



*Keeping in
touch with the
heart of the
faith community
of
Gaylord
United
Church
of
Christ*

*A Welcoming
Congregation*

Parish Paper

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2011 Lenten Theme: Hunger Relief

*“Give us this day our daily bread;
may all the world be clothed and fed.”*

Every few seconds, a child dies from hunger-related causes. In a world of such abundant gifts, populated by millions who call Jesus “Lord”, it is unacceptable that anyone should die for lack of food.

This month as we begin our Lenten journey we focus on our physical and spiritual hunger for bread. We will be using a drama dialogue called “Give Us This Day Our Daily Bread.” The themes each week will include: The Root Causes of Poverty; Relief - Responding to the Immediate Needs of People; Development - Ensuring Sustainable Livelihoods; Education - Learning to Love Our Neighbors as Ourselves, and Advocacy - Proclaiming the Lord’s Favor for All.

- ◆ Join us each Wednesday during Lent for a light supper beginning at 5:00 p.m. followed by worship at 6:30. Our half hour services will sometimes include a drama skit. If you would like to help with these services contact Pastor Hank. Our Ash Wednesday service on March 9 will be led by Jodi Pfarr.

**Our church will be hosting a soup and chili lunch on
March 20, 2011, serving from 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.**

**It will be a free will offering with all proceeds going to support the
Sibley County Food Shelf.**

The menu will include:

Chili and Chicken Noodle Soup - Cheesy Bread
Bars and Cookies - Coffee, Milk

Every family is invited to bring cookies or bars to serve at this event.

We will need volunteers to work in preparing for the event, serving, clean up and donating food items.

Please check the sign up sheets on the table in the Fellowship Hall.

Our Church service will begin at 9:00 a.m. on Sunday March 20.

For more information please contact Chairman Kevin Thies.

Ushers: Rueben Meyer
Howard and Fran Armstrong

Greeters: Darrel and Diane Mosel
3-6, 3-13
Gary and Susan Schmidt
3-20, 3-27

Acolyte: Alex Evers

Fellowship Hour:

March 6open
March 13open
March 20 Sam Thies
March 27open



Lectionary Readings for March

Mar. 6, 2011: Transfiguration

Ex 24:12-18, Psalm 2, 2 Peter 1:16-21,
Matthew 17:1-9. UCC Theme: Dazzling Reign.

Mar. 13, 2011: First Sunday in Lent

Gen 2:15-17; 3:1-7, Psalm 32, Romans 5:12-19,
Matthew 4:1-11. UCC Theme: Abundant Grace.

Mar. 20, 2011: Second Sunday in Lent

Gen 12:1-4a, Psalm 121, Romans 4:1-5, 13-17,
Matthew 17:1-9. UCC Theme: Bold Blessing.

Mar., 27, 2011: Third Sunday of Lent

Ex 17:1-7, Psalm 95, Romans 5:1-11, John 4:5-42.
UCC Theme: Thirsty Voices.

Remembered in prayer last month:

Lois Frauendienst, Ray Poquette, all of God's Creation
and Pilgrim Point Camp, and for peace in Egypt and the
Middle East.

Continue to pray for those who have lost a loved one,
others who have been ill or are home bound.

“Faith is to the soul what life is to the body. Prayer is to
faith what breath is to the body. How a person can live
and not breathe is past my comprehension, and how a
person can believe and not pray is past my
comprehension, too.”
-J.C. Ryle

Girl Scout Sunday

Sunday March 6 is Girl Scout Sunday and is a great
time to recognize an organization that aims to build
“girls of courage, confidence and character who make
the world a better place.” Since Girl Scouts was
founded in March 1912, more than 43 million young
people have participated in the program.

**We thank everyone who has given your time, talents
and financial donations to the Girl Scouts so they
can continue their legacy of service to others.**

**Those participating in Girl Scouts from our church
include: Abby Tourtellott; Jaci Tourtellott; Ginger
Ott; Lynette Ott; Denise Tourtellott-Troop Leader;
Sue Keithahn-Service Unit Treasurer.**

Find resources to help you help yourself at
**Project South Central MN
Community Connect**

**Tuesday, March 25 from 9 a.m. - 2 p.m. at the
Verizon Wireless Center in Mankato.**

**Services include: Legal, Medical, Housing, Em-
ployment Assistance, Veterans' Services, Tax
Information, Mortgage Foreclosure Resources,
Interpreters and free lunch. Transportation
available through your local MVAC.**

For more information call (507) 389-6995.

The Truly Successful Life

According to the Bible, true success comes when we do
what God requires of us, namely “to do justice, and to
love kindness, and to walk humbly” with him (Micah
6:8, NRSV). God wants us to use the talents and gifts
he's given us to pursue his kingdom on earth.

Success comes when we share our achievements,
blessings and wisdom with others, especially people
who are hurting or in need. Success comes when our
family is tied together with love, prayer and worship —
and when we share one another's struggles, successes
and goals.



Pastor Hank plans to have office hours or be visiting during the week on Wednesdays from 1:00pm to 4:30pm and Thursdays from 9am – 12pm and 1-4:30pm. He will be on vacation from March 10 - 13. If you are in need of emergency Pastoral Care contact Deacons Aggie Schue or Jim Peterson.
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MARCH PRESIDENT'S NOTES

I am often heard exclaiming: "Where has the time gone?" I can't believe it's already time for another article. Perhaps it's because we're having so much fun working together as a congregation that time is flying. The old adage reminds us, "Time flies when you're having fun."

Speaking of fun, all in attendance at Sandy Wentzloff's piano music on Sunday, February 13th had a delightful time. More than eighty people enjoyed hearing a variety of music, beautifully played by Sandy. Following a standing ovation and encore, light refreshments were served. The performance was videotaped and will be made available for people to watch in the near future.

We have many more opportunities for fun as we prepare for the Food Shelf Fundraiser on March 20th. It will take the involvement of all members to make it a successful event. You may be willing to work, to donate food or money, to cook or bake. Whether you've been contacted personally or not, please volunteer to help out. There is great satisfaction in raising funds for the Food Shelf, especially knowing they'll be matched during the month of March. This is another chance for us to reach out to our community members.

And from the not so much fun category...snow storms. We had another big storm on the Feb. 20th, causing us to cancel church services. Although the weather in Gaylord didn't seem too bad when the calling tree was initiated, reports from the New Ulm area were not good, and it was quite certain that by 11:00 it would be getting a lot worse here. If you are uncertain about whether church will be held, and haven't received a call, please tune in to KNUJ radio or call one of the Council members. The plan is to contact as many people as possible between 8:30 and 9:00 a.m. when church begins at 11:00. Please notify the church office if any of your contact information has recently changed.

Your pledge and regular giving is just as important when you have to miss church due to inclement weather or illness. It is so easy to overlook when church has been cancelled, so I hope you'll remember. God never forgets about you!

Remember Daylight Saving Time begins Sunday, March 13 - Spring Ahead so you don't miss church!

Next Council meeting - March 23 at 7:30 p.m. Gail Estenson, Council Chair - 2011

Think spring!!



Women's Groups



Women's Fellowship will meet at 12:00 p.m. on **Monday, March 14**. Bring a sack lunch and join us.

Priscilla Circle will meet on **Thursday, March 17** at 2:00 p.m. in the Fireside Room. Fran Armstrong will be serving lunch.

Middle School Service Days - Serving Minnesota

Saturday, March 26, 2011 in Mankato

Join the Middle School Service Days (6th-8th graders) as we help others while making new friends from around the Minnesota Conference UCC! This is a great community and UCC identity builder for confirmation classes, youth groups and Sunday schools. The days runs from 9:30-3:00pm. Lunch is provided and overnight lodging is possible the night before. Service projects vary by site, but each day includes orientation to service projects and lunch.

Only \$5/person. Youth and chaperones please sign-up on the sheet in the Fellowship Hall.

Confirmation schedule for March:

March 9 - Ash Wednesday. No class, see you in church.

March 23 - Meeting with Pastor/Diane Mosel snack.



Update from the Mission Board

The Gaylord UCC Mission Board appointed Fran Armstrong as chairperson, Rueben Meyer as council representative, and Marian Pfarr-Saxton as secretary for the coming year. Sylvia Turbett is also on the Mission Board.

On February 6, we thank all who so graciously contributed to the Souper Bowl of Caring, in which \$217.86 was collected and will be donated to the Sibley County Food Shelf.

Our March 13 From The Heart Offering will also be going to the Sibley County Food Shelf as all money and food contributed during the month of March will be counted, weighed, and reported to the Minnesota Food Bank. The Minnesota Food Bank will match a percentage of the total amount to give even more to our food shelf. The Feinstein Foundation of Rhode Island will also make a cash donation based on the food and money collected in March and April.

The Mission Board and Deacons will be serving a Wednesday night Lenten supper March 30, 2011. All Lenten midweek offerings will go into the scholarship fund.

We also encourage you to fill the grocery cart in the Fellowship Hall to overflowing during the month of March.

Some items needed include:

baby food	beef stew	canned fruit
cereal	cooking oil	dried beans
juice	mac and cheese	pancake mix
peanut butter	jelly	sugar
canned meats	pasta	spaghetti sauce
crackers	flour	canned veggies
rice	soups	syrop

Fresh meats, fruits and vegetables are also needed.





Lenten Gatherings at UCC

"Give us this day our daily bread" is the series of special services that will be offered on Wednesdays during Lent. As we focus on our physical and spiritual hunger for bread, may our Lenten journey renew our faith and our gratitude in the everlasting promises of God's restoring love. We will gather together on Wednesdays for supper, fellowship and worship. Our schedule is: **5:00 - 6:15 p.m. Supper**
6:30 p.m. Worship
Choir and clean up follow

Men's Lenten Breakfast

Gaylord area churches will be hosting the annual **Men's Lenten Breakfast and Devotional** gatherings again this year. They will begin at 7 a.m. and end at approximately 7:45 on the Thursday mornings of Lent at various churches. This year's devotional topics will come from the Beatitudes in Matthew Chapter 5. All men and boys are welcome to attend this special time of food and fellowship in the spirit of Christ!

The schedule is:

March 10 - Immanuel Lutheran "Blessed are the poor in spirit...."

March 17 - Assembly of God "Blessed are those who mourn...."

March 24 - St. Michael's Catholic "Blessed are the meek...."

March 31 - St. Paul's Lutheran "Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness...."

April 7 - United Church of Christ "Blessed are the merciful...."

April 14 - American Lutheran "Blessed are the pure in heart, Blessed are the peacemakers, and Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness sake...."

The Women of Chile invite us to join them Friday, March 4, for World Day of Prayer 2011.

This year's theme, "How Many Loaves Have You?" reminds us of the first reading from Deuteronomy 8:7-10. We find a description of a good land that resembles Chile in so many ways - flowing streams, abundant food, wheat, barley, figs, vines, pomegranates and mineral deposits. We see the contradiction of our country with abundant riches and yet so many people who do not have enough to eat, even when they work long hard hours.

The second reading, 1 Kings 17:8-16, guides us to the example of a woman asked to share food and water during a time of extreme drought, when the prophet Elijah is on his way to exile and is directed to a widow to care for him. Elijah asks for water and bread and the widow finds that she and her son, sharing the morsel of bread, survive the drought and famine.

This year's service will be at Gaylord UCC beginning at 1:30 p.m.

Update from the Deacons

The Ash Wednesday service, March 9, will begin our Lenten season and will be led by our own Jodi Pfarr with help from the Deacons. There are a few Lenten services that Pastor Hank will not be leading worship, as he needs to be in New Ulm. Because of this there will be opportunities to lead or help lead worship on the 16th and the 30th of March. The deacons ask that you let Jim Peterson know if you are willing to lead or assist on those evenings. Pastor Hank will have materials ready and will meet with the leader(s) to prepare for the worship service. Some may be in dialogue or drama form. Worship will be about a half hour from 6:30 -7:00 p.m. on every Wednesday in Lent from 3/9 - 4/13/11. April 21st is Maundy Thursday with Communion planned.

Communion will be served on 3/6, 4/3, 4/21 and 5/8/11 and the first Sunday of each of the following months, with a possible exception in our outdoor summer worship. Thank You to Frieda Schrupp for making the Communion bread for us on Feb. 6th.

Any and all concerns about the worship life of our church are welcomed and may be presented to Pastor Hank or any of your deacons, Dale Johnson, Harriet Troidahl, Aggie Schue, or Jim Peterson.

Submitted by Jim Peterson, Deacon Chair

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Daylight Saving time begins
Sunday, March 13

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Coffee-Fellowship Hour 9:45 a.m.

Sunday School—10:00 a.m. Sept.—May

Sunday Worship—11:00 a.m.

Communion is the 1st Sunday of the month

Pastor - Hank Campbell

Council President - Gail Estenson

Church Secretary - Cindy Johnson

March Birthdays

01..... Christopher Frauendienst
12..... Jamie Turbett
13..... Sylvia Turbett
17..... Chuck Klimmek
20..... Lois Frauendienst
21..... Dayle Troidahl
23..... Ryan Wolverton
28..... Stephen Carlson
28..... Cindy Johnson