



LAKE GENEVA UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

NEWSLETTER April 2019

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Easter Services: Palm Sunday, April 14th, 9:00am
Good Friday, April 19th, 7:00pm.
Easter Service: April 21st, 9:00am

Easter Flowers: Let's fill the sanctuary with Easter Flowers on Easter Sunday. Please bring your lily, hyacinth, daffodils, etc, to the church by 8:45 on Easter Morning, April 21st. Laura Berg will help arrange them up front. It will be very pretty - and smell good too. Please take your flower home with you when you leave.

March 31st: UMCOR Sunday. It's not too late to send in your donation for UMCOR Sunday. Gifts to UMCOR Sunday lay the foundation for all United Methodist Committee on Relief work by covering the costs of doing business. This means all contributions designated to specific programs can go 100 percent to those programs because UMCOR's basic expenses are covered. Please mark your donation as UMCOR.

April 7th Youth Group Community Movie Event: The Youth Group is hosting this event on Sunday, April 7th for all youth in the area. It will be at the Geneva 4 movie theater on Broad St. The showing will be "Hoovey", a faith-based movie. Arrival starts at 10:00am and is over at 12:15pm. The movie is FREE. Popcorn and soda is \$4.00. If you know of any youth that may be interested, please let them know. For information, please call Terri at 262-745-1780.

April 7th Draw the Circle Wide Lecture Series: The First United Methodist Church in Whitewater will be hosting *The Gift of Our Wounds*. In these divisive times, two men, one Sikh and one skinhead, have come together on a mission to stop hate. Sunday, April 7th from 1:00-2:30 at 145 South Prairie St in Whitewater.

April 16th Book Club: Parish Hall Lounge, 10:00-11:30am. Come join a small and inviting book club. New-Comers always welcome. The book this month is *The Hello Girls: America's First Women Soldiers*, by Elizabeth Cobbs. This is the story of how America's first women soldiers helped win World War I, earned the vote, and fought the U.S. Army. In 1918, the U.S. Army Signal Corps sent 223 women to France. They were masters of the latest technology: the telephone switchboard.

April 28th Men of the Church: The Men's Breakfast is April 28th, 7:30am, at Grandma Vicky's, on Broad Street. All ages welcome. Stop in, get to know the men of the church. Newcomers always welcome.

Thank you Praise Band: Thank you to our Praise Band. The fifth Sunday of the month (March, June, and December) is our Praise Service. Many people look forward to this service praising God and singing his praises. The third Sunday of each month the praise band leads several of the songs for our service. Thanks to our wonderful Praise Band for their gift of music and song for us. We appreciate their talents and time spent practicing and leading us in song. Thanks to Pat Hargis, Greg Pennington, Mardi Pennington, Lise Wieseman, Pastor Heather, Lucinda Alwa, Rajesh Alwa, and Pam Kundert.

Spirit Lake Ministry: From our Noisy Bucket, the change we collect the second Sunday of each month is donated to the Spirit Lake Ministry. In March we sent a quarterly payment of \$123.02 to Spirit Lake Ministry. They are using the money for their Sunday School Program. They wanted to thank everyone for their contributions. It is much appreciated. There are some pictures of the Sunday School program in the hallway at the entrance to the sanctuary.

Lenten Lunches: The UCC Church at 624 Park St in Genoa City is once again holding their homemade soup and sandwich lunches on Wednesdays from 11:00-1:00. The lunches will run through April 17 and a free will donation would be appreciated. Call 249-5547 to order carry out or for information.

Cancer Support Group: A cancer support group has been established in Walworth County. Meetings are being held the 2nd and 4th Mondays of the month, at 10:00am. They are held at Mercy Medical Center, corner of Hwys 50 and 67, room 380. This is for patients, survivors, care givers, and others associated with this terrible disease. For questions, please call Dave at 262-215-2969.

Side by Side CORRECTION! Mark your calendars for two upcoming Side by Side fundraising dinners at Simple Cafe. Friday, May 3rd (ITALIAN Dinner) and FRIDAY, October 25th. Seatings are at 5:00, 6:00 and 7:00 pm. More information later.

Need a Ride to Church? - Would you like to come to church but don't have a ride? Please call the office. We have volunteers willing to share their ride! We love to see everyone at church on Sunday mornings. Come and join your church family. Anyone who would like to offer rides, also please contact the office. We'll get all areas of the city (and beyond) covered!

After School Crafters: All ages, all skill levels, all crafts. Wednesdays, 3:00-5:00pm. Working on donation projects and personal projects. If you would like to learn a craft, this is for you too! Pam will be here providing instruction for new crafters or those who have questions on their crafts. Come for the whole two hours, or come when you can.

Sunday School for All Ages, Including Adults: Did you know we have Sunday School for ages K-4 through adult classes. Why not stop in at 10:20 on Sunday mornings and

join one of the groups. You'll encounter friendly conversations, fun activities (for youth), learn about the Bible, and make new friends. For more information, please call the office at 248-4114.

YOUTH TIDBITS

An exciting activity and a great reminder of the Lenten season will be happening for our local youth! I have organized the showing of the faith-based true movie "Hoovey" to be held at the downtown movie theater Sunday, April 7th, at 10 am. All of the local church youth groups & their leaders are invited to attend. It will be sponsored by our youth group, making the cost of admission for all a food pantry donation! Spread the word!!

We are also starting to collect items for our shoebox project! Below are some suggestions of items needed, feel free to use your imagination when purchasing tho!

APRIL: Little spring toys, clearance hats & gloves

MAY: Sunglasses, small toys, baseball caps, small baseballs

JUNE: Playdough, craft kits, barbie dolls, small dolls/ponies, small toys

JULY: Summer toys, small puzzles, headphones, duct tape

AUGUST: Hygiene products (no toothpaste), Hairbrushes, headbands

SEPTEMBER: School Supplies

OCTOBER: SURPRISE US!!!

Reminder: no candy, food, liquids, or war-like toys, items must fit into a shoebox. Donation Box will be located outside of church office.

Thanks as always for your support and prayers,
Terri & The Youth

"If Christ hasn't been raised, then our preaching is useless and your faith is useless" 1 Corinthians 15:14

He is Risen! He is Risen, indeed!

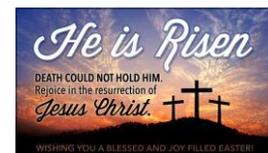
Brother Paul blew his stack over a lot of issues, but any attempt to equivocate over the resurrection of Jesus Christ brought down the hammer. If Christ hasn't been raised, there's no point in being here, being a part of a community of faith, being the body of Christ. We might as well be a service club without faith in the resurrection.

If we WERE a service club, we'd have cool jackets....

But I digress.

Without the resurrection, there is no eternal grace of God for those who follow Christ. Paul is very clear in 1 Corinthians that without the resurrection of Christ, there is no resurrection for us, no eternal life, and no reason to live as Resurrection people of faith now.

*So, repeat after me: HE IS RISEN! And because of this, we have hope of living the Kingdom of God.
Pastor Heather*



“Sharing Christ’s love with everyone, through our thoughts, words, and actions”