



THE TORCH

ROUND LAKE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
DEDICATED 1894
CELEBRATING OUR 118TH YEAR
FEBRUARY 2012

Pastoral Ponderings

Relationships: God, Personal and Facebook

While flipping through a waiting room magazine the other day my eyes landed on an interesting little piece. The author was talking about “Mind Myths.” According to this author we, humans have the mistaken idea that we have a mental Rolodex with all the names and faces of everyone we’ve ever know. In truth, the author says: “We can maintain relationships with only about 150 people at once.” He goes on to say that we can only put forth the energy to maintain relationships with no more than 150 persons at a time and most of us do not even reach that number.

We all have various ways of being in relationship with one another. There are numerous in-person ways, there is the telephone, and there are numerous electronic means, including Facebook. How do you maintain relationships with those who are important to you? Since it takes energy to maintain relationships, how much of your energy goes into being in relationship with others?

With all of the necessary and important activities that fill our calendars, with all the energy we invest in maintaining our human relationships it is often difficult to find time for God. How do you maintain your relationship with God? Prayer is the primary way we form and maintain our relationship with God. We know that when we have difficulty finding time for prayer, we are not tending to our relationship with God, the One who gives life.

Christians over the past two thousand years have shared multiple ways of praying, communicating with God. There are meditative ways as well as active ways of praying and being aware of the presence of God in all that we do. While some of these ways of praying may at first seem to different from what we’ve always thought was prayer, they can be effective for some persons.

If you want to know more about ways to strengthen your relationship with God, join us for the Lenten Study on Prayer beginning February 26th following Sunday worship.

With Christ’s Peace and Joy
Rev. Jane

Scriptures in Worship

Our time during these Sundays since Christmas has been a movement from celebrating the birth of Jesus to knowing Jesus as an adult. These Sundays are a transition time of following Jesus in Galilee amid the admiring crowds and following Jesus to Jerusalem during Lent, which begins on February 23rd. As we read February's scriptures we continue to gain knowledge of how the Gospel according to Mark understands discipleship living as the way to live out our baptisms and response to Jesus' call to follow. These are the early lessons Jesus teaches his newly called disciples. Lent begins with Ash Wednesday, February 22nd. Our journey to Jerusalem begins with Jesus' wilderness temptations.

Sunday, February 5, 2012 *Sacrament of Holy Communion* Isaiah 40:21-31; Psalm 147; 1 Corinthians 9:16-23; Mark 1:29-39

Sunday, February 12, 2012
2 Kings 5:1-14; Psalm 30; 1 Corinthians 9:24-27; Mark 1:40-45

Sunday, February 19, 2012
2 Kings 2:1-12; Psalm 50; 2 Corinthians 4:3-6; Mark 9:2-9

Sunday, February 26, 2012
Genesis 9:8-17; Psalm 25; 1 Peter 3:18-22; Mark 1:9-15

Ash Wednesday Service Planned

The Season of Lent will begin on Ash Wednesday, February 22nd. This is the traditional start of Lent. The historic focus of this day is to remind us of the pervasiveness of human sin and of the inevitability of human death. Ashes, the traditional sign of grief and mourning, have been adopted by Christians as a sign of our own sinful mortality.

Our service on Ash Wednesday will remind us of our sinful mortality and the grace God offers in forgiveness and acceptance. In keeping with the mood of the day, the service will be quiet and reflective. The Sacrament of Holy Communion is part of the service.

Our individual meditations during the service will be based on these scriptures: Isaiah 58:1-9a, Psalm 51, and Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21.

Please join us on Ash Wednesday for worship. The service will begin at 7:00 PM.



Expressions of sympathy to Eileen Guile and family following her father's, Wallace Erickson, death in Utah.

Lenten Study Planned

Join us for a Lenten Study on Prayer this year. During the Sundays of Lent we will be studying many ways we can pray during our often busy lives. Guiding our work will be the book Praying in the Messiness of Life by Linda Douty. During the study we will consider seven ways to renew our relationships with God. The author writes "It is about developing a friendship with a Friend who won't abandon us no matter how badly we mess up.... Prayer is really more about relationship than results."

The study will begin on Sunday, February 26th and conclude on Sunday, April 1st. We will meet following worship, after everyone has had a chance to get a cup of coffee. Each session will last approximately an hour and a half.

Please let Rev. Jane know that you will participate so she is certain to have enough study books for everyone. Participants will be asked to contribute toward the cost of the book. Scholarships are available for those who are unable to contribute toward the cost.



Lay Leadership of the Round Lake UMC Congregation

Round Lake UMC is blessed to have many willing to participate in the leadership of the congregation. In this month's newsletter is the list of those who have agreed to share their gifts and talents in the running of this congregation. While we have many who are actively working and sharing their gifts there is room for others to become involved. Is God nudging you to volunteer your talents and gifts in service through the Round Lake UMC? If you would like more information about any of the opportunities that currently have no volunteers or have other ideas for how you can help out, see Rev. Jane.

Special Music for February

Feb. 5 Choir
Feb. 12 Drama
Feb. 19 One Achord
Feb. 26 Doug Madigan

UMW

We received A BIG THANK YOU from the organizers of the flood victims fund for the \$700 we sent them in December.

We are in the process of gathering items for Valentine Bags for Shut-Ins. If you'd like to donate small individually wrapped items, please bring them to church by Feb 5. If you know of a shut-in that would appreciate a bag please let Carol (899-2418) know.

Plans are being made for a Men's dinner on March 24, Ladies Dinner in April and Garage Sale in May. Look for details to follow in the coming months.

Please join us for our meeting February 20. We'll meet at 6:30 to discuss the BAZAAR then our regular business meeting will be at 7. Joyce Meurs will be sharing a heartfelt devotion, Shelda Roerig will be presenting a heart inspiring program and Kathy Washburn will be serving heavenly sweet refreshments. A meeting you won't want to miss!

Trustees

As 2012 begins, the Trustees would like to take this opportunity to reflect on all of the projects completed in 2011:

- 1.Replacement of the parsonage roof
- 2.Completion of the handicap bathroom including the installation of a full length mirror
- 3.Review and archiving documents filed in safe – deposit box at BSNB.
4. Incorporating the Church as the Round Lake United Methodist Church.
5. Car parking for two festivals this summer.
6. Hosting the Election Day Dinner with generous assistance from the congregation.
7. Repairs to the North Entrance, including refurbishing the concrete step and replacing the door header.
8. Replacement of the light fixtures in the sanctuary with generous assistance from the congregation.
9. Submission of grant applications that could assist us in keeping the church in good repair.

At our November Charge Conference, Terry Reynolds, Donna Alaskey and Doug Madigan were elected as Trustees. We thank Dave Meurs and Bob Kopp for their service to the committee. Bob Kopp, Gerry Winters and Eleanor Tobin were honored by being elected as Trustee Emeritus.

The Trustees will continue to be stewards of the church building, grounds and the parsonage in the coming year.

Our meetings are held on the last Wednesday of each month at 7pm. All are welcome to attend.

Special Days in February

Birthdays

- 1 Sylvania Sievers
- 15 Jim Scoons
- 16 Matt Christopher
- 20 Bob Washburn

Anniversaries

- 4 Dominick and Marilyn DeLorio

Ushers

- 5 Bob Kopp
- 12 Mike Cranston
- 19 Dave Meurs
- 26 Terry Reynolds

Lay Readers

- 5 Joyce Meurs
- 12 Dan Baker
- 19 Karen Bryant
- 26 Steve Mitchell

Counters

- 5 W.Agnew/C.Christopher
- 12 S.Roerig/J.Halme
- 19 J.Halme/L.Milkins
- 26 S.Roerig/C.DeMartino



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	Trustees	Lay Leadership
12 Ron Brown	12 Jean Halme	12 Katie Madigan
12 Nancy LaPine	12 Ron Brown	12
12 Joyce Meurs	12 John Davey	12
13 Marilyn DeLorio	13 Barbara Gregorek	13 Doug Madigan
13 Bob Washburn	13 Thomas Russell	13 Dominick DeLorio
13 Barbara Baker	13 Daniel Baker	13
14 Tim Guile*	14 Douglas Madigan*	14 Dave Meurs
14 Tamara Russell*	14 Donna Alaskey*	14 Carol Millington
14 John Halme*	14 Terry Reynolds*	14

*Indicates these persons are to be elected.

MEMBERS AT LARGE, ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL

Karen Bryant, Mary Kopp, Eileen Guile, Tim Guile,

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Chair: Joyce Meurs

Treasurer:

Assistant Treasurer: Katie Madigan

Financial Secretary: Kathy Washburn

Trustee Representative:

Stewardship:

S/PPRC Representative:

At Large Members: D. DeLorio

PARSONAGE COMMITTEE

Representatives of Trustees and S/PPRC

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Bob Kopp

AUDITOR

Larry Brehmer

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Ruth Milczarek

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Nancy LaPine

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Gail Dean, Carol DeMartino

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Bob Kopp, Gerry Winters, Eleanor Tobin



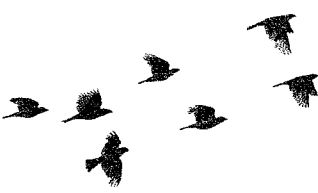
Winter Birds



January
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 8 9 10 11 12 13 14
 15 16 17 18 19 20 21
 22 23 24 25 26 27 28
 29 30 31

February 2012

March
 S M T W T F S
 1 2 3
 4 5 6 7 8 9 10
 11 12 13 14 15 16 17
 18 19 20 21 22 23 24
 25 26 27 28 29 30 31

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2	3	4
			Choir practice 7pm			
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
Worship 9:30am Holy Communion	Stone Soup 1pm	Bible Study 10:30am	Choir practice 7pm			
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
		Bible Study 10:30am Church Council meeting 7pm Finance Committee meeting 7pm	Choir practice 7pm			
Worship 9:30am Lincoln's Birthday	Stone Soup 1pm	Valentine's Day	Choir practice 7pm			
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
			Choir practice 7pm			
	UMW meeting 7pm	Bible Study 10:30am	Ash Wednesday Service 7pm			
Worship 9:30am	Presidents' Day	Church Council 7pm	Washington's Birthday			
26	27	28	29			
			Choir practice 7pm			
Worship 9:30am	Stone Soup 1pm	Bible Study 10:30am	Trustees 7pm			

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