



THE VISITOR

Sunday School '23-'24

As the lazy days of summer merge into the frantic days of school shopping and prepping for heading back into classrooms, here at Blooming Grove UMC we've got the same thing on our minds.... heading back into the Sunday School Classroom. We'll all



RALLY

for Sunday School on **Sunday Sept. 17th at 9:00 a.m.** (or directly after church). Everyone – ages 3 years through 6th grade – meet in the fireside room. We'll have a big group all-classes-participate treasure hunt similar to one held last year – just the same only different! Yes, of course there'll be a "treasure" – that's why we call it a treasure hunt. (The best treasure is hangin' out with your S.S. classmates, though, right?)

Our hope is that S.S. classes will commence the following Sunday, Sept. 24th, running from 9:00 a.m. until 9:45 a.m. Bear with us as we finagle a bit in working out teachers and classes. Students and parents will be updated as we "fine tune" or maybe even "rough tune" things. It may be some creative manner of holding class! (Patti Ellingson)



Hands Around the World Global Mission Offering - August and September

In addition to helping raise funds for local food shelves in the days ahead, we are also offering an opportunity to support two global mission partners of the United Methodist Church:

- The work of Jonathon & Terrah Park in Vietnam, both of whom we were privileged to meet during morning worship on June 11th.
- The work of Lorraine Charinda (Kamisamba Farm & Training Center in the Democratic Republic of the Congo), who we will meet on Sept. 3rd.

To contribute to this special offering:

By 9/30/2023, please make your check out to BGUMC with "Global Mission Offering" in the memo line or written on your offering envelope. All proceeds will be split 50/50 between the two programs. For each \$10 contributed, we will add a "Helping Hand" to the world map located in the back of the sanctuary. Let's wrap these folks in our hands and hearts of love!

Plan to join us for these Special Sundays!

Sunday, September 3rd – 8:15 A.M.

Special Guest, Lorraine Charinda of Kamisamba Farm and Training Center in the Democratic Republic of the Congo in worship with us! (She will also be at WV EUMC at 9:30 and JV UMC at 10:45.) We are excited to hear first-hand of the amazing agricultural work, teaching, and economic development that their ministry is leading.

Sunday, September 10th – 8:15 A.M.

Worship Service led by folks from BGUMC while Pastor Kathy participates in MN UMC Conference Shmita work. Cindy Saufferer will share our morning reflection. Contact Judy Mahler to if you would like to join in leading other parts of the service!

Sunday, October 1st – 10:30 A.M.

Worldwide Communion Sunday and Prairie Lakes Parish Combined Worship Service and Pizza Lunch at the Pleasant Grove Pizza Farm. We will be joined by our new Southern Prairie District Superintendent, Woojae Im.



All Hands on Deck – Volunteers needed for Fall Food Shelf Fundraiser Saturday, September 9th






Many roles are available on this day of welcome and hosting and fund-raising for our local food shelves. Please contact Brad Saufferer to volunteer your help ahead of time and/or during the events of that day! Many hands make light work and much conversation and laughter along the way make the work that much better!!!!

September 2023

Blooming Grove
Morning Worship...8:15 am

Janesville
Morning Worship.....10:45 am

Waterville Evangelical
Morning Worship...9:30 am

Parament Color For September is Green		Minnesota State Fair					
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				7-8 pm WV Jail Ministry		Pastor's Day Off	
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8:15 am Blooming Grove UMC Special Guest Speaker Lorraine Charinda						7-8 pm WV Jail Ministry	
Minnesota State Fair						Pastor's Day Off	
10		11		12		13	
				7 pm at BG "The Stretch" 4-6 pm Free diaper give- away in WV		9:30 am Parish Bible Study at Cool Wave Coffee Shop, WV 7-8 pm WV Jail Ministry	
17		18		19		20	
				11:30 Prayer Brunch in Owatonna, Place TBD		6-7 pm in WV Acts 29 7:15 pm Pop-up Choir Rehearsal at WV	
9:10 am Pop- up Choir Re- hearsal at BG						7-8 pm WV Jail Ministry	
24		25		26		27	
9:30 Potter Bap- tism at WV 2:30 pm Confir- mation Class				7 pm at BG "This Tender Land" book study		6-7 pm in WV Acts 29 7:15 pm Pop-up Choir Rehearsal at BG	
Oct 1 Approx. 10:00 am Pop-up Choir Rehearsal at Pleasant Grove Pizza Farm						9:30 am Parish Bible Study at Cool Wave Coffee Shop, WV 7-8 pm WV Jail Ministry	
						Pastor's Day Off	
							
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Working



“Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for human masters, since you know that you will receive an inheritance from the Lord as a reward. It is the Lord Christ you are serving.” Colossians 3: 23-24 NIV

As Jerry and I drove home from Perham yesterday, I pictured the trees in the “North Country” in another month—knowing that fall is ever so close. It has been a busy summer that, as usual, has passed so quickly! Our 2023 three summer joint services are past and I am feeling so blessed by our Parish Worship Committee who gathered to plan each service. Thank you to each member who took time away from their busy lives to be a part of the process of planning these special worship services. Many of my clergy peers are impressed by our parish community coming together to do the work of planning, creating, implementing, and feeding our community both spiritually and physically. I have to take a moment to thank Judy for visioning our music, leading the Prairie Lakes Parish Pop-up Choirs, and doing each children’s sermon for these services. What a gift it is for this pastor to see each person willing to work for the good of the community.

We are close to Blooming Grove UMC’s annual “Run for the Loaves” and Bar-be-que Rib Cook-Off contest on September 9, 2023. It is a joy to see each church represented in the rib cook-off friendly competition. It’s our community’s opportunity to come together for exercise, fun, and fellowship benefiting our local food shelves and a great mission outreach into our communities. I hope many of you from our Prairie Lakes Parish community come to support the workers and enjoy the fellowship!

I just finished my first week of Shmita “time away.” It was a time to take a breath, to play a little, and to travel to Perham Minnesota to celebrate one of our goddaughter’s weddings. Kaylan and Matt were married in March in a warm place. They live in Arizona but came back to celebrate with Kaylan’s friends and family. On our drive home, Jerry tolerated me driving a few country roads to see what used to be my grandparents’ farm. We stopped so I could visit my grandparents’ graves at the Litchfield cemetery. Nostalgia and immense gratitude for the wonderful memories God has blessed me with! I will finish my second week of Shmita by being in retreat for three days—days to write my ministry manifesto and take the conference requested quiet time September 5-10th. I will be with you on the 9th—the fellowship is too important! Thank you to each of you for supporting this time in my ministry!

As September begins, we have the opportunity to begin this new season of harvest, school activities, and work for the Lord. Watch the September bulletins for news about Confirmation 23/24, World Communion Sunday at the Pleasant Grove Pizza Farm preparations, and new ways to serve our Lord Jesus Christ.

Let the workers prepare!

You are loved!

Pastor Kathy

SEPTEMBER CALENDAR
Sunday Worship 8:15 a.m.

- 3 Sun 8:15 am Lorraine Charinda, guest speaker at BG
- 12 Tues 7:00 pm "The Stretch" conversation/BG
- 14 Thur 9:30 am Bible Study at Cool Wave
- 17 Sun 9:10 am Pop-Up Choir Rehearsal at BG
- 19 Tues 11:30 am Prayer Brunch in Owatonna
- 19 Tues 6:00 pm Bible Conversations at Half Pt.
- 20 Wed 7:15 pm Pop-Up Choir Rehearsal at WV
- 26 Tues 7:00 pm "This Tender Land" book study At BG
- 27 Wed 7:15 pm Pop-Up Choir Rehearsal at BG
- 28 Thur 9:30 am Bible Study at Cool Wave
- 24 Sun 2:30 pm Confirmation Class

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- 1 Sun 10:00 am (Approximate time) Pop-Up Choir Rehearsal at Pleasant Grove Pizza Farm



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HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

- 4 David & Jenny Kanne
- 5 Joe & Kelli Prchal
- 14 Justin & Kristin Krell
- 15 Gil & Beth Christesen
- 15 Brad & Cindy Saufferer
- 17 Jim & Kristin Nagel
- 17 Tyler & Alex Morgan
- 19 Dan & Pam Carty
- 20 Michael & Ashley Pitzer
- 22 Walt & Holly Nagel
- 22 Alex & Lacey Spinler
- 22 Jim & Mary Karsten
- 28 Jerry & Patti Ellingson
- 28 Brandon & Emily Church



Treasurer's Report

July 27—August 28, 2023



General Budget Income	\$ 3,233.00
Other Income	
Sale of Hay	100.00
Mission Income	260.00
Total Income	\$3,593.00

Expenses	
Pastor's Salary	1,959.32
Cell phone	167.60
Mileage	222.57
Kristin Ziemke	116.70
Clergy Gathering	8.34
Telephone	52.52
Annual Conference	83.35
Meal Expense (Annual Conference)	13.82
Hotel (Annual Conference)	142.08
CVLI Video License	159.22
Video License	38.07
Zoom License	49.98
Office Expense	24.11
Excel Energy	138.44
Lawn Mowing (Janke Farms)	1,100.00

Total Paid Out	\$ 4,276.12
(Net Income:)	— \$683.12)

Building Addition

Income	
Restoration	\$ 950.00
Total Income	\$ 950.00
Expenses	
Loan Payment	\$ 3,505.13
Total Paid Out	\$ 3,505.13
(Net Income:)	— \$2,555.13)

Restoration Fund Balance	\$75,315.63
Building Addition Loan	\$265,374.19

Prayer Brunch
Location TBD
September 19 - 11:30 am
All are Welcome

Do ordinary things with extraordinary love.

- Mother Teresa of Calcutta



Sunday, October 1, 2023

***Community Worship Service & Pizza Lunch
All Outdoors at Pleasant Grove Pizza Farm***

***Sponsored by the Churches of the
Prairie Lakes Parish
(Blooming Grove, Janesville, and Waterville
Evangelical United Methodist Churches)***



41142 160th Street, Waseca
(715) 523-0857
pleasantgrovepizzafarm.com

Our Time Together

10:00: Arrive for check-in and place pizza orders

- ◆ Stop by the Prairie Lakes Parish check-in table by the Pizza Farm Barn where you will be welcomed by volunteers from the parish who will:
 - ◇ Provide bulletins with shared liturgy and congregational hymns.
 - ◇ Provide an offering container where you may drop your offering gifts for your preferred church.
- ◆ Place your pizza order in the Barn and set up your family's seating in the worship area (east of the Barn).

10:30: Morning Worship, led by Pastor Kathy King of the Prairie Lakes Parish

11:30 - 1:00: Pizza Lunch on the Grounds

Our Music Leaders for Worship at the Pizza Farm are Kristin Ziemke (one of the worship musicians for Janesville UMC), Judy Mahler (one of the worship musicians at Blooming Grove UMC), and the Prairie Lakes Parish Pop-up Choir.

At our Pizza Farm Worship Service, we will join congregations around the globe in celebrating World Communion Sunday - which always takes place on the first Sunday in October. This special day is a time for remembering that around the world—in different languages, with different traditions and customs, and in various forms of liturgy—the Lord's Supper is celebrated throughout Christendom. Join us for this joyous and meaningful partaking in Jesus' sacred meal with his friends and a celebration of our Christian brothers and sisters from around the world.

Planning Ahead - Pleasant Grove Pizza Farm Information

(Because our Prairie Lakes Parish has made a group reservation, individual reservations are not needed.)

Information from the Pizza Farm's Facebook page/website:

- ◆ No spools, benches or picnic tables will be provided.
- ◆ Bring your own seating and a portable table (if desired).
- ◆ If you plan to stay for pizza lunch, pack a cooler with items such as the following: beverages, any other food you wish to enjoy with your pizza, plates, cups, utensils, napkins, and a trash bag to pack out your garbage when you leave.
- ◆ A hand washing station is provided. Although hand sanitizer will be provided at the ordering stations, please also bring your own.
- ◆ No pets allowed.
- ◆ 9 main pizzas and a weekly feature are offered. Check out their website for the detailed menu at pleasantgrovepizzafarm.com). Pizza prices range from \$22-\$27. They take credit cards and cash. One pizza feeds approximately two people as they are 16" hand rolled. They do not take pre-orders over the phone.

Directions to Pizza Farm from Blooming Grove UMC:

**Go south on 180th Street for approximately .2 miles. Turn right onto 430th Ave/County Hwy 10, travel 2.01 miles. Turn left onto 160th Street and travel 1.8 miles. Pleasant Grove is on the left.
If you have any questions, call (507) 456-3937.**



BGUMC Folks at the Steele County Fair!

FFA Honors to Weston Janke and Mikayla Janke

(Weston and Mikayla are the children of Michael & Allison Janke.)

At the Steele County Livestock Program at the Steele County Fair, a recognition was held for young adults in the area that received their FFA State or American degree this year. Weston Janke received his MN degree this past spring and Mikayla Janke was recently informed that she will be getting her American degree in November at the National Convention. Congrats!



4-H Fun for Leah & Kaylee Krell

(Leah and Kaylee are children of Justin & Kristin Krell, and grandchildren of Brad & Tracie Spinler.)

Aunt Mikayla Spinler came home to surprise Leah Krell at the chicken show! Leah asked Mikayla to carry up her chicken for the Cloverbud Show (4-H Cloverbuds have to have an adult help show their animals) – and Mikayla was glad to help Leah show her goat. Leah also brought her Cloverbud pig to the fair.

Kaylee Krell took Grandpa Brad Spinler's organic oats to the fair and won Champion and reserve champion!



Conservation Honors to the Morgan Family

Congratulations to Tyler & Alexandria Morgan, along with Tyler's parents, Dan & Donna Morgan, who were named the 2023 Outstanding Conservation Farmers at the Steele County Free Fair Livestock Hall of Fame ceremony on August 15th.



Confirmation Schedule 2023-2024

Our Confirmation gatherings this year will be the last Sunday of each month—from 2:30 pm to 3:45 pm:

September 24, 2023
October 29, 2023
November 26, 2023
December—no gathering,
January 28, 2024
February 25, 2024
March 25, 2024
April 28, 2024
May 5, 2024 Confirmation



Prairie Lakes Parish Pop-Up Choir Rehearsals in preparation for Sunday, October 1st Outdoor Service at Pleasant Grove Pizza Farm



We have had such great times singing together in pop-up choirs this summer for our monthly Prairie Lakes Parish combined worship services – that we thought we would add something new to the mix this fall! On Sunday, October 1st – at our 10:30 outdoor worship service at the Pleasant Grove Pizza Farm - our parish pop-up choir will be singing from the stage area, with Kristin Ziemke (musician at Janesville UMC) accompanying on her electronic keyboard and Judy Mahler directing.

All singers from our three parish congregations, their friends, and family, are welcome to be part of this pop-up choir!

Here is our rehearsal schedule:

- Sunday, September 17th – 9:10 A.M. at BG UMC (for 20-30 minutes)
- Wednesday, September 20th – 7:15 P.M. at WV UMC
- Wednesday, September 27th – 7:15 P.M. at BG UMC
- We may add additional short rehearsals at JV & BG in order to best meet the schedules of individual group members. Watch for updates.
- Sunday, October 1st – Approximately 10:00 A.M. at Pleasant Grove Pizza Farm (time to be confirmed in the weeks ahead)



Invitation to join a new team being formed: The BGUMC Missions Team!

At our July Council meeting, we reflected on our long-standing BG legacy of commitment to the scriptural imperative of “Growing in Love of God & Neighbor - Healing a Broken World”. We asked ourselves how, going forward, we could tap into the wealth of wisdom, experience, and connections of people in our BG midst who are passionate about exploring ways that we can continue serving our neighbors – locally, in MN, in the US, and globally.

Out of this conversation – a new team is in the process of being born – The BGUMC Missions Team! Holding current BG mission focuses in high regard, the team will also dream about, look for, assess, and offer additional opportunities in which we can be involved.

We invite you to join this brand-new team to share your ideas and hearts for mission. Please contact Cindy Saufferer or Judy Mahler if you are interested. We anticipate that the team will begin gathering in 4th quarter 2023.

Community Pantry

We are still looking for volunteers to build a community pantry box to hold non-perishable food items, diapers, school supplies, personal care items and much more for community members to take when needed. If you know of any youth looking for a community project, send them over. It might be a boy scout, girl scout, 4-H, or FFA project. Let me know if you can help out with construction.



Brad Spinler 507-461-2354 bspinler@outlook.com

Pastoral Care



Note from Pastor Kathy King:
Please call or text me if you would like me to visit or if there is a prayer concern that you prefer to keep private.

- Cindy, a friend of Hjordi Churchill and Judy Mahler, who is back home in a long recovery from an extensive and complicated surgery.
- Tammy, a friend of Marlis Mahler and Judy Mahler, as she journeys through recovery from her first hip surgery.
- Dawn, daughter of Carol Karsten, as she mourns the death of her fiancée Mark, and begins her life-journey without him.
- The family of Scott – a beloved member of Pastor Kathy’s extended family – as they mourn his passing.
- The family and friends of Jon-Erik Kenow, of Hudson, WI, who passed away in his sleep from unknown medical complications. He would have been 36 years old on August 4th. Nicole Wacek, her best friend Sara, and Sara’s cousin, Jon-Erik all grew up together. Please especially hold Sara’s son close in your hearts – he is taking Jon-Erik’s death very hard as they were very close.
- Nicole Wacek’s Uncle Jim who passed out, hitting the coffee table on the way down, and suffering significant injuries. Hold him in your prayers as he recovers from a major surgery to repair a broken cheek bone and eye socket.
- An unknown gentleman who experienced a medical emergency and passed out at the Waseca Pizza Ranch. He has been lifted in prayer by Don and Char Frankenberry who happened to be there at the same time for a meal.
- Mr. Wiebusch, from Janesville UMC, and his wife, and their children, as they journey together through his illness.
- Kristen, the daughter of Linda Hendricks from Janesville UMC, whose appendix burst and who is going through a complicated recovery.
- Sheila, a cousin of Judy Mahler’s mother, who is undergoing chemotherapy – which is making her very sick – and caused her to pass out, hitting the refrigerator on the way down, creating a large gash on her head. Hold her in your prayers as she recovers from the fall and that her body may find a way to withstand the chemo.



- Lisa, niece of Marlis Mahler, as she begins the new role of Special Education teacher within the Ft. Collins, CO school system in which she has been serving for a number of years as a social worker.
- Tracy Spinler’s co-worker Tammy’s niece who was caught up in one of the recent multi-car accidents on I-35. The children riding in the car with her were unharmed, but the injuries sustained by Tammy’s niece were so severe that she lost her unborn baby in her 7th month of pregnancy. Hold Tammy’s niece in your hearts as she faces her own long road to recovery and mourns the loss of her baby.
- All in our faith community who privately hold heavy concerns in their hearts and lives. Help us to reflect God’s love and care through our words and deeds that they may know BGUMC as a place of solace, comfort, trust, and support.



Prayer Shawl
Ministry

**A Text and Photo
from Cindy B.:**

We received a text and photo from Cindy – wrapped in her beautiful prayer shawl after a rough night

Thank You

during her recovery from surgery – saying that she is very tired, but filled with joy, treasured by God, and wrapped in the prayers of Blooming Grove Church members.

A Note of Thanks from Tammy F.:

Blooming Grove United Methodist Church - Thank you for your prayers! My heart is overjoyed by the kindness and prayers you have lifted up to God on my behalf! The Prayer Shawl is lovely and I plan to wear it during my recovery! Surrounded by your love and prayers! Please know that I am praying for your church families as well! Prayers for unity, love, and the joy of sharing God’s Gospel! As well as receiving His Message as you all walk this life richly blessed with the Gift of His Holy Spirit as your Guide! With Sincere Gratitude.

A Note of Thanks from Dawn Karsten:

To the Prayer Shawl Ladies from BGUMC – I would like to thank you for the prayer shawl. Mark didn’t get to see it or use it. I told him all about it and his favorite was purple (just like the beautiful purple strands of the prayer shawl). Thanks again.

The Stretch

If I could have any superpower in the world, it would be to make everyone feel true empathy.
Joe Davis, Poet

Why stretch? Recently, I was reminiscing about high school and more specifically, about life as a high school athlete. Without fail, arriving at practice or before a game, we were to stretch. I would grumble and protest that I was just fine without the stretch. It was boring, what was the point and on occasion, it was uncomfortable as I discovered those places in my body that needed a little work. Weirdly, the more I stretched, giving attention to those places that needed it, the better practice or the game went.

As people of faith, we are called to stretch. To discover those places within us that may need a little work, a little stretch. We (I) tend to grumble and say things like “I’m a good person, I am not responsible for (fill in the blank!).” The fact of the matter is, the more I stretch and learn about my own privilege, the more uncomfortable I become. This uncomfortable feeling can show up as guilt, depression and even anger. It is at this point that Pr. Kathy’s words “It’s not about me” begins rolling through my head and I give that muscle called grace a good stretch.

In August, a group gathered to talk about LGBTQ+ inclusion and how it shows up in our language. Words matter. Choosing the words, we use mindfully is just one way to show love. It is about creating a safe space where all can experience wholeness. We were stretched, no doubt about it, and understood the need for returning to the conversation. We will meet again on *September 12, 7:00 pm at Blooming Grove*. Please join us, no need to have attended the August conversation.

Looking ahead:

Tuesday, September 12, at 7:00 pm, Blooming Grove UMC

Join us as we continue to learn and ask questions about a topic that has been at the forefront our denomination, communities, and families; LGBTQ+ inclusion.

Tuesday, September 26, at 7:00 pm, Blooming Grove UMC (Tentative)

Gather as we discuss *This Tender Land* by William Kent Krueger. We will stretch our Social Justice muscle as we dig a little deeper into the history of boarding schools in our country, and more specifically, in Minnesota.

Future opportunity: Bible Study: *Living the Kingdom: Exploring the Lord’s Prayer as a Spiritual Practice for Social Transformation*. Details to come.

Much Peace,
Cindy Saufferer
Prairie Lakes Parish
Love Through Justice Coordinator

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Join Us

If you are interested in
becoming a member of
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Join us Saturday, September 9th (Fall Food Shelf Fund-raiser)



4 Mile Run/Walk

Kids 1/4 Mile Run

Registration: 8:30 am

Kids 1/4 Mile Run: 9:15 am

4 Mile Walk: 9:30 am

4 Mile Run: 10:00 am

Registration Fee: \$25.00

Kids Run (12 & Under) \$3.00

Entry fee will be waived if participant
submits a donation of \$50 or more.

Registration forms available at
www.bloominggroveumc.org



Teams from Waterville, Janesville and
Blooming Grove will compete for the
“Holy Hog” trophy. Winners to be
determined by cash received by each
team from the tasters.

Brats, fries, baked sweets, water, and picnic
table seating will be available
for a noon lunch.

Feel free to bring your own lawn chairs to
relax and enjoy in comfort.

Run For The Loaves Registration Form

Blooming Grove UMC Fall Food Shelf Fundraiser



Saturday, September 9th, 2023
4 Mile Run/Walk
Kids 1/4 Mile Run

Registration: 8:30 am
Kids 1/4 Mile Run: 9:15 am
4 Mile Walk: 9:30 am
4 Mile Run: 10:00 am

Registration Fee: \$25.00
Kids Run (12 & Under) \$3.00
Entry fee will be waived if participant submits a
donation of \$50 or more.

“Run 4 the Loaves” T-Shirts will be available on the day of the race for those who register by September 3rd for the 4-mile run/walk. Be sure to indicate your T-shirt size. T-shirts for those who register after the deadline may be sent at a later date. If no size is indicated, the cost of the shirt will be donated.

Prizes: An awards ceremony will commence when the last participant finishes. Awards will be given to the top age-group finishers and the best over-all male/female. A special award will be presented to the participant who raises the most donations for the Food Shelves.



Age Groups:

Under 12 **13-19** 20-29 **30-39** 40-49 **50-59** 60-69 **70+**

Additional Info: Everyone will receive a number at registration which must be worn during the race. Restrooms will be available at the event site. Water stops will be available on the course with refreshments waiting at the finish line.

Course: Utilizing both paved and gravel roads, through the fields of ripening corn and soybeans, the race will begin and end at the Blooming Grove United Methodist Church, located on the Steele/Waseca County line.

Questions: Contact Brad Saufferer
Phone: 507-363-6579

E-mail: runfortheloaves@yahoo.com

Last Name _____ Sex _____

First Name _____ Birthdate _____

Street Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____

Email: _____

Food Shelf: I wish to support _____

T-Shirt Size S M L XL

Waiver: I understand that running/walking a road race is a potentially dangerous activity. I should not enter and run/walk unless I am medically able and properly trained. **I understand that entry fees and donations are non-transferable. I also understand that if the race is cancelled due to inclement weather, my registration fee and/or donation will not be reimbursed but donated to the Food Shelve indicated above.** I assume all risks associated with participation in the event including but not limited to: falls, contact with other participants or spectators, the effect of the weather including heat or cold temperatures, traffic or conditions of the roads, all such risks being known and appreciated by me. Having read this waiver and knowing these facts and in consideration of our accepting my entry, I for myself and anyone entitled to act for my behalf, waive and release Blooming Grove United Methodist Church from all claims or liabilities of any kind arising out of my participation in this event even though that liability might arise out of negligence or carelessness on the part of the persons named in this waiver. **I have read and agree to the above.**

Signature _____
(Parent or guardian if under 18)

Date: _____

Entry Fee _____

Food Shelf Donation (\$50+) _____

For directions to Blooming Grove UMC
“The Two-Steepled Church on the Prairie”
go to www.bloominggroveumc.org

Mail this form/entry fee to:
Blooming Grove UMC
PO Box 171
Medford, MN 55049-0171

Make checks payable to:
Blooming Grove UMC
Denote “Food Shelves” on
the memo line