

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

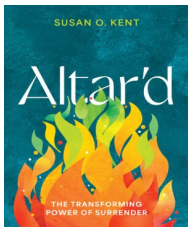
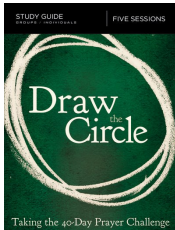
Study on Draw the Circle

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 and Feet Washing on Maundy Thursday, 6 pm



MISSION OUTREACH

Dinner Church

Starts March 20th 5-6 PM

Entrée: Beef Stew

All are welcome to attend!

Volunteers are needed to help prepare and serve food, greet and mingle. Volunteer sign-up sheets are in the gathering area or you may sign-up online at: https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0B4FAAAC2AAAFBC16-47489118-dinner.

No User Name or Password is required.

Contact Marcia Hagen or Charlene Galston for questions regarding Dinner Church.

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

Table with 4 columns: Day, Date, Meeting Name, Time. Rows include Corned Beef & Cabbage Dinner, Worship Committee, SPRC, Ad Council Meeting, Palm Sunday Pancake Breakfast, Maundy Thursday Seder Meal, Good Friday Service, and Easter (Church Photo/Egg Hunt).

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.*

Fifth Sunday in Lent March 17, 2024 9 am

Liturgist: Dan Brauner

WELCOME, PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST,
& ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE Joyce Moldenhauer

*CALL TO WORSHIP

L: Lenten travelers, how long have you traveled this road with your gaze pointed down at the dust and gravel and asphalt as you walk or limp or roll down the path?

P: Sometimes it is easier to look at the road than at the people who share the journey with us.

L: Lift up your heads! Look, listen, reach out a hand. Who are your neighbors on this road?

P: We lift our heads and look to our Savior who journeys with us and helps us notice our neighbors all around us.

L: This is the Lenten journey—to learn to love God and love our neighbors just as Jesus showed us.

P: Our journey teaches us to lose our lives to God as we find and follow Christ in our service to others.

L; Come, let us worship God who caravans with us on this road to the cross.

P: Come, let us worship! Amen.

*OPENING PRAYER (John 12:24)

Our souls are troubled, Holy One, until they find their rest in you. When we live in fear of our mortality, help us face the future unafraid. Write the truth of Christ's words on our hearts: "Unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it can only be a single seed. But if it dies, it bears much fruit." In our living and in our dying, draw us together with all your people. Amen.

*OPENING HYMN UMH #606

Come, Let Us Use the Grace Divine

CHILDREN'S TIME Roxie Hostrawser

JOYS AND CONCERNS

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Compassionate Lord, forgive us when we falter on this Lenten pathway; when the road ahead seems too uncertain and we are afraid. We admit that following Jesus is not an easy task. Jesus requires us to be willing to make the ultimate commitment of our whole lives and we hesitate and hold back. Draw us back to you, Lord. Give us confidence and courage to face the future with hope. Let us place our trust in you that the message of peace and mercy you have given to us through Jesus Christ may be offered to others through our own witness to your healing mercy. In Jesus' Name, we pray. AMEN.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Even though the future is clouded; God is with us, guiding, healing, comforting, restoring. Rejoice! In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven and healed. 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

The One who writes the law of love on our hearts, the One who saves us from the worst parts of ourselves, is here to bless us once more. In giving, we receive; in loving, we find love. Let us show our care for those in need as we offer our tithes and offerings to God.

DOXOLOGY UMH #94

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

OFFERTORY PRAYER Rev. Shon

SCRIPTURE Luke 19:1-9

Jesus entered Jericho and was passing through. ² A man was there by the name of Zacchaeus; he was a chief tax collector and was wealthy. ³ He wanted to see who Jesus was, but because he was short he could not see over the crowd. ⁴ So he ran ahead and climbed a sycamore-fig tree to see him, since Jesus was coming that way.

⁵ When Jesus reached the spot, he looked up and said to him, "Zacchaeus, come down immediately. I must stay at your house today." ⁶ So he came down at once and welcomed him gladly.

⁷ All the people saw this and began to mutter, "He has gone to be the guest of a sinner."

⁸ But Zacchaeus stood up and said to the Lord, "Look, Lord! Here and now I give half of my possessions to the poor, and if I have cheated anybody out of anything, I will pay back four times the amount."

⁹ Jesus said to him, "Today salvation has come to this house, because this man, too, is a son of Abraham. ¹⁰ For the Son of Man came to seek and to save the lost."

*HYMN OF PRAISE UMH #206

I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light

*SERMON Rev. Shon

A Divine Moment at Dinner Table

CLOSING HYMN TFWS #2172

We Are Called

*BENEDICTION Rev. Shon

POSTLUDE Joyce Moldenhauer

Ushers: Alan and Paula Voskuil

Fellowship: Mary Loveland