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Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

How well do you know the Carpenter from Galilee's life story and his teachings?

Probably not as well as you would like and your honest answer is, "not very well". You have heard a lot of the Bible read to you on Sunday mornings, and you can remember some of the events of Jesus' life. Or maybe you have years of Bible study and a regular practice of reflection on Jesus' life and teachings. You also know that the life of faith is never static, that there is always a next faithful step. What might be that next faithful step for you?

We have entered the season of Lent, the forty days after the time Jesus spent in the wilderness before beginning his public minis-

try. Forty days to consider his life before we commemorate His death on the cross.

Here's my invitation to you this Lent: Pick one of the four gospel accounts—Matthew, Mark, Luke or John—and read it as you would a short story. Read it to learn the arc of Jesus' life as told through the author's particular lens. It won't take long. You could read the Gospel of Mark in about ninety minutes; one of the other three would require at most another hour. You will be surprised at how vivid Jesus is in each account, and how brief his life. Pay attention to what inspires or surprises you. Then go back and read that same gospel slowly, a section at a time each day during Lent until you finish it again. Look for a quiet place and ask God to speak to

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you through the words you read. Write down your impressions or questions.

Most importantly, listen for God's word for you through the text. You may go for days without hearing anything. Then one day, a particular passage or phrase might seem to jump off the page and into your heart, and then you will know what it feels like to be spoken to through the words of Scripture.

If you would like to follow a reading plan instead of reading a Gospel at a time, we have prepared a *Bible Reading Plan for Lent* based on the Gospel of Matthew. It contains 30 Lenten readings (5 per week for 6 weeks starting on the first Sunday of Lent) plus 10 Easter readings about Jesus' post-resurrection encounters. (5 per week for 2 weeks). These readings fit nicely in a two-month grouping.

Please let me know if you accept my invitation and which gospel you'll read or if you decided to follow the reading plan. I would also love to know if and how you sense God speaking to you through your prayerful reading. We can learn together and cheer each other on as we make our own journey with Jesus through Lent.

The following page includes a copy of the plan, but the text is not clean and may not be readable. Clean copies were passed out at church and are available in the Narthex.

Pastor Shirley

The Reading Plan was passed out in church - more legible copies are available in the Narthex.

Lenten Bible Reading Plan

Our Redeemer's United Methodist Church

ATTENTION: Read or listen to the Scripture. What word, phrase, or verse captures your Lenten Bible Reading Plan 2020 attention? Underline it or copy it onto a piece of paper.

CONNECTION: What connections do you see to other scriptures? To your own experience or current situation? To the character or promises of God?

ACTION: What is God inviting you to say or do?

How will your life be different because of this scripture?

PRAY: Talk to God about what you just read and discovered or anything else on your heart.

February 26 – March 4

Matthew 1

Matthew 2

Matthew 3

Matthew 4

Matthew 5

March 5 – March 11

Matthew 6

Matthew 7

Matthew 8

Matthew 9

Matthew 10

March 12 – March 18

Matthew 11

Matthew 12

Matthew 13

Matthew 14

Matthew 15

March 19 – March 25

Matthew 16

Matthew 17

Matthew 18

Matthew 19

Matthew 20

March 26 – April 1

Matthew 21

Matthew 22

Matthew 23

Matthew 24

Matthew 25

April 2 – April 8 (Holy Week)

Matthew 26:1-35

Matthew 26:36-56

Matthew 26:57-75

Matthew 27:1-31

Matthew 27:32-66

April 9 – April 15 (Easter)

John 20:1-10

John 20:19-31

John 21:1-14

John 21:15-25

Mark 16

April 16 – April 22

Luke 24:1-12

Luke 24:13-35

Luke 24:36-53

Matthew 28:1-10

Matthew 28:11-20



Welcome March! May the month ahead bring you an abundance of: Blissful Blessings, Splendid Surprises, Good Friends, Great Memories and Unexpected Miracles!

Happy March! UWF is ready for a fun and full spring with many opportunities to meet and support our communities, our church, and the world around us. All are invited and encouraged to join in the fellowship and fun.



March 7, 2023-UWF Potluck Dinner-

Please make plans to attend our UWF Meeting and Potluck on Tuesday, March 7th @ 6:30 p.m. Please bring a Potluck dish to share.

We will be finishing the Love Purse project, putting donated items in the purses, and preparing the purses for delivery to the Elgin Crisis Center. You can also bring a new

unused purse (spend less than \$20) to put the items in. All are welcome!

UWF Retreat
The UWF Retreat has been postponed for now.

Upcoming UWF Events (add these dates to your calendars):

- o Thursdays @ 3:30 p.m.- “Drop-in” for Open Ping Pong games in the Wesley Room
- o **Tuesday, March 7 @ 6:30 p.m.** – UWF Meeting and Potluck. Program: Love Purse
- o Spring Retreat- April 21 & 22- Program: World religions study
- o **Tuesday, June 6 @ 6:30 pm** – UWF Meeting and Potluck - Program: Search and Rescue Dog, Father’s Day gifts.

THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO JIMMY CARTER (as compiled by Bruce Bedingfield)

At the time of this writing, we know that former president Jimmy Carter is in end-of-life hospice care. Whatever one's politics or opinion of his presidency, we know that Jimmy Carter is a devoted Christian and fellow man of God. Carter has brought a great deal of attention to Habitat for Humanity through his enthusiastic participation. He is also no doubt the world's most famous adult Sunday School teacher!

I'm quite sure I wrote an article for the Redeemer Review after having spent a year with his book, **THROUGH THE YEAR WITH JIMMY CARTER**. I continue to recommend it strongly to you all. Each of the 366 devotions is based on one of his Sunday School lessons. Most of those lessons took place at his home church, Maranatha Baptist Church in Plains, Georgia. But many of them took place in Washington DC during his presidency!

Let me also recommend two other religious books President Carter wrote, **LIVING FAITH** and **SOURCES OF STRENGTH**. Although it's a more general book, his **A FULL LIFE : REFLECTIONS AT NINETY**, can be insightful and inspirational for those of us "getting up in age".

**Thank your for your input
Bruce**



Calling All 7th - 12th

Grade Students!

Save the date to join us for a mix of fasting, faith and fun March 31st – April 1st. More details to come!



Do you or a Jr.High / HS student want to get involved? Reach out to Melissa for details and upcoming schedule.



Sunday School meets every Sunday from 9:00 – 10:00 a.m. in Asbury Hall

**Souper Bowl of Caring
Update**

Thank you to everyone that shared a warm smile, donation or "purchase" from our youngest disciples in our narthex "Market Place" in February!

In total we donated 212 food items to the Schaumburg Food Pantry!



Raise a slice
FOR A
**GOOD
CAUSE**

**OUR REDEEMER'S UNITED
METHODIST CHURCH - MISSION TRIP**

DATE

Monday, March 27, 2023

LOCATIONS

Lou Malnati's Schaumburg

11:00am - 10:00pm
1 South Roselle Road
(630) 413-1400

Lou Malnati's Bloomingdale

4:00pm - 10:00pm
369 W Army Trail Road
(630) 582-9600

Lou Malnati's Barrington Road

4:00pm - 10:00pm
357 S Barrington Road
(847) 524-1900



FOR QUESTIONS

Please contact Jean Walters
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jeanbean31@yahoo.com

Lou Malnati's will donate 20% of total sales to your organization (20% based on pre-tax purchase, excluding alcohol) from every order received from Dine-In, Carryout or Delivery (within zone).

Make sure to mention the flyer or fundraiser during your order.

* INCLUDES ONLINE AND APP ORDERING. USE CODE: FUNDUMC23 *

**PLEASE
NOTE**

- Must mention fundraiser at time of order to ensure credit towards fundraiser
- Please check receipt for "fundraiser" item, if you do not see "fundraiser" on your receipt, please see or call a manager. For online orders, it will be indicated after you enter the promo code
- For questions or concerns please email fundraising@loumalnatis.com



**United Methodist Men
8:00 a.m. March 11
Mr A's in Roselle.**

Special Fund Raiser

*Check the flyer on page 6 for a
Mission Trip Fund Raiser.*

*March 27 - various times and
locations -*

*Lou Malnatis's is donating 20% of
your purchase to Our Redeemers
for a church mission trip.*

**Special Combined
Holy Week Services**

*April 6, 7:30 p.m.
Maundy Thursday Service at
Our Redeemers UMC*

*April 7, 7:30 p.m.
Good Friday Service at
Our Saviours UMC*

All members and friends from both churches are invited to attend the combined services. The Maundy Thursday service will include a reenactment of the Last Supper with the Praise Team included.

The Good Friday service will feature a combined choir from both churches.

Feel free to invite friends and neighbors.

EASTER FLOWERS

Spring is just about here, and I for one, cannot wait. Although we have had a comparatively mild winter, I long for the hope that the cross and the resurrection of Jesus brings to us all. Easter this year falls on April 9thst. On this day, as a sign of love and joy, we fill our church with beautiful spring flowers. These flowers will be displayed on Easter Sunday as we worship the risen Lord and join in praise. He is Risen, He is Risen Indeed!

We invite all who love to see the church filled with beautiful flowers join with us in the celebration of the miracle of Easter. Here at Our Redeemer's the church purchases flowers that were ordered by the congregation to be displayed in the church until after Easter when they may be taken home. It is easy as we do all the work for you. We buy them and arrange them for all to enjoy on Easter Sunday. Then you take them home and enjoy them there. I have been taking mine home each year and planting them in my garden. Each year come July my flower beds are full of blooming flowers and most of them are Easter lilies!

To participate, you may order lilies or tulips or hyacinths. Please fill in the order form below. With prices skyrocketing this year for everything, we are going to do something a little different. I am going to scour the area for the best looking plants at a reasonable price. I am shooting for around \$12 tops. That means you will order your plants as usual and pay later as I don't know what the price will be. I will average what I buy so everyone pays the same. I am going to ask for your email along with your phone and I will email each of you with what you owe and you will then pay instead of paying when you order. So please fill out this form and put it in the basket in the Narthex or in the offering plate by Sunday, April 2nd. (Palm Sunday). That will give me a week to shop for the very best flowers out there. We will see how this works.

Name _____

Phone _____

Email _____

Choose Lily _____ *Tulips* _____ *Hyacinth* _____

In Memory of: _____

Honor of: _____



Personal Notes



Congratulations to **Craig** and **Shelley Lukowicz** on the birth of their new grandson, **Caden James**. We praise the Lord for the blessing of new life in the Lukowicz family!

“Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, before you were born I set you apart”

Jeremiah 1:5

Roger Illg is in the hospital with pneumonia and difficulty breathing. He is expected to be there 2 or 3 days. Please pray that they can find why he is retaining fluid and help him to get rid of it so he can breathe better. He is having trouble breathing right now.

Finanacial Information

Below are the income statement results year-to date ending 2-28-2023:

Revenue	42,049
Expenses	(46,809)
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