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Hello everyone -

Have you ever thought about the joy in sacrifice that Lent provides? Most of us don't delight in sacrifice; in fact, in our daily lives, we often do our best to avoid challenges and practices that push us outside of our comfort zones.



In Christianity, there is a beautiful irony between joy and sacrifice, and we are presented with a wonderful opportunity to embrace this uniquely during Lent. In one of his Lenten messages, Pope Francis shared, "Lent is a fitting time for self-denial; we would do well to ask ourselves what we can give up in order to help and enrich others by our own poverty."

While giving up sweets in favor of healthy snacks for Lent or anything else you choose to give up for Lent or start during lent is a noble endeavor, the goal of Lent should not only be a spiritual excuse to show what a good Christian you can be! In choosing acts of self-denial, we are saying "no" to things in order to make more time for God, ultimately deepening our faith and our relationship with the Lord. Victory can be found when we deny ourselves and pick up our crosses and hardships in order to grow closer to Christ!

Therein lies the joy. When we grow closer to God by denying our will, we say "yes" to a life of abundance with Him. Our God is a loving, compassionate, and forgiving God. His unconditional

love, compassion, and grace are gifts freely given to us! Without question, Lent is a time for conscious penitence and spiritual renewal and preparation for Easter. It is important to remember that God loves us whether we make Lenten changes or not. At the same time, Lent provides us an opportunity to make God a greater part of our life, and to take our faith to new levels.

Lent is a time for every one of us to do more than simply deny ourselves; we need to welcome God into our lives in greater ways so that when we get to Holy Week and Easter, we have an even greater appreciation for the sacrifice the Lord made for us. Talk about pure joy!

In Christ,

Pastor Lorri McGranahan

EASTER FLOWER ORDERS

Keep an eye out for Easter flower order forms in the Sunday bulletins. The lilies are \$13 each. Orders should be received by March 17th.

Dolly Lindsay was the wife of former pastor Howard Lindsay and recently passed away. A memorial service will be held March 8th (and condolences may be sent to) at Stokes & Prock & Mundt Funeral Chapel and Crematory, 535 S Hillcrest Parkway, Altoona, WI 54720.

UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH

All women of the church are invited and encouraged to attend the following events.

Our unit of United Women in Faith will meet on Thursday, March 7th, 2024 at 6:30PM in Fellowship Hall. The annual “Call to Prayer and Self-Denial” program will be led by Martha Boyer. Deb Short will provide refreshments. All women of the church are welcome to attend. Hope to see you there!

Other upcoming events/important dates:

The annual National UWF Day of Giving is Saturday, March 23, 2024. This is the day set aside to donate to The Legacy Endowment Fund of UWF; enabling the important mission to support women, children and youth to continue for future generations. If you would like more information about how to make a donation, please contact Charlene Mingst or Martha Boyer.

Everyone is invited to the annual UWF WI Conference Social Action Day Virtual Event scheduled for Saturday, April 13th, 2024 from 9:00AM—12:00PM. The theme is “Ending Mass Incarceration and Improving Treatment of Incarceration Impacted Women”. Members of our unit, and anyone interested, will attend at a “Watch Party” being hosted by the UWF of the Lodi UMC. Please see Charlene Mingst or call 608-935-5758 for more information.

Looking ahead to April—the annual Spring Rummage/Bake Sale is scheduled for April 19th and 20th. Please see another page of this newsletter for more information regarding the sale.

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

Livingston United Methodist Church will host a World Day of Prayer gathering on Friday, March 1st at 1:00PM. They are located at 415 Woodward Avenue in Livingston. Everyone is welcome to attend, so feel free to bring a friend or neighbor.

Church Family News

NEW DIRECTORY COMING SOON

Thank you to those who have submitted pictures (or consented to using their picture from the last directory) for **the Church Directory for 2024**. If you have any changes to your mailing address, phone number, or email, please notify the church office by March 6.

March Birthdays

7 – Rachel Dees
7 – Megan Greenfield
7 – Julia Harman
15 – Jonathon Butteris
15 – Dallas Starr



TRUSTEE'S PANCAKE BREAKFAST FUNDRAISER

March 10th, 8:00-11:00AM

Options for: Dine in, carry-out, or delivery

Please Pray:

Pam Fingerson, Edna Dunham, Ivy Wilson, Zach Hickman, John Gevelinger and family, Patti Kersten, Theresa Stewart, Jane & Ron Elwell, Kurt Hasburgh, Edith Hunter

SPRING RUMMAGE/BAKE SALE

The annual United Women in Faith's Spring Rummage/Bake Sale is scheduled for Friday, April 19th and Saturday, April 20th. The hours for the sale are: 8:00AM – 4:00PM on Friday and 8:00AM-Noon on Saturday. The Bake Sale is to be held on Saturday morning only. The "Bag Sale" will be between the hours of 10:00AM-Noon on Saturday.

The set-up dates are Monday, April 15th through Thursday, April 18th. Please bring items on those dates between the hours of 9:00AM-4:00PM Monday – Wednesday and between 9:00-Noon on Thursday. Because storage space is very limited—if at all possible, please wait to bring your items on the planned days.

PLEASE DO NOT BRING: TVs, entertainment centers, computers, dehumidifiers, home-recorded VCR tapes or DVDs, stained or torn clothing, or inappropriate books, DVDs, or magazines. Please limit clothing donations to Spring and Summer only.

Bake Sale items should be priced and can be brought in on Friday or early Saturday. If you like to bake, please consider donating items for the bake sale. There are a lot of people who look forward to buying homemade baked items.

We will need many workers to help set-up and to work during the sale.

Sign-up sheets will be available later in March. Please sign up for a shift or two or call Charlene Mingst at 608-935-5758. (If you have a question about an item that you would like to donate please call that same number.)

This annual fund-raiser helps the United Women in Faith meet our goals of mission on the local, state, national, and international levels, including supporting the general fund of our church. **THANK YOU TO ALL WHO WILL WORK AND ALSO TO EVERYONE WHO DONATES ITEMS.**

THERE NEVER SEEMS TO BE ENOUGH

Sometimes it flies, sometimes it crawls, but it always passes inexorably. We mark it, save it, waste it, bide it, race against it. We measure it incessantly with a passion for precision that borders on the obsessive. We are obsessed with it; we never seem to have enough of it; and yet scientists don't even know how to explain it. What is it? The answer is time.

We never seem to have enough time. A group of experts once got together to figure out how much time we should need to get everything done in one day. These experts got together and noted how much time was needed for exercise, hygiene, work, commuting, household chores, eating, entertainment, spiritual development, sleep, and family time. When these figures were all added together, the experts said that a human being needs 42 hours a day. That's not very encouraging.

Of course, those are the things we're supposed to be doing every day according to experts. In truth, we add to that list as well. Consider that every day in the United States:

- 74,000 of us move to a different home and 22,465 move to another state.
- 36 businesses go bankrupt while 13,700 new ones start up.
- Americans purchase 38,082 new automobiles and trucks and smash 16,438.
- 2,266 couples get divorced while 6,578 get married.
- Dogs bite 12,329 people including 15 mail carriers.
- We eat 75 acres of pizza, 53 million hotdogs, 167 million eggs, 3 million gallons of ice cream, and 3,000 tons of candy.

The Psalmist tells us that "This is the day the Lord has made, let us rejoice and be glad in it." In other words, every moment of every second, and every second of every minute, and every minute of every hour, and every hour of every day is literally a gift from God. Unfortunately, in all of the hustle and bustle of our lives, we forget this. Instead, we are more often stressed out by this gift than thankful for it. Think about this: God gives to every one of us all the same amount of time in a day.

Sometimes it's just our perspective. What if we were to get up every morning and thank God and remember that "This is the day the Lord has made, let us rejoice and be glad in it." It wouldn't give us any more time, but maybe our perspective each day would change and we'd appreciate the gift of time a little more.

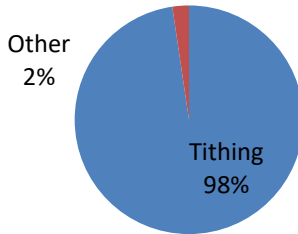
*Rev. Jason Mahnke,
Wisconsin United Methodist Foundation*

FINANCIAL REPORT

January

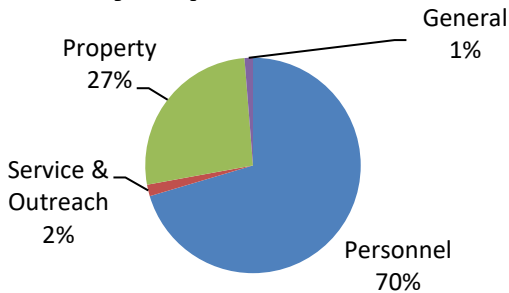
Tithing	\$12,022	98%
Other	\$288	2%
Total	<u>\$12,310</u>	

January Income = \$12,310



Personnel	\$9,652	70%
Service & Outreach	\$238	2%
Property	\$3,647	27%
General	<u>\$173</u>	1%
Total Expenses	<u>\$13,711</u>	

January Expenses = \$13,711



CHOIR NOTES



The choir is scheduled to sing on 3 Sundays in March!! Those dates are March 3rd, 17th, and Easter Sunday, March 31. We will rehearse at 8:00AM

UW in FAITH
Rummage/Bake Sale
Coming
April 19 & 20

Date	Attendance	Offering
2/4/24	55	\$3,535
2/11/24	55	\$2,097
2/18/24	46	\$5,114
2/25/24	54	\$3,039



Thank you to Edith Hunter for the donation of the wooden bench located in the chapel, given in loving memory of her husband, Ron Hunter.

Thank you to everyone for the lovely cards, delicious food and phone calls while I have been recovering from surgery. I am truly blessed and overwhelmed with the care and concern of so many of you. God bless!

Edith Hunter

Sunday		Monday		Tuesday		Wednesday		Thursday		Friday		Saturday	
25 LOOSE CHANGE 9:00am Dodgeville UMC Worship 11:00am Ridgeway Grace Worship	26		27 10:30am Prayer Ministry 5:30pm Wesley Fellowship Group	28 5:00pm Feeding Friends Meal	29	1	2	11:00am Megan's Shower 6:00pm DTC Support Group					
3 Communion 8:00am Choir Rehearsal 9:00am Dodgeville UMC Worship 11:00am Ridgeway Grace Worship	4	6:30pm Trustee Meeting	5 10:30am Prayer Ministry 5:30pm Wesley Fellowship Group 7:00pm Love Dodgeville Meeting	6 5:00pm Feeding Friends Meal	7	8	9	6:00pm DTC Support Group					
10 9:00am Dodgeville UMC Worship 11:00am Ridgeway Grace Worship	11		12 10:30am Prayer Ministry 5:30pm Wesley Fellowship Group	13 5:00pm Feeding Friends Meal 6:00pm Finance Meeting 7:00pm Church Council Meeting	14	15	16	8:00am PEO 6:00pm DTC Support Group					
17 8:00am Choir Rehearsal 9:00am Dodgeville UMC Worship 10:00am Polluck Brunch 11:00am Ridgeway Grace Worship	18	7:30pm Farm Bureau	19 10:30am Prayer Ministry 5:30pm Wesley Fellowship Group	20 5:00pm Feeding Friends Meal 6:00pm Feeding Friends Steering Committee	21	22	23	6:00pm DTC Support Group					
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SUNDAY SERVANTS

Mar	S School	Counters	Media	Liturgist/Child Mom	Greeters	Cafe	Accompanist
3		Jan K Sandy A	Dee	Dawn V	Sarah & Caleb B	Peggy F Nancy M	Jan
10	Peggy F	Jan K Sandy A	Tom	Julia/Lorri	Deb & Jim S	Dawn V Deb S	Jan
17		Jan K Sandy A	Denise	Martha B	John A, Martha B	Kerry B Julie J	Ginny
24	Deb S	Jan K Sandy A	Tom	Peggy F	Chip & Peggy F	Sandy A	Ginny
31	Terry & Penny	Jan K Sandy A	Dee	Terry	Sandy & Steve A	Kerry B Julie J	Ginny
Apr	S School	Counters	Media	Liturgist/Child Mom	Greeters	Cafe	Accompanist
7	Peggy F	Jan K Sandy A	Dee	Jan A/Lorri	Sarah & Caleb Buroker	Jody V Penny E	Jan
14		Jan K Sandy A	Tom	Martha B	Martha Boyer/John A	Mary & Rich J	Jan
21	Deb S	Jan K Sandy A	Denise	Dawn V	Deb & Jim Short	Sarah & Caleb B John A	Ginny
28	Terry Penny	Jan K Sandy A	Tom	Peggy F	Sandy & Steve	Jan A, Charlene M Ginny G	Ginny



Daylight
Savings
Time
Begins
Sunday,
March 10th

MARCH

