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Hello Grand Avenue Church Family and Friends,

It is hard to believe it is April and another Easter has come and gone. Easter the greatest of Christian holidays is the basis of our faith and for me the beginning of a new Christian year. I like to view Easter as the doorway to the spring season and we like nature are reborn with the resurrection of our Lord. As nature awakens from its winter slumber and spring blossoms in color and warmth, we as Christians begin a new season of rebirth and renewal.

The significance and meaning of this singular event in human history cannot be overstated. In accepting Jesus as Lord and Savior we have conquered sin and death once and for all. This means that even when we stumble and fall short of perfection we need not worry for Jesus stands ready and willing to forgive us and restore us to right union with God. This allows us to continue on the path of transformation into the likeness of Jesus in our own lives.

As we embark on this new Christian year let us do so with joy and gratitude for the gift Jesus Christ has given us. Let us always remember that though our lives are messy and we fall short of perfection because He lives we are assured that we too will live in the light of His divine love and grace.

“...and it is no longer I who live, but it is Christ who lives in me. And the life I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me.” – Galatians 2:20

“In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live.” – John 14:19

“For there is one God and one Mediator between God and men, the Man Christ Jesus,” – 1 Timothy 2:5.

Your Brother in Christ,

Pastor Vince

CELEBRATE

Happy Birthday

Cody Graff
Valerie Johnson
Helen Zyvoloski
Mary Downing
McKenna Zwicker
Vicky Schafman
Kaylee Meins
Erica Bastianello
Jean Butler

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Patricia Draeger
Kelly Mc Garry
Lynn Benning
Scott Zwicker
Margaret Lueptow
Jonathan Meins
Mary Jo Lueptow
Beth Breuer

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Happy Anniversary

Rick & Ermine DeYarman April 13

VOLUNTEERS

Thank you, **Volunteers**, for serving in our ministry!

| Date | Usher | Liturgist | Cupbearer | Coffee Host | AV |
|------|----------------|----------------|-----------|----------------|-----------------|
| 4/7 | Larry Maechtle | Jan Young | Needed | Needed | Scott Penkivech |
| 4/14 | Larry Maechtle | Sandy Grams | n/a | Bonnie Pachner | Scott Penkivech |
| 4/21 | Larry Maechtle | Cheryl Wozniak | n/a | Guse & Jones | Scott Penkivech |
| 4/28 | Larry Maechtle | Ardelle Dionne | n/a | Needed | Scott Penkivech |

Thank you to everyone that attended the CPR & AED training class put on by Port Washington Fire/Rescue. And thank you to Jan Young for coordinating the class and being our AED champion!



MISSIONS & OUTREACH



Current Needs

The Family Promise is in need Paper Towels and Toilet Paper. Their full Amazon Wish List can be viewed [here](#). Items are listed in order of the greatest need.

April 11th Giving Day

Family Promise Giving Day is coming April 11th! See the details [here](#).



\$50

Gas cards for shelter clients to get to work and doctor appointments



\$150

Housewarming baskets for shelter clients moving into their new homes



\$250

Provides diapers for a household during their shelter stay.



\$500

Covers the shelter cost for a family of 4 for one week.

Dine to Donate April 24th

Dine at New Fortune Cuisine on April 24th and 20% goes to Family Promise.

New Fortune ASIAN CUISINE
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**DINE OUT.
DO GOOD.**

Join us for a benefit day in support of

**Family
Promise**
of Ozaukee County

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 24TH
NEW FORTUNE ASIAN CUISINE
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CEDARBURG, WI

WHEN YOU PRESENT A PRINTED OR ELECTRONIC VERSION OF THIS FLYER NEW FORTUNE WILL DONATE 20% OF YOUR ORDER BACK TO THE FAMILY PROMISE OF OZAUKEE COUNTY! VALID FOR DINE-IN OR TAKE-OUT ORDERS ON 04/24/24. CANNOT BE USED TOWARDS GIFT CARD PURCHASES.

MISSIONS & OUTREACH, cont.



Non-Perishable Donations

Thank you for your continued support of The Food Pantry! The most pressing current needs include:

Canned Fruit
Mac & Cheese
Cereal
Vegetable Oil
Soup

Hamburger Helper
Suddenly Salad
Pasta & Rice Sides
Toilet Paper

FAITH GROUPS & ACTIVITIES

Social Principles

Tuesday, April 9th, 1:00 pm, Gathering Area at GAUMC

We will discuss setting up an information table at the Community Parking Lot Celebration in June and plans for a FREE Yard Sale in July. All are encouraged to bring something to contribute --- an article, a recent product used to help the environment, to eliminate use of plastic, a book or anything on eating that elephant.

How can we follow-up on our Parking Lot Community Events in June? AND how can we encourage people to **reuse** items rather than throw them away? AND how can we share our material Blessings with others?

Social Principles is planning a **FREE YARD SALE, Saturday, July 13th, 9:00-1:00** on the GAUMC parking lot! A free yard sale is just that – participants set up a yard sale and everything is FREE to shoppers. No money changes hands. Interested in joining in? Start gathering the items you wish to be reused by a new owner. Watch for more information coming next month.

Sister Circle - Thursday, April 18th, 7:00 pm

Christ the King Church, 420 W Whitefish Rd, Port Washington

Sister Circle is an ecumenical women's group that meets monthly and offers women an opportunity to share their faith and support one another. We hope you will join us!

In April we will have our last discussion of our book, *Praying Women*, by Shelia Walsh. Please read Chapters 8, 9 & 10 for the April meeting. Please contact Mary at 414-828-4675 or mariwags@gmail.com with any questions.

FAITH GROUPS & ACTIVITIES, cont.



April & May Events



Sunday, April 14th from 6:00-8:00 pm - Bowling at Circle B

Come enjoy a fun evening of bowling at Circle B Recreation in Cedarburg*. Bowling, shoe rental, and snacks are all included.

**Students can be dropped off/picked up from Lighthouse HQ and we will carpool together. If you prefer to meet us at Circle B, that's fine, please just be sure to let Christin know!*

Sunday, April 28th from 6:00-8:00 pm - Stone Soup Service Project

Join us as we partner with Stone Soup, a ministry of Christ the King Lutheran Church (one of our 5 Lighthouse congregations) to create some delicious homemade chicken soup to share with those in need. No cooking experience is necessary and all supplies will be provided.



Students can be dropped off/picked up from Grand Avenue UMC located at 505 W. Grand Ave., right next to Lighthouse.

Friday, May 17th from 8:00 pm - 8:00 am Saturday - LIGHTHOUSE LOCK-IN!



Many of you have been asking for this event and here it is! Join us for 12 hours of late night fun as we enjoy games, snacks, more games, midnight worship, movies, and more. Please RSVP by Sunday, May 12th if you plan to attend.

Students can be dropped off/picked up from Christ the King Lutheran Church (420 W. Whitefish Rd. in Port)

Lighthouse events are open to all students in grades 5-12

Have questions about Lighthouse or want to get involved?

Contact Director Christin Flucke at 262-483-9582 or christin.flucke@lighthouseyouth.org



United Methodist Corner

Social holiness is a part of our United Methodist DNA. John Wesley, the founder of the Methodist movement wrote on more than one occasion that there is no holiness but social holiness. He wasn't downplaying the significance of personal holiness and our love for God. What he was saying was that our love for God and our love for our neighbor is deeply intertwined. To love God is to see and respond with compassion to the needs of others around us. Wesley engaged in acts of mercy to the poor and social justice as he fought for child labor laws in England.

In keeping with the spirit of Wesley's teachings and practice, we were the first denomination to formally adopt a Social Creed in 1908, laying out our social witness. Our society was facing a major transition from an agrarian to an industrial way of life. Injustices were being experienced in the workplace. As a result of a protest of angry Methodists, a group of leading Methodist leaders convened and created the first creed. This creed focused on economic issues such as child labor laws, fair wage and safety standards and sweat shops. The creed was expanded in future years to cover women's rights and war and peace issues. You can find the most revised version of our social creed on the next page. The creed covers areas of our care and preservation of our creation: the blessings of community, family, and sexuality; the rights and dignity of all of God's children; peacemaking; our support of work and eliminating economic and social distress.

After the merger of the Methodist and Evangelical United Brethren denominations in 1968 that formed the United Methodist Church, a task force was organized to look at possible additions to the creed. Their new document entitled Social Principles was presented and adopted at the 1972 General Conference. Revisions to the principles have been made at every General Conference ever since. The 2020 Revised Social Principles document will be presented for adoption at our upcoming General Conference in Charlotte, North Carolina from April 23rd through May 7th. Our Social Principles group studied and discussed this document at a number of its meetings.

What I find so affirming about this document is that thousands of people across the world had input into its creation and final revision. All these principles are shaped out of countless hours of Biblical study and theological thought. The principles are not meant just to be discussed, but to give way to action on our part. Our Social Principles group, in its focus on preserving and caring for our creation, has made a commitment to reduce the use of plastics, especially plastic bags that end up in landfills and to educate our congregation on the issue. The committee will be presenting updates to you in the future on reducing plastic use and other concerns in our commitment to be faithful servants and witnesses of Christ.

Blessings, Dave

United Methodist Social Creed - 2016 UM Book of Discipline

We believe in God, Creator of the world; and in Jesus Christ, the Redeemer of creation. We believe in the Holy Spirit, through whom we acknowledge God's gifts, and we repent of our sin in misusing these gifts to idolatrous ends.

We affirm the natural world as God's handiwork and dedicate ourselves to its preservation, enhancement, and faithful use by humankind.

We joyfully receive for ourselves and others the blessings of community, sexuality, marriage, and the family.

We commit ourselves to the rights of men, women, children, youth, young adults, the aging, and people with disabilities; to improvement of the quality of life; and to the rights and dignity of all persons.

We believe in the right and duty of persons to work for the glory of God and the good of themselves and others and in the protection of their welfare in so doing; in the rights to property as a trust from God, collective bargaining, and responsible consumption; and in the elimination of economic and social distress.

We dedicate ourselves to peace throughout the world, to the rule of justice and law among nations, and to individual freedom for all people of the world.

We believe in the present and final triumph of God's Word in human affairs and gladly accept our commission to manifest the life of the gospel in the world. Amen.

CHURCH NEWS

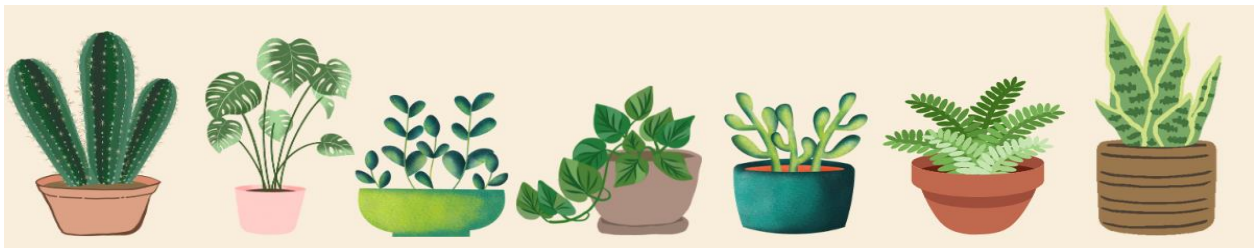
Plant & Outdoor Sale

Friday June 7th & Saturday, June 8th, 9 am – 4 pm

We will once again be participating in the Port Washington city-wide rummage sale with a plant and outdoor sale on the church grounds.

Look around your garage, potting shed, or cottage for plants and outdoor items you no longer want (but don't bring to church just yet). We hope to offer a variety of indoor plants, garden perennials, and anything having to do with the outdoors, including bikes, furniture, tools, children's toys, and garden items. Think about perennials you can divide and plan to have them ready for the sale in June.

Contact Gwen Freier (262-365-7055) or Margaret Lueptow (262-490-8122) with any questions.



THANK YOU NOTES

Thank You!

*Thanks to everyone who donated soup, food items, or helped out at our **March ecumenical soup supper and service**. Your generous spirit and friendly welcome to all that joined us was very much appreciated.*



Dear Grand Avenue Church Family,
Thank you so much for the cards, prayers, and calls as I recovered from hip replacement surgery.
-Larry Maechtle



Thank You to everyone that signed up to donate food, time, or monetary donations towards our Easter Breakfast!



SUMMER CAMP INFO



Information on Wisconsin United Methodist summer camps and retreats at Pine Lake & Lake Lucerne is now available at <https://wiumcamps.org/>.

CALENDAR

April Events

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| Worship Service | Weekly Sunday at 10:00 am | Sanctuary |
| Choir Practice | Weekly Sunday at 11:20 am | Balcony |
| AA Meeting | Weekly Wednesday at 8:00 pm | FAC |
| Private Meeting | Weekly Thursday at 5:30 pm | FAC |
| ADRC Meal Distribution | Mon – Fri from 10:30 am – 12:30 pm | Kitchen |
| Spring Election | Tuesday, April 2, 7:00 am – 8:00 pm | Fellowship Hall |
| Port Wash. Woman's Club | Monday April 8, 11:00 am – 2:00 pm | Fellowship Hall |
| Social Principles Group | Tuesday April 9 at 1:00 pm | Gathering Area via Zoom |
| Finance & Admin Council | Thursday April 11 at 6:30 pm | Sanctuary |
| Hymn Sing before Worship | Sunday April 14 at 9:30 am | Fellowship Hall |
| Trustees Meeting | Sunday April 14 at 11:00 am | FAC & Parking Lot |
| Stockbox Distribution | Tuesday April 16 at 10:00 am | Office |
| Newsletter Article Deadline | Thursday April 23 | |



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Questions? Contact the Kay Hamann at 262-284-3168 or khamann530@yahoo.com

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