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Pastoral Ponderings and Wonderment Wanderings

Greeting once again to you all,

I want to thank each and every one of you for the gracious teachings you have given to me, and to Harry. I thank you for accepting us with all of our quirks and strange ways, and for letting us become part of your families on occasion. I am finding it hard to say goodbye to all of you, but I know that it is time for this transition to happen.

Pastor Yul is a wonderful man, and I know that he will be able to give you many more insights for the future of the church. I know that you will welcome him with love as that is how you are with all people. Don't be afraid to ask him questions and please answer his too. There will always be that something that I forgot to leave in my notes for him, and there are always changes that will be made for the church's benefit.

How very lucky you all are to have a new and vibrant ministry ahead of you, there are so many ways that you could go with the needs of our communities.

For instance this year Holy Trinity is hosting the community VBS and that will bring even more gifts to the church, challenges yes, but gifts that can only be received in the doing of such things. Thank you to Sheryl Kieselhorst for taking this on and making it happen.

Our job as pastors, as well as all of you, is to make Disciples of Christ for the transformation of the world, and isn't that what has happened at both of our churches. People have stepped up to take the lead in places like the Church School at St Luke's, the outreach in Holy Trinity and the joy in serving our Lord, even though we are all getting older and perhaps not as able to do all we used to do anymore. I see new growth just ready to burst – just like the buds of spring, and I know that you and Pastor Yul are going to make a huge difference in our communities.

Just always remember to love God, love your neighbor as yourself, and give generously to the ministry of your churches. That is the best way to look forward.

Blessings and remember that God loves you, I love you, and there is not a darned thing you can do about it!

Pastor Freddie

This is Livin'!

This is a FREE lady's event, open to all ladies.

Saturday, June 8
10am-2pm at
New Hope Lutheran
Grantsburg
 (lunch is provided)

Please RSVP by calling
 Debi Smith
 715-463-3972

Good things happen to everybody. God is faithful, and grace and mercy are ours for the asking. *And ...* messy moments happen, and life doesn't always feel good! You will giggle and whisper, "*Me too,*" as Gaye shares stories and lessons learned from her own messiness and happy places. We'll laugh and learn to celebrate great moments, which turn into great days, which turn into a great life. Let's not wait until life is perfect to start enjoying it!

About Gaye Lindfors

Gaye loves to laugh and isn't afraid to poke fun at her own mishaps. From growing up in a small farming community to living in the big city, she loves the stories that came from observing life in the real world. She high-fives you when you do your happy dance, and whispers, "You are not alone" when the messiness comes. Gaye is the author of *God, Girlfriends, & Chocolate*, and *This is Livin'!* She served as the Midwest Regional Director for Christian Women in Media and is past-president of the National Speakers Association-MN Chapter.

Hard Choices in Troubled Times

Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid. John 14:27

Immediately it struck into my mind, "Leave off preaching. How can you preach to others, who have not faith yourself?" I asked Bohler whether he thought I should leave it off or not. He answered, "By no means." I asked, "But what can I preach?" He said, "Preach faith till you have it; and then, because you have it, you will preach faith." John Wesley

I call heaven and earth to witness against you today that I have set before you life and death, blessings and curses. Choose life so that you and your descendants may live,... Deuteronomy 30:19

There are many people in our United Methodist Church today who are not experiencing the peace of Christ in their hearts, minds, and spirits. Rarely in our history has there been such division, such hurt, such disagreement, such anxiety, and such widespread discontent. This is one of the reasons that we changed our Annual Conference theme to "Wilderness." Wilderness is not our destination, but it is an accurate appraisal of our current reality.

The hard question that challenges us at this moment in time is this: do we still believe there is a Promised Land on the other side of the wilderness? Are we still moving toward a "future with hope?" Is there ANY possibility we can make this journey together?

I understand that many people are feeling desperation and hopelessness. There are many who feel our only future is to divide, go our separate ways, and continue our journey with only the like-minded and acquiescent. To some people, the integrity of the body of Christ has been so badly compromised that they no longer choose to fight for unity.

My deepest hope and prayer through this messy and hurtful time is that God's Holy Spirit might inspire and work through our better natures, that we might make the healthiest, most sustainable, and least damaging choices possible. Once we burn our bridges, we limit our options, perhaps to our detriment. So, a very important first step is to acknowledge that what we are doing is making choices.

One lay person in our conference wrote, "you leave me no choice but to leave The United Methodist Church." It doesn't matter whether this person is conservative or progressive, liberal or traditional – what matters is that she has given away her power by saying she has no choice. I want to say that no matter how upset we are, no matter how angry we may be, no matter that others make decisions we disagree



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with, we still have choice. We may not choose to feel frightened or angry or anxious or confused, but we still have power to decide how we will respond.

Every time I write or speak about what is happening in our denomination and our conference, some people like what I say, some vehemently dislike what I say, some have no idea what I am saying. If I say, "I will work to lead a church that welcomes ALL people," I get a wide variety of responses. Some people praise me, some say I do not go nearly far enough, some say I go too far, but it is not as interesting to me what people say as how they say it. Some will tell me they disagree with me, some that they do not understand how I can say what I do, some say they are disappointed by what I said, but others insult and say terribly personal things. These people choose how they will disagree with me.

I am calling upon the beautiful people of the Wisconsin Conference to carefully, mindfully, kindly, compassionately, and with mercy and justice in mind, choose how you will live through this time of division and hurt and anxiety. Choose life over death; choose blessing over curse; choose hope over despair; choose grace over judgement and condemnation. Choose to preach faith and love and hope, even when you don't feel it. Choose to be patient and gentle and generous so that you might be numbered among the peace-makers that Jesus blesses. And above all, don't give up. Choose to fight for a church that equips all people to be gifted and used by God for the transformation of the world. Choose to look at all we can be, not where we fail and where we disagree. The good that God calls us to be is greater than any bad of human design. Choose God and let us make our way through the present wilderness to a future brimming with hope and promise.

Grace and Peace,
Bishop Hee-Soo Jung

The umbrella of marriage



Lighting a unity candle, a common wedding ritual, symbolizes the bride and groom becoming one. The "I, me, mine" of each individual doesn't disappear entirely, but the two are drawn under the umbrella of "we, us, ours." When troubles inevitably come, the partners can take shelter together.

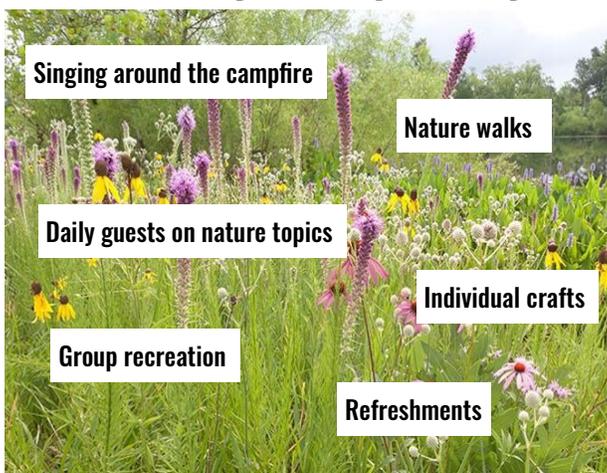
Many years into marriage, a wife underwent medical tests for troubling symptoms. Her husband accompanied her to the follow-up consultation. Later, when a friend asked how the appointment went, the husband replied, "We have multiple sclerosis."

There was no slow, careful word-choosing. After years under the umbrella of marriage, the man's pronoun selection was automatic: "We have multiple sclerosis."

His wife smiled, even as a tear fell. She would be neither under the umbrella alone nor left out in the rain. They would weather this storm together.

—Heidi Mann

VBS at Holy Trinity — July 22-29, 9am-Noon



Join us for the 2019 Balsam Lake ecumenical Vacation Bible School July 22-26, 9 a.m.-noon. We welcome all children entering grades kindergarten through 6th in the fall. Held at Holy Trinity UMC (Cty I between Balsam Lake and Centuria) and hosted by Faith Lutheran, Holy Trinity United Methodist, and Our Lady of the Lakes Catholic churches.

For registration forms or questions, call 262-363-2123 or leave a message on Facebook: @BalsamLakeVBS



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 Noon-3pm Norma West's 90th Birthday Party
2 Communion Sunday 3-6pm IMPACT Mtg at Shell Lake UMC	3	4	5 10am Service at FN&R 2pm Worship Committee at SL	6 1:30pm UMW at HT	7	8
9	10	11	12	13	14	15 8am-Noon Bake & Craft Sale at UPH WI Annual Conference at Green Bay—June 14-17
16 Peace with Jus- tice Sunday Noisy Offering at SL Newsletter Deadline	17	18	19 6:30pm Council at SL	20 6:30pm Council at HT	21	22
23 10am Joint Worship at SL with potluck meal	24	25	26	27	28	29
30	1	2	3	4	5	6 12-3pm Pie & Ice Cream Social at Holy Trinity

Regular Schedule

- ◆ **Sunday Worship**
 8:30am at Holy Trinity
 10:30am at St. Luke's
- ◆ **Mondays**
 1:30pm Bible Study at
 St. Luke's
 7pm AA at Pilgrim
 Lutheran, Frederic
- ◆ **Tuesdays**
 10am Al-Anon at
 St. Luke's
- ◆ **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
 FN&R—Frederic Nursing & Rehab
 UPH—United Pioneer Home

July 2019						
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Regular Worship Schedule:

Sunday 8:30am Holy Trinity
with Sunday School
10:30am St. Luke's

Write the names of the parents of these biblical children.
For help, look up the verses in an NIV Bible.

- Joash (*2 Kings 11:2*) A _____
- Obed (*Matthew 1:5*) B _____
- Joseph (*Genesis 35:22-24*) _____ C _____
- John the disciple _____ D _____
(*Matthew 4:21*)
- John the Baptist (*Luke 1:13*) _____ E _____
- _____ F _____
- Lo-Ruhamah (*Hosea 1:3, 6*) G _____
- Jezreel (*Hosea 1:2-4*) H _____
- Esau (*Genesis 25:28*) I _____
- David (*1 Samuel 16:19*) J _____
- Jacob (*Genesis 25:28*) _____ K _____
- Samuel (*1 Samuel 1:19-20*) _____ L _____
- Gershom (*Exodus 2:21-22*) _____ M _____
- Samuel (*1 Samuel 1:19-20*) _____ N _____
- Jesse (*Matthew 1:5*) O _____
- Gershom (*Exodus 2:21-22*) _____ P _____
- _____ Q _____
- Joseph (*Genesis 35:23-24*) R _____
- Isaac (*Genesis 21:3*) S _____
- John the Baptist _____ T _____
(*Luke 1:13*)
- Jonathan (*1 Samuel 14:1*) _____ U _____
- Solomon (*1 Kings 2:1*) _____ V _____
- _____ W _____
- _____ X _____
- Jesus (*Matthew 1:18*) _____ Y _____
- Isaiah (*Isaiah 1:1*) _____ Z _____

Puzzle