

### 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

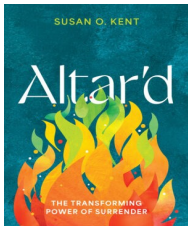
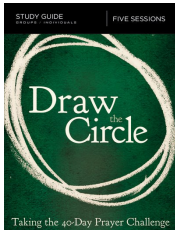
### Study on Draw the Circle

**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**

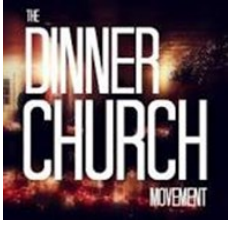
**Mar. 6, 13, 20, 27**

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.

### Seder Meal

You are invited to Passover Seder Meal on **Maundy Thursday, 6 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.

**The meeting will be Today, 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.



### Upcoming Meetings

Sun	Mar. 10	<b>Mission Outreach</b>	10:30 am
Mon	Mar. 11	<b>Trustees</b>	5:30 pm
Sun	Mar. 17	<b>Corned Beef &amp; Cabbage Dinner</b>	4– till gone
Mon	Mar. 18	<b>Worship Committee</b>	5:30 pm
Thu	Mar. 21	<b>Ad Council Meeting</b>	5:30 pm
Sun	Mar. 24	<b>Palm Sunday Pancake Breakfast</b>	10:00 am
Thu	Mar. 28	<b>Maundy Thursday</b>	6 pm
Fri	Mar. 29	<b>Good Friday Service</b>	6 pm
Sun	Mar. 31	<b>Easter</b>	9 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.*

Fourth Sunday in Lent      March 10, 2024    9 am

Liturgist: Jim Hornby

WELCOME, PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST,  
& ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE      Joyce Moldenhauer

### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

L: Lenten travelers, Lenten travelers, the journey is long. Let us take a moment to rest and breathe.

**P: Only in God do we find our rest.**

L: Sometimes the road is easy, and we bask in the warmth of the Light who guides us.

**P: Other times the road is hard, and we hide from the Light, afraid for our actions to be made known in public.**

L: Somedays we delight in the joy of journeying together on this road.

**P: Other days we struggle with the temptation to judge and condemn one another as we travel this path.**

L: Today, let us come into the Light together as we learn to love God and one another through the twists and turns of our Lenten journey.

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

### \*OPENING PRAYER (Exodus 20)

L: Creator Blest are you, Lord Jesus who came to us a little child one of us, flesh and blood, to share in our humanity For God so loved the world

**P: That all might have eternal life.**

L: Blest are you, Lord Jesus who came to us as carpenter and yet in whose creative hands a world was fashioned For God so loved the world

**P: That all might have eternal life.**

L: Blest are you, Lord Jesus who came to us as fisherman and yet pointed to a harvest that was yet to come For God so loved the world

**P: That all might have eternal life.**

L: Blest are you, Lord Jesus who came to us as teacher and opened eyes to truths that only the poor could understand For God so loved the world

**P: That all might have eternal life.**

L: Blest are you, Lord Jesus who came to us as healer and opened hearts to the reality of wholeness For God so loved the world

**P: That all might have eternal life.**

L: Blest are you, Lord Jesus who came to us as prophet, priest, and king and yet humbled himself to take our place upon the cross For God so loved the world

**P: That all might have eternal life.**

L: Blest are you, Lord Jesus who came to us as servant and revealed to us the extent of his Father's love for human-kind For God so loved the world

**P: That all might have eternal life.**

L: Blest are you, Lord Jesus, who rose from the ignominy of a sinner's death to the triumph of a Saviour's resurrection For God so loved the world

**P: That all might have eternal life.**

L: God so loved the world that he gave his only Son for the sake of me and you and other sinners too God so loved the world

**P: Blest are you Lord Jesus, our Saviour and Redeemer. Amen.**

\*OPENING HYMN      UMH #386

*Come, O Thou Traveler Unknown*

CHILDREN'S TIME      Katrina McGillivray

JOYS AND CONCERNS

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Gracious and loving God, open our hearts so that we are able to admit to you the fullness of our lives – that which is beautiful and good, and that which is hurtful and hateful. We confess that we do not follow Jesus in all that we do. We love with condition. We judge and condemn.**

**We cast the first stone and keep the logs in our own eyes.**

**We do not turn to You as the source of our healing.**

**Forgive us, we pray. Forgive our sin and empower us to be imitators of Christ in love and service. Amen.**

## WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Friends in Christ, know this: the mercy of God is from everlasting to everlasting, and I remind you of this surpassing grace – in Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. 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

We have heard God's word in the voices of creation and the precepts of scripture. God's word enlightens and revives us, filling us with joy. With grateful hearts, let us bring our gifts before God this day.

DOXOLOGY      UMH #94

*Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow*

OFFERTORY PRAYER      Rev. Shon

SCRIPTURE      Luke 14:15-24

\*HYMN OF PRAISE      TFWS #2243

*We All Are One in Mission*

\*SERMON      Rev. Shon

*Blessed are those eating at the feast  
in God's kingdom*

CLOSING HYMN      UMH #539

*O Spirit of the Living God*

\*BENEDICTION      Rev. Shon

POSTLUDE      Joyce Moldenhauer

Ushers:      Alan and Paula Voskuil  
Fellowship:      Suzanne Goldsmith