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Dear Church Family,

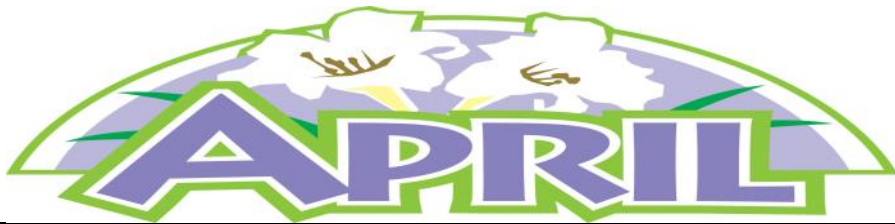
Holy week and Easter are right around the corner. In addition to our Palm Sunday celebration gathering after worship, we will have a special Holy Thursday gathering on April 18. You are invited to share in the Community Table meal (A special chicken dinner) and participate in a Communion service. This will also be promoted in the community.

Spring is also a time when there is an increase in services needed in our community. This year we will be collecting a special Easter offering for Churches United. You will find an included envelop to make this offering. You can drop this off at the church anytime between now and Easter Sunday.

Easter carries special significance for us this year. With all of the controversy in the United Methodist Church these last few months, I have been praying for resurrection Spirit to be at work in our denomination and in our church. I am grateful for all of the signs of resurrection hope I have witnessed and experienced in our community this year.


Easter Blessings!

Pastor Rob



APRIL

2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 5:30 Girl Scout Leaders Mtg. 6:30 Beginning Knitting 6:30 Girl Scouts in the Fellowship Hall	2 5:30 Yoga 5:30 AA 5:30 Ruby Tuesday Singers Rehearsal	3 9:45 Service at Havenwood 10:45 Service at Neilsen Place 3:30 Bible Study 5:00 Community Table 6:30 Youth Group	4 2:00 Grief & Loss Support group 5:00 Community Table 6:15 Lotus Zen Meditation	5 7:30-10:00 Square Dancing	6 9:30 Yoga
7 9:00 Adult Sunday School 9:30 Early Family Worship 10:30 Worship 11:45 Confirmation	8 6:30 Beginning Knitting 6:30 Girl Scouts in the Fellowship Hall	9 5:30 Yoga 5:30 AA 5:30 Ruby Tuesday Singers Rehearsal 6:30 Trustees Mtg	10 3:30 Bible Study 5:00 Community Table 5:30 Choir 6:30 Youth Group	11 4:00 SPCR 5:00 Community Table 6:15 Lotus Zen Meditation	12 NEWSLETTER DEADLINE	13 9:30 Yoga 5:30 Game Night for Adults
14 Palm Sunday 9:00 Adult Sunday School 9:30 Early Family Worship 10:30 Worship Palm Sunday Dinner & Egg Hunt Following Service	15 6:30 Beginning Knitting 6:30 Girl Scouts in the Fellowship Hall	16 5:30 Yoga 5:30 AA 5:30 Ruby Tuesday Singers Rehearsal	17 9:15 BMW Mtg 3:30 Bible Study 5:00 Community Table 5:30 Choir 6:30 Youth Group	18 1:30 Finance Mtg 5:00 Community Table 5:00 HCI Steering committee 6:00 Maundy Thursday Service 6:15 Lotus Zen Meditation	19 Good Friday	20 9:30 Yoga 10:00 Prayer Shawl
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BEMIDJI UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Church Office hours:
9:00am ~ 2:00pm
Monday ~ Friday

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If you wish for a pastoral home visit or hospital visit, or know someone who needs or desires a visit, please call the church office.

JUST A REMINDER....

Articles for the April Newsletter are due in the office no later than **9:00am on Friday, April 12, 2019**. Any announcements you wish to have in the Sunday bulletin must be called in, emailed, or delivered to the office by **9:00am on Thursdays**.

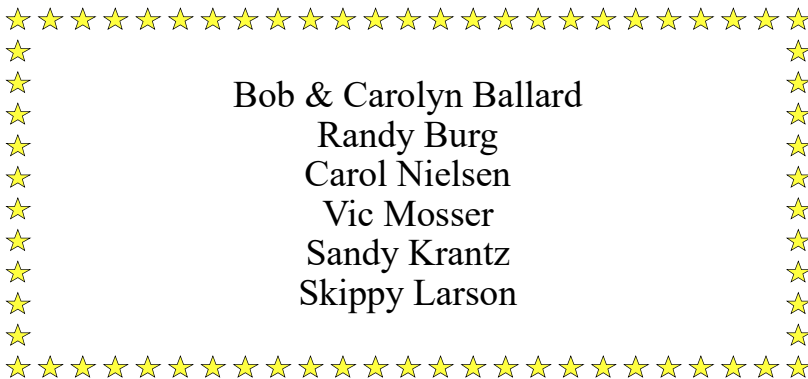


THANK YOU!

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Worship Team Volunteers for April 2019

Bob & Carolyn Ballard
Randy Burg
Carol Nielsen
Vic Mosser
Sandy Krantz
Skippy Larson



Ushers
Greeters
Reader
Coffee Servers



April MEMBER CELEBRATIONS

Please celebrate and pray for these people on their birthday and anniversary.

BIRTHDAYS

- 01 Carol Larson
- 02 Jim Howard
- 03 Neil Bryant
- 05 Diane Morris
- 11 Barbara Britton, Randy Burg, Geordan Stowe
- 14 Ruth Weis
- 19 Jane Killgore
- 20 Ken Nichols
- 21 Mary Burghart, Bunny Howe
- 22 Kathy Strycker
- 23 Frances Anderson, Carol Steigauf
- 24 Lucille Nelson
- 25 Annika Knudson
- 27 Lisa Porro
- 28 Nancy Gallagher, Janet Miller

ANNIVERSARY

- 02 John & Kristen McRae



If your birthday or anniversary or the birthday or anniversary of a parishioner is missed here, please call Shelly at the office so it will be included in the Sunday bulletin and future Voyagers.

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS THOSE..

... at *Neilson Place*: Bill Britton, Jean Slinkman, Marian Blehm, Nelle May

... at *Trillium*: Dick Slinkman, Lois Statton, Judy Comstock,

... at *Windsong*: Wag Collins, Bert Clark, Karren Clark, Dotty Naramore

...at *Baker Park*: Kathleen Magsam

... at *Havenwood Care Center*: Patty Boyer, Mary Conner, Grace Daniels,
Vern Ditty, Betty Howard

... at *Goldpine*: Laura Hays, Dorothy Sathre, Ruby Hausauer, Dorothy Baxter,
Marjory Beck

... at *Tanbark Assisted Living in Lexington, KY*: Margaret Skinner

...in *Brandon, SD* Doris Pierce



The Bemidji Methodist Women

will meet on Wednesday, April 17, 2019
at 9:15 in the Lounge.



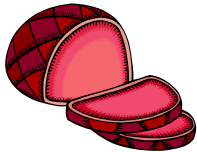
Hostesses: Skippy Larson
Devotions: Ginger Tibbetts
Program: Eagle Vista Ranch & Wellness-
Equine Specialist-Liz Letson

Please join us for fellowship and refreshments.

Grief & Loss Support Group will meet on April 4 at 2:00. This is led by Pastor Rob, and anyone who needs to explore their grief is welcome to attend. The group is free to talk as they wish without judgement and everything is confidential. Please join us.

Thanks, Jan Grimm—444-0209

Palm Sunday Ham & Salad Luncheon and Easter Egg Hunt



April 14, 2019

It doesn't seem possible, but here we are planning our annual Palm Sunday luncheon again. In the past we have had signup sheets for salads and other complimenting foods to go along with the ham. This year we're skipping the signup sheets. Ham and potato salad will be provided, and we want you to bring a dish to share. Salads, beans, desserts, breads, deviled eggs, veggies, etc., you know, all those delicious foods that make our luncheon the highlight of the year. Speaking of sharing, family and friends are invited to share in this celebration. Feel free to invite these folks. Let's bring in Spring together as we enjoy a wonderful array of "deliciousness" on Palm Sunday.

We will have a little indoor **Easter Egg Hunt** for the kids during Sunday School that day. Your Sunday School-age grandchildren or other "little" relatives or friends are invited to participate in the hunt.

Whoops!! Almost forgot!! We need your help for setting up, other preparations and clean up. Grace has a hand held sign up list so she can put your name down where you want to serve. "Hunt" her down after church or give her a call. These special events are fun, but they do come with a little working fellowship.



Thank you to our Meals on Wheels Volunteers:
Vince Fregborg, Randy Burg, Carol Nielson, Terry Thomas
Jeff & Char Anderson.

ADVENTURES IN LIFELONG LEARNING
Bemidji, Minnesota
April 2019 Schedule

Tuesday, April 2: "A Photo Expose of the Secret Lives of Beltrami Master Gardeners" Becky Livermore Here's paparazzi proof that Master Gardeners practice what they preach! Join me for an exclusive peek into the secret lives of Beltrami Master Gardeners in their own backyards. What you all need to know about the birds and bees in the garden! For mature audiences only.

Tuesday, April 9: "Botswana travels: reflections from anemias to zebras" Janet and Curtiss Hunt will share experiences from nutritional consultations in 2016 and 2018, to learn if high rates of childhood anemia were due to iron deficiency. We admired Botswana's people and culture as they managed an abundance of diamonds, elephants, tourists, tribes, languages, and modern health challenges.

Tuesday, April 16: "BSU Native American Flute Circle" Dr. Jim Barta Dean of the College of Arts, Education, and Humanities and guests will present the formation of a Native American Flute Circle at BSU this spring. Anyone interested in learning about the Native American Flute and how to play it should attend this 'Show and Tell' presentation.

Tuesday, April 23: "Trip on Mekong River, Fall, 2018" Polly Scotland Experience Lee and Polly Scotland's 13-day adventure from Ho Chi Minh City (Saigon) to Siem Reap along the muddy waters of the Mekong and Tonla Sap Rivers. Get a first-hand glimpse of life today for the people of Vietnam as they move past the destruction of war and the people of Cambodia as they recover from Pol Pot's reign of terror.

ALL: Adventures in
Lifelong Learning
Beltrami Electric Cooperative
Roger Spiry Community Room
4111 Technology Drive NW-Bemidji MN

- Tuesdays: 10:00 - 11:30am
- Presentation: 10:00 - 11:00am Q & A: 11:00 - 11:30am
- Refreshments appear at 9:30am
- Handicapped accessible. Lots of parking!
- ALL is for Everyone!
- For More Info Call: Board Member, Al Yarnott: 444-7091 • 760-5281

Sanctuary Remodel

I would like to inform every one of the Sanctuary remodel progress. There will be work going on from time to time on different areas to ensure that we get things done in a timely manner. We do not want anyone to think we are not having Sunday services because of construction. The goal is to have services in the Sanctuary every Sunday until we remove the pews and replace with chairs. When that happens, we may miss one Sunday in the Sanctuary. Services would be moved to Fellowship Hall for that Sunday if needed.

The next noticeable change will begin April 3rd. The Sacristy area will be getting a make-over. The two storage area doors in the front will be filled in and the Lecterns as they are now, will be removed. There will be temporary furniture replacing what we take out, so we will continue to hold services as usual.

The chairs and floor coverings have been ordered. The project team will be researching some new pieces of furniture to replace what we will take out of the Sacristy area.

Be sure to come every Sunday and check out the changes as they occur. The construction may not be glamorous, but the Sanctuary will continue to be functional. I am confident it will look nice and be comfortable and inviting when it is finished. Thank you in advance for your patience with the disruptions while we work through it together.

Trustees are also planning to clean out all the extra items in the Fellowship Hall storage area. This effort will be done along with the Sanctuary remodel. There are pieces of furniture and many other items that are no longer useful in the Church. Trustees would like to offer them free of charge to anyone who may want them. Items that are left when we finish up the remodel will be offered to non-profits. After that the unwanted items will be disposed of.

Thank you,
Mike Albrecht on behalf of Trustee Committee.



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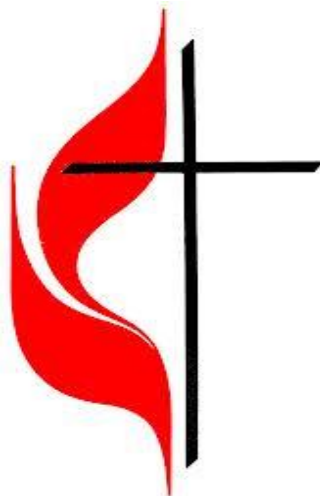
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