

# Glendive & Wibaux United Methodist Church Newsletter March 2023



This time of year always feels like a mixture of anticipation, eagerness and impatience. Winter is almost over, but spring hasn't yet arrived. Daylight is increasing, but leaves and flowers aren't quite ready to grow. Easter is coming, but we aren't there yet. This is a season of patient waiting, of watchful anticipation.

In liturgical traditions, this season is known as Lent, the 40 days leading up to Easter. Some believers observe it with fasting or special penitence, and many churches use this time to remember Jesus' journey to the cross. I am preaching from Matthew's gospel, sharing stories from Jesus' ministry as He walked resolutely toward His life-giving death.

I hope you will use this season to look back and look ahead. Look back at what Jesus did for you, remembering His atoning death and rejoicing in His resurrection that opened the door of eternal life for all who believe. Also look ahead toward the work God has for you and further on toward the wonderful promise of everlasting life through our Savior.

Our faith calls us to look both backward and forward, to the past and to the future. Too often we become fixated on one while forgetting the other. At times, we think only of what God did long ago, as though His power and purposes in this world were only real in the Bible. At other times, our present struggles and fears of the future overwhelm our faith so that we forget God's past faithfulness.

The truth is, God never changes. He is just as powerful and gracious today as He was when Jesus went to the cross. God continues to bless and provide for His people today, just as He did long ago in Bible times. As we look to the future, we believe God is still at work among us and will one day bring this world to an end according to His perfect will, just as He created it according to His perfect design.

As we walk through this season of anticipation, as winter becomes spring and as we count the days until Easter, let's remember and let's trust. Remember what Jesus did. Remember all God has promised in His word. Remember the blessings He has given each of us. And trust that He still walks with us. Trust that His promises will all come true. Trust that He still hears our prayers and moves powerfully in response to our needs.

Faith remembers and trusts. Faith looks backward and forward.

In the weeks leading up to His death, Jesus told the disciples several times what was going to happen to Him. He told them He would be betrayed, that He would suffer and die, and that He would rise again. All through scripture, God prophetically prepared His people for what they would face. Jesus wanted His followers to be ready when that terrible time came, so they could remember His words and trust that His suffering had a purpose.

God leads us in similar ways. When we face hardship or uncertainty, we can remember His word and His past faithfulness. We can look back on all He has done and promised. At the same time, we can trust God through the present and into the future. During hard days and fearful moments, we can have faith that God will provide again just as He always has.



Having a faith that remembers the past and trusts God into the future requires nurturing our souls with His word. **Read and rejoice** in what Jesus did for you at the cross. Fill your heart with the good promises of God's word. Build your life on the solid foundation of Biblical truth. Then you will be able to trust Jesus with the needs of today and whatever comes tomorrow. May God bless us all this Easter Season.

Written by Pastor Mike Mirakian Broadway Covenant Church, Rockford, Illinois



We will be holding joint **Lenten** services on Wednesday evenings at the Zion Lutheran Church through March 29.

Soup and dessert is at 6:00 p.m. with the service and scripture at 7:00. p.m. The United Methodist Church will be making soup and dessert and doing the serving and cleanup for the supper on the 22nd of March. There is a sign up sheet on the bulletin board if you are able to help.

Also, a special service will be held from 12:10 to 12:50 on Wednesdays for those not able to attend the evening service.

**Our Sunday Services guest speakers will be as follows:**

March 5th	Pastor Avis Anderson
March 12 <sup>th</sup>	Mike Carlson
March 19 <sup>th</sup>	Pastor Samuel-Beaves-Fisher ( communion)
March 26th	Leslie Hunter
April 2nd	Pastor Avis Anderson (Palm Sunday)
April 9	Pastor Avis Anderson 11 am (Easter Sunday) Also— Sunrise service 7am and breakfast served by the men's club following.
April 16th	Andrine Haas
April 23	Pastor Samuel-Beaves-Fisher (communion)
April 30	Larry Meidinger



United  
Women  
in Faith

**United Women in Faith will not meet in March due to the Wednesday Lent Services.**



## Church Rummage Sale

Our rummage sale will be coming soon, so it's time to clean out your closets (and basements and garages and ...)! So – when the cleaning bug bites you, box up those used treasures and bring them for the church's sale. Rummage sale items can be placed in the room in the southeast corner of the basement (the room used for dishwashing during the church dinner).

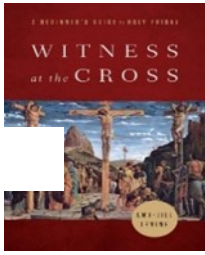
We will be having a bake sale along with the rummage sale.

We will need people before, during, and after the sale to help with advertising, set-up and marking, working on sale days, and clean-up after the sale. If you can help with this project or if you have questions, please contact Andrine Haas or Vernone Spencer.

Here are some things to keep in mind:

- PLEASE – NO CLOTHING/SHOES. Accessories like jewelry, purses, and scarves are accepted.
- Only items in good, clean, usable condition.
- After the sale, unsold items will be donated to the Attic or the Zion furniture room OR thrown away.
- If you have large items (like furniture), please wait until just a few days before the sale to bring them to the church. It would be helpful if you would let Andrine or Vernone know that such items will be coming.
- Bake sale items should be delivered to the church on the days of the sale. Please have items wrapped/package for sale.

So let's make a little extra money for the church while we clean out our closets!



### Lenten Study Class

It is not too late to join the zoom study class on the book "Witness at the Cross". Mondays from 5:30 to 6:30 pm in the Fireside Room through April 3<sup>rd</sup>. Pastor Samuel Beaves-Fisher, MDiv from Billings will officiate.

If you ordered a book, it is in the office with your name on it.

### Be a Friend!

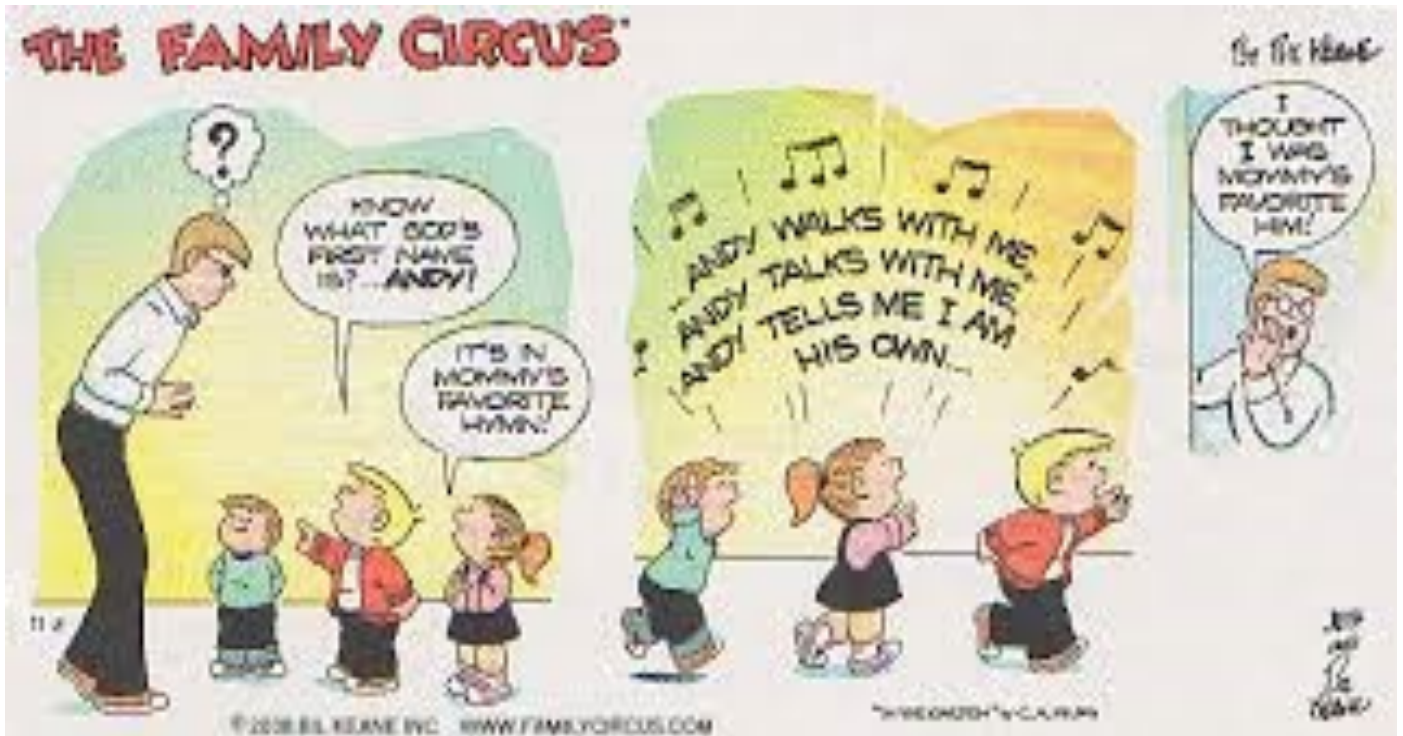
If you have not already done so, please consider stopping at the Courtesy Counter at Reynolds and have your telephone number registered to our **Account #8000**.



For the February Treats  
 Leslie Hunter, Joan Haugeberg, Vernone Spencer and Angie Mittlestadt, Betty Carpenter

*Happy Birthday!*

March		April	
6th	Payden Huschka	1st	Stacey Stanfill
14th	Dan Peterson	5th	Patty Steer
26th	Bill LaBree		Hiley Stanfill
		6th	Sari Hunter
		7th	Wei Pai







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Sun      Mon      Tue      Wed      Thu      Fri      Sat

			1 Lenten 12:10 - 12:50 6pm Soup	2	3	4 World Day of Prayer
5 no communion	6 Zoom Lent study 5:30 to 6:30	7	8 Lenten 12:10 -12:50 6pm Soup	9	10	11
12 Daylight savings time change	13 Zoom Lent study 5:30 to 6:30 Ad board 7	14	15 Lenten 12:10 -12:50 6pm Soup/ Service	16		18
19 Communion UMCOR Sunday	20 Zoom Lent study 5:30 to 6:30	21	22 Lenten 12:10 -12:50 6pm Soup/ Service	23	24	25
26	27 Zoom Lent study 5:30 to 6:30	28	29 Lenten 12:10 -12:50 6pm Soup/ Service	30	31	



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