

April 2024

GoodNews

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Melodies of Compassion

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Our 2nd quarter Melody is NAMI (National Alliance on Mental Illness).

Did you know 1 in 5 adults in America suffer some form of Mental Illness? And across the population 1 in 20 adults are living with a serious mental health condition such as schizophrenia, bipolar disorder or long-term recurring major depression.

As with other serious illnesses, mental illness is not your fault or that of the people around you, but widespread misunderstandings about mental illness remain. Many people don't seek treatment or remain unaware that their symptoms could be connected to a mental health condition. People may expect a person with serious mental illness to look visibly different from others, and they may tell someone who doesn't "look ill" to "get over it" through will-power. These misperceptions add to the challenges of living with a mental health condition.

Every year people overcome the challenges of mental illness to do the things they enjoy. Through developing and following a treatment plan, you can dramatically reduce many of your symptoms. People with mental health conditions can and do pursue higher education, succeed in their careers, make friends and have relationships. Mental illness can slow us down, but we don't need to let it stop us.

NAMI has chapters around the United States to help those in need. We have a chapter in Kenosha as well. NAMI helps all ages and all those who are affected by mental illness including those who are care givers. In the next 3 months we will be providing more information about the organization and mental health.



UWF – United Women In Faith

WE BELIEVE LOVE IN ACTION CAN CHANGE THE WORLD

United Women In Faith celebrated their 155th Birthday, March 23, 2024. On March 23, 1869 a group of eight intrepid women founded the Woman’s Foreign Missionary Society, an organization that is the foundation of the United Women In Faith. Today there are approximately 800,000 members in this organization.

The Purpose of the United Women In Faith is to know God and to experience freedom as whole persons through Jesus Christ; to develop a creative, supportive fellowship; and to expand concepts of mission through participation in the global ministries of the church.

United women in Faith seek to connect and nurture women through Christian spiritual formation, leadership development, creative fellowship and education so that they can inspire, influence and impact local and global communities.

Our Logo aligns with the goals of the United Women In Faith to remain modern, inclusive and relevant. We are a Sisterhood connecting together as community leaders, justice champions, and brave changemakers, we are women with more than a cause. We are on a mission to boldly act and transform communities.

We can accomplish these goals by being part of a UWF Circle offering opportunities for women to study the Bible, pray together and discuss their faith It is a place where women can share their experiences, challenges and successes with each other. It also provides opportunities to develop leadership skills by taking on roles in planning and running circle meetings and activities. UWF Circles often focus on service projects, both within their own communities and around the world. This can help women to connect with others, make a difference in the world and feel a sense of purpose.

Some of our projects in 2023 consisted of having a bake sale “Mini Loaves for Many Missions” raising \$277. The purpose was hopefully to bring awareness to the many missions helped by United Women in Faith. We also contributed to Wesley Curtis Strange Christmas Project purchasing all the perishable items for the 8 families which consisted of each family receiving a Christmas Ham, lunch meat, cheese, chicken nuggets, waffles, potatoes, bread, fresh fruit, as well as the non-perishable items collected by our generous members of Wesley. We also gave a generous donation for the local “Room at the Inn” project spear-headed by Marietta Huff of Immanuel Methodist Church to shelter and feed the homeless during the Christmas holiday. We support the UWF by sending an annual Pledge, take up a collection from our members to support the World Thank Offering and Prayer and Self Denial and send them to our local South East District Treasurer.

If this is something you may want to become a part of, please join us and check out what we are about.

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A VIEW FROM THE PEW

Well, the stone was rolled away. He is Risen! Hallelujah!

Now what?

There's still several weeks until Pentecost, so the apostles will have to spend the next few weeks trying to get ready for the ascension and the coming of the Holy Spirit. This was essential for God's plan, and maybe sometimes we forget this. Since we rightly place most of our attention on Jesus in the Gospels, we can overlook the essential role of those who followed him. The time of Jesus' earthly ministry was spent in trying to convince humanity of His divine nature, and to accept the grace that God offers to us all. If Jesus were to have stayed with us instead of dying and rising, he'd not have needed the apostles. If God hadn't endowed us with Free Will, we'd never have turned from Him in the first place. As it is, though, God did what He chose to do. Jesus did His part, and now it is time for humanity to do theirs.

Today we live in a country where religious observance is a minority activity. Many churches are experiencing falling congregations, and those who make up those congregations are growing older and are not being replaced with younger members. The population of this country is growing, but churches are closing. Unless we can reverse this trend, we may reach a situation when the faith will simply die out.

Erasmus, the famous Renaissance scholar, once told a classic story which was designed to emphasize how important it is that we take up the torch of Christ's ministry with great commitment. In the story, Jesus returns to heaven after his time on earth. The angels gather around him to learn all that happened during his days on earth. Jesus tells them of the miracles, his teachings, his death on the cross, and his resurrection.

When he finishes his story, Michael the Archangel asks Jesus, "But what happens now?" Jesus answers, "I have left behind eleven faithful disciples and a handful of men and women who have faithfully followed me. They will declare my message and express my love. These faithful people will build my church." "But," responds Michael, "

What if these people fail? What then is your other plan?" And Jesus answers, "I have no other plan!"

As the body of Christ we, like the apostles, are charged with the duty of preaching the Gospel. It is up to us to bring to today's world this wonderful, glorious Gospel of love, salvation and redemption that has sustained and comforted people for 2000 years.

Jesus is counting on you and me.

Jesus did not tell his disciples that they would not have problems. In fact, their problems would dwarf most of our problems. What he did promise them was peace of mind. He would send upon them the gift of the Holy Spirit to give them courage and comfort. They would be warriors and not worriers. And that is the same promise Christ offers us today. As we, like the apostles wait for Pentecost and the coming of the Holy Spirit, let us make ready for our role in God's plan.

Alan Mulroy,

Lay Leader



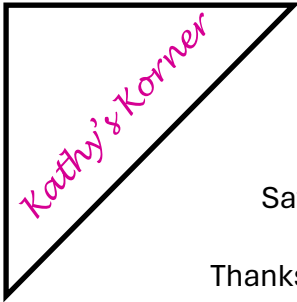
Prayer Requests

Lorrie Peterson
Jen Rose
Bill Peche
Stella Guadalupe
Virginia Roders
Ruth Callan
Ellen Shuemate
Tom Brehm

To keep our list updated, we will remove names after 30 days. Please notify the office to place/re-place a name on the list. Thank you for your help with this ministry.

Our collected loose change will go to NAMI for the 2nd Quarter.

Our next SPRC meeting will be April 18 at 6:00 pm



Saturday Academy

A Big Thank You for everyone who helped to make Saturday Academy a huge success! We had an average of 35 kids each week!

Thanks to:
Bob Petersen
Sandy Petersen
Patti Sloc
Andrew Hansen
Janie Khoury
Margaret Christian
Joy DelWiche
Matthew Mulroy
Alan Mulroy



Our friends from Spirit Alive
Sandy Butler
Heidi Steinbrenner

And a big thank you to...
EVERYONE WHO MADE PLARN!!!!

Wesley Yarners

Wesley Yarners- We are small but mighty... we are always looking for fresh or returning talent, as we are always doing things to help the community, from Pocket Hugs, to Tea Cozies, or hats for newborn babies, to knitted knockers and Prayer Shawls...or hats and mittens for those in need. Or just work on your own UnFinished Objects (UFOs)

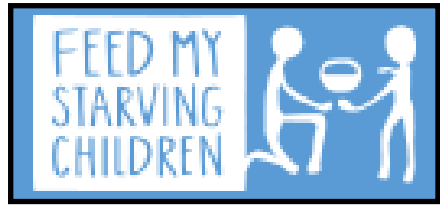
I know you're out there....



Come join us for fellowship,

We meet April 4 at 10:00 AM and/or April 11 at 10:00 AM

Feed My Starving Children



Please join us in another outing to Feed My Starving Children on May 4 , from 9– 10:45. We have jobs for everyone age 5 – 99. We have standing, sitting, and moving jobs, so come as you are- we'll find something for you. If enough people are interested, we will rent a bus, otherwise car pool down together. As always, we will meet for lunch and fellowship after. Please let Kathy Mulroy or Michelle Christensen know if you are interested, as we need a headcount for the reservation.



8	Betty Wolf is 99!!	1	Carlton Gaines
14	Arnold Parise	2	Charlene Nelson
19	Carter Frieri-Gaines	8	Sandie Daugherty
21	Michelle Christensen-Bara	11	Cindy Escue
		14	Jill Misurelli
		17	Moises Guerrero, II
		23	Bob Petersen
		27	Rev. Ebenezer Insor
		28	Pastor Grace Cajiuat
		29	John Sloca
			Nancy Barthuly
		31	Atha Atkinson
			Joe Briscoe

*Happy Anniversary on April 30th to
Andrew and Christie Hansen!!
Congratulations!*



We will be meeting
Tuesday, April 2nd
at 9:30 a.m. at church.

We invite any interested
in learning more about our
group to join us.

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**The People of the United
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APRIL 2024**

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COME WORSHIP WITH US!

Sunday Worship: 9:00
Livestream 9:00 also available anytime
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