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Pastor Kathy

Communion Service at Pizza Farm

On Sunday, October 2nd, 64 folks from the three churches of the Prairie Lakes Parish gathered together at the Pleasant Grove Pizza Farm for morning worship under a beautiful blue sky, accented by the brilliant colors of fall. Together,

we gave thanks for, and blessed, the wonders of "God's Holy Ground", joined with churches around the globe in celebrating World Communion Sunday, and enjoyed one another's company over a noon lunch of delicious wood-fired pizza. Thank you to Bill and Emily of the Pizza Farm for welcoming us to their beautiful outdoor setting! Thank you to Pastor Kathy King for leading us in worship!

November Mission Opportunity: Winter Clothes for Students Project



As mentioned in last month's Visitor, we have partnered with Medford Public School to help replenish their supply of spare winter clothes. The grant we applied for through the MN Annual Conference was not granted, but we can still help out with this project. The social workers at the school have provided a list of items they usually need – although any winter outerwear or monetary donations are welcome!

Here's the list:

Sizes needed: Size 5+, smaller sizes for elementary students
Items: sweatpants, leggings, thicker socks, sweatshirts/zip-ups, long and short sleeved T-shirts, water resistant winter gloves.

This is a great use for Kohl's Cash or credit card reward dollars!

We will have a box in the back of the church during November. If you have any questions, contact Carolyn Kanne.



*Join us for our
Thanksgiving Service*

Wednesday, November 23rd

7:00 pm at Waterville EUMC

**Help fill the Sanctuary with
the Sights of Christmas!**

Sunday, November 27th – 9:15 A.M.

Join us after church on Sunday, November 27th to help us decorate the sanctuary for Christmas! That morning, we will be greeted by our beloved backdrop of the hills of Bethlehem, the star shining over the stable, and the light-bathed buildings of the city of Jesus' birth. We will join together to decorate the windows, pews, and altar rails – lovingly place all of the characters in the manger scene, and put up and decorate our tree. Let's fill the sanctuary with sources of light and love that remind us of the birth of the Holy One - who came to earth to bring light and love to all.

"I would feel more optimistic about a bright future for man if he spent less time proving that he can outwit Nature and more time tasting her sweetness and respecting her seniority."

**E.B. White (Author of
Charlotte's Web and Stuart Little)**

"Let the message of Christ dwell among you richly as you teach and admonish one another with all wisdom through psalms, hymns, and songs from the Spirit, singing to God with gratitude in your hearts. And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him."

COLOSSIANS 3:16-17

Caution One Another to Gratefully Share Gratitude



I just got a call from Sheryl. I spaced-off our BG Prayer Brunch. I made my apologies as Sheryl and I talked as I explained that I have two pastoral duties that I need to prepare for, but I am sad that life's busyness caused me to forget this gathering with friends. Sheryl was kind and reminded me that—since I'm not

present—I can be “talked about.” Sheryl was being kind. I know the group is doing what we always do—share life and what's happening in our families; those things that are on our hearts and a part of our prayer lives.

The verse from Colossians 3 that I reflect on for this time tells us that we are to “admonish one another.” It's something we avoid in our church families, after all; aren't we told by Jesus to “love one another”? How can we keep peace in our community when we are “admonishing” one another? Admonish means to reprimand, scold, or caution. But, read the entire passage. We are to use our faith's wisdom to share Psalms, hymns, and Spirit songs—all from the gratitude toward God that lives in our hearts. In our sharing through scripture, hymns, and songs, we are cautioning one another of the importance of our gratitude toward God. We are to be people praising God in all that we do *in the name of the Lord Jesus*.

As we enter November, let us hold in our hearts our gratitude. Let our gratitude be so abundant that it can't help but be shared in our praise, in our worship, in our living. We have many opportunities in this time of thankfulness to remind others that we are God's children—God's people—God's Creation surrounds us in all we do.

May we admonish one another with our singing as we gather in Waterville to be another Pop-Up Choir under the leadership of Judy Mahler from our BG community. May we admonish one another with our prayers as we gather our hearts in prayer for those in our community who are living in a time of war; living with illness; journeying through grief; or just living through times of stress due to increasing costs for our daily living necessities. Let our gratitude for our Prairie Lakes Parish and our individual communities of Blooming Grove, Janesville, and Waterville be so abundant that we can't help but tell others about the good stuff happening in our midst.

Dear ones, may your Thanksgiving be a time of family, faith, and fun. Jerry and I are grateful for each one of you.

Happy Thanksgiving!

Pastor Kathy

November 2022

Blooming Grove
Morning Worship.....8:15 am
Sunday School.....9:00 am

Janesville
Morning Worship 10:45 am

Waterville Evangelical
Morning Worship...9:30 am

		1	2 6-7 pm WV Acts 29	3	4 Pastor's Day Off	5
6 9:15 am Choir practice at BG 	7	8 4-6 pm Diaper Give-away at WV 	9 11:30 BG Prayer Brunch at Lush Cakes 6-7 pm WV Acts 29 7 pm Choir practice at WV	10 6 pm Bible and Brew at Half-Pint Brewery	11  Pastor's Day Off	12 10 am—2 pm Southern Prairie District Day at Redwood Falls
13	14	15	16 6-7 pm WV Acts 29 7 pm Choir practice at WV	17	18 Pastor's Day Off	19 9-11 am Diaper Give-away at WV
20 9:15 am Choir practice at BG 3 pm Confirmation at WV	21 6 pm Book Study at BG	22	23 6:15 pm choir practice at WV 7 pm Thanksgiving service at WV	24 	25 Pastor's Day Off	26
27 9:15 am BG Christmas decorating after church 4 pm Prairie Lakes Parish Charge Conference at JV	28	29	30 6-7 pm WV Acts 29	<p><i>Christmas Eve Services</i></p> <p>4:30 pm Blooming Grove UMC 6:00 pm Janesville UMC 7:30 pm Waterville EUMC</p> <p>Christmas Day—Online Service Only</p>		

NOVEMBER CALENDAR

Sunday Worship 8:15 a.m.
Sunday School 9:10 a.m.

6	Sun	9:15 am	Choir practice at BG
9	Wed	11:30 am	Prayer Brunch at Lush Cakes
9	Wed	7:00 pm	Choir practice at WV
10	Thurs	6:00 pm	Bible & Brew at Half-Pint
16	Wed	7:00 pm	Choir practice at WV
20	Sun	9:15 am	Choir practice at BG
20	Sun	3:00 pm	Confirmation Class at WV
21	Mon	6:00 pm	Book Study at BG
23	Wed	6:15 pm	Choir practice at WV
23	Wed	7:00 pm	Thanksgiving Worship at WV
27	Sun	9:15 am	Decorate BG for Christmas
27	Sun	4:00 pm	Charge Conference at JV

**HAPPY
BIRTHDAY**

2	Cathi Gasner	19	Brady Nelson
6	Ron Engebretson	22	Jason Kosel
11	Nolan Engebretson	24	Sheryl Brisel
11	Lisa Full	26	Alexandria Morgan
15	Kaylee Krell	27	Theresa Riecke
15	Paige Hohertz	29	Roger Wilkowske

Happy Anniversary

12	Jim & Chery Southworth
22	George & Margie Sharp
26	Don & Char Frankenberry



Parament Colors

November 6	Green (All Saints Day)
November 13	Green
November 20	White (Christ the King Sunday)
November 27	Blue (Advent)

Prayer Brunch



Our Prayer Brunch Group met recently at El Molino's in Waseca. Our next outing will be Wednesday, November 9, at Lush Cakes in Waseca at 11:30 a.m. All are welcome to join us for lunch, and a time of fellowship.

Treasurer's Report

September 26, - October 23 2022



General Budget Income	\$ 1,338.00
Other Income	
Food Shelf	30.00
Insurance Refund	788.00
Ruth's House	100.00
Total Income	\$2,256.00
Expenses	
Pastor's Salary (salary, housing, Pension, disability)	2,093.48
Lawn Mowing	1,080.00
Telephone	52.86
Lift License	100.00
Sunday School supplies	280.14
Website	319.16
Total Paid Out	\$ 3,925.64

(Net Income: - \$1,669.64)

Building Addition

Income	
Restoration Income	\$ 490.00
Total Income	\$ 490.00
Expenses	
Loan Payment	3,505.13
Total Paid Out	\$ 3,505.13

(Net Income: — \$3,015.13)

Restoration Fund Balance	\$75,959.38
Building Addition Loan	\$291,307.11

Allina Health Faribault

Medical Center Facebook Page Post

"This community never ceases to amaze us! For a recent Confirmation Community Project, Raelyn collected clothing and money donations for Allina Health Faribault Medical Center

Emergency Department patients that are in need. Because of her efforts, we have over three bins of new, brand name clothing (for all sizes and genders) that we can give to our patients.

Thank you, Raelyn, for your generous work and donations!"



**Invitation to be part of Prairie Lakes Parish Choir
To Sing at 7:00 P.M. Parish Thanksgiving Eve Service
Wednesday, November 23rd – at Waterville EUMC**



Hello from Judy Mahler –

We invite all who enjoy singing to be part of our Prairie Lakes Parish Choir, to sing at the 7:00 P.M. Parish Thanksgiving Eve Service on Wednesday, November 23 – held at Waterville EUMC.

Our anthem is “Song of Thanks”, by Russell Nagy. It is a gorgeous piece, with text that speaks of all good things in our lives and our world that come from God. The song is written in a non-complicated style – but one that will require a number of rehearsals for us all to be comfortable and confident in our singing together. Please listen to it here by pressing the “play” button and by clicking the PDF preview button: <https://beckenhorstpress.com/song-of-thanks/> .

We will also rehearse the congregational hymn #2036 in The Faith We Sing, “Give Thanks” – as written in 4-part harmony.

Here is our rehearsal schedule, with all rehearsals open to persons from all three of our churches. ***We request that you attend at least two of the rehearsals prior to the evening of our Thanksgiving Eve Service.***

Hope to see you there!

Day	Date	Rehearsal Location	Time
Sunday	11.06.22	Blooming Grove UMC	9:15 – 10:00 A.M.
Wednesday	11.09.22	Waterville EUMC	7:00 – 8:00 P.M.
Wednesday	11.16.22	Waterville EUMC	7:00 – 8:00 P.M.
Sunday	11.20.22	Blooming Grove UMC	9:15 – 10:00 A.M.
Wednesday	11.23.22	Waterville EUMC Rehearsal Prior to the Thanksgiving Eve Ser- vice	6:15 P.M. rehearsal prior to 7:00 P.M. Worship Service



Please pray for the following persons and situations shared publicly within our community of BGUMC



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.

- Pastor Kathy's sister, who is experiencing health concerns.
- All those impacted by the devastation of Hurricane Ivan.
- Prayers of thanks and healing for little Kinsley, who is healing from an unexpected 22nd surgery in October to repair her very deviated septum and several other nose/sinus problems – and then a follow-up surgery for the ENT doctors to remove a stent they had put in
- Brad and Tracie's employee's husband who was recently diagnosed with cancer.
- Carol Karsten's son, Walter, who continues with specialized treatment at Rochester Mayo for an aggressive form of cancer. Hold him in extra prayer as he deals with the significant side effects of the strong medications.
- Cindy Saufferer's mom, Marge, in Kansas, now receiving hospice care in a care facility near enough to her home farm that her Bible Study group can travel to be with her on a weekly basis. Also hold Cindy, and her sister Patty, in your prayers as they continue to care for Marge in partnership with the staff at the care facility.
- Persons within our BGUMC circle of family and friends who are experiencing heart health issues.
- All who are dealing with recent diagnoses that are frightening in their projected impact.
- Joyce, mother of Jodi Olson, of Janesville UMC, who was diagnosed with an aggressive form of cancer. Pray for all traveling this journey with her.
- For all those involved in fall harvest and fall tillage, working long and late hours, that they may have a successful harvest, and that they may stay healthy and safe.
- Please pray for moisture to replenish our dry soils before the winter cold is upon us.
- All those impacted by the most recent variation of COVID, with its high rate of transmission
- 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.

Celebrating Char

Frankenberry

In early October, at a Minnesota Conference United Women in Faith gathering, Char Frankenberry was presented with a Recognition Pin in honor of, and in thanks for, her years of service as historian at the Minnesota Conference level. This has included years under the organizational name of United Methodist Women and, most recently, under the organizational name of United Women in Faith. Please extend your congratulations and thanks to Char for sharing her gifts of faith and service with this important group whose focus is Love in Action.



Welcome Thomas DeLeon

Callie and Marcus DeLeon are the proud parents of Thomas James DeLeon, born Sunday, October 23rd. He weighed in at 5 lbs. 12 oz. and is 19.5" long. Thomas was four weeks early but mom and baby are doing great!! Grandma and Grandpa Nagel are, of course, so in love already.



Thank You to Nagel Sod & Nursery:

A huge thank-you to BGUMC members, James and Kris Nagel – and their business – Nagel Sod & Nursery – for the fantastic landscaping work they completed on the west side of the church!!

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Coming up in December

Saturday,
December 24
Christmas Eve
Services



4:30 pm Blooming Grove UMC

6:00 pm Janesville UMC

7:30 pm Waterville EUMC

Sunday, December 25
Christmas service online only

Saturday, December 17
10:00 am to Noon
Cookie Walk at
Waterville EUMC

It's time again to think about those mouth-watering cookies and fudge. Cookies will sell for \$8.00 per pound. The theme for this year will be a birthday party for Jesus.

