

40-Day Prayer Challenge

During Lent, 7:14 am

The goal is not to get what you want at all but to figure out what God wants, what God wills. The true purpose of prayer is to get into God's presence so He can outline His agenda for us. Too often we pray ASAP prayers—as soon as possible. We need to start praying **ALAT prayers—as long as it takes**. The goal of the prayer challenge is **to establish a prayer habit** so you are still praying on day 41, day 57, day 101, day 365.

Study on Draw the Circle
5 Thursdays in Lent, 10 am
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.

Bible Study in Lent
5 Wednesdays, 6 pm
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.

Church Cleaning Day — Saturday,
March 9, 9-12
Many Hands Make Light Work

Kitchen area and some Sunday School Rooms will be cleaned. There will be tasks that can be done sitting down by person's unable to physically stand for periods of time. Something for ALL!



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**

Essential Needs Collection
40-Days of Lent Challenge

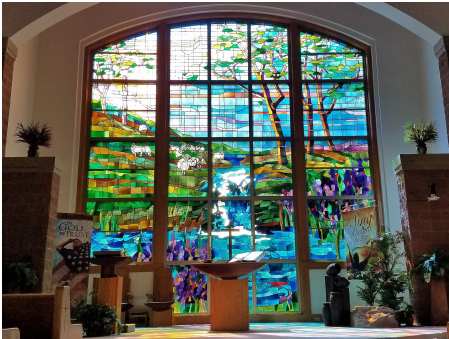
United Women in Faith are gathering supplies needed for the Essential Needs Pantry for Jackson County. Please take a list of items needed from the tub by east and back church entrances.

Wednesday Connections

You are invited to Wednesday Connections at 5 pm. Meal served by **Dan & Jocelyn Brauner**.

Upcoming Meetings			
Sun	Mar. 3	New Member Class	10:30 am
Wed	Mar. 6	Wednesday Youth Confirmation Class	5:00 pm 6:00 pm 7:00 pm
Sat	Mar. 9	Bible Reading Leadership Gathering	8:00 am 4-6 pm
Sun	Mar. 10	Mission Outreach	10:30 am
Mon	Mar. 11	Trustees	5:30 pm
Sun	Mar. 17	Corned Beef & Cabbage Dinner	4-6 pm
Mon	Mar. 18	Worship Committee	5:30 pm
Thu	Mar. 21	Ad Council Meeting	5:30 pm
Sun	Mar. 24	Pancake Breakfast	10:00 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.

Third Sunday in Lent March 3, 2024 9 am

Liturgist: Tom Epps

WELCOME, PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST,
& ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE Joyce Moldenhauer

*CALL TO WORSHIP

L: Lenten travelers, why are you here?

P: We gather to do the work of worship.

L: Lenten travelers, what happens when we gather to
worship?

**P: We listen and proclaim. We sing and pray. We repent
and encourage.**

L: Lenten travelers, how do we do the work of worship?

**P: We bring all that we are to be present to God and one
another.**

L: Lenten travelers, what work does God do in worship?

**P: God raises us up so that we can delight in life together
with God and one another.**

L: Lenten travelers, come, let us worship God together!

P: Come, let us worship God together! Amen.

*OPENING PRAYER (Exodus 20)

**Creator God, you call us from our busy lives to find
knowledge and rest in this holy place. Center our spirits
in your love. Open our hearts to your transforming word,
for we are ready to realign our spirits, remember your
words, and walk in your paths. Guide us in wisdom and
truth as we seek to follow your word. Amen.**

*OPENING HYMN UMH #577

God of Grace and God of Glory

CHILDREN’S TIME Tom Epps

JOYS AND CONCERNS

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Guiding With hearts of sorrow, we come before you, O
God, to confess what you already know—we have failed
to keep your laws. Again and again, we have followed
our own selfish will, rather than your holy and life-giving
will for our lives. We have twisted your decrees and
institutions to suit our preconceptions and interests
rather than your own. Forgive us, O God, and cleanse us
from hidden faults, that the words of our mouths, and
the meditations of all our hearts, may be acceptable to
you, our Rock and our Redeemer.**

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

God shows steadfast love and blesses to the thousandth
generation those who follow God’s ways. In love, God sent
Jesus to bless and redeem God’s people. God forgives us our
sins and restores us to new life. Let us rejoice in God’s
mercy.

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

We worship a God of abundance, from whose hands flow all
the blessings of our lives. May we be spared the sin of using
these blessings simply for our own pleasure and purposes.
Give us right and generous hearts, O God, that your
blessings may flow from our hands to those in need.

DOXOLOGY UMH #94

OFFERTORY PRAYER Rev. Shon

SCRIPTURE Luke 14:15-24

¹⁵ When one of those at the table with him heard this, he
said to Jesus, “Blessed is the one who will eat at the feast in
the kingdom of God.” ¹⁶ Jesus replied: “A certain man was
preparing a great banquet and invited many guests. ¹⁷ At the
time of the banquet he sent his servant to tell those who had
been invited, ‘Come, for everything is now ready.’ ¹⁸ “But
they all alike began to make excuses. The first said, ‘I have
just bought a field, and I must go and see it. Please excuse
me.’ ¹⁹ “Another said, ‘I have just bought five yoke of ox-
en, and I’m on my way to try them out. Please excuse me.’ ²⁰ “Still another said, ‘I just got married, so I can’t come.’ ²¹ “The servant came back and reported this to his master.
Then the owner of the house became angry and ordered his
servant, ‘Go out quickly into the streets and alleys of the
town and bring in the poor, the crippled, the blind and the
lame.’ ²² ““‘Sir,’ the servant said, ‘what you ordered has
been done, but there is still room.’ ²³ “Then the master told
his servant, ‘Go out to the roads and country lanes and
compel them to come in, so that my house will be full. ²⁴ I
tell you, not one of those who were invited will get a taste
of my banquet.’”

SERMON Rev. Shon

Jesus’ Vision for Church Gatherings

*HYMN OF PREPARATION TFWS #2268

As We Gather at Your Table

HOLY COMMUNION UMH #13-15

*CLOSING HYMN UMH #581

Lord, Whose Love Through Humble Service

*BENEDICTION Rev. Shon

POSTLUDE Joyce Moldenhauer

Ushers: Jim Bible and Imelda Kelley
Fellowship: Imelda Kelley