

40-Day Prayer Challenge

During Lent, 7:14 am

2 Chronicles 7:14, "If my people who are called by my name will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, I will hear from heaven and will forgive their sins and restore their land."

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.

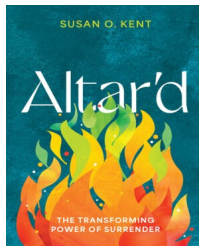
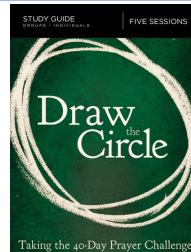
Study on Draw the Circle

5 Thursdays in Lent, 10 am

Feb. 29, Mar. 7, 14, 21, 28

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.

Thank you

The Radio Broadcast this morning is in celebration of Pastor Inwha's Birthday, which is 20th, by Sarah and David Shon



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.

Next meeting will be on Sunday, March 10th, 10:30 am

Youth Group

Join us for **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.

UMC Family Directory

The church Family Directory is completed. Please take one copy for your use from the basket in the Gathering Area. If you find an error, please contact Carol Hornby or the Church Office.

Essential Needs Collection 40-Days of Lent Challenge

United Women in Faith are gathering supplies needed for the Essential Needs Pantry for Jackson County. Please take a list of items needed from the tub by east and back church entrances.

Upcoming Meetings

Sun	Feb 18	New Member Class	10:30 am
Wed	Feb. 21	Wednesday Connections	5:00 pm
		Youth	6:00 pm
		Confirmation Class	7:00 pm
Sat	Feb. 24	Bible Reading	8:00 am
Sun	Feb. 25	Mission Outreach	10:30 am

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.

First Sunday in Lent February 18, 2024 9 am

Liturgist: Dan Brauner

WELCOME, PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST,
& ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE Joyce Moldenhauer

*CALL TO WORSHIP

L: Lenten travelers, when you feel the security of God’s love, affirmation of God’s call, and covered in God’s grace...

P: God comes near.

L: When you feel deserted and alone, starving and parched for a caring hand or an encouraging word, troubled and uncertain as the ground under you shifts like sand...

P: God comes near.

L: When you feel emboldened to act, inspired to speak, energized to live as bearers of the good news that the Kingdom of God is here...

P: God comes near.

L: In all seasons of our lives, God comes near to us and does not forsake us.

P: We gather to come near to God whose ever-present love remains near no matter where our journey takes us. Amen.

*OPENING PRAYER

The season of Lent is here again and, as with so many times before, we find that we are not really ready for this journey of discipleship. So many things claim our lives and prevent us from being ready to take the steps in faith. As we look at our barrier of readiness, help us to remember that Christ is with us, every step of the way. We are not alone. Christ will help lift our hearts and spirits and direct our paths. Enable us, loving Savior, to take this journey of faith to new life with you. AMEN.

*OPENING HYMN UMH #140
Great Is Thy Faithfulness

CHILDREN'S TIME

Mary Beck

JOYS AND CONCERNS

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

We have lists of things to do, for all the areas of our lives. Our lives are so time bound and duty bound that we feel imprisoned in them. Now we are challenged by Christ to take a journey of discipleship. We don't feel ready for this journey. We need more time. And we complain and cry about how much we have to do. Forgive us, Lord, when we place so many "duties" in the path to serving you. Reset our priorities so that we will be ready to commit our lives in your service. Lord, help us to be ready when you call us. Help us to courageously answer the summons you bring. Let us place our trust in you in all things. AMEN.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE (Psalm 111)

God is merciful and full of steadfast love. God will not forget us. God will wash us clean, and lead us on paths of steadfast love and faithfulness.

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 (Gen. 1, Mark 1)

As symbols of love and signs of hope, let us bring our gifts and offerings to God.

DOXOLOGY UMH #94
Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

OFFERTORY PRAYER Rev. Shon

SCRIPTURE Luke 22:7-20

⁷ Now the Festival of Unleavened Bread arrived, when the

Passover lamb is sacrificed. ⁸ Jesus sent Peter and John ahead and said, “Go and prepare the Passover meal, so we can eat it together.” ⁹ “Where do you want us to prepare it?” they asked him. ¹⁰ He replied, “As soon as you enter Jerusalem, a man carrying a pitcher of water will meet you. Follow him. At the house he enters, ¹¹ say to the owner, ‘The Teacher asks: Where is the guest room where I can eat the Passover meal with my disciples?’” ¹² He will take you upstairs to a large room that is already set up. That is where you should prepare our meal.” ¹³ They went off to the city and found everything just as Jesus had said, and they prepared the Passover meal there.

¹⁴ When the time came, Jesus and the apostles sat down together at the table. ¹⁵ Jesus said, “I have been very eager to eat this Passover meal with you before my suffering begins. ¹⁶ For I tell you now that I won’t eat this meal again until its meaning is fulfilled in the Kingdom of God.”

¹⁷ Then he took a cup of wine and gave thanks to God for it. Then he said, “Take this and share it among yourselves.

¹⁸ For I will not drink wine again until the Kingdom of God has come.” ¹⁹ He took some bread and gave thanks to God for it. Then he broke it in pieces and gave it to the disciples, saying, “This is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.”

²⁰ After supper he took another cup of wine and said, “This cup is the new covenant between God and his people—an agreement confirmed with my blood, which is poured out as a sacrifice for you.

*HYMN OF PRAISE TFWS #2226
Bind Us Together

SERMON Rev. Shon
Building Bridges by Breaking Bread

*CLOSING HYMN UMH #558
We Are the Church

*BENEDICTION Rev. Shon

POSTLUDE Joyce Moldenhauer
Ushers: Sarah and Leroy Wiersma
Fellowship: Mary Beck