feels beyond us,

P: God will not leave us.

L: As we live and as God lives,

P: we worship the One who will not leave us.

*OPENING PRAYER (Psalm 50, 2 Corinthians 4, Mark 9)

Holy One, when the world is full of confusion and your message is hard to perceive, still, we can see you. Still, your presence shines—a light to illuminate the shadows. When we cannot find a way to speak your story, let your being shine in us and through us, that we may reflect your glory, and your grace. Amen.

*OPENING HYMN UMH #577

God of Grace and God of Glory

CHILDREN’S TIME Paula Voskuil

TESTIMONY TO FRESH EXPRESSIONS
Marcia Hagen & Charlene Galston

JOYS AND CONCERNS

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Patient Lord, you know how accustomed we are to “magic” tricks. Our spirits and our senses get fooled easily. We would be just like the disciples, at first not believing what we were seeing and then wanting to make a monument to the event. Thank you for being so patient with us. Forgive us when we get so wrapped up in the moment that we don’t take time enough to understand its significance. Help us pause, reflect, think, and thank you for the blessings of unexpected revelations. Give us wisdom and strength to be your disciples, proclaiming your transforming love to all people. AMEN.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE (Psalm 111)

To you the light of love and ministry has been revealed. Rejoice! You have been blessed by God to be witnesses; to proclaim God’s love to all. Be at peace! 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 (Psalm 111)

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.

DOXOLOGY UMH #94

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

OFFERTORY PRAYER Rev. Shon

SCRIPTURE Hebrews 12:14-17

¹⁴ Make every effort to live in peace with everyone and to be holy; without holiness no one will see the Lord. ¹⁵ See to it that no one falls short of the grace of God and that no bitter root grows up to cause trouble and defile many. ¹⁶ See that no one is sexually immoral, or is godless like Esau, who for a single meal sold his inheritance rights as the oldest son. ¹⁷ Afterward, as you know, when he wanted to inherit this blessing, he was rejected. Even though he sought the blessing with tears, he could not change what he had done.

*HYMN OF PRAISE UMH #430

O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee

SERMON Rev. Shon

Are the Spiritual Disciplines Important to You?

*CLOSING HYMN UMH #407

Close to Thee

*BENEDICTION Rev. Shon

POSTLUDE Joyce Moldenhauer

Ushers: Tom & Lois Epps

Fellowship: Sunday School—Pretzel Sunday

Verse of the Week: Psalm 18:1-2

I love you, Lord, my strength. 2 The Lord is my rock, my fortress and my deliverer; my God is my rock, in whom I take refuge, my shield and the horn of my salvation, my stronghold.

Bible Trivia

What did Moses tell the Israelites to tie on their hands and foreheads:

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| A. cloth coverings | B. animal parts |
| C. sacrifices | D. God's commands |

See: Deuteronomy 6:8