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Pastoral Ponderings and Wonderment Wanderings

This past weekend we had the meeting for the Board of Camp and Retreat Ministries, (BCRM) and like always after one of our Board meetings I reflect back on the days when I was Chaplain at our two remaining camps.

There was one thing that always comes to mind, and that is how much camping affected the lives of the young people who came. So often they would check in on Sunday night and they wouldn't know what to expect, even if they had been there the previous year because staff might have changed, or something new had been added to the camp, or sometimes as they grew they just saw things differently than the previous year. Some, of course would be looking to see if friends they had made the previous year were here again, and some were looking for new friends.

The thing I really liked about our UM Camps is that God was the central figure in all that the kids and the staff did in their week at camp.

There is something about being out in the open air and doing a worship service that really made being at camp a deep theological experience without really trying too hard.

The trips from the events, like ropes course, or the tree houses, or even to the dining hall and back would often bring questions that showed that God was working in those folks hearts. That doesn't half tell you anything though about how close God always felt around the nightly campfires. That was when these same people would begin to question their own hearts as to God's presence in their lives in everything they did.

At seminary one time we asked how many of those that were going to be a pastor started in the camps, and there were always at least 75% or more who would raise their hands that camp had been a deep factor in them finding their call into ministry. Think about that, if you have a child, or grandchild that you would like to help them to find God, that going to camp might just be that catalyst to send those children into the ministry.

Each week we would see young children come into camp with questions in their eyes and leave that Friday night with a new insight into how much God really was there for them. I don't know if it was being away from their regular friends or away from family, or what but being at camp really opened their hearts, week after week.

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Bible Quiz

In John 9, Jesus' disciples ask whether a certain man or his parents sinned, causing his disability. Jesus says, "Neither. ... [It was] so that God's works might be revealed in him." What was this man's disability?

- A. Deafness
- B. Lameness
- C. Blindness
- D. Epilepsy

Answer: (See John 9:1-7.)

Standing tall

How does your physical stature – or lack of it – affect your daily life? Maybe you have to stoop under certain doorways. Or maybe you buy shoes that make you taller.

Now consider your spiritual "height." Do you, like young Jesus, strive to grow each day – in wisdom, if not in stature? What "giants" make you feel inadequate?

When "the battle is the LORD's" (1 Samuel 17:47), as young David told Goliath before slaying him, human size doesn't matter. Because we serve a "big" God who lives in us and works through us, we can stand tall and confident in his strength. No matter our physical height, let's use every opportunity to reach up and step out as Jesus' hands and feet.

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By the end of the summer we were all dead tired, but already looking forward to the next summer and the next time we would see these young people. We prayed that they would continue their search for God when they got home, and we prayed that God had used us to show them the true love of God in their lives.

I really would like each of us to think about someone, who might benefit with a trip to camp this summer, or any time for that matter as they go year around with the retreats. Maybe a camping retreat for quilting is in your future, or maybe a knitting retreat instead. Think about all the ways our camps would be a benefit to all of us and let's make this year a year that we keep the camps occupied every moment.

Until next time,
Pastor Freddie

Summer
Camp
2019

Lake Lucerne
CAMP & RETREAT PARTNERS

Pine Lake
CAMP & RETREAT PARTNERS

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Register Online at
WIUMCamps.org/registration

Well Done, Wisconsin

His master said to him, "Well done, good and trustworthy steward; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master." —Matthew 25:21



I want to echo the gospel writers, my faithful sisters and brothers, "Well done, good and trustworthy stewards!" We have so much to celebrate as the Wisconsin Conference. I am inspired and excited by your faithfulness in moving together through a challenging and often difficult year financially. As the cabinet, Council on Finance and Administration, Personnel Committee, and the leadership of our boards and agencies pulled together to make significant financial decisions, we were able to make appropriate adjustments to both finish with our budget in the black AND to pay our general church apportionments 100%!

This was not easy, and at times felt almost impossible, but we walked by faith, rather than by sight, and pulled together in amazing ways to do excellent ministry with fewer resources. One reason for this is that our leaders collaborated in significant ways. Instead of protecting budgets and competing for resources, we worked together as one conference, helping all to do the best way possible. In the biblical tradition of the church in Corinth, those in our conference with more resources shared abundantly with those who had less, and we were able to cover our missional needs.

And our local congregations stepped up as well, supporting our Mission churches and critical ministries not fully funded this past year. There were painful cuts to staffing, and some of our important ministries were deferred, but the way we worked together to find creative solutions was miraculous. We offer great thanks to our Wisconsin United Methodist Foundation for their guidance and support through this time. Much appreciation goes to our Council on Finance and Administration for the new and improved accountability processes for our budgeting and spending.

To every church that paid their apportionments in full, thank you for your leadership and witness; and to those who faithfully paid as much as they could, we express appreciation as well. If every church will work toward 100% payment, we will see amazing things happen in the Wisconsin Conference.

All of this excellent news lays a firm foundation upon which we build our Launch Out! campaign. I want to share with you the excitement and passion people are beginning to express about our faith-raising campaign. And I emphasize FAITH-raising, not just fund-raising. People are not responding because of financial need but due to a transformative vision for vital, life-giving, life-saving, disciple-making ministry in Wisconsin's future. People are catching the vision and making substantial investments in the future ministry of our Conference. While a few voices question the timing of this campaign – given short-term financial challenges and the uncertainty of the upcoming special session of General Conference – the vast majority want to stay focused on exciting ministry and the ways we can honor and glorify God through our stewardship and service. Many say that regardless of what happens in February, the work of God must go on.

In times of anxiety and uncertainty, our faith is put to the test. I am proud and excited to say that Wisconsin Conference is passing this test with flying colors. We are preparing to Launch Out! in faith, to do God's will, to share in God's work, and to bring God's realm to fruition in each and every one of our faith communities. Blessings to you all. Well done, good and faithful stewards!

Grace and Peace,
Bishop Hee-Soo Jung

Green Bay Packers Tailgate Party & Chris Kroeze Concert

The Green Bay Packers announced plans for the 14th annual Green Bay Packers Tailgate Tour and New Richmond's Grace Place Shelter has been selected as one of five non-profits to get a visit from the Green Bay Packers!

Grace Place is honored to be hosting the Tailgate Party out at the New Richmond Airport Main Hangar on April 11. Doors open to the tailgate party at 3:30pm and will begin the party at 5:00pm with...NBC's The Voice star and local talent, Chris Kroeze!!!

At around 6pm, The Packers are expected to arrive and with them they are bringing: CEO Mark Murphy, Alumni Players: Nick Barnett, Earl Dotson, Ryan Grant, Bernardo Harris, Aaron Kampman and Scott Wells! The Packers will be on site until 8:30pm and then Chris Kroeze will perform again until 9:30pm when the event wraps up.

Tickets for this event go on sale Friday, February 22 beginning at 8am and will be available online at www.newrichmondchamber.com or at the New Richmond Chamber offices. A very limited number, about 500 are available at the special \$40 ticket level. Those with this ticket are able to receive autographs and meet and greet the players during the Tailgate Party. Also, a limited number of \$10 tickets are available to those wanting to hear Chris Kroeze perform, enjoy food from local vendors, activities for kids including bounce houses and climbing walls. The \$10 ticket holder also gets to enjoy hearing from the Packers and being a part of the Packer Tailgate fun.

Tickets are expected to sell fast.



**St. Luke's
Nurture Collections**

March

Hope House in Luck—
Northwoods Homeless
Shelter

On-Going Missions

Serenity House & CRA
Family Pathways

**Holy Trinity's
Missions of the Month**

March

March 31—UMCOR
Sunday

Year-Round Collections

Food for Loaves & Fishes
Local Food Shelf
Needed: Soup, Meat
products (canned ravioli
etc. with 8 grams protein
or higher), Cereal, Juice

Monetary donations may
be placed in the offering
plate and items in the big
box in the narthex.

**Holy Trinity UMC
Mission Statement**

With Christ
We Love,
We Care,
We Share

March Celebrations

Holy Trinity

Birthdays

- 1 Ron Goodroad
Mary Pollock, secretary
Mike Reed
- 6 Isaac Maurer
- 10 Kyle Golz
- 11 Daron Linder
- 15 Arlene Spaulding
Cory Williams
- 17 Abby Culver
Kim Culver
- 19 Mitch Culver
Judy Skow
- 25 Sharon Maurer
- 27 Linda LaMere
Jerry Schroeder
- 29 Audrey Laue

St. Luke's

Birthdays

- 8 Tonya Ramker
- 9 Grace Otto
- 14 Trevor Otto
- 15 William Underwood
- 16 Jaryd Braden
- 17 Scott Wilder
- 19 Ben Adams
Paula Domagala
Pam Freese
- 22 Joanne Kittleson
- 28 Cindy Gardner
Jessica Owens

Anniversary

- 7 Harlan & Elaine Owens

Ministry Team at St. Luke's

Greeters & Ushers



If you are unable to serve on the
date shown, please find someone
to trade or to take your place.

Hospitality

- Sun, Mar 3 Wm Johnson IV &
Roxanne White
- Wed, Mar 6 Angie Ones
- Sun, Mar 10 Dave Dopkins
- Wed, Mar 13 Mary Burdick
- Sun, Mar 17 Mary & Curt Hedlund
- Wed, Mar 20 Jan Oeffler
- Sun, Mar 24 Cecelia Carlson
- Wed, Mar 27 Angel Dodds
- Sun, Mar 31 Stephanie & Lance Williams

Ministry Team at Holy Trinity

Greeter & Usher

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Reader

Lois Hunter

Communion Steward

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Custodian

Steve & Laura Williams

Hospitality

Chairperson: Jeanne Wallis 715-557-2077
Ron & Faith Goodroad
Gary Rich
Dick Welty & Linda LaMere
Roy & Millie Kreft



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 10am World Day of Prayer and 4-7pm Cab-in Fever Casserole at Lewis UMC	2
3 Communion Sunday 11:30am-1:30pm Chili Feed for Hope House at Luck Lutheran	4	5	6 Ash Wednesday 2pm Worship Committee at SL 3:45pm Church School at SL Ash Wed Services 4pm St. Luke's 7pm Holy Trinity	7	8	9
10	11 10-1pm SPPRC Training Eau Claire	12	13 3:45pm Church School & Confirmation at SL	14	15	16
17 Noisy Offering at SL Newsletter Deadline	18	19	20 3:45pm Church School & Confirmation at SL 6:30pm Council at SL	21 6:30pm HT Council	22	23
24 Mission Moment Noisy Offering at HT	25	26	27 3:45pm Church School at SL	28	29	30
31 UMCOR Sunday	1	2	3 3:45pm Church School & Confirmation at SL	4	5	6

Regular Schedule

- ◆ **Sunday Worship**
8:30am at Holy Trinity
10:30am at St. Luke's
 - ◆ **Mondays**
1:30pm Bible Study at St. Luke's (resumes in April)
7pm AA at Pilgrim Lutheran, Frederic
 - ◆ **Tuesdays**
10am Al-Anon at St. Luke's
6:30pm Grief & Loss Support at St. Luke's (suspended until Spring)
 - ◆ **Wednesdays**
7am Bible Study at St. Luke's
5pm Weight Watchers at Holy Trinity
 - ◆ **Fridays**
Pastor's Sabbath
- HT—Holy Trinity
SL—St. Luke's
UMW—United Methodist Women
FNR—Frederic Nursing & Rehab
UPH—United Pioneer Home

April 2019						
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Regular Worship Schedule:

Sunday	8:30am Holy Trinity with Sunday School
	10:30am St. Luke's
Wednesday	3:45pm Church School & Confirmation at St. Luke's

**Ash Wednesday, March 6****Worship Services****4pm at St. Luke's****7pm at Holy Trinity****To God you shall return**

The traditional Ash Wednesday words “Remember that you are dust and to dust you shall return” might seem depressing. But in our often death-denying culture, some might find it refreshing to hear the frank statement that we can do nothing to save ourselves, physically or spiritually — that, no matter how we try to avoid sin, we can’t untangle ourselves from self-interest. How liberating, then, to know we don’t have to! God loves us as we are and sent Jesus to break sin’s power over us.

A pastor described Ash Wednesday as the point you can pinch in the middle of a long piece of ribbon, such that when you lift it high, the two ends — one symbolizing our baptism and the other, our funeral — meet and touch. We come from dust and will return to dust, but we also come from God and will return to God. Ash Wednesday reminds us that we’re always safe in God’s love.